

**Town of Hinsdale
Budget Committee Meeting
Joint Meeting with Selectmen
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Attendees: Dennis Nadeau, Kenny Howe, Janice Nichols, April Anderson (School Board Rep), Alex Duso, Karen Johnson, Josh Green, Steve Diorio (Selectmen Rep), James MacDonell and Bill Nebelski.

Excused: Michael Bomba

6:12 p.m. Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order.

Wastewater: Ernest Smalley was present to discuss budget and answer questions. There was a brief discussion regarding salaries, health insurance and Glen Street Pump Station needed some maintenance.

Ken Howe made a motion to tentatively approve the budget, second by James MacDonell. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Department: Jack White was present to discuss budget and answer questions. A brief discussion took place regarding electricity, rise in cost of chemicals, backhoe and propane heaters. Bill Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve the budget, second by James MacDonell. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Department: Chief Rataj was present to answer questions. He gave an overview of the budget and strategies to keep his budget down. Kenny Howe made a motion to table the budget until second week in January as Chief Rataj is going to continue work on cutting budget, second by James MacDonell. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks – Bob Truesdell was present to discuss budget and answer questions. Bill Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve, second by Alex Duso, passed unanimously.

Transfer Station – Bill Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve, second by James MacDonell and passed unanimously.

Highway Department – Bob Truesdell discussed the rising cost of salt, the rising price of gas and diesel, continued strategies to keep the budget down and potential needs in the future. Kenny Howe made a motion to tentatively approve, second by Alex Duso and passed unanimously.

Fire Department – Chief Zavorotny was present to respond to questions. There was discussion regarding cutting medical supplies line, suggested warrant for new radios and salary breakdown on budget. Kenny Howe made a motion to tentatively approve, second by Bill Nebelski and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Sarah Hudon will be at tomorrow's meeting to discuss budget. Anne Diorio discussed the need for increase in salaries for pool and summer camp staff. Joint meeting with School Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th at 6 p.m.

Next Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.