

## Budget Committee Public Hearing Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Present: Lindsey Blake, Joseph Conroy, Megan Kondrat, James MacDonell, William Nebelski; Lisa Prince; Edwin Smith, Sean Leary (School Board Rep), and Steve Diorio (Selectman Rep).

Excused: Peter Zavorotny

The Hinsdale School Board was present.

6:30 p.m. Chairman MacDonell opened the Public Hearing for the Hinsdale School District Warrant.

Article #1, Operating Budget was read as printed. Discussion took place regarding increases in field trips and student transportation. Diorio made **a motion** to accept as printed, second by Kondrat. Motion carries 8 to 1.

Article #2, Negotiated Cost Items was read as printed. Discussion took place contract increase over the next 3 years. Nebelski made **a motion** to accept as printed, second by Blake. The vote is as follows: Yes – 7; No – 1; Abstained – 1. Motion carries.

6:45 p.m. With no further comment, Chairman MacDonell closed the Hinsdale School District portion of the public hearing.

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6:50 p.m. Chairman MacDonell opened the public hearing for the Hinsdale Town Warrant.

The Board of Selectmen was present.

Article #4, General Government Operating Budget was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 5 – 4. Discussion: Town Clerk Deputy Salary; Recue Inc; Fire Department Budget; Street Lights; Transit Service; and Curbside Pickup.

Article #5, Water Department Operating Budget was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. No discussion.

Article #6, Sewer Department Operating Budget was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. No discussion.

Article #7, Purchase of a Brush Truck was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9-0. Discussion: the wording of raise and appropriate.

Article #8, Purchase/Lease F550 for Highway Department. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. Discussion: vehicle which will be replaced. It was stated it would replace the 2005. The 2005 will be placed out for bid.

Article #9, Replacing Roof on Highway Garage. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. Discussion: roof is 34 years old; dry rot and leaking is currently taking place; new roof with be standard seam.

Article #10, Pickup Truck for Water Department was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. Discussion: Replacing current vehicle which is 15 years old.

Article #11, Fire Department Breathing Apparatus was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. No discussion.

Article #12, Welfare Expendable Trust was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. No discussion.

Article #13, Purchasing New Mower for Cemetery was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. Discussion: replacing an older machine.

Article #14, Summer Program Lunch Expendable Trust was read as printed. Original vote of Budget Committee was to recommend 9 - 0. Discussion: Summer Program Lunch has been at a free & reduced rate administered by the school district and is based on population at day camp. Instead of raising funds annual, these funds will be placed in an expendable trust which will be used only if needed.

Article #15, Hinsdale Beautification committee was read as printed. This was inserted by petition for a request of \$1,000. Nebelski made **a motion** to recommended, no second was made. Motion failed. Prince made **a motion** not to recommend, second by Blake. The vote is as follows: Yes – 5; No – 3; Abstained – 1. Motion to not recommend carries.

Articles # 16 & 17 were read as printed. These articles are to close expendable trust funds and to place the funds in the general fund. Both articles were originally recommended by the Budget Committee, 9 – 0.

8:02 p.m. Nebelski made **a motion** to adjourn, second by Blake. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins  
Town Administrator