

**Budget Committee
Public Hearing Minutes**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Present: Lindsey Blake; Ken Howe; James MacDonell; William Nebelski; Lisa Prince; Peter Zavorotny; Holly Kennedy (School Board Rep); and Steve Diorio (Selectman Rep).

Excused: Karen Johnson; Dennis Nadeau; Edwin Smith

Hinsdale School District Warrant

The School Board was present.

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

Article #2, Operating Budget was read as printed. Tom O'Connor gave an overview of the budget and indicated there should be no increase in the tax rate. The article is to raise and appropriate the total of \$14,150,937. O'Connor discussed the offsetting revenue and indicated that they received additional funding source of \$150K which would mean they wouldn't be depleting the special ed expendable trust to level fund the tax impact. Blake made a **motion** to accept as printed, second by Zavorotny. Motion carries unanimously 7 - 0.

Article #3, Transfer to Expendable Trust Fund was read as printed. The amount to be raised and appropriated is \$75,000 to be added to the School Building Maintenance expendable trust. The funds are to come from the June 30th fund balance. Nebelski made a **motion** to accept as printed, second by Blake. Motion carries unanimously 7 - 0.

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

Hinsdale Town Warrant

6:45 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. Article raises and appropriates \$4,518,996 to the general operating budget. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously 7 - 0.

Article #5, Water Department Operating Budget was read as printed. Article raises and appropriates \$559,213 to the Water Department. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Zavorotny. Motion passes unanimously 7 - 0.

Article #6, Sewer Department Operating Budget was read as printed. Article raises and appropriates \$407,892 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Prince. Motion passes 6 - 1.

Article #7, Fire Station Building Fund was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$100,000 to be

added to the Fire Station Building Fund. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #8, Fire Apparatus Fund was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Fund. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #9, Crushing Gravel was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$35,000 to crush a gravel pile at the transfer station for use of road maintenance. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #10, Street Light to LED lighting was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$25,000 to upgrade town wide street lights to LED. Some discussion took place regarding savings to the town. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #11, Fire Department Breathing Apparatus was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$15,000 to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #12, Lease a new Dodge Durango Utility Police Vehicle was read as printed. Article enters into a lease for \$36,000 and raises and appropriate \$15,874 for the first year's payment of \$8,079 and \$7,795 to set up the vehicle. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Zavorotny. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #13, Town Hall Improvement fund was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Fund. Monies to be raised through year-end undesignated balance. Zavorotny made a motion to approve, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #14, Community Center Building Improvement fund was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to the Community Center Building Improvement Fund. Monies to be raised through year-end undesignated balance. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #15, Main Street Complete Street Project was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$10,000 to be to be raised through year-end undesignated balance. Funds will carry from the 2020 FYE which have already been appropriate to 2021 for the project. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

Article #16, Hinsdale Historical Society fund was read as printed. Article raises and appropriate \$10,000 for the Hinsdale Historical Society. Nebelski made a motion to approve, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously 7 – 0.

7:45 p.m. Nebelski made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Howe. Motion carries unanimously. Public Hearing closes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator