

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Town of Hollis

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Minutes of January 5, 2009

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall and was called to order by Chairman, Chris Hyde at 7:05 PM

Members present: Chris Hyde, Chairman; Peter Band, Selectmen's Representative; Bill Beaugard, School Board Representative; Tom Jambard, Bob Labednick, Frank Whittemore.

Approval of minutes:

Committee tabled approval of November 25 2008 minutes. Discussion ensued regarding the level of detail in the minutes. Consensus is to provide corrections as needed.

Correspondence:

Bill Matthews tendered his resignation due to a change in personal circumstances.

Bill B. Moved to accept Bill Matthews resignation with regrets. 2nd by Frank W. Passed 6-0.

Chris H. noted a need to fill Bill Matthews' chair until town elections. Chris H. briefed Board on candidates he has contacted. Melinda Willis is willing if no one steps forward. Lorin Rydstorm is willing as well. Discussion of other candidates ensued.

Peter B. motion to appoint Lorin Rydstorm until town elections. 2nd by Tom J. Motion passed 5-1.

Meeting schedule:

Discussion ensued on need for meeting secretary for meetings on January 13th and 15th. Consensus is for meetings to be recorded for later minute taking. Peter B. will work with the Town Administrator to ensure recording of the meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding timing of Budget committee review of town budget. Concern was raised regarding the ability of the Budget Committee to deliberate on the town's collaborative bargaining agreement with unions if an agreement is not reached prior to the Budget Committee's second budget review meeting. The Chair will discuss RSA date requirements with the Town Administrator.

Discussion ensued regarding voter approval of union agreements on a year-by-year basis versus one vote to approve a multi-year contract.

Tom J. Motion to recommend to Town negotiating parties that the contract require voter approval in each year of the contract, also known as “sanbornization”. 2nd by Peter B. Passed 6-0.

Other Business

Tom J. raised question about definition of encumbrances. Peter B. noted a contract must be in place in order for funds to be encumbered.

Bob. L. raised question about town decision not to purchase price protection on this year’s oil contract. Peter B. noted that the town purchased the minimum amount within the range of historical use.

Frank W. motion to adjourn. 2nd by Peter B. passed 6-0

Respectfully submitted by Bill Beauregard