

# 02/06/2008 - Budget Committee Minutes

## Hopkinton Budget Committee Town Hall Minutes February 6, 2008

Present: Karen Irwin, Chair; David Lancaster; Danny Coen; Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; Joy Bloomfield, School Board Representative; and Barbara Unger Tom Congoran, Selectmen Representative; Mark Hemerlien, Alternate CVP Representative; Jane Bradstreet and Patrice Gerseny.

Absent: Bob Carpenter, CVP Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

David Luneau of the School Board represented that after the reductions that the budget committee requested of last week of the School Boards proposed budget. The School Board went over those recommendations extensively at their last meeting. The School Board has areas that they agree and disagree with the Budget Committee's recommendations. He went over those differences. Areas of agreement were the amount of 1) \$51,609 in supplies 2) \$25,000 reduction in both the buildings and maintenance trust and special education trust fund 3) modular classroom in the amount of \$50,000 and 4) Increase in the projected revenue from surplus returned to the town going from the usual \$350,000 to \$415,000 rather than \$425,000. Areas of disagreement with the Budget Committee proposal were 1) change the decrease in the superintendent's office for \$15,000 for non union employee increases and \$48,391 in administrative assistance. 2) Eliminate the retirement expendable trust fund in the amount of \$50,000. The net reductions that the School Board was able to come up with were \$276,609 versus the budget committee's amount of \$290,000. David Luneau stated that the school board would like to go to the public hearing and the school district meeting with the same budget as the budget committee.

Chairman Irwin stated that she thanked the School Board for going back to work on these recommendations and come back with an alternate proposal. Jane Bradstreet and Patrice Gerseny echoed similar comments.

Jane Bradstreet made a motion to accept the budget as the school board had amended and Patrice Gerseny seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next the Town's budget was reviewed. The selectman had agreed with two decreases \$3000 increase in selectman expenses and \$2,500 for contingency. The selectman also agreed with the reduction of Town Facilities expendable trust by \$10,000. This resulted in a difference between the Selectman's proposal and the Budget Committees proposed of \$57,000 versus the original \$72,500. After some additional review of the Town variances with the Budget Committee the Budget Committee went over the public hearing schedules.

Chairman Irwin wanted to accept a motion to adjourn. Danny Coen made the motion and Patrice Gerseny seconded the motion.

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The meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Irwin  
Chairman