

Hopkinton Budget Committee

Town Hall

FINAL MINUTES

April 14, 2010

Present: Karen Irwin, Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; Cameron Ford, Jim O'Brien, Selectmen Representative; Tim Carney, Janet Krzyzaniak, David Luneau, School Board Representative; David Lancaster; and Don Lane.

Absent: Bob Carpenter, CVP Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Vice Chairman Irwin opened the meeting by stating that she was not able to get the draft minutes of 3-3-2010 and the redrafted minutes of February 10, 2010 and that we would need to review them next meeting.

Nomination of a Chairman of the Budget Committee: 1) Cameron Ford nominated Karen Irwin and David Lancaster seconded the nomination. 2) Janet Krzyzaniak nominated Don Lane and David Luneau seconded the nomination. Don Lane declined the nomination. 3) David Luneau nominated Janet Krzyzaniak and Don Lane seconded the nomination.

Karen Irwin stated that she believed that it was the elected members whom needed to vote on the chairman. Tom O'Donnell questioned that they always had voted on a chairman and Karen Irwin stated that we never had two people running. Both Don Lane and Jim O'Brien thought that that was correct, however, the RSA's were not available to review in order to make that determination. A vote was taken by the full membership (3:3) Those voting for Janet were: Tim Carney, Don Lane, Janet Krzyzaniak, and David Luneau and those voting for Karen Irwin were Cameron Ford, David Lancaster, Tom O'Donnell and Karen Irwin. Jim O'Brien arrives at the meeting around 6:40 p.m.. He asked why each candidate would like to be chairman. Janet said that she thought that the chairman should be more organized for the meeting and have everything in order not missing minutes and RSA's. Karen said she was running because she is aware of the workload involved and is familiar with what needs to be done and she apologized for the fact that she had assumed the minutes were done as usual and had not been able to get in touch with the current secretary to find out where the prior meeting minutes were. She stated if she were elected chairman it would not happen again. Jim O'Brien voted for Janet Krzyzaniak. Don Lane nominated Karen Irwin for vice chairman and it was seconded by Janet Krzyzaniak. All were in favor.

PAYT Implementation Committee Nominations: David Lancaster was chosen by the Selectman, however, it was determined that since more than one member volunteered for the committee that we would vote on the representative as a committee. The vote was 5 for David Lancaster and 3 for Karen Irwin to be the representative from the Budget Committee on the PAYT committee with Jim O'Brien abstaining.

Janet Krzyzaniak took the agenda out of order to answer a question from Rich Houston a public member. Rich asked if the budget committee was aware of any move on the Town's part to go to a different accounting system, which would allocate costs to the transfer station. No one on the committee was aware of any move to do so and it would

require considerable time to change over to such a process. He was concerned because of the Bag cost for the PAYT getting indirect costs attributed to them.

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School Financials. David Luneau went over those in brief detail and reflected that the food service balance was expected to be much less than expected at -48,285.01 currently and that they had a new debit system with a card in all three schools for the lunch program. David Lancaster asked was the reduction in the expected loss attributable to students preloading their cards? David Luneau did not know and would find out. Anticipated surplus was \$464,878.26 for the school. Next was the Town financials it reflected a few items of concern. Personnel at 78.07%, Insurance at 52.60% and Finance at 28.71%. Jim O'Brien was to find out why we had expended more than projected and to get us revenue numbers for March which were not distributed to the committee. Precinct financials were not available.

Other Information and Issues David Luneau went over the printing of the Annual Report and that last years report could not be delayed like last year. The timing of the meetings was discussed.

Chairman Krzyzaniak accepted a motion to adjourn from Jim O'Brien and David Lancaster seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next meeting is May 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Irwin, Vice Chairman