

## HOPKINTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

HOPKINTON TOWN HALL - approved

**Members present:** Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair; Tim Carney, Karen Irwin, Michael Montore, Lance Whitehead, David Lancaster, Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; Tom Congoran, Selectmen Representative; David Luneau, School Board Representative

**Members absent:** Mark Hemmerlein, CVP Representative

1. Janet Krzyzaniak called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. First on the agenda was the review of the January 18, 2012 minutes. David Lancaster recommended a correction to the minutes. Denise will make the correction and re-submit the minutes to Janet Krzyzaniak. David Lancaster made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Michael Montore seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the minutes as corrected.
2. David Luneau spoke to the committee concerning the Hopkinton School Teacher's contract agreement. The School Board and teachers have come to an agreement. Ratification will take place on Monday, January 29, 2012. On Wednesday, February 1, 2012 David Luneau will present the new collective bargaining agreement for the teachers. This way the Budget Committee can look at the school's budget along with the new teacher's contract. All the Budget Committee members were in favor of adding an additional meeting for the school district deliberations.  
David Luneau brought up concerns about having the Budget Committee Public Hearing at the Town Hall. His concerns are with the seating and acoustics. The Town Hall will seat 162 people or 210 people standing (no chairs). David Lancaster shares this concern as well. Also the acoustics are not good especially if people in the audience are talking among themselves, it makes it hard to hear the person who is addressing the Budget Committee. Janet Krzyzaniak was concerned that there may not be enough time to change the venue of this meeting. She will speak with Neal Cass, Town Administrator in the morning. A motion was made by Michael Montore that if the Budget Committee can legally change the venue of the February 8, 2012 meeting to

the Hopkinton High School auditorium so be it. David Luneau seconded the motion. Janet Krzyzaniak called for a vote. All members were in favor.

### **3. Budget Committee Deliberations:**

**Town:** Tom Congoran spoke to the committee about the MS3 7 that is being presented for approval in March. There is a missing number in the Pay By Bag line. Tom Congoran will check with Neal Cass, Town Administrator and relay his findings at the next Budget Committee meeting. Tim Carney inquired about the Flood Control reimbursement from the State of Massachusetts for \$55,000. This revenue is in the FY12 budget. Massachusetts did not pay this money to the Town of Hopkinton in the FY11 budget year. Tim Carney wondered why this revenue is showing in the FY12 budget. Tom Congoran will speak with Neal Cass and let the Budget Committee know at the next meeting.

**Hopkinton Village Precinct:** Tom O'Donnell reports to the Budget Committee that the HVP is thinking about bonding money for necessary repairs to the water system. Tom has not received an updated and corrected MS37. If one is not received by the time the Budget Committee deliberates the proposed FY12 HVP budget, the Budget Committee will vote on what has been presented. Janet Krzyzaniak will write a letter to the HVP with concerns about their budget "manners".

**Hopkinton School District:** David Luneau reported on the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials for the school district. David will present the estimated end of the year fund balance at the next Budget Committee meeting.

Karen Irwin had the following inquiries about the School District budget:

\*Concerning an encumbrance of \$168,366.25 for food service, will this be encumbered? David Luneau expects this money if for food purchases for the next school semester.

\*The Harold Martin School retirement went up 11.3%. Karen stated that if you "do the math" this line item went up considerably more than 11.3%. David Luneau will ask Michelle Clark about this increase.

\*The bus contract was done 3 or 4 years ago. This is the last year of this contract. Karen Irwin would like to see the numbers concerning this contract. David Luneau will have it put on the Hopkinton School District website. Part of the Special Ed. transportation is covered in this contract but on a separate line.

David Lancaster inquired about the proposed line item for supplies, books and materials. This budget includes heating fuel. David Lancaster's question was: How much is budgeted for books? David Luneau remarked about the new math program books which started with the current 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. He was not sure what the exact number was for text books. He will get this number for the next Budget Committee meeting.

4. **Questions/Comments:** There was no one in the audience this evening.

Janet Krzyzaniak reminded the Budget Committee members that on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. the Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on all the proposed FY12 budgets. After this meeting the Budget Committee will deliberate on all comments from the meeting as well as the budgets themselves.

5. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Montore and seconded by Karen Irwin. All were in favor. Janet Krzyzaniak called the meeting to adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Damour