

# BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – September 17, 2015

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**Approved**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hooksett Town Hall  
35 Main Street  
Thursday, September 17, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Rep M. Miville called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDANCE**

Richard Boisvert, Patrick Gosselin, Jason Hyde, Tabitha Jennings, Chris Morneau David Pearl, Steven Peterson, John Pieroni, Kevin Van Horn, Amy Boilard, School Board Rep., and Marc Miville, Council Rep.

Absent: Village Water Precinct and Central Water Precinct

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of March 5, 2015**

*A. Boilard motioned to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015. Second by K. VanHorn  
Vote unanimously in favor.*

*Abstained: R. Boisvert, P. Gosselin, J. Hyde, D. Pearl, and S. Peterson*

**APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

**Election of Officers**

Chairperson

A. Boilard nominate D. Pearl as Chair

D. Pearl nominate P. Gosselin as Chair

Vote P. Gosselin 6; D. Pearl 5

*Amy Boilard motioned to appoint P. Gosselin Chair. Seconded by T. Jennings.*

*Vote unanimously in favor*

Vice Chairperson

J. Hyde nominated D. Pearl for Vice Chair

K. VanHorn nominated C. Morneau for Vice Chair

Vote D. Pearl 7; C. Morneau 4

*C. Morneau motioned to appoint D. Pearl as Vice Chair. Seconded by A. Boilard.*

*Vote unanimously in favor.*

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Secretary

J. Pieroni nominated T. Jennings as Secretary

Vote unanimously in favor

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

**No public input**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget Overview – Goals & Procedures**

M. Miville review past practice and procedures for reviewing the budgets.

J. Hyde suggested adopting Robert's Rules and assigning a Parliamentarian.

J. Pieroni: I would prefer a more relaxed atmosphere since this is not a political Board. We do create our own budget and therefore have a serious position. We don't have the responsibility of how the money is spent. The governing body makes those decisions and implements the budget.

D. Pearl: Because it is our budget, we can add money to the budget. We cannot delve into policy. You can cut money for a program but it is a bottom line budget and they can run whatever program they decide.

*D. Pearl motioned to adopt Robert's Rules for considering motions. Seconded by T. Jennings.*

*M. Miville motioned to table. Seconded by D. Pearl*

*Vote unanimously in favor.*

#### **Meeting Schedule**

The Budget Committee discussed the potential for a Charter change which will move the Town election to March.

*M. Miville asked that budget adjustments for the town and school be placed on the agenda every meeting. Seconded by T. Jennings.*

*Vote 4:7 motion failed*

*T. Jennings motioned to add Budget Adjustments on the agenda the week prior to the presentation of the budgets. Seconded by C. Morneau.*

*Vote unanimously in favor.*

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*D. Pearl motioned to have the School Board and Town appear before the Budget Committee once the budget is finalized. Seconded by T. Jennings.*

D. Pearl: It is confusing when the Administrator states his budget request prior to approval of the School Board. There is then a perception that there is already a cut made. We only deal with the final School Board budget.

*Vote 6:5 motion carried*

*D. Pearl motioned that the Budget Committee request that the School Board submit and present their budget to the Committee on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Seconded J. Pieroni.*

*Vote 10:1 motion carried*

*D. Pearl motioned that we place on the agenda for one week prior to review the current year's school budget. Seconded by C. Morneau*

*Motion withdrawn.*

*D. Pearl motioned to make November 12<sup>th</sup> the first meeting. Seconded by J. Hyde.*

*Vote unanimously in favor.*

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Chair would develop the Agenda.

*J. Pieroni motioned to adjourn. Seconded by K. VanHorn.*

*Vote 5:6 motion failed*

*Jason Hyde asked about obtaining town email addresses and was directed to contact Administration.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*M. Miville motioned to adjourn. Seconded by K. Van Horn*

*Vote unanimously in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan