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**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 15, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman G. Longfellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Michael DiBitetto, David Ross, Patricia Rueppel, Chairman George Longfellow, James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, and David Jodoin (Town Administrator)

Excused: M. Jolin, S. Werksman, Jason Hyde

Also Present: Diane Savoie

BUSINESS

The Council made the following recommendations to the 2007-2008 Hooksett Town Budget:

D. Ross motioned to recommend \$119,588 for the Finance Department. Seconded by J. Gorton.

Voted unanimously in favor

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$186,768 for the Assessing Department. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$112,031 for the Building Department. Seconded by D. Ross

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$159,987 for the Tax/Town Clerk. Seconded by J. Gorton.

Voted unanimously in favor

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$141,497 for the Family Services Department.

Seconded by P. Loiselle

Voted unanimously in favor

D. Ross motioned to recommend \$2,200,759 for the Fire Department. Seconded by P. Loiselle

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Rueppel motioned to recommend \$11,500 for the Forest Fire Department. Seconded by J. Gorton

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$966,536 for the Solid Waste Department. Seconded by D. Ross

Voted unanimously in favor

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$354,436 for the Park & Recreation Department.

Seconded by D. Ross.

Voted unanimously in favor

M. DiBitetto motioned to recommend \$169,060 for the Community Development Department. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

M. DiBitetto: Professional services should be in this budget line. We asked the Financial Director to set up three warrants and we should cut down on warrant items. These are studies for the operations of this town. These are not recurring item that we should set up a fund for. We should add this to the budget. I would consider doing 11,500, which would fund one or two of the studies. The 3 studies are a highway network analysis to determine our roadway needs town wide, a build out analysis to see what services are needed for \$5000, and 6500 for the zoning. If we put in 11,500 in the budget, we could do two of the three items.

M. DiBitetto withdrew his motion. P. Loiselle withdrew his second.

M. DiBitetto motioned to recommend \$158,560 for the Community Development Department, which adds 11,500 to that line. P. Loiselle seconded the motion.

D. Ross: I was concerned that this is a recurring issue for professional services. If outside services are needed they should come before the Town Council with their requests as did the Conservation Commission. If there is a need for professional services they should come to us. We have a goal of 0 budget and I think this is two much. I would be willing to go \$5000. If they really need it, they can go for a warrant article.

M. DiBitetto cautioned putting three warrants on the ballot.

P. Rueppel agreed this should be in the operating budget.

D. Ross motioned to amend the motion to \$5000. No second. Amendment failed.

Roll Call on original motion to recommend \$158,560

J. Gorton	Yes
M. DiBitetto	Yes
P. Loiselle	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes
D. Ross	No
P. Rueppel	Yes

Motion carries

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$25,900 for Emergency Management. Seconded by D. Ross.

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$3,989 for the Budget Committee. Seconded by D. Ross.

Voted unanimously in favor

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$404,894 for Town Buildings. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

D. Savoie stated that the \$7000 for the Head Chapel was intended to be put in a warrant and is still in the budget.

P. Loiselle stated that they need to change that to \$14,000 to include the work on the roof. Paul Loiselle feels this should be in a warrant and recommends removing the 7000 from the budget.

There are currently 23 warrant articles.

J. Gorton withdrew his motion. P. Loiselle withdrew his second.

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend 411,994 for Town Buildings. Seconded by J. Gorton. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$2,500 for the Cemetery. Seconded by P. Loiselle. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Rueppel motioned to recommend \$1,106,136 for the Highway Department. Seconded by D. Ross. Voted unanimously in favor

J. Gorton motioned to recommend \$157,698 for Capital Leases. Seconded by D. Ross. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$94,000 for Capital Purchases. Seconded by J. Gorton. Voted unanimously in favor (This includes the pick-up truck and the Fire Staff car)

M. DiBitetto motioned to recommend \$2,632,710 for the Police Department. Seconded by P. Rueppel. Voted unanimously in favor

M. D motioned to recommend \$445,601 for the Communications. Seconded by J. Gorton. (a reduction of \$28,805) Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$6,750 for the Conservation Commission. Seconded by D. Ross. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Rueppel motioned to recommend \$381,060 for the Library. Seconded by P. Loiselle. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$416,315 for the Bonded Debt Principal. Seconded by M. DiBitetto. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$80,091 for the Bonded Debt Interest. Seconded by J. Gorton. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$1 for the TAN. Seconded by J. Gorton. Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$3,290,590 for the Administration Department. Seconded by J. Gorton.

D. Savoie stated that Medicare, Social Security, health insurance, dental insurance, and NH retirement was reduced from the Administration budget as a result of the decrease in two police officers for the Police Department budget.

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Rueppel motioned to recommend \$13,307,122 for the Default Budget. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

Voted unanimously in favor

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend \$13,466,997 for the Total Operating Budget (bottom line). Seconded by D. Ross.

M. DiBitto asked for the tax rate information which was not available.

Voted unanimously in favor.

WARRANT ARTICLES

P. Loiselle motioned to recommend a 2% increase for non-union personnel. Seconded by D. Ross

Roll Call

P. Loiselle ***Yes***

G. Longfellow ***Yes***

D. Ross ***Yes***

P. Rueppel ***Yes***

J. Gorton ***Yes***

M. DiBitto ***No***

Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

Jason M. Hyde
Town Council Secretary