

Hill Budget Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7,2010

Members Present: Shaun Bresnahan (Chairman), Nancy Chaddock, Joseph Mahoney, Vincent Dooley, Marc Coffin, Jerry Weinert, John Lynch (Selectmen) and Shelly Henry (School Board), George Robie, Paul Meyerhoefer.

Members Absent: Bob Dupuis, Linda Henry, Gerard Desrochers.

Public Present: Mike Brady

Shaun opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The minutes from the 11/18/09 meeting were reviewed; because of some absences by Bob Dupuis these minutes had been overlooked. Shaun made a motion to accept minutes as submitted, Nancy seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the 2/11/10 Public Hearing and deliberative session for the school budget were reviewed. Shelly Henry pointed out that the total for the 2009-10 budget was not correct, it should be \$1,833,500.00. Minutes were amended with new total, Shaun made a motion to accept as amended, Joe seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Committee read & discussed Desiree Mahurin's request dated 2/24/2010 to modify the minutes for the 1/28/10 public hearing. Desiree request presented the facts as she recalled them. Members were not comfortable changing minutes that had already been accepted also members felt that the minutes were adequate. Members felt that Desiree wish was to have her fact's in a public record but the committee shouldn't interpret them so her e-mail should be attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Shaun; To accept Desiree Mahurin's e-mail dated 2/24/10 regarding the 1/28/10 public hearing on the town budget and Line item 4140 Town Clerk Budget. Joe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Shaun Bresnahan
Chairman

Attached: e-mail Desiree Mahurin 2/24/2010

From: Desiree Mahurin [mailto:hilltwncnk@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 1:58 PM

To: timberr@themvpub.net

Cc: tiptop@emailmv.com; 'Mark Dow'; 'Mike Brady'; 'Paul Meyerhoefer'; geoden2@comcast.net; 'Marc Coffin'; indeanhead@comcast.net; 'Gerry Weinert'; 'Gerard Desrochers'; Gerard Desrochers; 'Linda Henry'; 'Linda Henry'; jpmahoney3@netzero.net; rcdupuis@comcast.net; 'Nancy Chaddock'; 'Shelly Henry'

Subject:

Dear Chairman Shaun Bresnahan and Budget Committee Members,

I would like to put this to bed. I would like to try to explain a little better why I feel so strongly about how representation is made in minutes. I'm not trying to dredge anything up. I will try to keep this simple and civil.

As an elected official whose livelihood is dependant on elections and public perception, if someone was to read minutes as presented they would only read that "the Town Clerk wants a raise of 4.7%". The minutes of January 28, 2010 currently read "The Town Clerk has a built in increase of her salary of 4.7%." Nothing more is included in the minutes regarding the line item of #4140 and discussions held.

This is not an accurate statement of representation since it is not just my wages being affected and I'm not sure that statement was ever actually voiced that way at the meeting. Documentation, explanations and justifications were presented by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to the budget committee as well as to the public at the public hearing of January 28, 2010.

I would like to suggest that either the statement indicated above be deleted or corrected to more accurately describe the budget presentation and/or include some indications of the following to be included in the minutes of that meeting somehow before final/approved minutes are released to the public. I can not tell exactly how it should be worded as they are the budget committee's minutes but I believe that some indications of the following would be more accurate and a fairer representation.

1. Members of the public asked questions regarding the Town Clerk/Tax Collector wages. Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Desiree L. Mahurin responded to the questions by explaining that the numbers for both the TC/TX wages and the Assistant wages presented were preliminary and will be negotiated with the Board of Selectmen.
2. TC/TX further explained that salary adjustments have been granted for many departments previously and based on a salary survey completed comparing 10 other communities the Board of Selectmen & TC/TX have been trying to phase in adjustments.
3. A question from the BC referencing the survey that was given to BC members at an earlier meeting that indicated that the Assistant wages

would be adjusted in 2009. TC/TX explained that that adjustment indicated did not happen in 2009 and is intended to be done in 2010. She further explained that the budgeted numbers presented represent that.

4. Another question from the BC was asked regarding the fact that Assistant wages were level funded for 2010. TC/TX explained that number of hours has been less so they were adjusted down but the hourly rate will be increased so the total dollar amount was left level funded.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Desiree L. Mahurin
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town of Hill, NH

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