

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

Present: James C. Bailey, Chairman; Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman; Iris Campbell, Selectwoman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: David Roarick, Robyn Payson, Kenny Stafford, Luke Levesque, Chelsea Mather, Scott Murdough, Chris Parson, Ernie Butler, Tom McClure, Tammy McClure, Samantha Gallo, Brett Taber, Marianne Hammond, Lauralee LoMonaco, Sara Edi, Dave Fullerton, Bonita Hadley, Trish Bush, John Segedy, Riche' Colcombe, Leigh Bosse.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **OPEN SESSION**

There were no public comments during Open Session.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET**

Chairman Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Bailey noted that the public were supplied with a detailed operating budget document, the Town Warrant, estimated revenue sheets, as well as a document which documents highlights of the proposed 2022 budget.

Chairman Bailey went through the detailed budget sheet department by department and asked those in attendance if they had any questions as each department's budget was visited.

Riche' Colcombe asked various questions with regard to the Police Department Budget. She was especially concerned with the fact that the School Board took the School Resource Officer out of their budget considering the Police Chief has stated there is still a need to have that officer at the schools due to the amount of activity. Chief Roarick explained that the entire salary of this officer has always been carried within the town budget but with the school budgeting for it, the salary was then charged to the appropriate other communities. By the School Board taking it out of the school budget, it doesn't save the Hillsborough taxpayers money but only saves Deering taxpayers from having to contribute to the salary through their payment to the school district and then passed to the Town as a revenue. Chairman Bailey explained that the Selectmen have no authority over the School Board and the budget they put together. Ms. Buono stated that at the time this particular issue was being decided by the School Board, both she and Chief Roarick had discussions with the Superintendent with regard to the issue. Ms. Colcombe also asked questions about wages and computer/software support within that same budget.

Other comments with regard to various areas of the budget included John Segedy suggesting that the Town should look into utilizing free Microsoft products versus paying for licenses for each

user. He also said he feels that with some creative scheduling, Chief Roarick would be able to curb the police overtime line.

There were a couple of questions answered by the Board with regard to CNHRPC dues and what it covers, cemetery headstone repair work, and dispatch wages.

Marianne Hammond spoke about the Greater Hillsborough Senior Services (GHSS) line item which was reduced from \$13,000 to \$9,000 over past years. Ms. Buono explained that the Board approved the amount of \$9,000 since that is the amount which has been paid to GHSS over the past two years due to the large bus trips not taking place. Currently GHSS has over \$14,000 in their account and with Hillsborough adding another \$9,000 to it and Deering hopefully giving their usual contribution of \$2,000 would more than cover their 2022 activities especially with the funds that have built up in their account. This was discussed by the Selectmen and various members of the public in attendance. Chairman Bailey brought up the fact that when GHSS initially decided to purchase as bus, the Board offered to place the vehicle under the Town so that the insurance which would mean the organization wouldn't have to pay that expense but they refused. He said that has been an issue for him and he feels they should reevaluate it. After more discussion, the Board brought the amount back up to \$13,000 with the understanding that GHSS will again discuss the bus being placed under the Town for insurance purposes and Ms. Buono will work with them to put together a written outline insuring them that the Town has no desire to dictate the use of the bus. If GHSS agrees, then the insurance will be covered by the Town and the amount paid to them would be \$9,000.

The Board also reviewed the separate warrant articles with those in attendance.

Chairman Bailey closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Department of Labor Audit – Ms. Buono advised the Board that she has sent a response to the Department of Labor with regard to the deficiencies they found when they audited our buildings. She said that 90% of the issues have been completed but she had to request an extension until the end of February for the remainder of the items.

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Buono updated the Board on the EDC and a T-Mobile Grant they are working on to enhance the existing Riverwalk. She said they have talked about adding fitness stations, flowers and benches. A brief discussion with regard to the area and the plan for the grant application took place.

Community Center – Ms. Buono said that she is still working on the legalities of the Town being able to offer the recreation land by Grimes Field to the Community Center.

4. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign check numbers 017335 - 017367 a/k/a Vouchers 5 & 6 in the amount of \$194,169.25 (includes 211 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts

Payable Check numbers 026627 - 026708 a/k/a Vouchers 7 & 8 in the amount of \$932,972.79. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Campbell. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.
**A/P Checks include payment to HSD in the amount of \$839,113.78

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 26, 2022. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 7:56 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (e) legal. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectwoman Nagy – yes; Selectwoman Campbell -yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectwoman Nagy, Selectwoman Campbell, Town Administrator Laura Buono.

Ms. Buono discussed the Granite State CRP NH jackman, LLC assessment negotiation information that was forwarded by Town Council. The Board discussed and approved a response to send back to our attorney.

Chairman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Campbell. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectwoman Nagy – yes. Selectwoman Campbell – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman