

Londonderry Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2021

The Budget Committee meeting was held at 7:00 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH.

Present: Chad Franz - Chair, Jonathan Kipp - Vice-Chair, Jennifer Kenney - Secretary - Member at Large, Steve Breault - Member at Large, Joseph Gagnon – Member at Large, Tim Siekmann– Member at Large

Absent: Christine Patton - Member at Large

Staff: Justin Campo, Town Finance Director; Pete Curro, School Finance Director

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by C. Franz.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE:

C. Franz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed by a moment of silence for the losses in the community over this past year.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. Franz stated that he received some sad news. C. Patton has submitted her resignation. C. Franz read it into the record. A copy of C. Patton's statement is below.

Good evening,

This email is to request you accept my resignation from the town Budget Committee, effective immediately. Please read the following into the record:

"My husband was diagnosed with stage 3 pancreatic cancer November 2020. He has gone through chemo and just finished radiation earlier this month. Regardless, his health continues to decline, to the point of needing assistance for basic needs. I need to focus on him and whatever time we have left. I've enjoyed my terms as a Budget member doing the best I can to keep our taxes down and hope to be back some day. My last request is for you all to send good thoughts our way.

Thank you,

Christine Patton

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Bob Slater, 1 Stonehenge Rd, School Board member. He is here on behalf of himself as a School Board member. He is also the liaison for the Budget Committee. B. Slater gave an update on school questions that were previously asked. B. Slater stated that if the Budget Committee has questions or concerns to please ask. B. Slater stated that there is no private information. Financials is public documents. B. Slater stated that he would like to correct information to come to the Budget Committee.

Peter Curro, School District, stated that people should not assume but they should ask the School Board and School Department first. P. Curro provided numbers for people to call.

Christine Perez, 5 Wesley Drive, stated that she goes to the School Board before the Budget Committee, her questions and comments. C. Perez expressed her concern about taxes. C. Perez also discussed the class sizes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

a. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept the minutes from April 22, 2021, meeting made by T. Siekmann and seconded by S. Breault. Minutes accepted with a 6-0-1 vote.

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chad Franz	X			
Jonathan Kipp	X			
Jennifer Kenney	X			
Steve Breault	X			
Christine Patton				X
Joseph Gagnon	X			
Tim Siekmann	X			

V. NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Town & School District Finance brief.

P. Curro clarified some comments that need to be corrected from the last meeting. P. Curro stated that the Town and School are not SB2 government organizations. We run the SB2 calendar for budget development, but we are not SB2. We are run by municipal and school district charters. P. Curro stated that there is no time limit for open positions. P. Curro stated that the school made a statement a few years ago that they were removing

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the IT Director position. P. Curro went over the School District budget. P. Curro presented a PowerPoint. See attached. P. Curro also discussed the agreement with Hooksett.

Christine Perez, 5 Wesley Drive, stated that the Police Department budget is much different than the school budget.

The Londonderry School District has four COVID relief Grants. They have differences in allowable expenditures and periods of eligibility. The total number is \$3,401,427.00. These funds cannot be used to offset the tax rate.

Town Finance Director Justin Campo gave an overview of Town Covid Grants. See attached PowerPoint for a complete list of Grants.

P. Curro went over the line item vs. bottom line budget, the difference between the two and the School and Town budgets. P. Curro also went over the budget for open positions within the School District. See attached PowerPoint. P. Curro stated that since they're close to negotiating a new contract, they will stay with what Hooksett agrees to pay. January is when the contract is brought up. They may up it 250. P. Curro stated that he doesn't see enrollment at the High School spiking.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS:

a. Department of Public Works – Joseph Gagnon

Nothing to report

b. Police Department – Steve Breault

S. Breault stated that he spoke with Chief Hart and they can get a surplus of over \$700,000. S. Breault stated that he assumes that factors into what J. Campo was mentioning. J. Campo stated that he likes to go conservative, but that is accurate. S. Breault stated that the body cameras are also still under review.

c. Fire Department – Jonathan Kipp

J. Kipp stated that the Fire Department Operating Budget remains 2% over what it should be in overtime and equipment costs over the pandemic. Vehicle maintenance is also running over but Chief O'Brien is exploring vendors to make sure to get the best deal. Also,

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applaud the Fire Department on all the Grants they seek and receive.
The Fire Department also received a military vehicle from the State.

d. Capital Improvement Plan – Steve Breault

Nothing to report

e. Town Council – Chad Franz

No additional information than what was discussed tonight. C. Franz stated that he would like Town Manager Kevin Smith to attend the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by T. Siekmann and seconded by J. Kipp. Vote passes 6-0-1.

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chad Franz	X			
Jonathan Kipp	X			
Jennifer Kenney	X			
Steve Breault	X			
Christine Patton				X
Joseph Gagnon	X			
Tim Siekmann	X			

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 24, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting

July 22, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting

August 26, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting

September 23, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting