

Londonderry Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

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, Christine Patton – Member at Large

Absent:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

C. Franz led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to accept/approve the minutes from January 17th, 2022, meeting motion made by T. Siekmann and seconded by Steve Breault. Minutes accepted/approved with a 6-0 vote.

Changes to be made to the accepted minutes

- J. Kipp stated: School Article 2, recommend the following explanation as to why the Budget Committee abstained even though it is a monetary item. “Abstained. Vote to be taken following the Bond Hearing scheduled for January 18th, 2022”.

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

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Motion to accept/approve the minutes from January 18th, 2022, meeting motion made by T. Siekmann and seconded by Steve Breault. Minutes accepted/approved with a 6-0 vote.

Changes to be made to the accepted minutes

- J. Kipp stated: Add (in appropriate place) “Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm following the Bond Hearing portion of the School Board Meeting”.

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

Motion to accept/approve the minutes from February 5th, 2022, meeting motion made by T. Siekmann and seconded by Steve Breault. Minutes accepted/approved with a 6-0 vote.

Changes to be made to the accepted minutes

- J. Kipp stated: In call to order add the second “I” to John Farrell’s last name.

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

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V. NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Budget Committee Candidates Q&A:

- Maureen Hardy
 - o Joseph Gagnon read her letter into the minutes as she couldn't be in attendance
 - o Appendix A – Letter from Maureen
- Janet Huttula
 - o Reviewed what the Budget Committee does throughout the year regarding budgets and more
 - o Discussed her background and skillset that would be beneficial if she won a seat on the Budget Committee
- Patrick Cassidy
 - o Discussed his background and skillset that would be beneficial if he won a seat on the Budget Committee
 - o Running to protect and preserve our efforts, maintain a balance, and preserve the open spaces of what we have left in the town
- Ron Dunn
 - o Graduate of Leadership of Londonderry 2021
 - o Current member of energy task force and the NH PFAS committee
 - o Discussed his background and skillset that would be beneficial if he won a seat on the Budget Committee
- Tara Myles
 - o Discussed her background and skillset that would be beneficial if she won a seat on the Budget Committee
 - o Current Member of Leadership of Londonderry
- C. Franz discussed some items about Leadership of Londonderry
- J. Kipp mentioned the application to complete, has been posted on the town website/social media. Contact Kirby Brown with any questions.
- C. Franz mentioned the commitment to the committee. There are currently two, three-year terms open. There are sometimes multiple meetings during the same week when we are in budget season. T. Skiemann mentioned that there is a large amount of reading and reviewing the detail with both the town and school regarding the budgets.

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- C. Franz mentioned the community service grants (total of \$50,000 per year) that are reviewed by the budget committee and provided to the town council for approval. council.
- For those two new members who are elected on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, will need to be sworn in before attending their first meeting on Thursday, March 24th, 2022.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS:

Nothing to report due to the budget season

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janet Huttula – 5 Stonypoint Drive

Wanted to acknowledge and thank the two departing members (C. Franz and C. Patton) for the hard work on the committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by C. Patton and seconded by C. Franz. Vote passes 7-0.

Member	For	Against
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 7:48 PM.

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XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

August 2022 TBD School Tours with School Board, Superintendent, Business Office Manager

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Budget Season Calendar Town TBD

Budget Season Calendar School TBD

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 7:00 PM Moose Hill Conference Room

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Appendix A

Maureen Hardy---I am a relatively new member of the community as I moved to Londonderry from Illinois about two years ago (May 2020). New Hampshire called to me as the "Live Free or Die" State. It is not my intention to bring the policies which have harmed Illinois and the great people who live there with me, but rather to embrace the culture of freedom that embodies New Hampshire and her residents. I have built a home in Londonderry with my life partner and this is my long-term residence, my forever home.

I am currently participating in the Leadership Londonderry Program. The Leadership Londonderry Program is "a program designed to educate, inform, develop and motivate residents for leadership roles in the community and beyond". By participating, I have achieved a good understanding of the Town's departments and functions— So I want to take this understanding deeper by serving and participating.

I vow to honor the mission of the Budget Committee which is to offer a 3rd party taxpayer perspective to the Town and School Board. The Committee's goal is to ensure that the budgets of both the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager (and Library) provide taxpayers with adequate town and school services and the necessary infrastructure to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while preferably maintaining a stable tax bill.

My background is in Clinical Microbiology, Infection Control, Epidemiology, Research & Development (Diagnostic Devices) and Pharmacovigilance (Drug Safety) Compliance. I have also owned and operated a franchise restaurant and have served on the board of my HOA. I have taught Microbiology and the Community College level and Medical Ethics at the University level. My attention to detail and my analytical thought process means that I am well suited to research & question the different facets of budget issues to offer sound common-sense advice for both the town and school district.

It is my wish to serve the Town of Londonderry with integrity, authentic service and duty to the community. I am not on Social Media but I welcome any questions or comments at: meauxx2@gmail.com or meaux61@comcast.net. I am happy to chat on the phone with you.