

Town of Hudson Finance Committee
Town Hall
78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749

Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2021

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom, <https://zoom.us>. The meeting was publicly posted. It was held in conformance with the Governor's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, suspending provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, which require meetings to be held in a public location.

Members present: Rob Clark, chair; Sam Calandra; Andy Horvitz; Jillian Jagling; Shawn Sadowski; Claudinor Salomão; and Steven C. Sharek, vice-chair.

Also present: Tom Moses, Executive Assistant; Patricia Fay, Finance Director/Town Accountant; and Eron Dilo, IT Director.

The chair called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Budget Overview

Mr. Moses gave the Committee a brief overview of the proposed FY 2022 budget. In preparing the budget, Mr. Moses said he built in as much flexibility as he could and maintained town services the best he could. He said he hoped the state would be able to approve its budget more quickly than it did in FY 2021, allowing the town to allocate additional funds at the November Town Meeting.

In answer to a question from Mr. Horvitz, Mr. Moses said he did not know how much money the Town of Hudson might receive in COVID-19 assistance from the federal government.

Budget Review

The Committee then began its review of individual department budgets.

7:09 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Board of Selectmen budget in the amount of \$13,524. The vote was 7-0.

7:13 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Salomão and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Executive Assistant budget in the amount of \$333,743. The vote was 7-0.

7:17 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Horvitz and seconded by Ms. Jagling, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Legal Services budget in the amount of \$250,000. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Salomão left the meeting.

7:22 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sadowski and seconded by Mr. Horvitz, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Town Buildings budget in the amount of \$261,720. The vote was 6-0.

7:24 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Personnel Expense budget in the amount of \$11,760. The vote was 6-0.

7:32 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Calandra, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$7,530,601. The vote was 6-0.

7:34 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Ms. Jagling, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Retirement/Pensions budget in the amount of \$6,381,731. The vote was 6-0.

7:37 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Group Health Insurance budget in the amount of 6,015,000. The vote was 6-0.

7:41 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Horvitz and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the General Insurance budget in the amount of \$419,280. The vote was 6-0.

7:43 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Sadowski and seconded by Mr. Sharek, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Budget and Capital Plan budget in the amount of \$300,000. The vote was 6-0.

8:01 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Committee took a roll call vote to approve the Finance/IT budget in the amount of \$901,587. The vote was 6-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Sadowski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sharek. By a roll call vote, the Finance Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Steven C. Sharek