

**Town of Hollis  
Budget Committee**

14 January 2013

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Town of Hollis Budget Committee was called to order at 7:02 PM on January 13, 2013 in the community building in Hollis, Maine by Len Van Gaasbeek, Jr.

**Present:**

Martha Huff, Len Van Gaasbeek Jr., Leonard Van Gaasbeek III, Ericka Murray, Win Williams; William Burns, Jonathan Waugh  
Selectman attending were Brian Atkinson, David McCubrey, and Ben Severance  
A quorum is present.

**Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2012 meeting**

Motion: To approve minutes for October 1, 2012 meeting, as submitted. Moved by William Burns and seconded.  
Motion is carried.

**New Business:**

**Municipal Wages:**

Motion: To discuss municipal wages. Moved by Erika Murray and seconded.

Abstentions: Martha Huff, Jonathan Waugh, William Burns

Motion Carried

Discussion: Mr. Burns would like to discuss wages when departmental budgets are reviewed. Selectmen note increase of 3% in municipal wages, with the understanding that there may not be an increase for the following fiscal year.

Motion: To recommend the municipal wages as submitted. Moved by Win Williams and seconded.

Abstentions: Martha Huff, Jonathan Waugh, William Burns

Motion is carried.

**1600 FICA**

The Selectmen ask the committee to table the item until the next meeting.

**2000 Street Lights \$13,500**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 2000, Street Lights, as submitted.

Moved by William Burns and seconded.

Discussion: Request the same as previous year.

Motion is carried.

**2298 Veteran's Flags \$600**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 2298, Veteran's Flags, as submitted.

Moved by Martha Huff and seconded.

Discussion: Town has been using left over flags for some time; budget has increased due to stock of flags depleting.

Motion is carried.

### **2308 Veteran's Graves**

Selectmen note there will be no request at this time.

### **0150 Legal Fees \$8,000**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 0150, Legal Fees, as submitted. Moved by Martha Huff and seconded.

Discussion: Selectmen clarify for committee, amount of budget currently expended is \$2,500; there are outstanding issues the town is consulting with an attorney regarding, which will likely use remaining current year budget.

Motion is carried.

### **0100 Administration \$147,630**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 0100, Administration, as submitted.

Moved by Martha Huff and seconded.

Discussion: Computer expenses relate to NDS, who provides municipal software, license agreements, etc. Mr. Burns questions selectmen's wage increase.

Opposed: William Burns

Abstentions: Jonathan Waugh

Motion is carried.

### **2395 Twelve Town Group \$200**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 2395, Twelve Town Group, as submitted. Moved by William Burns and seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Burns notes the group had money for a legal fund, provided by towns. Selectmen clarify the money came out of their accounts fund and was not in addition to dues already paid by the town.

Motion is carried.

### **1800 Animal Control \$9,800**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 1800, Animal Control, as submitted.

Moved by Erika Murray and seconded.

Discussion: Martha Huff notes a discrepancy in the amounts submitted on the request.

Selectmen clarify amount requested should be \$9,800. Amounts allocated for animal shelter go to Kennbunk Animal Welfare Society. Money for veterinarian care for strays is not included in budget.

Motion is carried.

### **0900 Waste Management \$304,007**

Motion: To recommend the budget for account 0900, Waste Management, as submitted. Moved by Jonathan Waugh and seconded.

Discussion: Selectmen clarify Miscellaneous item includes road clean-up for illegal dumping. Fuel adjustments are used to balance out fluctuating fuel costs.

Motion is carried unanimously

**1000 General Assistance \$15,000**

Motion: To recommend budget for account 1000, General Assistance, as submitted.

Moved by Jonathan Waugh and seconded.

Discussion: Selectmen note there has been a decrease over the year in GA requests.

Half of GA disbursements will be reimbursed by the State.

Motion is carried.

**Additional Items:**

Motion: To approve \$1,000 for budget committee budget. Moved by William Burns, and seconded.

Discussion: Some committee members will accept electronic copies of their documents.

Motion is carried

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

Fire department, FICA, and any additional budgets received.

**Next meeting dates:**

January 28, February 4, 11 and 25.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting is adjourned at 8:58 PM. The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on January 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM, in the community building at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by: Shelley Pelkey

Approved by: