

Town of Troy, NH
Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2021

1 Budget Committee members present: Chair Ben Drugg, Vice Chair Adam Hopkins, Secretary
2 Allan Bailey, Tyler Bagster, TJ Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Matt Meacham, Steve Obert, Richard
3 HKS Thackston and Dick Thackston, Board of Selectmen Representative.

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5 Mr. Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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7 The minutes from the October 18, 2021 meetings were presented. MOTION to approve the
8 minutes as presented, Mr. Richard HKS Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members
9 except Mr. Dick Thackston (abstained) voted in favor of the motion.

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11 Justin Frazier, Superintendent and Rhonda Sheats, Office Manager, Troy Water & Sewer
12 addressed the committee, presenting the 2022 budget requests. Ms. Sheats noted the requests
13 have not been reviewed or approved by the Water, Sewer Commissioners yet.

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15 Mr. Drugg reviewed each line of the proposal for the committee. There was discussion
16 regarding some requests and some changes resulted:

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18 • MOTION to change line 180, Health Insurance Buyout, to \$5,000, from \$3,000 (based on the
19 Town's Personnel Policy), Mr. Drugg, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in
20 favor of the motion.
- 21 • MOTION to increase line 300, Sewer Bond, to \$40,998, from \$20,499, Mr. Richard HKS
22 Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Dick Thackston. There was a great deal of discussion
23 regarding this issue and what the users would expect to see as a rate increase caused by this
24 decision. Mr. Richard HKS Thackston amended the amount to \$38,654 – an increase of
25 \$18,155 to line 300. Which will result in Troy's rates remaining one of, if not, the lowest in
26 the area. All members voted in favor of the motion.
- 27 • MOTION to tentatively approve the proposed Troy Water & Sewer Department 2022 budget
28 at \$474,547.54, Mr. Dick Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Meacham. All members voted in
29 favor of the motion.

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31 Jennifer Momaney, new Library Director was present (started the position, this day) and via
32 Zoom communication, Library Trustee, Kristan Tilton was present to present and review with
33 the committee, the 2022 budget proposal submitted by outgoing Library Director, Catherine
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36 Clarification of the requests was given by Ms. Tilton.

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38 MOTION to approve option A of the choices presented, Mr. Dick Thackston, SECOND by Mr.
39 Bailey. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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41 MOTION to approve the Library's 2022 budget proposal in the amount of \$107,299, Mr.
42 Richard HKS Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Bailey. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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44 Mr. Drugg reviewed the updated requests from the Troy Historical Society, Kimball Hall, and
45 the Cheshire Railroad Depot. The committee discussed, and concurred, the updates indicated the
46 direction of the Budget Committee given during Ms. Kim Chaffee's presentation of the requests.
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48 Mr. Drugg also questioned whether or not the Budget Committee members would be in favor of
49 the Conservation Commission making another presentation of their 2022 budget requests. The
50 consensus was favorable to the Conservation Commission.
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52 Mr. Dick Thackston gave as the Selectmen's update, a review of the sale of the Mill property.
53 He also discussed Troy's property tax rate history and the Board of Selectmen's desire to keep
54 the rate consistent.
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56 MOTION to adjourn, Mr. Richard HKS Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members
57 voted in favor of the motion.
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59 The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
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66 Benjamin Drugg, Chair