

**Town of Troy, NH  
Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2021**

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

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6 Mr. Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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8 The minutes from the November 1, 2021, meetings were reviewed. MOTION to approve the  
9 minutes as presented, Mr. Bailey, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the  
10 motion.

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12 Police Chief David Ellis presented the 2022 budget proposals for the Police Department, Police  
13 Revenue Offset, Animal Control, Emergency Services Building, and the Emergency  
14 Management sections of the town's budget.

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16 There was a great deal of discussion regarding the wages for the officers, both full-time and part-  
17 time, as well as overtime. The lines exceeded the budgeted amount during the current year, due  
18 to the newest full-time officer's attendance at the Police Academy. Chief Ellis explained the  
19 requested amount for the overtime line. The amount necessary to pay holiday pay for those  
20 officers scheduled to work on a holiday is \$8,500, as well as additional overtime that may be  
21 necessary. In addition, he is planning to rework holidays, weekends, and evening schedules to  
22 maximize coverage at less cost for 2022.

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24 In response to a question regarding the requested amount for vehicle fuel, Chief Ellis explained  
25 that he recently signed up for fuel through the State of New Hampshire, at a rate of \$1.95 per  
26 gallon.

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28 MOTION to tentatively accept the Police Department requested 2022 budget at \$384,553, Mr.  
29 Bailey, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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31 The committee then reviewed the requests for the Police Revenue Offset accounts. Mr. Hopkins  
32 suggested changing the bottom line of the proposal to \$45,000.

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34 MOTION to tentatively approve the requests at \$45,000, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All  
35 members voted in favor of the motion.

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37 The 2022 budget requests for the Animal Control portion of the Police Department were  
38 presented by Chief Ellis. He submitted a decrease in the wages for the officer to \$1,000.

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40 MOTION to tentatively accept the 2022 budget requests for Animal Control at \$1,714, Mr. Dick  
41 Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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44 The next budget proposal reviewed was the Emergency Services Building.  
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46 MOTION to tentatively accept the 2022 budget requests for the Emergency Services Building at  
47 \$9,974, Mr. Dick Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the  
48 motion.  
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50 The last proposal presented this evening by Chief Ellis was the requests for the Emergency  
51 Management Department. Chief Ellis explained what the department's functions are. Mr. Dick  
52 Thackston suggested reducing all but the Property Insurance Line to \$1. The change resulted in  
53 a total request of \$671 for 2022. MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for Emergency  
54 Management at \$671, Mr. Dick Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Bailey. All members voted in  
55 favor of the motion.  
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57 Mr. Drugg presented a comparison he had created for the committee of New Hampshire town's  
58 Police Department budgets. The town's he chose for the comparison were of similar size and  
59 population to Troy. After a discussion of the information, it was determined, Troy's department  
60 costs compared favorably within the spreadsheet.  
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62 OLD BUSINESS discussion was around the ambulance situation Troy is facing. Mr. Dick  
63 Thackston reported on the meetings he and Ms. Guild, and the Board of Selectmen had with  
64 Cheshire County Commissioners regarding the County's purchase of the DiLuzio Ambulance  
65 Service.  
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67 There was a brief discussion regarding the Petition Warrant Articles that are expected for Town  
68 Meeting. Mr. Drugg encouraged the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee members to  
69 act on those at a future meeting.  
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71 Mr. Drugg also reported The Troy Water & Sewer Commissioners may wish to address the  
72 Budget Committee again at a future meeting. The commissioners were opposed to the  
73 suggestion made by and accepted by the Budget Committee to change the Health Insurance  
74 Buyout rate to \$5,000 per employee, per year. The commissioners were also opposed to the  
75 number voted on by the Budget Committee for the bond payment.  
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77 There was no public comment.  
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79 MOTION to adjourn, Mr. Hopkins, SECOND by Mr. Obert. All members voted in favor of the  
80 motion.  
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82 The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.  
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87 Benjamin Drugg, Chair