

**Town of Troy, NH  
Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes, December 27, 2021**

1 Budget Committee members present: Chair Ben Drugg, Vice Chair Adam Hopkins, Secretary  
2 Allan Bailey, TJ Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Steve Obert, Richard HKS Thackston and Dick  
3 Thackston, Board of Selectmen Representative. Matt Meacham (6:30 p.m.) arrived later.  
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5 Mr. Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.  
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7 The minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed. MOTION to approve the  
8 minutes as presented, Mr. Hopkins, SECOND by Mr. Richard Thackston. All members voted in  
9 favor of the motion.  
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11 Fire Chief Mark Huntoon and Deputy Fire Chief Scott Meader presented the committee with  
12 budget proposals for the Fire Department (4220), Forest Fire Suppression (4225) and the  
13 Ambulance Service (4215).  
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15 Items requiring correction on the Fire Department budget proposal:

- 16 • New tires required on the 1998 Mack Truck Tanker at a cost of \$4,192, any additional  
17 maintenance costs at \$1,000 for a line total of \$5,192.
- 18 • \$1,000 maintenance for the 2004 HME Fire Truck.
- 19 • The generator line changed from \$450, budgeted to \$400.
- 20 • During discussion of the proposed budget, the members of the committee and the Fire  
21 Chief and Deputy Chief agreed the Mutual Aid amount should increase to \$25,000  
22 based on the 2021 expenses.  
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24 MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for the Fire Department at \$107,483 Mr. Richard  
25 Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.  
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27 Chief Huntoon presented the Forest Fire Suppression proposed budget with only a slight increase  
28 to Workers' Compensation, due to the increase in rates. The rest of the proposed budget  
29 numbers will remain the same as the 2021 budget. Mr. Hopkins suggested changing the amount  
30 of the Workers' Compensation line to \$62 rounding up from \$61.77.  
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32 MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for Forest Fire Suppression at \$2,314 Mr. Hopkins,  
33 SECOND by Mr. Richard Thackston. All members voted in favor of the motion.  
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35 Mr. Meacham arrived at 6:30 p.m.  
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37 The committee reviewed the proposed budgets for the Ambulance Service. Chief Huntoon  
38 reported the number of calls for Troy Ambulance is decreasing now that Fitzwilliam is operating  
39 at full capacity. There was discussion regarding the issues with the current ambulance, language  
40 from the Warrant Article establishing the Capital Reserve Fund and what information was  
41 learned from the Department of Revenue Administration and Legal Counsel from NH Municipal  
42 Association. It was suggested that a Warrant Article be prepared to clarify the language of the

43 Capital Reserve Fund establishment, if necessary. All are hopeful a replacement ambulance can  
44 be purchased before Town Meeting in March.

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46 MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for the Ambulance Service at \$32,477 Mr.  
47 Hopkins, SECOND by Mr. Richard Thackston. Eight members voted in favor of the motion.  
48 Mr. Meacham abstained.

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50 The committee discussed warrant articles for 2022. Mr. Dick Thackston noted the Board of  
51 Selectmen is strongly considering a warrant article to fund painting the Town Hall. The Board  
52 of Selectmen will seek bids for the project. Ms. Guild anticipates a warrant article to replace the  
53 oil tanks at the Fire Station.

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55 Mr. Dick Thackston noted the amount spent on the Legal Line of the budget in 2021. Several  
56 charges were due to litigation brought against the Town and was beyond control of the Board of  
57 Selectmen. The line will request additional funds when those budgets are presented.

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59 The committee discussed changes to the upcoming scheduled meetings. There was agreement  
60 that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Board of Selectmen will present budgets at the  
61 Selectmen's meeting on January 6, then to the Budget Committee on January 10.

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63 Mr. Richard Thackston noted resident Courtney Davis is coordinating with Matt Peard of MDS  
64 Trash Removal on a plan to streamline the operation of the Transfer Station to cut costs for that  
65 operation.

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67 MOTION to adjourn, Mr. Richard Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Dick Thackston. All members  
68 voted in favor of the motion.

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70 The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Benjamin Drugg, Chair  
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