

**Town of Troy, NH**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes, August 31, 2021**

1 Budget Committee members present: Chair Ben Drugg, Vice Chair Adam Hopkins, Secretary  
2 Allan Bailey, Jamie Hummel, Steve Obert, Richard H. Thackston, III, Board of Selectmen  
3 Representative, Richard HKS Thackston and Matthew Meacham  
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5 Mr. Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.  
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7 The committee discussed the number of members necessary to qualify as a quorum to hold a  
8 meeting. MOTION to approve the quorum designation of 5 for the purpose of holding a  
9 meeting, Richard HKS Thackston. Richard H. Thackston, III SECONDED the motion.  
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11 Dick Thackston discussed the appropriateness of recusal. Mr. Thackston stated there is no rule  
12 that a member must recuse oneself, but the option to recuse from a vote of the group can be up to  
13 the feeling of the individual.  
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15 VOTES: 5-0-2, Jamie Hummel and Steve Obert abstained.  
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17 The members nominated and elected the slate of officers for the Budget Committee:  
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19 Chair - Dick Thackston nominated Ben Drugg as Chair, Allan Bailey seconded the  
20 nomination. All members voted in favor of the nomination.  
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22 Vice Chair – Richard Thackston nominated Adam Hopkins as Vice Chair, Allan Bailey  
23 seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor of the nomination.  
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25 Secretary – Mr. Drugg explained the role of the Secretary will change this year as there is  
26 now a Clerk available for minute taking. The Secretary will communicate with the Clerk  
27 on the development of the minutes for final approval. Richard Thackston nominated  
28 Allan Bailey as Secretary, Mr. Drugg seconded the motion. All members voted in favor  
29 of the motion.  
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31 The minutes of the previous meeting, the February 11, 2021, public hearing were reviewed by  
32 the members. MOTION to approve the minutes as written, Richard HKS Thackston, SECOND  
33 by Richard H. Thackston, III (Dick). VOTES: 5-0-2, Jamie Hummel and Steve Obert abstained.  
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35 Matt Meacham arrived at 6:22 p.m. and introduced himself to the membership.  
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37 Discussion took place regarding where viewers will be able to view the meetings. There is a  
38 Livestream of the meetings, during the meeting session on In Session Cheshire County Public  
39 Meetings and Forums available through FaceBook. A link will be placed on the Budget  
40 Committee web page on the Town of Troy's website.  
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42 Mr. Drugg presented and explained the Departmental Budget Process and Informational Packet  
43 that is distributed each year to members and to town department heads to assist in preparing

44 budgets. Mr. Drugg mentioned he will be creating binders for the members and asked for  
45 volunteers to help put the binders together.

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47 Mr. Drugg reviewed the meeting notice for meetings, procedure.

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49 Discussion followed regarding the 2021 Budget and Finance Virtual Workshop being offered via  
50 webinar from NH Municipal Association on Tuesday September 14, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00  
51 p.m. New members were asked to attend, if possible.

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53 The Budget Committee meeting schedule was reviewed. Mr. Drugg explained the Budget  
54 Committee's role in the budget development. MOTION to approve the Budget Committee  
55 schedule, as presented, Richard Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Meacham. There was more  
56 discussion and explanation of the schedule. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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58 The committee then reviewed the most recent month end report of the 2021 Actual & Budgeted  
59 Expenses and Encumbrances. Mr. Drugg explained all the sections of the report. Dick  
60 Thackston explained the State of NH requirements for the formatting of account numbers of all  
61 municipal budgets.

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63 Discussion surrounding the location of the Budget Committee meetings took place. Options are  
64 the Troy Town Hall, the Samuel E. Paul Community Center and the Gay-Kimball Library. The  
65 misters Thackston advocated for meetings to be held at the Troy Town Hall.

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67 The committee discussed another meeting (not currently on the schedule) to review the current  
68 budget, and address questions members may have.

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70 MOTION to have an additional meeting of the Budget Committee on October 4, 2021 at the  
71 Troy Town Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Richard Thackston, SECOND by Dick Thackston. All  
72 members voted in favor of the motion.

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74 Dick Thackston presented the Selectmen's update, stating the following items are being  
75 considered for the upcoming budget:


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- 77 • Ambulance Replacement
  - 78 • Town Hall exterior painting
  - 79 • Replacement/repair of dams
  - 80 • Compensation increases for Selectmen and for the Town Treasurer

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82 The ambulance issue was discussed. Mr. Drugg's memo regarding the ambulance replacement  
83 written in reference to an earlier Board of Selectmen meeting in the summer was reviewed. Mr.  
84 Hopkins clarified the then Budget Committee's reasoning to the issue. There will be an  
85 informational meeting of the Board of Selectmen regarding the ambulance vehicle and service on  
86 September 30, 2021 at the S.E. Paul Community Center.

87 There was a brief discussion of compensation for all elected positions as opposed to just the  
88 Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer.

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90 MOTION to adjourn, Richard Thackston, SECOND by Dick Thackston. All members voted in  
91 favor.

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93 The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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98 Benjamin Drugg, Chair