

**Town of Troy, NH  
Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes, December 20, 2021**

1 Budget Committee members present: Chair Ben Drugg, Vice Chair Adam Hopkins, Secretary  
2 Allan Bailey, Tyler Bagster, TJ Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Steve Obert, and Dick Thackston, Board  
3 of Selectmen Representative. Matt Meacham (6:50 p.m.) and Richard HKS Thackston (6:45  
4 p.m.) arrived later.

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6 Mr. Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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8 Mr. Bailey asked to address members of the committee regarding terms of membership expiring  
9 in March. Adam Hopkins, Tyler Bagster and TJ Chasse terms are expiring in March. Each of  
10 these members has expressed interest in running for a seat on the committee again. Mr. Bagster  
11 will seek a two-year term. Mr. Chasse will seek a three-year term. Mr. Richard Thackston was  
12 not present to question. His intention will be discussed later.

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14 The minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed. MOTION to approve the  
15 minutes as presented, Mr. Hopkins, SECOND by Mr. Dick Thackston. All members voted in  
16 favor of the motion.

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18 Recreation Director Robert Norton and Recreation Committee member Curtis Hopkins presented  
19 the 2022 budget proposals for the Recreation Department and the SE Paul Community Center  
20 sections of the town's budget.

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22 Chairman Drugg pointed out that both budget proposals show a populated wage line for the  
23 Recreation Director. In prior years the wages for the director were only budgeted for and paid  
24 from only the Recreation Program budget. Chairman Drugg also pointed out that the true wages  
25 budgeted for the director in 2021 is \$18,847 (\$15,000 regular budgeted amount and \$3,847 from  
26 the raises warrant article). The total amount spent in 2021 from the wages line of the Recreation  
27 Program budget is currently at \$25,736.

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29 Mr. Norton explained the growth of the programs and the increase in events taking place at the  
30 Recreation Center. All of these require planning and oversight. In addition, Mr. Norton  
31 performs maintenance on the building and grounds. The Highway Department used to maintain  
32 the grounds but for the past two years, the center has had to provide its own outdoor  
33 maintenance. This year, the trash pickup has begun to charge for services as well.

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35 Chairman Drugg reviewed the history of the expenditures in the line and the revenue of the  
36 programs. Mr. Dick Thackston reviewed the history of the wages as well. Mr. Dick Thackston  
37 also explained the benefits of the programs and Mr. Norton's dedication to service of the Town  
38 of Troy. With the denial of use of Troy Elementary School by the School Board, the biggest  
39 fund raiser for the Recreation Department, roller skating, has not taken place in a couple of  
40 years, resulting in a decrease in revenue to the programs.

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42 There was some discussion of the facility's rental rates.

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44 It was recommended that the Recreation Committee and the Board of Selectmen have a joint  
45 meeting to determine the direction of the recreation programs in Troy.

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47 MOTION to level fund the wages line (101) in the Recreation Department budget (4530) at  
48 \$18,847, Mr. Richard Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. Six members of the committee  
49 voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Bagster and Mr. Dick Thackston were opposed. Mr. Meacham  
50 abstained.

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52 MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for the Recreation Department at \$46,685, Mr.  
53 Bailey, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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55 MOTION to level fund the wages line (101) in the S.E. Paul Community Center budget (4520) at  
56 zero, Chairman Drugg, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. Seven members of the committee voted in  
57 favor of the motion. Mr. Bagster and Mr. Dick Thackston were opposed.

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59 There was discussion of the remaining lines that needed to be updated: Building Maintenance &  
60 Repair (225), updated due to the trash pickup charges that in previous years had been provided to  
61 town facilities for free. General Supplies is also increased due to costs increases. Adjustments  
62 were made to the payroll related lines.

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64 MOTION to accept the 2022 budget requests for the S.E. Paul Community Center at \$26,226,  
65 Mr. Richard Thackston, SECOND by Mr. Hopkins. Nine members voted in favor of the motion.  
66 Mr. Dick Thackston abstained.

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68 The Water and Sewer Commissioners, Mark Huntoon, Bert Lang, Carl Patten and Howard  
69 Sheats addressed the Board along with Justin Frazier, Water & Sewer Superintendent and  
70 Rhonda Sheats, Administrator. The commissioners had requested a meeting with the Budget  
71 Committee.

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73 The Water and Sewer Department had previously submitted their budget requests and the  
74 commissioners were not in favor of some of the recommendations the Budget Committee had  
75 suggested. The commissioners did not want to adjust the insurance "buy-back" amount for  
76 employees to match the Town's employees at \$5,000. That issue had been rectified by the Board  
77 of Selectmen voting to change the Town employees' amount to match the Water and Sewer  
78 department at \$3,000.

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80 The other item discussed was that of increasing the bond fee to users of the system. The  
81 commissioners were not in favor of that suggestion either. Extensive discussion of the issue took  
82 place.

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84 The commissioners suggested invoicing town facilities for water usage.

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86 MOTION to include Water and Sewer charges to each town facility's budget, Mr. Hopkins,  
87 SECOND by Mr. Chasse. All members of the committee voted in favor of the motion.

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89 Ms. Sheats will provide for the Budget Committee, the total number of buildings utilizing the  
90 system. She will get new budget sheet together with all changes and she will contact the DRA  
91 regarding increases to the bond payment fee to users.

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93 Under Old Business there was a brief discussion regarding the future of the ambulance service  
94 and ongoing discussions with the Town of Fitzwilliam's Ambulance Service.

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96 Mr. Richard Thackston noted the Board of Selectmen is strongly considering a warrant article to  
97 fund painting the Town Hall in the upcoming year.

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99 There was no public comment.

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101 MOTION to adjourn, Mr. Bailey, SECOND by Mr. Richard Thackston. All members voted in  
102 favor of the motion.

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104 The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Benjamin Drugg, Chair

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