

Town of Troy, NH  
Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes, August 26, 2024

Budget Committee Members Present: Benjamin Drugg, Adam Hopkins, Allan Bailey, Steve Obert (arrived at 6:32 P.M.), Tara Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Matthew Meacham, Deborah Wilson, Selectman Richard H. Thackston III

Also Present: Town Administrator: Jeremy Bourgeois, Executive Assistant: Sarah Lashua

- 1 I. Chairman Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.  
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- 3 II. Approve Minutes: It was noted that the figure \$20,000 was missing in line 157 of the draft  
4 minutes and should be added.  
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- 6 MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of February 15, 2024, Richard Thackston III.  
7 SECOND by Matt Meacham. All members of the committee voted in favor of this motion.  
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- 9 III. New/Old Business
- 10 a. Election of Officers:
- 11 Chairman Drugg stated the Committee will need to elect new officers for  
12 the 2025 budget season.  
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- 14 MOTION to nominate Ben Drugg as Chairman, Selectman Thackston.  
15 SECOND by Deborah Wilson.  
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- 17 Mr. Drugg declined the nomination, stating he was hoping to hand over the  
18 chairmanship to someone else this year. The Committee agreed to table  
19 further discussion until Steve Obert arrives from the Library Trustees  
20 meeting he's attending tonight. MOTION tabled.  
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- 22 b. Budget Committee Opening:
- 23 Chairman Drugg asked if anyone knew of someone willing to serve on the  
24 Budget Committee. He noted there is one opening due to the resignation of  
25 Richard HKS Thackston. It was stated that five people had run for three  
26 seats in March, meaning there were two candidates that were not elected.  
27 Adam Hopkins will reach out to those to candidates to see if they're still  
28 interested in serving.  
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- 30 c. 2025 Budget Meeting Schedule:
- 31 Chairman Drugg went over a draft schedule to review 2025 budget  
32 proposals from the departments, boards, and committees. He noted that the  
33 schedule is the same as last year and that only the dates would change,  
34 barring any conflicts and required changes. It was noted that the New  
35 Hampshire Municipal Association's Town Meeting calendar has yet to be

36 released for 2025. They anticipate it being ready in September. This  
37 calendar allows the Town to schedule the public hearing, signing of the  
38 budget, etc. appropriately to ensure that the required deadlines are met.  
39 Using the same schedule order as 2024, the Committee would be slated to  
40 begin its work on October 21<sup>st</sup> with the water, sewer, and library budgets.  
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42 d. YTD Budget vs. Actual:

43 Chairman Drugg stated that the Committee could go through the YTD  
44 budget tonight to discuss anything that sticks out or choose to do this at their  
45 next meeting. He asked about getting the budget printout in one document,  
46 with the regular Town budget and water & sewer budgets combined. Ms.  
47 Lashua explained how it can sometimes be more confusing that way to do  
48 different titles on the water and sewer budgets but that it could be tried for  
49 future meetings.  
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51 Mr. Drugg asked about having all budgets presented in a single format for  
52 the Committee's review. He noted using the BMSI budget worksheet  
53 feature in the past and would prefer something like that going forward, if  
54 possible. Town Administrator Bourgeois and Executive Assistant Lashua  
55 will look into using this feature in the BMSI software.  
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57 Mr. Drugg asked about completely splitting out the water and sewer  
58 budgets. It was noted that this is mostly done now but may be problematic  
59 to split payroll for employees. Ms. Lashua will look into the feasibility of  
60 doing this in the future.  
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62 e. Election of Officers (revisited):

63 Chairman Drugg explained that his main concern regarding continuing to  
64 serve as chair, was the amount of work it takes to prepare the budgets, get  
65 ready for the public hearing, etc. Mr. Obert stated he is fairly busy with his  
66 other committee work and wasn't interested in taking over as Chairman.  
67 Mr. Drugg stated he could be convinced to continue as Chair should others  
68 be willing to assist. Mr. Bailey and Town Administrator Bourgeois stated  
69 they could help out.  
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71 The Committee reconsidered the previous motion nominating Ben Drugg  
72 as Chairman. The Committee voted in favor, with Tara Chasse abstaining.  
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74 Chairman Drugg stated for Vice-Chair and Secretary, he would like to  
75 nominate the two members currently in those positions.  
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77 MOTION to nominate Adam Hopkins as Vice-Chair and Allan Bailey as  
78 Secretary, Chairman Drugg. SECOND by Selectman Thackston.

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80 Mr. Hopkins noted that this is his last year on the Budget Committee and  
81 that he would be open to someone else taking the position of Vice-Chair.  
82 Jamie Hummel stated she may be interested but would like to see what the  
83 position entails. She would be willing to work aside Mr. Hopkins this year  
84 and potentially take over the position next year.  
85 All were in favor.

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87 f. Other:

88 Chairman Drugg asked for volunteers to reach out to the other two Budget  
89 candidates that ran in March. Adam Hopkins and Jamie Hummel will do  
90 that on behalf of the Committee.

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92 Chairman Drugg asked if anyone would be willing to update the Budget  
93 Committee meeting calendar for 2025 by changing the meeting dates,  
94 pending the release of the NHMA 2025 Town Meeting calendar. Tara  
95 Chasse volunteered to handle this.

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97 Mr. Obert gave a brief update on the Capital Improvement Plan  
98 Committee's work. Chairman Drugg stated he would put the CIP on future  
99 agendas for any updates they may have going forward.

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101 The next meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2024 at 6 P.M. at the  
102 Library.

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105 IV. Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Thackston, SECOND by Matt  
106 Meacham. All were in favor.

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108 The meeting was Adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Jeremy Bourgeois, Town Administrator



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Allan Bailey, Secretary