

**Town of Troy, NH**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023**

Budget Committee Members Present: Benjamin Drugg, Adam Hopkins, Allan Bailey, Steve Obert, Tara Chasse, Matthew Meacham, Selectman Dick Thackston.

Budget Committee Member Absent: Jamie Hummel, Richard HKS Thackston.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Dick Thackston, TJ Chasse, Curtis Hopkins.

Also Present: Town Administrator: Mary Guild, Executive Assistant: Sarah Lashua, Clerk: Elizabeth Berry.

Public Present: Michael Leclerc, Bill Harris, Kim Chaffee, Bill Chaffee, Roger Creekmore, Herb Drugg, Eric Farris, Courtney Davis, Tom Lambert, Samuel Moore, Jeanne Drugg, Dave Ellis Jr., Mark Huntoon, Ryan Huntoon, Kristan Tilton, Brian Leblanc, Jennifer Momaney.

- 1           Chairman Drugg called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- 2           The Budget Committee discussed the Police Department's budget, changing the full-time  
3           police officer line to \$57,840.
- 4           MOTION to approve the Police Department's budget with the new total of \$471,281,  
5           Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mrs. Chasse. All members of the Committee voted in  
6           favor of this motion.
- 7           The Budget Committee discussed the Town Common budget, changing the Labor  
8           Contracting Services to \$5,500.
- 9           MOTION to approve the Town Common's budget with the new total of \$7,800, Selectman  
10          Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Chasse. All members of the Committee voted in favor of this  
11          motion.
- 12          The Budget Committee discussed the Troy Fire Department's, changing the Post Office Box  
13          Rent to \$180.
- 14          MOTION to approve the Fire Departments budget with the new total of \$110,069, Selectman  
15          Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Obert. All members of the Committee voted in favor of this  
16          motion.
- 17          The Budget Committee discussed the Library's budget, changing the total of the budget to  
18          \$117,548.
- 19          MOTION to approve the library's budget with the new total of \$117,548, Mrs. Chasse.  
20          SECOND by Mr. Obert. All members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.
- 21          The Budget Committee discussed the Emergency Services Building budget, adding \$450 for  
22          Water and Sewer.
- 23          MOTION to approve the Emergency Services Building budget with the new total of \$11,246,  
24          Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Obert. All members of the Committee voted in favor  
25          of this motion.
- 26          The Budget Committee discussed the Selectmen's Office budget, Mrs. Guild explained that  
27          due to taking on the clerical work for the Water and Sewer department, the budget has  
28          increased.

29 MOTION to approve the Selectmen's Office budget with the new total of \$305,720,  
30 Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Obert. All members of the Committee voted in favor  
31 of this motion.

32 The Budget committee went over the Warrant articles that they need to act on.

33 Article 7 – Bond to perform Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Planning, Piloting,  
34 Sludge Removal and/or Upgrade Implementation.

35 MOTION to support this warrant article, Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Hopkins.  
36 All members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.

37 Article 8 – Bond to perform Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Planning and Piloting.

38 MOTION to support this warrant article, Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mr. Hopkins.  
39 All members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.

40 Article 14 – Expendable Trust Funds Deposits

41 The Board of Selectmen made an adjustment to the Gay-Kimball Library total in this warrant,  
42 changing it from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

43 MOTION to support this warrant article as amended by the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Chasse.  
44 SECOND by Mr. Meacham. All members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.

45 Ms. Momaney explained the increase. Stating that it will be used for library renovations.

46 Article 24 – Wage Increases

47 MOTION to support this warrant article, Selectman Thackston. SECOND by, Mr. Obert. All  
48 members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.

49 Article 27 – Readopt Veterans' Credit (72:28,II)

50 MOTION to support this warrant article, Mr. Obert. SECOND by Selectman Thackston. All  
51 members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion.

52 Chairman Drugg recessed the meeting at 6:32pm.

53 Chairman Drugg opened the budget committee public hearing at 7:02pm.

54 Mr. Hopkins read out the public hearing notice.

55 Article 1 – Election of Officers. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.

56 Article 2-5 – The Town of Troy Planning Board Zoning Amendments. Read out of the Town  
57 Warrant by Mr. Hopkins. Ms. Tilton asked what the performance standards are, in reference  
58 to article 5. Selectman Curtis Hopkins gave an explanation.

59 Article 6 – Operating Budget. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins. Chairman  
60 Drugg explained the year over year difference. Public discussion was had in regard to the  
61 article.

62 Article 7 - Bond to perform Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Planning, Piloting,  
63 Sludge Removal and/or Upgrade Implementation. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
64 Hopkins.

65 Article 8 – Bond to perform Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Planning and Piloting.  
66 Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
67 Article 9 – Sewer Plant Upgrade Bond Payment. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
68 Hopkins. Chairman Drugg explained this article further.  
69 Article 10 – Water System Improvement Bond Payment. Read out of the Town Warrant by  
70 Mr. Hopkins. Chairman Drugg explained this article further.  
71 Article 11 – Broadband Bond Payment. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
72 Article 12 – Reassessment of Town Property. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
73 Article 13 – Capital Reserve Funds Deposits. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
74 Police Chief Ellis asked the Budget committee to raise the Police Departments total in this  
75 article from \$5,000 to \$10,000.  
76 Article 14 – Expendable Trust Fund Deposits. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
77 Hopkins.  
78 Article 15 – Elizabeth Giogianni Trust Fund Changes. Read out of the Town Warrant by  
79 Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Bailey explained this article to the public.  
80 Article 16 – Cemetery Operating Budget. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
81 Article 17 – Cemetery Maintenance Trust & Perpetual Care Trust. Read out of the Town  
82 Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
83 Article 18 – Highway Department Vehicle. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
84 Article 19 – Highway Department Equipment. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
85 Hopkins.  
86 Article 20 – Roads and Streets. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
87 Article 21 – Transfer Station Bags. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
88 Article 22 – Troy Historical Society, Kimball Hall. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
89 Hopkins.  
90 Article 23 – Computer Technology Upgrade. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
91 Article 24 – Wage Increases. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins. Public  
92 discussion was had.  
93 Article 25 – Town Clerk, Tax Collector Compensation, Read out of the Town Warrant by  
94 Mr. Hopkins. Chairman Drugg explained why the budget committee does not recommend  
95 this warrant article.  
96 Article 26 – Support for Public Services. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins.  
97 Article 27 – Readopt Veterans’ Credit (72:28,II). Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
98 Hopkins.  
99 Article 28 – Town Clerk/Tax Collector Position. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr.  
100 Hopkins. This article is irrelevant to the Budget Committee, as it does not contain any  
101 monetary value.  
102 Article 29 – Town Clerk Position. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins. This  
103 article is irrelevant to the Budget Committee, as it does not contain any monetary value.  
104 Article 30 – Tax Collector Position. Read out of the Town Warrant by Mr. Hopkins. This  
105 article is irrelevant to the Budget Committee, as it does not contain any monetary value.

106 Chairman Drugg closed the public hearing at 8:35pm.

107 Chairman Drugg resumed the business meeting at 8:39pm.

108 MOTION to change the Police Department's Capital reserve Fund from \$5,000 to \$10,000,  
109 changing the total to \$130,000, Selectman Thackston. SECOND by Mrs. Chasse. Six  
110 members of the Committee voted in favor of this motion. One member of the Committee  
111 abstained from this vote.

112 MOTION to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Meacham, SECOND by Mrs. Chasse. All members  
113 of the Committee voted in favor of the motion.

114 The Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Elizabeth Berry,  
Administrative Assistant.



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Benjamin Drugg, Chairman