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HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP BUDGET COMMITTEE
July 13, 2009 Minutes

- Members Present: Steve Pucci, Ray Valle, Forrest Milkowski, Dan Peterson and Greg d'Arbonne. Doug Davidson attended the beginning of the meeting but had to leave at 6:45 PM.
- Members Absent: Lorin Rydstrom and Greg McHale.
- Guests/Public Present: None.

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1. Committee Chairman Steve Pucci called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.
2. Steve Pucci asked everyone if they had read the Minutes from the June meeting and the amended Minutes based on feedback to those Minutes. All present had read them. Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the amended Minutes of the 8 June 2009 meeting as sent out by e-mail. Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
 - a. **Motion:** Ray Valle made a motion that the Budget Committee accepts the amended Minutes of the 8 June 2009 meeting as sent out by e-mail. Dan Peterson seconded the motion.
 - b. **Vote:** 6 in favor of the motion, none against. The motion passed.
3. Steve Pucci asked for any issues of interest from the last meeting. Ray Valle reported that the Selectmen told each department in the Town of Hollis to present their budgets and then present one with a 5% cut and another with a 10% cut. The purpose was that if the Board had to make cuts, they would have the executive information they needed to decide where best to make those cuts or not in each department, taking a town-wide view of the budget needs.
4. Steve Pucci asked if there were any issues or updates from the School Board Meeting. Dan Peterson reported they spent time with the unreserved balance and expenditures that might be worthwhile from this. Doug made a motion that Dan Peterson ask the School Board to articulate the current situation with the tables and the safety issues with the cafeteria and that the School Board provide a written response as to the situation with the lunch room safety violations. Seconded by Forrest. 4 in favor 2 against. Motion passed.

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5. Steve Pucci stated we will have Dawna brief us on the unreserved funds and this will occur sometime in late August or September.
6. Quarterly Budget Review: Discussion by the members about unreserved funds for the coming year and what can be done to keep from having too much unreserved funds by budgeting smartly. End of June 2009 numbers were reviewed. Many of the members expected State funding to go down next year. This is not an exact confirmation but the expectation by many is that it will go down.
7. Project Area Update: Summary from Budget Committee “Champions”. Steve Pucci handed out a document with the Project Areas and who was working these projects. Steve went down line-by-line to get an update on the project. Steve Pucci was wondering who is the representative School Board that will be responsible for Project Progress. Dan Peterson will find out.
8. The members discussed the strategy to develop a budget strategy. The generally feeling is looking for cost savings is good and the tax implication of providing the best education for the children that the tax payers are willing to accept the cost for is the continual struggle to balance. It was suggested that everyone think about the implications of less revenue to the District (less State funding) and at a future meeting we discuss this issue.
9. The next meeting is 17 August at 6 PM at the Middle School.
10. Forrest Milkowski motioned to adjourn. Dan Peterson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. The Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg d’Arbonne
Secretary

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