

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 2
CHAIR, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members Present:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair
Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2nd VC
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. T. Earl
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. J. Murphy
Leg. P. Soskin

Others Present:

Leg. C. Carey
Leg. J. Meyers
N. Doliner
S. Powers
L. Incalcaterra
M. Barbera
Sheriff Falco
K. Cross
L. Sparber

Leg. R. Diaz
Leg. P. Moroney
E. Yeger, Esq.
S. DeGroat
K. Stavinsky
T. Simetti
L. Santulli
G. Moggio

Leg. L. Hofstein
Leg. A. Paul
J. Birnbaum, Esq.
S. Grogan
L. Toole
B. Ricaldo
J. Coe
P. Trader

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Chairman of the B&F Committee Michael Grant said there have been 15 Budget Review meetings since the receipt of the County Executive's budget in October covering a broad range of topics: Chairman Grant stated there is no finalized set of amendments even though a master sheet has been provided to all the Legislators over the course of the reviews in order to give them the opportunity to submit amendments.

Chairman Grant explained some of the dynamics of the budget process: The Legislature can accept the CE budget as is. If the Legislature fails to adopt the CE budget by December 7th, then the CE budget becomes the default budget. The Legislature can also amend the budget with a majority vote. It would take 12 votes to override a veto. As far as the tax cap, it requires 11 votes from the Legislature to lift the cap.

Leg. Cornell noted there were many things she would like to fix in this budget that she might not be able to do. The County is not supposed to be about making a profit rather it's about delivering services and she is and always has been a cheerleader for the non-for-profits.

Leg. Hood, Jr. thanked Chairman Grant for the time and hard work he put into this challenging budget. He was feeling disappointed that they haven't been able to get something to work but is hopeful that in the next few days something will come through.

Leg. Schoenberger also acknowledged Chairman Grant's hard work on this budget. He stated he is normally not at a loss for words but is tonight. He would not approve or disapprove of anything this evening but would reserve his comments for the full Legislative meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 3.

Legislature Moroney stated for the record that all the Republican Legislators were present at the meeting tonight.

Chairman Grant said an ongoing attendance sheet of all Legislators has been kept since the beginning of the budget reviews.

1. REF. #9505 (A) ACCEPTING REPORT OF BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AFTER ITS REVIEW OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

(SCHEDULES TO FOLLOW)

NO RECOMMENDATION FROM B&F COMMITTEE. THIS ITEM WILL BE PUT ON A SPECIAL MEETING OF B&F ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 AT 5:30 PM.

2. REF. #9505 (B) ADOPTION OF THE 2016 COUNTY BUDGET
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

(SCHEDULES TO FOLLOW)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./WOLFE**

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3. REF. #9505 (C) APPROPRIATION OF BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2016
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

(SCHEDULES TO FOLLOW)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.**

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:50 PM
MURPHY/JOBSON**

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