

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 10, 2011

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Michael Pierce, Selectman Representative
Maureen Buckley, Precinct Representative
Pat Collins (7:05 p.m.)
Richard Desrosiers
Brian Lapham
Dustin Marzinzik
Mark McFarlin
Michael Plouffe
Richard Reniere
Peter Traynor
Brian Warburton

Excused

Sandra Nickerson
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice Chairman

Absent

Ginny Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative

Others Present

Fred Welch, Town Manager
Mike Schwotzer, Finance Director

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members made self-introductions.

NOTE: Chairman will not vote except in the case of a tie vote.

Chairman Latimer said she felt it prudent to appoint another member as Vice Chair until the return of Mary-Louise Woolsey.

Moved by Mr. Warburton, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, to appoint Michael Plouffe as Vice Chair until the return of Ms. Woolsey.

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Plouffe). Motion passed.

Mr. Collins joined the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Chairman Latimer welcomed Keith Noyes, Director of Public Works, and Teresa McGinnis, Assistant to the Operations Manager.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$5,311,765 for Public Works.

Chairman Latimer then asked the Committee to go through the Public Works budget by major line items.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$1,172, 938 for Highways and Streets.

Mr. Collins mentioned the area at the bottom of Boar's Head which needs cleanup. Mr. Warburton said the State has not stepped up in that area and should be encouraged to do so. Mr. Traynor said the south side of Boar's Head also needs attention. Mr. Desrosiers asked who is responsible for cleanup at North Beach. There was no answer. Chairman Latimer asked about staffing. Mr. Noyes said they are down one full-time position.

Mr. Noyes said some changes have been made because by January 1 the new recycling and trash pickup will be in effect. Mr. Noyes said that the new trucks, however, do not lend themselves to some streets in town so supplementation will be made with a rear loader truck. Mr. Noyes then passed out an organization chart.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no (Lapham). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Plouffe, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the total amount of \$1,177,938 for Highways and Streets.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Marzinzik). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$150,000 for Highway Resurfacing.

Mr. Noyes said this account will cover the cost of the design for the Five Corners intersection project and a down payment on the Lafayette/Winnacunnet Roads project. Mr. Noyes said he was not comfortable with the planning of the paving projects and hoped to redo.

Mr. Warburton said money from this account will be spent on carts and intersections. The projects should be shown in a line item where the money is going.

Mr. Noyes said that before any paving is done, they will check out sewers and utilities. The department is trying to formulate more solid plans.

Chairman Latimer said projects that happen one time belong in warrant articles. Those that recur should be in the operating budget. Mr. Reniere said he felt that paving,

resurfacing and reconstruction should all be one item and the Director of Public Works should make the decisions.

Amendment made by Mr. Traynor, seconded by Mr. Warburton, to change the subtotal for Highway Resurfacing to zero.

Vote: 4 yes, 7 no (Buckley, Collins, Desrosiers, McFarlan, Pierce, Plouffe, Reniere). Motion failed.

Chairman Latimer said her problem is that money is being taken out of the normal paving budget and is going to be used for special projects. She said more discussion should be done on this part of the budget.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the main motion to approve \$150,000 for Highway Resurfacing.

Vote: 7 yes, 4 no (Lapham, Marzinzik, Traynor, Warburton). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, to approve the subtotal of \$200,631 for Cleaning and Maintenance.

Mr. Warburton discussed the responsibility with trees. Mr. Noyes said if a tree is on private property it is the property owner's responsibility to trim or remove it if it is a matter of public safety.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$151,000 for Storm Drainage.

Mr. Welch said the Town has problems that would add up to millions of dollars. The Town has to create a different kind of budget where these projects would be funded by program in a line item. The default budget does not work. This is the fallacy of having an SB2 budget.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no (Traynor). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotals of \$26,000 for Sidewalks and Curbs and \$93,880 for Snow and Ice Removal.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, to approve the total amount of \$621,511 for Paving and Reconstruction.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to approve the amount of \$204,000 for Street Lighting.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the total amount of \$2,003,449 for Highways, Streets & Bridges.

Vote: 9 yes, 2 no (Lapham, Traynor). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the total amount of \$1,500,830 for Administration (Waste Water Treatment).

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the total amount of \$559,207 for Solid Waste Collection.

Mr. Noyes said everyone must use the new barrels beginning January 1st.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$15,000 for Landfill Operations.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$696,000 for Transportation.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$268,279 for Transfer Station.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. McFarlin, to approve the total of \$979,279 for Transfer Station.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$143,000 for Repairs and Maintenance.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the subtotal of \$126,000 for Sewer Treatment.

Mr. Marzinzik questioned the \$7,000 for replacement of a John Deere gator. He said they can be purchased used for around \$2,000. Mr. Noyes said he felt it was better to buy something brand new and maintain it.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Marzinzik). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to approve the total of \$269,000 for Sewage Collection.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to approve the total of \$3,308,316 for Sewage Collection.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer then asked for a vote on the main motion to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$5,311,765 for Public Works.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no (Traynor). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer asked for motions to move consideration of Rolling Stock and the Minutes of November 1, 2011 to the next meeting.

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Moved by Mr. Warburton, seconded by Mr. Marzinzik, to move consideration of Rolling Stock for Public Works to the next meeting on November 15, 2011.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Warburton, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to move consideration of the Minutes of November 1, 2011 to the next meeting on November 15, 2011.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the Fire Department budget will be addressed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Pierce **moved**, seconded by Mr. Traynor, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary