

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Emergency Meeting
Thursday, August 30, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Michael Pierce, Selectman Representative (Alternate) for Ben Moore
Virginia Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative
Bob Ladd, Precinct Representative
Richard Desrosiers
Joe Grzybowski
Brian Lapham
Michael Plouffe
Diandra Sanphy

Excused

Sandra Nickerson
Pat Collins
Peter Traynor

Unexcused

Richard Reniere
Mark McFarlin

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Latimer thanked all those who attended on very short notice. Prior to discussing the reason for the meeting the Chairman wanted the Bud Com Members to know the CIP Committee, Department Heads, and Town Manager had worked diligently through the summer to reconstruct the goals and focus of CIP. A 110 page report is going to be available to each member and will be sent shortly. This report is not complete but yields a tremendous amount of information.

Chairman Latimer gave the reason for the Emergency Meeting, as a follow-up to an August 27, 2012 presentation made, by Secretary of State William Gardner in Dover and attended by Chairman Latimer & Vice Chair Mary -Louise Woolsey, as well as officials and employees from LGC communities. This meeting was a review of the "Final Order" against the LGC to refund over \$52,000,000 to public employees, retirees, and municipal members, who paid into health plans, property liability and workers comp.

Both Latimer & Woolsey took turns giving a brief summation and highlights of the meeting ending by the Chairman urging the committee to initiate a letter as follows:
To the Board of Selectman,

On Behalf of the Budget Committee, I am requesting the following information:

1. An update on what the BOS plan is, to ensure the proper return of money to the Town of Hampton for the over charges in Health Insurance by the LGC.
2. What the Selectmen believe the approximate amount of money, the Town of Hampton will receive for the over charges to the health insurance program since 2003?
3. Will there be any liability to the Town of Hampton for receiving the workers compensation subsidy where the hearing officer has ordered 17 million dollars?
4. Will there be any financial liability to the town over the deductions made by our employees based on this decision.

Discussion ensued that this was too specific but consensus of the Board was that an action should be taken to get the Board of Selectman involved in the process. Selectman Representative Michael Pierce endorsed getting his board active. School Board Representative Virginia Bridle Russell requested the SAU 90 be added to the request.

MOVED: by Mary Louise Woolsey

SECONDED: by Brian Lapham to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and School Board SAU 90 that they make a concerted effort from now on to keep the public informed on the status of the legal decisions rendered in the "Final Order" against the LGC.

VOTE: 8 yes (Latimer, Woolsey, Ladd, Desrosiers, Grzybowski, Lapham, Plouffe, Sanphy), **0 no, 2 abstentions** (Pierce, Russell). **Motion passed.**

MOVED: by Brian Lapham, to insert the words "to monitor" after "from now on".

SECONDED: by Michael Pierce.

VOTE: 8 yes (Latimer, Woolsey, Ladd, Desrosiers, Grzybowski, Lapham, Plouffe, Sanphy), **0 no, 2 abstentions** (Pierce, Russell). **Motion passed.**

Chairman Latimer ended the meeting by saying that retired Hampton Fire Captain Dave Lang, (who has pursued the LGC for over a decade) will be providing our committee with additional information at our next meeting on Sept 18, giving a brief history and taking questions.

Motion to adjourn by Woolsey, **seconded** by Lapham.

Vote: Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:50 PM

**Eileen Latimer, Chairman
HMBC**