

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 20, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Pierce, Selectman Representative  
Robert Ladd, Precinct Representative  
Victor DeMarco  
Joe Grzybowski  
Brian Lapham  
Mark McFarlin  
Michael Plouffe  
Richard Reniere  
Diandra Sanphy

Excused

Richard Desrosiers

Unexcused

Pat Collins

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members of the Committee gave self-introductions.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2012 as amended.

**Vote:** 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Nickerson, Pierce). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer asked Mike Schwotzer, Finance Director, about the Selectmen's supplies and expenses being over expended. Mr. Schwotzer replied that it was for travel to Concord and legislative activities. Chairman Latimer then asked about the over expended amount in the Town Manager's supplies and expenses. Mr. Schwotzer said that was due to binding expense and this only occurs once every three years.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – Part 2

Cemeteries

Chairman Latimer welcomed Danny Kenney and Matt Shaw.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$119,528 for Cemeteries.

Mr. Kenney said work on the water is completed and the building is almost finished. Gates have been fixed. The next goal is to get trees and paving done. This will come from the Warrant Article. Mr. Kenney said they have created a co-management team within their crew which is working out really well. This has saved a lot of money.

Ms. Sanphy asked if there was money included for vandalism. Mr. Kenney said they are insured by the Town. Ms. Nickerson asked why there is a fence at the cemetery. Mr. Kenney replied that it is a deterrent to vandalism and discourages other activities.

Mr. DeMarco asked Mr. Kenney if he would be receiving a wage increase. Mr. Kenney said he was asked to turn in a flat budget and he did.

**Amendment made** by Mr. DeMarco, seconded by Ms. Nickerson to add \$1,245 to the Cemetery budget for a salary increase and \$217 for benefits for Mr. Kenney for a total budget for Cemeteries of \$120,990.

**Vote:** 9 yes, 1 no (Grzybowski), 2 abstentions (Pierce, Sanphy). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the main motion as amended.

**Vote:** 9 yes, 1 no (Grzybowski), 2 abstentions (Pierce, Sanphy). Motion passed.

Trustees of the Trust Fund

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$1,000 for Trustees of the Trust Fund.

**Vote:** 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Pierce). Motion passed.

### Welfare

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$56,885 for Welfare.

Fred Welch, Town Manager, said donations for food have been received from local churches in the past, but they are now having problems taking care of their own people.

Ms. Nickerson said the Episcopal Church is open every Saturday for distribution of food. There has been amazing work with the Boy Scouts on this endeavor. Chairman Latimer asked if there is any reimbursement on rental assistance. Mr. Welch said that there was some reimbursement. Chairman Latimer asked if there was any kind of work program. Mr. Welch said there was not because of the Workers' Compensation law.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### Mosquito Control

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$103,000 for Mosquito Control.

Mr. Reniere who is on the Mosquito Control Committee said that they now have a 3-year contract with Dragon and a lot of time and effort is being saved. Chairman Latimer asked if that includes larvaeciding, adultaciding and traps. Mr. Reniere said that it does. Mr. McFarlin asked what would happen if there was an unusually dry spring and not as much spraying is needed. Mr. Reniere replied that there would be an adjustment made by the vendor.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$159,770 as a total for Animal Control and Mosquito Control.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### Library

Chairman Latimer welcomed Amanda Cooper.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$845,588 for Library.

Ms. Cooper said the boilers were put in last year and the chiller and lighting were put in this year.

Chairman Latimer said thanks should go to Richard Desrosiers for his work on these projects.

Ms. Cooper said this budget increased 1.5% over last year.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### Recreation and Parks

Chairman Latimer welcomed Dyanna Martin, Director, Recreation and Parks.

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$240,029 for Recreation and Parks.

Ms. Woolsey noted that Recreation and Parks also has a revolving fund which generates revenue.

Ms. Martin said money was taken out of supplies and added to holiday decorations. A warrant article is being written to update a plan for ball fields.

**Vote:** 9 yes, 1 no (Lapham), 2 abstentions (DeMarco, McFarlin). Motion passed.

### Parking Lot Administration

**Moved** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$63,250 for Parking Lot Administration.

Ms. Martin said \$4,000 was removed from parking lot wages. She said she would like to have that put back in the budget because she cannot predict how many employees will be needed.

**Amendment made** by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. McFarlin, to add \$4,000 to Parking Administration for part-time wages.

**Vote** 7 yes, 4 no (Lapham, Nickerson, Pierce, Sanphy), 1 abstention (DeMarco). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the main motion as amended showing a total of \$67,250 for Parking Lot Administration.

**Vote:** 8 yes, 3 no (Lapham, Nickerson, Sanphy), 1 abstention (DeMarco). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer questioned the \$500 for the Recycling Committee. She said she felt this should come out of the DPW or BOS budget. These are temporary, not elected committees, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**Moved** by Ms. Nickerson, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to change to \$0 the line item for Recycling Committee.

Ms. Nickerson noted that when she was secretary to two such committees, she was paid out of the Board of Selectmen budget.

**Vote:** 10 yes, 2 no (Pierce, Reniere). Motion passed.

#### Heritage Commission

**Moved** by Mr. Plouffe, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$1,200 for Heritage Commission.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 29, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the Department of Public Works will be addressed.

#### Adjournment

**Moved** by Ms Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary