

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 4, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Ben Moore, Selectman Representative
Ginny Bridle, School Board Representative
Robert Ladd, Precinct Representative
Pat Collins
Victor DeMarco
Richard Desrosiers
Joe Grzybowski
Brian Lapham
Mark McFarlin
Michael Plouffe
Richard Reniere
Diandra Sanphy

Excused

Sandra Nickerson

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members of the Committee gave self-introductions.

Chairman Latimer expressed thanks to Experience Hampton and to all others who worked so hard to make the Christmas Parade a wonderful success.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the Minutes of November 29, 2012 as amended.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions (Bridle, McFarlin, Ladd). Motion passed.

Wind turbines were discussed. Mr. Desrosiers said a gentleman came to the Energy Committee meeting in October. He was interested in installing a cell tower with a wind turbine on Brown Avenue. Many questions were asked by the Energy Committee and he was asked to come back in January. However, the wind turbine is only large enough to

support cell systems on his tower and there would be nothing for the Town. The only benefit to the Town would be to lease space.

Mr. Desrosiers said an engineering study was done regarding the use of renewable energy at the waste water treatment plant. In order to support electricity it would be necessary to install a 300-foot tower, have 20-25 mile per hour winds and have a 160 KW turbine. The cost would be in excess of \$2 million. Ms. Woolsey said the Energy Committee has done a great job exploring this option.

Operating Budget

Mike Schwotzer, Finance Director, said the final total for the operating budget after adjustments is \$24,599,427.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Moore, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$24,599,427 as the 2013 Operating Budget for the Town of Hampton.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Debt Service

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Moore, to confirm the 2013 Debt Service at \$2,472,967.

Ms. Woolsey asked if there was any indebtedness that could be bundled to get a better interest rate. Mr. Moore said the question would be how much this would cost. However it can certainly be looked at.

Ms. Sanphy asked if the state revolving funds can be paid off. Mr. Schwotzer replied that they can.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Estimated Revenues

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to confirm the 2013 Estimated Revenues at \$6,094,921.

Mr. Schwotzer discussed revenues and said they are basically the same as last year.

Mr. Lapham asked why interest on deposit is a negative. Mr. Schwotzer said some money is received as interest, but bank fees are greater than the amount of interest.

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Vote: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer expressed thanks to the Board of Selectmen for getting warrant article information to the Committee in a timely manner.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the School budget will be addressed.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary