

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2014

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman  
Richard Reniere, Vice-Chairman  
Philip Bean, Selectman Representative  
Ginny Bridle, School Board Representative  
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative  
Pat Collins  
Richard Desrosiers  
Joe Grzybowski  
Timothy Citizen Jones  
Sunny Kravitz  
Stephen LaBranche  
Brian Lapham  
Mark McFarlin  
David Wood

Excused

Sandra Nickerson

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Committee made self-introductions.

Mr. Jones said that Selectman Bean has invited him to appear before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the BOS' legal authority to create positions. Mr. Jones said he has accepted Mr. Bean's invitation and is looking forward to this meeting. Mr. McFarlin noted that Mr. Jones would have to appear as an individual and not as a member of the Budget Committee.

Chairman Latimer welcomed Keith Noyes, Public Works Director. She said she would like to discuss drainage. There is a large warrant article for drainage. Mr. Noyes said they are asking for \$130,000 for sewer and \$30,000 for drainage for two areas. Chairman Latimer said \$130,000 was put in the budget last year and only half was spent. Mr. Noyes said he did not spend all of it because some money needed to be held for snow removal, etc. and he did not want to over spend.

Chairman Latimer asked if going forward there are any special projects planned for that \$130,000. Mr. Noyes said they are doing an inflow study for the Hampton Beach area. He wants to hold off until he receives the results. At this time Mr. Noyes said he cannot predict

what projects will be done. Mr. Noyes said they have a good set of sewer and drainage maps now, but they are doing this scientifically and will have results in June. There are a number of projects that they do want to do for the \$30,000.

Chairman Latimer told Mr. Noyes that she applauds the fact that he is trying to take DPW out of crisis management and give it some solid planning.

Mr. Grzybowski asked if DPW could do without the sidewalk sweeper listed for \$6,000 under Replacement Equipment. Mr. Noyes said they could but it is not cost effective. Mr. LaBranche said for \$6,000 he thinks it is important to have this equipment.

**Moved** by Mr. Grzybowski, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to remove \$6,000 from the DPW budget for Replacement Equipment.

Mr. Ladd asked if there was any way to get signage for evacuation routes. Mr. Noyes replied that this was an Emergency Management issue.

Mr. Wood said he felt the purchase of the sweeper made sense. Mr. Desrosiers said he felt it was a good investment.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 11 no (Bridle, Collins, Desrosiers, Jones, Kravitz, LaBranche, Ladd, Latimer, McFarlin, Reniere, Wood), 1 abstention (Bean). Motion failed.

Chairman Latimer said she would like to make a request that this purchase be listed as "New Equipment".

Mr. Reniere asked for an explanation of Storm Water Requirement. Mr. Noyes said it is a federal requirement to measure and test discharge of pollution in storm water.

The Committee then addressed the Conservation Commission budget.

**Moved** by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$33,252 for Conservation Commission.

**Vote:** 9 yes, 4 no (Grzybowski, Jones, Lapham, Latimer), 1 abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer then asked for a motion to approve the Operating Budget for the Town.

**Moved** by Mr. Desrosiers, seconded by Mr. LaBranche, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$26,047,282 for the Operating Budget for the Town of Hampton.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 1 no (Jones), 1 abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Ms. Bridle said the Collective Bargaining Agreement had been ratified by the Teachers Union.

**Moved** by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to recommend to the Public Hearing Warrant Article #2 (Hampton Schools) Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Bean, McFarlin). Motion passed.

#### Town Warrant Articles

Discussion was held on Article #15 (Grist Mill Dam) and Article #16 (High Street Culvert).

Mr. Noyes said Article #15 is to raise and appropriate \$400,000 for the purpose of decommissioning of the Grist Mill Dam to comply with the NH Department of Environmental Services Letter of Deficiency dated July 11, 2012 regarding structure and safety. This will also authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend for this purpose funds from the State of NH, the Federal Government and any private source that may become available.

Mr. Noyes said the dam would either have to be rebuilt or decommissioned. The Board of Selectmen prefer decommissioning as it is less costly. A grant has been applied for from the National Wildlife Service which would pay 75% towards decommissioning. To receive this grant, the culvert under High Street must be repaired (\$175,000).

A break was called at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Latimer said it is not appropriate to address the warrant articles at this meeting because they are still incomplete.

**Moved** by Mr. Reniere, seconded by Mr. LaBranche, to suspend review of the Town Warrant Articles until final articles are received from the Board of Selectmen.

**Vote:** 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

**Moved** by Chairman Latimer, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to ask Mr. Bean as the representative of the Board of Selectmen to go to the BOS to request that the Budget Committee receive finalized warrant articles by noon on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

**Vote:** 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2013 as amended.

**Vote:** 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Bridle, McFarlin). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer said the Minutes of January 7, 2014 will be tabled until the next meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the Town Warrant Articles will be addressed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary