HAMPTON *MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE*
MINUTES

Tuesday December 1, 2016

Selectmen's Meeting Room 7PM

Attendance:
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Chair
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair;
Regina Barnes, Selectman Representative
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative
Danielle Augustine
Steven Henderson
Timothy "Citizen" Jones
Sunny Kravitz
Stephen LaBranche
Brian Lapham
Michael Pierce
David Maurer

Absent
Virginia Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative, SAU 90

In Attendance
In Attendance: Fred Welch, Town Manager, Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director;

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Ms Woolsey.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call of the Members

4. Minutes of November 10, 2016

Motion	**Brian Lapham**	**to accept the Minutes of November 10, 2016, as written.**
Second	**Michael Plouffe**	**Approved: Unanimous**

5. Minutes of November 15, 2016

Motion	**Michael Plouffe**	**to accept the Minutes of November 15, 2016, as written.**
Second	**Michael Pierce**	**Approved: Unanimous** **Abstained: Timothy "Citizen" Jones**

6. IT Subcommittee

Mr Jones acknowledged that the Finance Director had responded to the IT Committee information request. The IT Audit Report is expected to be finished by the end of November.

Motion	**Timothy "Citizen" Jones**	**that the Chair request the Selectmen's Representative to provide the IT Audit Report to the Budget Committee.**
Second	**Michael Pierce**	**Approved: Unanimous**

7. Default Budget

Mr Pierce announced that he would assemble his Default Budget questions and comments for the next meeting.

8. Budget Committee

Mr Jones recommended removing the $300 training expense line used to send new members to a NH Municipal Association seminar. For the last two years NHMA had made the presentation to the entire Committee without cost which he preferred, and wondered if the Board of Selectmen would be inclined to continue that practice in 2017; Ms Woolsey agreed. Ms Barnes will seek an answer from the Selectmen. Mr Kravitz felt that he and Mr Jones had benefited from a lot more information gained by attending the seminar.

Ms Woolsey recalled that the NHMA representatives would not take questions from a Committee member in the public session, saying they represented the Board of Selectmen. Mr Lapham favored keeping the $300 in the budget so new members could attend a seminar and not be out of pocket. Mr LaBranche said the NHMA had distributed Basics of Budgeting with everything a member needed to know. Ms Barnes will ask for books for Mr Henderson, Mr Maurer and Ms Augustine.

9.Special Money Articles

Ms Woolsey read the text description of the purpose of each Article before the relative discussion, and said the decision(s) would be made at the final review. ["Boiler Plate" negotiation and implementation language is not included in the Minutes.]

Add Windows to the Children's Room at the Library

In attendance – Amanda Cooper, Director;

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $43,525 for the purpose of adding three new windows to the Children's Room of the Lane Memorial Library. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose of this article is completed or by March 31, 2019, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-0-0 Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2016 tax impact on $43,525 is .000 per $1,000 valuation (zero point zero cents per thousand dollars of valuation)**

Ms Woolsey suggested adding to the text that the window wall is in the Children's Room located in the basement. Ms Cooper said HVAC equipment had been removed from the wall area so the room would have outdoor light through the top third of the proposed new windows. In response to Mr Maurer, Ms Cooper said the size of each window was about 3x5 feet. In response to Mr LaBranche, Ms Cooper said the windows would open and close, and could be an emergency exit; bushes had been cleared away. In response to Mr Pierce, Ms Cooper said the details would be reviewed with the engineers.

Mr Kravitz noted the town's critical money needs, and suggested that the Trustee's Fund would be a good use for this project. Ms Cooper said there was $117,400 in the Trustees Fund which is reserved for emergency circumstances; she would not propose to use 37% of it for this project. Mr Maurer and Mr Pierce asked about the potential cost of widening the openings, and if this meant cutting into load bearing walls. Mr Lapham noted that the engineering had not yet been done. Ms Cooper said the engineering is included in the cost; she was told that this project was very doable. Mr Lapham asked if any money in the Library budget could be applied toward the cost. Ms Cooper said the line-items spending was very regimented and spent accordingly; they were asking for a $400 increase for 2017.

Mr Jones thought the cost of approximately $15,000/window was not compelling, noting that the Selectmen's lower floor meeting room space was adequate. Ms Cooper said that this library space had been used by four full time staff as well as children and families since 1985. Mr Jones had not heard reports of ill effects on children or others using that space until the warrant article request. He doubted thought that the windows dimensions would work for emergency egress under the building codes. Ms Woolsey recommended that Ms Cooper check with the Building Inspector prior to returning to the Budget Committee, and asked that a diagram be provided at the next discussion.

Department of Public Works Budget Hearing – Warrant Articles

In attendance: Chris Jacobs, Director, Jenifer Hale, Deputy Director,

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Church Street Force Main

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,442,000 *[increased from $3,207,100]* for the purpose of constructing the necessary upgrades and replacements of the two (2) old, undersized wastewater force mains between the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the first force main is made of ductile iron and was installed in 1987 and failed in early 2016 and was repaired. The second force main is made of asbestos concrete and was installed in 1969. It is necessary to have both force mains operating during the summer to transport the normal sewerage flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant during 6 months of the year to prevent backup and overtopping of the sewer system at Hampton Beach. The force mains are to be constructed along State Highway 101 from the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, therefore ceasing use of the aged and the inaccessible pipes that are located in the Marsh. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33)…**

Ms Woolsey asked for a diagram, and thought an explanation of what happens to the old lines would be helpful. Mr Jacobs said anything other than digging out the ends and filling the old lines with concrete would require a wetlands permit which the NHDES would not favor. The engineers were still reviewing the borings and routes, and will walk the right-of-way area with the NHDOT.

Mr Jacobs said the thought was to hang the new pipes off the old bridge but that cannot occur. Although more expensive, building a parallel bridge using the NHDOT wing walls is needed; possibly this could handle a foot and/or bike path. Ms Hale added that there was always a fluctuating range in preliminary cost estimates, so the number is not final. Mr Jacobs said $4,442,000 was the estimate for borrowing, and Ms Hale agreed unless someone proposes a less costly solution. Mr Jacobs explained that usually pipes are buried with a four-foot cover. In the Route 101 area for about 600 feet they would have to dig out more than a foot of muck and will encounter tidal water and a small amount of ledge. Ms Hale said they will avoid going into the marsh and directional borings were unnecessary. Mr Jones asked if the piping could be laid over the ground and covered with a six-foot berm that might hold a sidewalk. Mr Jacobs said that would freeze and there would be runoff onto Route 101; crushed stone needs to be added and the pipe wrapped with fabric for protection and insulation. Electrical and other utility lines would also be sheathed.

Mr Kravitz recommended clearly explaining the critical need as well as the consequences of “no action” up front so the taxpayers could understand the high price tag. Mr Ladd called attention to sea level rise and asked if sustainability was a factor for federal funds. Mr Jacobs said they had to show the design to the state agencies including the Coastal Program, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Natural Heritage Agency. Potential sea level rise would be considered because boaters must get under the bridge and can’t impede the flow. Mr Lapham asked for the construction time frame and materials cost. Mr Jacobs said the construction would end in October 2017; the most likely cost escalation would be high density polyethylene pipe. Ms Hale said they would need cost estimates for the 2017 Town Meeting and have documents ready to go after the vote. Ms Woolsey asked for design diagrams for the January 12, 2017 public hearing; further pricing adjustments could be made at that time. Mr Jones said this work should have been correctly done in 1969; the degree of risk of another break is unknown. The public hearing needs finality – not an uncertain number for voters. Mr Jacobs said they are working hard to have bid information for the deliberative session.

Mr Maurer and asked about contingency planning and suggested putting a sum aside in the event the voters turned down the warrant article, and another sewer break occurred. Mr Jacobs said the first force main repair cost was $180,000. If repeated, he would have to raid other budget lines e.g. repairs, outside training, street reconstruction and the like, because the state and the EPA would mandate the repair. Ms Hale added that another approach would be overland piping which would take about ten days and only be short-term; the parts might not be a great expense, but performing the repair would be expensive.

Mr Maurer asked for the time sequence for this year’s force main repair. Mr Jacobs said it was about three weeks between the notification and the completion of the work. Ms Hale noted that the first repair was during the summer and they did not go into the marsh. In response to Mr LaBranche, Mr Jacobs said both original pipes were 14 inches; going forward there would be two new 16-inch high density polyethylene pipes that would have manhole access for inspection and cleaning;– the best technology, pressure tested. Ms Barnes said the biggest advantage is that the DPW will be able to reach and maintain the pipes that sit in salt water. Hampton is required to submit and control the implementation schedule with performance milestones; the work had to be done by the end of October 2017. The Budget Committee should be sure that the public is informed about the importance of this project. Sustainability is most important and the public must be informed on the whole process.

Mr Pierce asked why they didn’t go both ways or use radar during the repair project. Mr Jacobs said technical crews were on hand to do that, but when the pipe was opened the lower part contained stones that would have taken a week to remove so they could inspect under the pipe; it was likely that they would reach tidal waters and muck and be unable get to the end. The linings were intact and there was

no internal erosion. Nothing catastrophic showed and they regularly have to conduct pressure testing. The decision was made to get back on line quickly rather than leave the pipes open. Mr Pierce suggested that radar could be used along the outside of the pipes. Mr Jacobs said that would not give sufficient surround viewing.

Mr Kravitz felt that to reach the voters the public had to be informed that if this is not done the EPA would close the beaches. Mr Jacobs said they did not want to threaten the public, but would have a power point for the deliberative session. Ms Hale said this would be online. In response to Ms Woolsey, Mr Jacobs said that the maximum distance between manholes was 300 feet. Ms Woolsey asked if the sand and grit gets carried to the wastewater treatment plant. Mr Jacobs said a bar catches larger items like towels, and the grit settles to the bottom and is then lifted out into a container that is periodically ported to the landfill. Mr Lapham asked if dye was used; Mr Jacobs said not after the pressure test. Ms Woolsey said to be sure the records were kept for future DPW work, and asked about the SRF funding potential. Mr Welsh said the state is in favor; the warrant has to pass. Ms Woolsey asked if the payback for any SRF funding would not start until 1 year after completion (late 2018). Mr Welsh confirmed this. In response to Mr Jones, Mr Jacobs said that with larger pipes the velocity would slow. If there were only one pipe, it couldn't be cleaned. There is insufficient pumping capacity for a third pipe. Mr Jacobs pointed out that Hampton's reputation is having one of the five best beaches. An incident would take 10 years to recover.

Lafayette Road Sewer

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,100,000 for the purpose of replacing the sewer main in Lafayette Road from its intersection with High Street to the intersection of Towle Avenue and Winnacunnet Road. The current main is composed of vitrified clay pipes 10 and 12 inches in size that were installed in 1934 and 1982 and are in failing condition. Various pieces are missing from the pipe making it impossible to properly clean and inspect the pipe or to reline the pipe; therefore, replacement is necessary before complete failure occurs. In the course of replacement, it will be necessary to excavate the eastern side of the highway that will require partial reconstruction of the roadway and patching and repairs. To provide a uniform roadway, it will be necessary to reconstruct the entire roadway, as explained in a companion warrant article; and Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33);…**

Ms Woolsey asked if the Lafayette Road sewer project could qualify for SRF (State Revolving Fund) funding. Mr Welch said yes because there had already been a major spill event. Ms Woolsey asked if the drainage repair would be addressed at the same time. Mr Jacobs said there were several factors concerning the area between Lamie's and the Galley Hatch/CVS. Experience Hampton has requested lanterns, better sidewalks, curbing, and doing something about the lack of drainage for the High Street parking lot. Aquarian wants to follow the sewer repairs with work on the water lines, and the gas company also would like to do some work. This would mean that pavement would be ripped up on both sides of the road. . All of this work would have to be scheduled in phases with the utility work done in the first year. One question is how to maintain vibrant businesses and traffic flow.

Mr Jacobs said another consideration is that when all of this work is done there would be very little pavement left, opening an opportunity for a "complete streets" approach that would address sidewalk and other complaints With a 2017 Town Meeting approval of a $300,000 contribution, the Capital Reserve

Fund would reach $1,500,000; the town would need to decide how these funds would be applied. Mr Pierce was concerned about the effect on the tax rate, which has yet to be figured.

In response to Mr Jones, Mr Jacobs said some cleaning was done in April. At some point a grease plug had loosened and lifted a manhole cover, so, they are reluctant to put cameras into pipes for fear of losing the cameras. Mr Jones asked if there was any reason to think it had gotten worse. Mr Jacobs thought it had, and Ms Hale explained about missing pieces of pipe on the top which could allow infiltration. Mr Jacobs said once the town knows there is a defect it had to be addressed.

Mr LaBranche asked how pieces could be missing from the pipe, yet it still flows. Mr Jacobs said top and side sections are missing, and Ms Hale noted these were old clay pipes. Mr Jacobs explained that the town treats about 950,000,000 gallons of effluent annually, but purchases about 3,500,000 gallons of water from Aquarian. This means that the balance of treatment is for ground water. Mr Pierce asked how so much grease gets into the sewage. Mr Jacobs said that came from residential neighborhoods

Mr Jones' view was that the Church Street project at the Beach had to be the highest priority because the risk had been realized and the impact on the town as a whole was enormous. Although there was a risk of stoppage, the Lafayette Road pipes were still working and did not seem to have the same level of jeopardy. Mr Jacobs said the town's arteries were its water and sewer lines; everything north of the 401 relies on this section of piping to work well. Mr Jones will review this situation prior to the final review.

Replace Bi-Centennial Park Seawall

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000,000 for the purpose of replacing the seawall at Bicentennial Park. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty years (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33);**

Ms Woolsey asked about the availability of state or federal monies to share responsibility with the town. Ms Hale explained that a coast guard station seawall has expanded and now the concrete is deteriorating; the wall had been in place for about 50 years. The issue is how to stabilize the wall when it is not attached to solid footing. In response to Ms Woolsey, Mr Welch explained that the site is town owned – therefore the environmental responsibilities belong to the town. Mr Pierce asked for the repair specifics, commenting that most of it looks like the wall is still in place. Ms Hale said last year's authorization was to do borings into the wall and core; the footings are unstable as well, and there is a no "trespassing" alert. In response to Ms Woolsey Ms Hale said preliminary work is being done on the pricing, and there should be an engineer's cost estimate for the January meeting. In response to Mr Jones, Ms Hale said they expected estimates for a "new" wall as well as partial repair(s), and the related engineering and permitting. Mr Jones thought more detail would be needed before a vote, and suggested that the warrant article could be shifted to cover just the approximate $200,000 design phase.

In response to Mr Ladd, Mr Jacobs said the analysis did take sea level rise into account. The wall could be caped and recapped to go higher in the future. The repair would drive pilings about 20 feet down into ledge, noting that the rest of the seawall was already secured to the ledge. Mr LaBranche asked for the footage that would protect the parking lot, and wondered if only rocks could suffice as at Plaice Cove. Mr Jacobs said the area covered 300 feet. The issue was that the tidal surge coming off the state wall would

be 2 feet lower and would channel sand out to Route 1A and beyond. Assistance is needed from the state to create temporary barricades. Mr LaBranche suggested that a wall could be only 100 or 200 feet with the natural dunes or rocks beyond.

In response to Mr Kravitz, Mr Jacobs explained that interlocking metal piles backfilled to the wall would rust, require maintenance, and would be a temporary fix escalating the costs down the road. Mr Maurer asked if there had been an estimate of how long a wall would last. Mr Jacobs the analysis went out 50 years and was more from the perspective of wave analysis data for sea level rise and climate change. In response to Mr Pierce, Mr Jacobs said the state took its pilings down to the bedrock and the Hampton work would have to be the same. Mr Lapham asked for the cost to fix what was broken. Mr Jacobs said the town wall was much lower than the state wall. Ms Woolsey said to the north, the Planning Board was encouraging owners to build bigger, higher, thicker, more substantial walls in front of their property.

Street and Sidewalk Improvements – Winnacunnet Road and High Street

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000,000 such appropriation to be offset by the reimbursement from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding estimated at $800,000, for the purpose of constructing street improvements along Winnacunnet Road including the creation of new sidewalks on both the north and south side, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming techniques, landscaping and new signage from the Centre School to Mill Road and the construction of a new sidewalk along the north side of High Street between Tobey Street [*Avenue]* and Five Corners where there currently is none, as recommended by the Safe Routes to School Plan, to provide a choice for non-motorized users that is safe, reliable and convenient;… This Article is contingent on the TAP Program funds…**

Ms Woolsey said this warrant article is based on the safe routes to school plan to make walking safer for children; the net cost to the town would be $200,000. Ms Hale said the school department had looked at areas throughout the town. The DPW had been able to do some sidewalks for ADA and handicap accessibility. The $1,000,000 includes the cost for the area from the Center School on Winnacunnet Road ending at Mill Street. The design and survey work is included in the warrant estimate. Ms Woolsey explained that because the school budget could not have a line-item for sidewalks on town land, the town would be the applicant for the grant. Mr Jacobs said the grant application received a high score on the basis of following up on the safe routes for school program, support from the School Board, and Master Plan intent.

Mr Kravitz felt that bike paths should be included; Mr Jacobs said that was a consideration. Mr Jones was inclined to support this project, noting the town's ultimate cost would be $200.000, and asked if everything had to be done. He was concerned that the work might not be completed and more funding requested subsequently. Ms Hale said sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks had to be done, traffic calming techniques would be included, signage as to the school zone and landscaping was appropriate. This is a competitive grant and the state's decision on the plan Hampton submitted should be in December. If awarded, they would have to work within the budget submitted. In response to Mr Pierce, Ms Hale said the entire scope would be from Lafayette Road to Mill Street.Mr Maurer asked if the sidewalk surface would be concrete or asphalt. Ms Hale said asphalt is less expensive and did not require granite curbing; concrete needs maintenance. That decision would be made when they know if the grant is received.

Paving Highway Block Grant

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $650,000 for improvements to streets consisting of paving overlays, adjustments to structures to permit paving, repairs and replacements to drainage, crack sealing, curbing installation and improvements to the following streets: Ann's Lane, Merrill Industrial Drive, and Drakeside Road, including the paving and roadway reconstruction required with the removal of the railroad trestle abutments. Said appropriation to be offset by the State Highway Block Grant estimated to be $307,854. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the projects are completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever occurs sooner?...**

Ms Woolsey favored the focus is on three high priority streets, but suggested inserting language specifying that any monies left over could be directed to the next highest priority street. Mr Jacobs agreed. Mr Peirce said in that event, the priority should depend on the condition of roadways, and not on political considerations. Mr Jacobs said they were following the pavement listing in the CIP, and commented that the sub strait of the road must be done before any paving. In response to Mr Kravitz, Mr Jacobs explained that in 7 years a newly paved street would likely need crack sealing; micro surfacing 7 years later, and probable replacement after 20 years, noting that roads differ in usage and when they wear out.

Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300,000 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 16 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35 for the purpose of maintenance and/or reconstruction of streets?**

Ms Woolsey indicated that the amount of the highway reserve fund was about $1,200,000. Her understanding was the fund was meant for big projects like Exeter Road, and thought in the future the annual request might be more realistic at $500,000. Smaller projects could be accommodated within the highway block grants. Mr Lapham thought that some of that fund had been used by the Selectmen.

Asset Management for Stormwater and Wastewater Assets

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000 to assist the Department of Public Works in the development of an asset management program for stormwater and wastewater assets. Said appropriation to be offset by $60,000 in principal loan forgiveness under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF);**

Mr Jacobs said the SRF was a loan forgiveness program allocated in $30,000 and $60,000 tranches. The town had been approved for participation; there is no tax impact. It is necessary to put this to the warrant because technically this is a loan, but it will be totally forgiven. The funds will be used to buy the software and equipment including tablets to create work orders and digitally monitor them to completion. The system keeps track of costs, repairs, etc in real time. Mr Jones asked if this will be used generally. Mr Welch said eventually. In response to Mr Jones, Mr Jacobs said this system would be housed on the

CLOUD and not require a separate server. Mr Lapham asked if the money had to be paid back. Mr Welsh explained that this had to be a “raise and appropriate” warrant article to allow the town to accept the money.

Sidewalks

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 for the maintenance, repair, re-construction, and replacement of sidewalks, this shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until this project is completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever is sooner**

Ms Woolsey asked about the unused sidewalk allocation, and what happened to Towle Avenue. Ms Hale said the funds had been spent but the billings not received; Towel Avenue had a right-of-way problem. Mr Jones asked to see the town-wide sidewalk plan, and thought that if contractors were offered multi-year contracts, they be encouraged to submit bids. Ms Hale said the problem with multi-year commitments occurs when the funding for a later year is not approved. Mr Jacobs said they cannot commit future Board’s of Selectmen, so the contract would have to have an escape clause as well as escalation clauses in re fuel, etc costs. One solution would be to tie sidewalk work to larger scale water, sewer or road work. Mr Jones wanted to get an idea of how much money would be needed to get all the town sidewalks. Mr LaBranche noted there was $26,000 for sidewalks in the regular budget; the $25,000 in this warrant article would have to be spent on sidewalks. Mr Jacobs said the line-item in the budget would be spent on sidewalks, unless there were a catastrophe.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Audit

There being no questions or comments.

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,060 to contract for a detailed process level energy audit of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Pump Stations. Said appropriation to be offset by $16,060 in principal loan forgiveness under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)… and To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments…**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

There being no questions or comments.

> **Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day during calendar year 2017; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen (a) to permit the Towns of Hampton Falls and New Castle to participate in said collection day at their own expense, and (b) to apply for, accept and expend for such purposes any funds from the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Government, and any private source as may become available**

11. General Discussion

Mr Ladd asked if a Capital Reserve Fund to address sea level rise issues had ever been considered. Mr Jacobs said this would appear in designs for resiliency and sustainability on a project-by-project basis e.g. the seawall, a new generator Although he was in favor of addressing these issues, the question was how to quantify and justify funding for 50 or 100 year events, and how would money be spent. In Mr Ladd's view the problems needed to be addressed by the town on a broader scale. Mr Jacobs agreed, and suggesting looking at insurance, reexamining building codes and planning regulations, for example, should foundations be in line with wave action, the use of sea wall gates and subsequently to identify projects for the next 3 – 5 years and to look beyond only town owned property. Mr Ladd asked if this type of planning, i.e. to look at the totality of assets at risk, was on the horizon. Mr Jacobs said his priority had to be the force main, solid waste study etc.; other planning would be about three years out. For example, with the asset management system he would be able to quantify property and manhole elevations. Mr Jones recommended inquiring into the Amsterdam and Venice experience and how these venues had managed to survive and thrive.

Mr Pierce called attention to a labor contract provision in re part-time and foreman prohibitions. Mr Jacobs said when there is a vacancy they pick the most qualified individual.

Mr LaBranche recalled that a wash-down facility had been termed a priority last year, and asked the status. Mr Jacobs said he had submitted 29 Warrant Articles totaling approximately $10,000,000 and the Selectmen selected the most important for 2017.

Adjournment

Motion	**Stephen LaBranche**	**to adjourn the December 1, 2016 Budget Committee meeting at 9:47 PM.**
Second	**Brian Lapham**	**Approved: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Kravitz, Recording Secretary
Town of Hampton Budget Committee