

DRAFT MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2020

Present: Brian Warburton, Chair

Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair

Steven Henderson

Joyce Skaperdas

Larry Quinn

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Regina Barnes, Selectman Representative

Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager

Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director

Attending via Teleconference

Bob Ladd, Village District Representative

Stephen LaBranche

Absent

Ginny Russell-Bridle, SAU 90 Representative

Call to Order – Chairman Warburton 6:59pm

As Chairman of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee, I have determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of the [Committee] members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governors Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming: We are utilizing an audio teleconference service for this electronic meeting. All members of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform by calling toll free 1-857-444-0744 and use the code 156034. If anybody has a problem, please call 603-929-5805

Pledge of Allegiance- Mr. Steve Henderson

Introduction of Members (Roll Call)

Chairman and Town Manager confirm no more petition warrant articles have come in.

DPW Collective Bargaining Contract

Was just ratified over the weekend. Mr. Henderson moves the agreement, seconded by Mr. Plouffe for discussion. \$224,943 is the total in this contract vs last year's \$382,397

Chairman Warburton reads warrant Article 9:

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 (DPW employees), which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels, over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year: Estimated Increase (over previous year level) 2021 (39 weeks) \$71,442 2022 (52 weeks) \$76,447 2023 (52 weeks) \$63,406 2024 (13 weeks) \$13,628 And to further raise and appropriate \$71,442 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dpt.) The estimated 2021 tax impact on \$71,442 is \$0.019 per \$1,000 valuation (one point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Chairman points out the breakdown of the weeks. Will start April of this year and 2022 and 2023 will be full years.

Discussion around article. Mr. Henderson says this article is to the "unsung heroes" in town. Roundtable stating the board supports the article. **Motion by Mr. Henderson, Seconded by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote 8-0**

Board reaffirms their vote for Article 18. Sum was adjusted in article to \$106,950 **Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0**

Chairman provides update on where we are at, recap of the year.

Chairman gives special thanks to Mr. Plouffe.

Selectmens Update: Selectman Barnes provides update on Fire Department Study. Says there's a few consultants they are looking at estimated at around \$15,000-\$20,000. If this was done during the COVID19 landscape, they would be doing the study remotely vs. coming in person.

The board has posted a meeting for tomorrow at 3pm incase any petitioned articles come in. Also another one for Friday morning at 10.

Public hearing on Comcast was held.

Chairman asks Town Manager if it comes out of proposed 2021 budget and Mr. Sullivan confirms.

School Board Update Public hearing for school budget is this Thursday (SAU90) Warrants can be found on the SAU website. Menu-Operations-Business Office-Budgets.

Village District Update Chairman asks Mr. Ladd if Tuesday, February 16th works for Village District to come in to budget meeting. Budget committee is required by law to look at Village District budget since it's a part of the town.

Any other town information requests? Roundtable, all a "No"

Chairman brings up article that was posted in Seacoast Online about Portsmouth and their budget. Discussion around article and retirement percentages.

Discussion continued.

Discussion around looking closer at Hampton's relationship with the state moving forward.

Minutes 1/5 7:37pm Roll Call Vote 7-0-1

Minutes 1/7 Edit: Village District GAVE back on budget. **Moved by Henderson, seconded by Mr. Plouffe**
Roll Call Vote Yes 8-No 0

Chairman Warburton reiterates public hearing on school and town budgets is call in only. Agenda is posted on the town website. January 30th is the deliberative session for the town budget. In person only.

Motion to adjourn 7:46 moved by Henderson Seconded by Plouffe Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0