

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 20, 2007

Budget Committee Members Present

Mary-Louise Woolsey, Chairman
Michael Plouffe, Vice-Chairman
William Lally, Selectman Representative
Gary Kubik, Precinct Representative
Maury Friedman
Jack Lessard
Richard Nichols
Michael Pierce
Norman Silberdick

Unexcused

Russ Bernstein
Rusty Bridle
Pat Collins
Dick Hansen
Eileen Latimer

Chairman Woolsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Woolsey said that this meeting was a work session, public hearing and final review for the Hampton Beach Village Precinct.

Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2007

Moved by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2007, as amended.

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

A change was made to the Minutes to add Gary Kubik, Precinct Representative, to the list of members present.

Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2007

Moved by Mr. Plouffe, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2007.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Lally, Lessard). Motion passed.

Chairman Woolsey introduced John Kane and Maureen Buckley, Hampton Beach Precinct Commissioners.

OPERATING BUDGET

The total proposed budget for 2007 is \$528,325 vs. the 2006 budget of \$488,300.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive - \$3,850

Mr. Kane said this amount is the same as last year. It is basically a stipend for the Commissioners.

Financial Administration - \$7,040

The increase is due to higher bookkeeping costs.

Legal Expenses-\$10,000

Decrease from last year due to fire station lease being set.

Garage Maintenance - \$10,000

Same as last year.

Garage Attendant - \$14,000

Increase due to larger number of concerts to be held. Revenues will also increase.

Playground - \$8,000

Same as last year.

Insurance - \$11,000

Same as last year.

Other General Government - \$117,435

Increase due to additional election expense, higher rate for secretarial services, banners and beautification and addition of Flowers in Memory.

Total General Government - \$182,825

CULTURE & RECREATION

Advertising - \$140,000

Entertainment - \$78,000

Increase due to higher cost for bands.

Idol Competition - \$7,000

Increase to addition of additional night.

Children's Week - \$6,000

Same as last year.

Fireworks - \$47,000

Increase due to fireworks which come from overseas.

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Sand Sculptures - \$59,500

Increase due to more sculpture and increase for lodging, sand transportation and prize money.

Volleyball Competition - \$2,500

Same as last year. Co-sponsored with Hampton Recreation Department.

HB Ambassadors - \$5,500

These are personnel who coordinate events and activities.

Total Culture & Recreation - \$345,500

Total Proposed Budget for 2007 - \$528,325

Moved by Mr. Kubik, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to recommend to the Public Hearing the proposed operating budget figure of \$528,325.

Mr. Nichols said he was concerned about the revenues. He asked why the projection for 2007 is so much less than what the revenues actually were last year. Mr. Kane replied that if they project higher revenues and don't achieve that amount, they are penalized by the state. Therefore, they always underestimate revenues.

Mr. Nichols asked about the Marketing Services amount of \$30,000. He asked why it is so high since only \$10,000 was spent in 2006. Mr. Kane replied that they had a firm that did PR only and that he had basically done the marketing himself. Now he has taken on the entire position and that will be his compensation.

Mr. Lally commented that the sand sculpture amount seems very high. Mr. Kane said that these sculptors are the best in the world and we have to pay for their transportation, lodging, etc. It is important to remember the revenue that will be generated by this event.

Vote: 8 yes, 1 no (Nichols). Motion passed.

REVENUES

Moved by Mr. Kubik, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to recommend the estimated revenues of \$73,996 to the Public Hearing.

Vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Nichols, Silberdick). Motion passed.

Chairman Woolsey closed the work session at 8:19 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments.

FINAL REVIEW

Chairman Woolsey asked the Committee members if they were comfortable with recommendations made on this budget. They agreed that they were.

Chairman Woolsey said that the next big event is the election on Tuesday, March 13. The next Budget Committee meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. This meeting will be the reorganization meeting of this Committee. Chairman Woolsey said that it had been a good year and thanked everyone for their hard work, interest and participation. She also thanked Mr. Nickerson for his help.

Mr. Silberdick said that some students at Hampton Academy are trying to generate money for the refurbishment of the tennis courts. He said he wanted to commend the organizers of this effort. He encouraged people to contribute by sending a check to the Hampton Academy Student Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Lessard **moved**, seconded by Mr. Pierce, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary

Mary-Louise Woolsey, Chairman