

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 12, 2010

Budget Committee Members Present

Larry Stuker, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Maureen O'Leary, School Board Representative
June White, Precinct Representative
Dick Hansen
Brian Lapham
Eileen Latimer
Jack Lessard
Michael Pierce
Michael Plouffe
Richard Reniere

Excused

Pat Colins
Mark McFarlin
Peter Traynor

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Stucker introduced the members of the Board. It was noted that Peter Traynor had leg surgery today and the Committee wished him a speedy recovery.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Chairman Stuker welcomed Fred Welch, Town Manager, Mike Schwotzer, Finance Director, and Teresa McGinnis, Operations Manager for the Public Works Department

Highways & Bridges

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to move forward to the public hearing the amount of \$2,015,992 for Highways & Bridges.

Mr. Lapham asked if this included anything pertaining to the lighting at the beach. Mr. Schwotzer said it did not.

Mr. Pierce asked why part-time wages went down and there is an increase in regular wages. Ms. McGinnis said this is a result of a reorganization of the department. Mr. Pierce noted that the amount for roads resurfacing was reduced and there might be some resurfacing that really is needed. Mr. Welch said they are trying to balance out the load and to work in a reasonable amount of time with a reasonable amount of effort. Mr. Pierce

asked about drainage east of Lafayette Road. Mr. Welch said they are working on that area and the drains are being cleaned out.

Mr. Pierce asked why tree maintenance has been reduced. Mr. Welch said they have taken down a lot of trees and know what still has to be done. The pine trees in the cemetery are a concern. If the cemetery trustees come up with a plan, the Town will work with them.

Ms. White asked about the lighting at the beach. Mr. Welch said it will be completed by the spring.

Ms. Woolsey asked for a copy of the organizational chart for the PWD. Mr. Welch said he would supply the chart.

Ms. Latimer discussed sidewalk reconstruction. Mr. Welch said the School Department is working on this and the Town is cooperating in any way they can. There is a Federal safety law and there is money available for this. Ms. Woolsey asked if the Town would be responsible for maintaining the sidewalks. Mr. Welch said it would.

Ms. Latimer asked about equipment replacement. Mr. Welch said that is for two pickup trucks.

Chairman Stuker asked what role or responsibility the power company has for trimming trees. Mr. Welch said they are responsible within the layout of a public road.

Ms. Latimer discussed impact fees. Mr. Welch said nothing is being done this year and he would suggest that the Committee send a letter to the Planning Board requesting them to submit a warrant article to allow the use of these fees.

Moved by Ms. Latimer, seconded by Mr. Pierce, that the Budget Committee send a letter to the Planning Board requesting that they consider submitting a warrant article in the March 2011 Warrant to allow for impact fees for future development which would address the infrastructure needs such as sewers, drainage, highways, sidewalks, etc. of the Town.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (O'Leary). Motion passed.

Chairman Stuker then asked for a vote on the main motion.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Sanitation

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the public hearing the amount of \$3,396,768 for Sanitation.

Ms. Woolsey asked if enforcement has been stepped up for grease traps. Mr. Welch said yes and it is getting more stringent. Ms. Woolsey asked about a sludge press. Mr. Welch said his recommendation is to get two presses. This would have to be a warrant article.

Mr. Welch said there is currently a bid out for transfer haul and recyclables. Therefore the budget is not finished in that area. There is a request to the Selectmen to obtain two one-arm packer trucks.

Ms. Latimer asked if gas prices had been negotiated or contracted. Mr. Welch said they are in the process of switching because it is cheaper at the pump.

Chairman Stuker asked for a vote on the main motion.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Rolling Stock

Rolling stock was discussed.

Ms. Woolsey asked about how long the packers last. Mr. Welch said other towns are using them because it saves so much money. This would free employees to work in drainage, etc. There will be light maintenance because these packers are heavy duty vehicles. Workers Comp costs would also go down.

Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2010

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to approve the Minutes of November 2, 2010.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Hansen). Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and which time the Fire Department will be addressed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Lessard **moved**, seconded by Mr. Hansen, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary