

**HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 2, 2014**

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Michael Plouffe, Vice-Chairman
James Waddell, Selectman Representative
Jerry Znoj, School Board Representative
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative
Glenn Farrell
Joe Grzybowski
Timothy Citizen Jones
Sunny Kravitz
Stephen LaBranche
Brian Lapham
Jim O'Loughlin
Michael Pierce
Richard Reniere
David Wood

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members of the Committee made self-introductions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Latimer welcomed Chief Richard Sawyer. Chief Sawyer then introduced the new Deputy Chief Dave Hobbs.

Administration

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Jones, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$483,730 for Administration.

Chief Sawyer answered questions submitted by the Committee.

Chief Sawyer said there are no discretionary raises in this budget. They are all tied to Collective Bargaining Agreements. Chief Sawyer discussed Tuition. He said a number of officers are using this and a good number are going further in their education. This is part of Town policy. As you move up to graduate degrees, this becomes more expensive. Regarding the Uniform account, Chief Sawyer said this was also used for badges and awards. Regarding Supplies & Expenses, software support has increased.

Chief Sawyer discussed Vehicle Maintenance. He said the department's vehicles are getting older and more must be spent on maintenance. When asked about New Equipment, Chief Sawyer said this account is for work stations (computers, etc.) and age and technology drives this.

Chairman Latimer said she would like to see some of the surplus from this year used to take care of badges, etc. Assistant Town Manager Jamie Sullivan said all departments are watching this closely and will buy low priority items with surplus.

Amendment made by Mr. Lapham, seconded by Mr. Znoj, to reduce the amount for Administration by \$6,000 by removing \$2,000 from Uniform Allowance and \$4,000 from New Equipment.

Vote: 3 yes, 11 no (Grzybowski, Jones, LaBranche, Ladd, Latimer, O'Loughlin, Plouffe, Reniere, Waddell, Wood, Znoj), 1 abstention (Kravitz). Amendment failed.

Amendment made by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to reduce the amount for Administration by \$2,000 by removing the \$2,000 from Uniform Allowance.

Chief Sawyer said there are a number of new people coming in and it takes a substantial amount to outfit an officer. Chief Sawyer said he would not recommend a cut.

Vote: 4 yes, 10 no (Gryzbowski, Kravitz, LaBranche, Ladd, Latimer, O'Loughlin, Plouffe, Reniere, Waddell, Wood), 1 abstention (Jones). Amendment failed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the original motion to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$483,730 for Administration.

Vote: 12 yes, 3 no (LaBranche, Pierce, Znoj). Motion passed.

Crime Control & Investigations

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$439,418 for Crime Control & Investigations.

Chief Sawyer said raises are CBA only. Uniform Pay is contractual and is an increase in CBA uniform allowance. Career Incentive is for people who already have degrees and is a CBA contractual stipend. Regarding Supplies & Expenses, Chief Sawyer said this relates to investigations such as in drug enforcement.

Amendment made by Mr. Lapham, seconded by Mr. Kravitz, to reduce the amount for Crime Control & Investigations by \$249 by removing \$249 from Consultants.

Vote: 3 yes, 12 no (Farrell, Gryzbowski, Jones, LaBranche, Ladd, Latimer, O'Loughlin, Pierce, Plouffe, Reniere, Waddell, Wood). Amendment failed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the original motion to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$439,418 for Crime Control & Investigations.

Vote: 12 yes, 3 no (Lapham, Pierce, Znoj). Motion passed.

A break was called at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

Traffic Control & Patrol

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$2,128,442 for Traffic Control & Patrol.

When asked about Overtime Training Wages, Chief Sawyer said that this is for required training. Mr. Wood pointed out that the Committee should be looking at what is needed now, not what has been done in the past. The Police Department is the face of Hampton.

Amendment made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to add \$1,000 to Traffic Control & Patrol by adding \$1,000 to Training & Recruitment.

Vote: 6 yes, 9 no (Farrell, Grzybowski, Kravitz, LaBranche, Lapham, Latimer, Pierce, Plouffe, Znoj). Amendment failed.

Amendment made by Mr. Lapham, seconded by Mr. Jones, to reduce the amount for Traffic Control and Patrol by \$249 by removing \$249 from Consultants.

Chief Sawyer said this amount is for debriefing officers after critical incidents and he would disagree with this amount being cut.

Vote: 2 yes, 13 no (Farrell, Grzybowski, Kravitz, LaBranche, Ladd, Latimer, O'Loughlin, Pierce, Plouffe, Reniere, Waddell, Wood, Znoj). Amendment failed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a vote on the main motion to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$2,128,442 for Traffic Control & Patrol.

Vote: 13 yes, 2 no (Jones, Pierce). Motion passed.

Training

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Jones, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$49,324 for Training.

Chief Sawyer said most of this line item is for firearms training.

Vote: 13 yes, 2 no (Pierce, Znoj). Motion passed.

Support Services

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$812,797 for Support Services.

Vote: 13 yes, 2 no (Pierce, Znoj). Motion passed.

Police Station & Buildings

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$188,901 for Police Station & Buildings.

Vote: 13 yes, 1 no (Znoj), 1 abstention (Jones). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer asked for a motion for the total of \$4,102,612 for Police Department.

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the total amount of \$4,102,612 for Police Department.

Vote: 11 yes, 4 no (Jones, Lapham, Pierce, Znoj). Motion passed.

Emergency Management

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$1,000 for Emergency Management.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Animal Control

Moved by Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$59,772 for Animal Control.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2014.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2014.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions (Pierce, Waddell, Wood). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2014.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Kravitz, O'Loughlin). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2014.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions (LaBranche, Pierce, Reniere). Motion passed.

The Minutes of June 17, 2014 and October 21, 2014 will be addressed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Znoj, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary