

**HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday January 9, 2018**

**Selectmen's Meeting Room 7PM**

**Attendance**

Stephen LaBranche, Chair  
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair  
Timothy "Citizen" Jones  
Sunny Kravitz  
David Maurer  
Brian Lapham  
Steven Henderson  
Danielle Augustine  
Regina Barnes, Selectman Representative  
Maureen Buckley, Hampton Beach Village District Representative

**Absent**

Virginia Bridle-Russell, SAU90 Representative

**1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Mr LaBranche**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance by Ms Augustine**

**3. Introduction of Members**

Members introduced themselves; Mr LaBranche indicated that Barbara Kravitz, Recording Secretary, was present. Town Manager Fred Welsh and Finance Director Kristi Pulliam in attendance.

**4. Money Warrant Articles**

**(i) Christmas Parade**

Mr LaBranche read the petitioned Warrant Article to pay \$3,000 to Experience Hampton to help defray costs of the 2018 Christmas Parade.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Michael Plouffe</b>	<b>to recommend the sum of \$3,000 be paid to Experience Hampton to help defray costs for the Hampton Christmas Parade in FY2018.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Steven Henderson</b>	<b>Approved: Stephen LaBranche, Michael Plouffe, Timothy "Citizen" Jones, Sunny Kravitz, David Maurer, Brian Lapham, Steven Henderson, Danielle Augustine, Maureen Buckley, Abstained: Regina Barnes,</b>

**(ii) Grist Mill Dam**

Mr LaBranche read the \$100,000 petitioned 2018 Warrant Article to provide additional funding to complete the reconstruction and associated activities of the Grist Mill Dam and to extend the completion date to the sooner of completion of the repair or rebuilding of the Grist Mill Dam or March 31, 2020; funds to come from the unassigned general fund balance; no tax impact.

Mr Welsh discussed the elements of this proposal with the Committee, including the purpose and need for the additional funding, the history and various previous approvals relating to this property, the impact of state regulations, enabling water control, and relative merits of passage or failure of the warrant article.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>David Maurer</b>	<b>to recommend the sum of \$100,000 in FY2018 to provide additional funding to complete the reconstruction and associated activities of the Grist Mill Dam and to extend the completion date to the sooner of completion of the repair/rebuilding or March 31, 2020.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Brian Lapham</b>	<b>Approved: Stephen LaBranche, Michael Plouffe, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Sunny Kravitz, David Maurer, Steven Henderson, Danielle Augustine, Maureen Buckley, Opposed: Brian Lapham Abstained: Regina Barnes</b>

**(iii) Mace Road Sidewalk**

Mr LaBranche read the \$520,000 petitioned Warrant Article to construct ADA compliant sidewalks on the west side of Mace Road.

Mr Welsh discussed with the Committee the neighborhood petition requested in part for safe access to a refurbished playground, the costs therefore. Committee comments included the roadway or land taking, and ADA compliance issues, and that the request was not brought forward by the DPW in the town’s sidewalk plans as a FY2018 priority.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>David Maurer</b>	<b>to recommend the sum of \$520,000 in FY2018 to construct ADA compliant sidewalks on the west side of Mace Road.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Regina Barnes</b>	<b>Opposed: Stephen LaBranche, Michael Plouffe, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Sunny Kravitz, David Maurer, Steven Henderson, Danielle Augustine, Maureen Buckley, Brian Lapham Abstained: Regina Barnes</b>

#### **(iv) Cemetery Tree Removal**

Mr LaBranche read the petitioned \$50,000 Warrant Article to remove or trim trees in the Cemetery in FY2018. Mr Welsh discussed this request with the Committee, noting that there were substantial funds in a cemetery trust fund.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>David Maurer</b>	<b>to recommend \$50,000 in FY2018 for removal or trimming of dead or dying trees in the Cemetery.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Michael Plouffe</b>	<b>Opposed: Stephen LaBranche, Michael Plouffe, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Sunny Kravitz, David Maurer, Steven Henderson, Danielle Augustine, Maureen Buckley, Brian Lapham Abstained: Regina Barnes</b>

#### **(v) One Sky Community Services**

Mr LaBranche read the \$7,000 petitioned Warrant Article to support One Sky Community Services in providing vital support and services to Hampton residents with developmental or intellectual disabilities in FY2018.

Mr Welsh discussed this request with the Committee noting that 70 Hampton individuals were being served. Although the warrant article was submitted late in the process, the CEO, Hampton resident Chris Muns, had previously explained the services to the Selectmen. The Committee was concerned about the lack of information about the non-profit group; Mr Muns was encouraged to provide details at the Public Hearing.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>David Maurer</b>	<b>to recommend the sum of \$7,000 to support One Sky Community Services in FY2018.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Sunny Kravitz</b>	<b>In favor: Sunny Kravitz, Danielle Augustine, , Maureen Buckley, Opposed: Stephen LaBranche, Michael Plouffe, David Maurer, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Steven Henderson, Brian Lapham Abstained: Regina Barnes</b>

### **5. Final Operating Budget Review**

Ms Pulliam distributed the FY2018 Final Budget Review figures together with a list of adjustments already made by the Budget Committee and/or were otherwise proposed during the budget process, including the gas and diesel cost basis. Ms Pulliam then explained the detail in re each adjustment (increase or decrease) resulting in an overall decrease reflected in the final adjusted operating budget to \$27,225,312. The budget was also provided in the format to be submitted to the NHDRA.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Timothy “Citizen” Jones</b>	<b>to adopt all line-item adjustments in the FY2018 Final Operating Budget as presented by the Finance Director on January 9, 2018.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Steven Henderson</b>	<b>Approved: Unanimous</b>

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Timothy “Citizen” Jones</b>	<b>to recommend to the voters the sum of \$27,225,312 as the bottom line FY2018 Town of Hampton Operating Budget.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Steven Henderson</b>	<b>Approved: Stephen LaBranche, Sunny Kravitz, Danielle Augustine, : Regina Barnes Maureen Buckley, Brian Lapham Opposed: , Michael Plouffe, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, David Maurer, Steven Henderson,</b>

Mr LaBranche commended Ms Pulliam, Mr Welsh, town staff and Committee members for their work on the FY2018 Budget.

**6. Approve Minutes**

**November 21, 2017**

Mr LaBranche noted a requested typographical change had been made.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Sunny Kravitz</b>	<b>to accept the Minutes of November 21, 2017 with one typographical change.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Michael Plouffe</b>	<b>Approved: Sunny Kravitz, Stephen LaBranche, David Maurer, Danielle Augustine, Regina Barnes Michael Plouffe, Steven Henderson, Abstained: Maureen Buckley, Brian Lapham Not voting: Timothy “Citizen” Jones</b>

**December 14, 2017**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Regina Barnes</b>	<b>to accept the Minutes of December 14, 2017 as written.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Michael Plouffe</b>	<b>Approved: Stephen LaBranche, Sunny Kravitz, David Maurer, Regina Barnes, Michael Plouffe, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Steven Henderson, Brian Lapham Abstained: Maureen Buckley, Danielle Augustine,</b>

Minutes of December 19, 2017 were not listed on the Agenda and will be considered at a subsequent meeting with Mr Plouffe and Mr Lapham as excused.

**7. Selectmen’s Update/Report**

Ms Barnes announced that the Selectmen’s Public Hearing on the Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 6PM.

**8.Village District Update/Report**

Ms Buckley was concerned about the lack of discussion in re the flooding at the Beach, and felt that something had to be done. Mr LaBranche had received many calls and messages from residents about flooding in homes, capped drains and the like. Individuals need to speak up because help from the State and the Congress was needed, noting that for 15 years Salisbury, MA worked on solutions and had built a wall. Damage to taxable property is a concern. Mr Jones commented that owners know the risks and the drainage needed to be managed.

**9. School District Update/Report**

There being none.

**10. CIP Update**

For future discussion.

**11. Other business**

Mr LaBranche reminded that the Budget Committee Public Hearing is on January 11, 2018 at the Academy when the public is invited to speak. January 16 is a possible snow date.

**12. Adjournment**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Timothy “Citizen” Jones</b>	<b>to adjourn the January 9, 2018 Municipal Budget Committee meeting at 9:12PM.</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Brian Lapham</b>	<b>Approved: Unanimous</b>

Respectfully Submitted by  
Barbara Kravitz, Recording Secretary  
Municipal Budget Committee  
Town of Hampton