

## DRAFT MINUTES

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2020

**Present:** Brian Warburton, Chair  
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair  
Larry Quinn  
Steven Henderson  
Joyce Skaperdas  
Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager  
Regina Barnes, Selectmens Rep  
Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director

#### **Attending via Teleconference**

Stephen LaBranche  
Ginny Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative  
Colleen Poisson

#### **Absent**

Bob Ladd, Village District 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 lead by Joyce Skaperdas 7:01pm**

**Introduction of Members 7:01pm**

**Minutes December 15 7:02pm**

Edits

Page 4: Numerical change to \$96,315

Page 5: Cemetery numerical change to \$142,415

Hydrants Section: Numerical to \$515,665

Page 6: Library Section- Numerical change to \$911,538

Page 6 police department traffic controls: Numerical change to \$2,215,023

Police support services update to \$809,462

**Minutes December 22 7:06pm**

Page 3: Highways and streets motion; admin section numerical change to \$1,729,088

Storm Drainage section: Numerical change to \$60,000

Total solid waste disposal section numerical change to 1,484,711

Page 4: Roll call vote numbers adjustment to Yes 6, No 2 for bonded article motion

PTO SHAFT-Jen Hale statement language change

**Motion to approve December 15 minutes by Joyce Skaperdas Second by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote 7-0**

**Dec 22 moves by Mr. Henderson moved by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote Yes 7 No 0 Abstained 1**

Chairman gives look into what is ahead.

**Town of Hampton 2021 Budget Review and any New Warrant Articles 7:15pm**

Discussion around memos received from fire department

Chief Ayotte discusses use of the fire safety vehicle now and which vehicle has been used. The cruiser loaned from the police department is being used for the vehicle now.

Continued discussion around fire prevention vehicle and how to move forward.

Mr. Henderson and Ms. Skaperdas make note they think the vehicle is necessary.

Chief Ayotte states the vehicle is no longer functioning.

**Chairman Warburton makes a motion to deny the \$35,000 for replacement vehicle. Seconded by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote Yes 2 No 6 Motion does not pass**

Discussion around moneys for Deputy Fire Chief position

**Chairman Warburton makes a motion to remove \$86,395.13 from the fire department budget. Seconded by Mr. Plouffe Yes 3 No 5 Motion fails, moneys remain in the budget.**

Discussion continues.

Warrant articles were emailed to everyone. Chairman wants to confirm that the numbers will remain the same since they will be announced at the public hearing.

Article 21 was given to the board tonight, will hold off until after the Board of Selectmen votes on it. Vote will be done Tuesday night.

Article 22 in question/discussion

Discussion around collective bargaining agreement contracts. Ask to town manager to clarify language and provide a better breakdown.

Discussion continues

Chairman asks board to review materials for Thursday.

Building department vehicle has been ordered and awaiting arrival.

Chairman asks about status of the request that was made for more information on the merit pay adjustments in nonunion pay. Town Manager says he will get the answers.

Chairman asks about the \$28,000 over town budget, asks where it's coming from.

**Chairman makes a motion to reduce the outside agencies line in the HPD budget by \$28,000. Seconded by Ms. Barnes. Discussion continues Roll Call Vote Yes 7 No 1 Motion carries, new amount is \$12,000**

Thursday night a vote will be done on firefighters' contracts.

Public hearing is on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call in. Deliberative session socially distanced on January 30  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm by Mr. Plouffe, Seconded by Mr. Henderson. Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0**

**Adjournment 9:07pm**