

DRAFT MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2020

Present: Brian Warburton, Chair
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair
Larry Quinn
Steven Henderson
Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager
Regina Barnes, Selectmen's Representative
Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director

Attending via Teleconference

Stephen LaBranche
Ginny Bridle-Russell, School Board Representative
Joyce Skaperdas
Colleen Poisson
Bob Ladd, Village District Representative

Call to Order – Chairman Warburton 7:00pm

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 Mr. Plouffe 7:02pm

Introduction of Members 7:03pm

Quick update and review from Chairman Warburton. Goal is to start off with firefighter contracts and then the teamsters. **7:04pm**

Firefighters and Teamsters Contracts 7:05pm

Chairman Warburton wants to confirm who was involved with fire fighter contract negotiations.
Chairman reads aloud Article 10. **Motion by Mr. Henderson seconded by Mr. Plouffe**

Round table for thoughts. Selectman Barnes wants to point out that it will be a 1.4% salary adjustment for union where the nonunion is 1.7%.

Discussion around article.

Roll Call Vote Yes 9-No 0 In favor of the Firefighters Contracts/Article 10

Chairman reads aloud Article 11 7:14pm Moved by Mr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Plouffe

Round table for thoughts.

Roll Call Vote Yes 9 No 0 in favor of Article 11

Teamsters Contract 7:18pm

Town Hall Employees and a few other town employees from public works and police department.

Motion by Mr. Henderson seconded by Mr. Plouffe

Round table for thoughts.

Roll Call Vote Yes 9 No 0

Chairman Warburton clarifies for the public that the Budget Committee highly recommends these contracts.

Revisit Several Town Departments 7:23pm

Chairman Warburton asks the Town Manager about overtime line item for \$5,000 in administration.

Town Manager says it's a placeholder for the hourly employees who may work additional hours.

Discussion.

Chairman Warburton asks about a rec department employees salary and 2.20% increase. Wants clarity on how those moneys are considered?

Town Manager goes on to explain.

Discussion continues.

Article 21 Experience Hampton 8:00pm

Moved by Mr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Plouffe

Discussion around article.

Roundtable on opinions. Discussion continues.

Roll Call Vote Yes 9 No 0

Selectmen's Update 8:17pm

Selectman Barnes provides updates. Rayanne Dion, Conservation Coordinator for the town has resigned.

School Board Update 8:19pm

School still on hybrid, meeting next Tuesday. Discussion will be around how to move forward in the school year past January 18th.

Village District Update 8:20pm

Committee is trying to sort out an uncertain future. May have to rely on last year's budget considering they game back lots of money,

New Business

Chairman Warburton goes over upcoming meetings. January 14th 7pm is the Public Hearing via telephone on SAU90 and town budgets. Call in only. Agenda will be sent our prior.

January 28th School Deliberative Session at Hampton Academy 8:30am

Mr. LaBranche wants to point out private petition warrant articles is next Tuesday the 12th at 11:30pm.

January 19th will be a regular meeting. Have invited Barbara Kravitz to provide an update on the Master Plan.

Roundtable on readiness to give a final number to recommend to public hearing. Town Manager confirms \$287,443 is the amount we have reduced the budget.

Ms. Barnes asks about Aquarian filing a rates case. Right now they're saying they charged Hampton \$475,132 and they want to change it to \$640,254.

Discussion.

Kristi confirms bottom line number of budgets.

Chairman asks for a motion to recommend **\$28,910,391** operating budget. **Motion by Mr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote Yes-7 No-2 on 2021 Hampton Operating Budget.**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Quinn Seconded by Mr. Plouffe Roll Call Vote Yes 9 No 0

Adjournment 8:40pm