

# Hampton Municipal Budget Committee

## DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday January 14, 2020  
Selectman's Meeting Room 7 PM

### **Attendance**

Brian Warburton, Chair  
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair  
Stephen LaBranche  
Steven Henderson  
Joyce Skaperdas  
David Maurer  
Rusty Bridle, Selectman Representative  
Chuck Rage, Hampton Village Beach District Representative

### **Absent**

Virginia Bridle-Russell, SAU90 Representative (excused)

### **1. Call to Order at 7 PM by Mr Warburton**

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance by Mr Rage**

### **3. Introduction of Members**

**4. Attending:** Fred Welch, Town Manager, Jamie Sullivan: Deputy Town Manager, Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director

### **5. Operating Budget Adjustment**

#### **Warrant Article #45: Cemetery Markers**

Mr Welch explained that a private warrant article could not be removed from the ballot and suggested that the warrant article be supported for this year. Mr Warburton moved to remove the \$6,500 from the cemetery line in the Budget concerning markers for veterans in the Hampton Cemetery; Second: Mr Plouffe. Approved: Unanimous.

### **6. Operating Budget Revised**

**Mr Bridle moved to the Public Hearing the sum of \$28,322,336 as the adjusted FY2020 Town of Hampton Operating Budget. Second: Mr Plouffe. Approved: Unanimous.**

### **7. 2020 Hampton Town Warrant Articles - continued review**

*[Secretary's notation: The descriptions of the Warrant Articles below are for identification purposes. The full text of Warrant Articles can be found on the Town of Hampton Website or from the Finance Director.]*

(i) Warrant Article #29: Communication Systems Improvement. Mr LaBranche moved the sum of \$116,300 to the Public Hearing for the purpose of improving the radio and Town emergency communication systems ...said appropriation to be offset by funds to be received from the state of New Hampshire as unrestricted municipal aid. Second: Mr Maurer. Approved: Unanimous

(ii) Warrant Article #18: Road Improvements for Winnacunnet Road and High Street. Mr Warburton read the entire article. Mr Maurer moved forward to the Public Hearing the sum of \$435,000 from the 1998 Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the survey, engineering and design work for replacing the Winnacunnet Road and High Street sewer and closed drainage system mains, sewer services and related work, to be followed by curbing, signage, street lights etc and paving of the entire roadway...and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend Federal, State and local grants and funds to be added to the project, including the State Revolving Fund...(Zero Tax Impact). Second: Mr Rage. Approved Unanimous.

Mr Welch said in order to advance such a project, and because these streets are major arterial roadways, the Board of Selectmen decided to begin by doing all of the engineering, and then add one or more appropriations to do the work in segments. In response to Mr Plouffe, Mr Welch said the project would include the full length of High Street. If passed at the Town Meeting, more than \$1,000,000 would remain in the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Mr LaBranche, Mr Plouffe, Mr Rage and Mr Warburton thought doing the engineering first was good planning and good for taxpayers.

#### **8. Hampton Beach Village District.**

Mr Rage reported that the District budget work session is scheduled for January 22.

#### **9 Bud Comm Meeting Schedule**

**January 16, 2020 Public Hearings: SAU 90 and Town of Hampton Budget and Warrant Articles at the Academy Auditorium at 7PM**

**February 1, 2020, Deliberative Session, Academy Auditorium**

**February 18, 2020 BudComm regular meeting Town Hall**

**Mr Bridle encouraged all voters to attend the Public Hearings, the Deliberative Session and to vote on February 11, 2020.**

#### **10. Adjournment**

Ms Skaperdas moved to adjourn the January 14, 2020 Municipal Budget Meeting at 7:23PM. Second: Mr Plouffe.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Kravitz  
Recording Secretary, Municipal Budget Committee