

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

Call to Order-Chairman Brian 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

Moment of Silence for Jack Donaldson, Howard Stiles (first name spelling)7:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance 7:03pm Larry Quinn

Introduction of Members (Roll Call) 7:04pm

Brian Warburton
Richie Sawyer
Stephen LaBranche
Joyce Skaperdas
Steve Henderson
Larry Quinn
Katherine Harake
Bob Ladd

Absent

Ginny Bridle

Minutes: April 20, 2021 7:04pm

Edits

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Motion to approve Mr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Quinn Roll Call Vote 8-0

Hybrid Meeting Update 7:06pm

Chairman reads email he received from town council Mark Gerald.

Discussion around moving forward, what other committees are doing etc.

Motion to go live starting tonight and when members can't make it in person, it'll be noted. Moved by Mr. Henderson, Seconded by Mr. LaBranche. Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0

Chairman's Response to Comments made at Board of Selectman's Meeting May 10 7:15pm

Chairman says information requests did not start with him. Historically it was done so board members are not getting bombarded with one off emails.

Richie clarifies that he meant if it was not a vote of the budget committee the information shouldn't be requested. If it is not a vote, it should be treated as a 91-A. They will get an answer within 5 days or if they can't provide, they information they'll let you know why.

Discussion. Round table to members for their opinions on the information request process and what has been happening.

Clarification on discussion at Selectmen's meeting vs what was meant.

Information Requests: and Vote 7:55

Motion made by Mr. Henderson questions are sent to Chair and they are passed forward for answers as it has happened in the past. Seconded by Chairman for discussion

Discussion. Mr. LaBranche wants clarity on what questions would need to be voted on.

Mr. Sawyer says that when an email is received saying information is needed that was not mentioned in the meeting is when voting needs to happen.

Ms. Skaperdas says maybe as part of agenda there can be a section for any outstanding questions to be sent for answers.

Discussion continues.

Motion made by Mr. Henderson that questions are sent to Chair Roll Call Votes No 4 Abstain- 1 Yes 3 Motion failed

Discussion continues.

Motion by Mr. Sawyer that requests for information be voted on by committee and channeled through the Chairman. Such a vote can happen during the meeting or at the end of the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Skaperdas. Roll Call Vote Yes 4 No 3 Abstain 1

Budget Committee Discussion of Special Revenue Fund Balances: Recreation and Cable Fund 8:34pm

Will the fund continue to build up or are we going to give a rebate, etc.? Is there a plan?

Mr. Sawyer is not aware but can ask the Selectmen's rep for that board.

Motion to have the question answered by the Chairman, seconded by Ms. Skaperdas. Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0 Motion passes

Ms. Harake wants to clarify the ask.

Chairman asks about the recreation fund and how we are spending it.

Discussion around if the question should be asked.

Motion made by Ms. Skaperdas to ask the question for the balance of the parks & recreation fund. Seconded by Mr. Sawyer. Yes 7 No 1

Selectmen's Update

School Board Update (Ms. Bridle absent)

Village District Update

Old Business:

Update on Master Plan (Chairman Warburton) 8:47pm meeting tomorrow night. The group is phenomenal, and Phase 2 has moved into the works.

Possible Warrant Articles 2022 for Full time Conservation Coordinator, and Flood Plain Administrator 8:47pm

Mr. LaBranche gives update on the conservation commission planning position. Discussion around the position being shared by Rockingham County.

Mr. Quinn wants a question on the 200k fund. Roll Call Vote Yes 8 No 0

New Business:

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021

Ms. Harake wants to propose looking at tools to make the budget process easier and more streamlined.

Committee asks that she puts it in a package for discussion.

Mr. Henderson gives final comments.

Mr. Chairman gives final thoughts on the meeting tonight.

Adjournment 9:00pm