

**HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Tuesday October 15, 2019**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Room 7PM**

**Attendance**

Brian Warburton, Chair  
Michael Plouffe, Vice Chair  
Stephen LaBranche  
Joyce Skaperdas  
David Maurer  
Rusty Bridle, Selectman Representative  
Virginia Bridle-Russell, SAU90 Representative  
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative

**Absent**

Steven Henderson (excused)

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Introduction of Members**

Members introduced themselves.

**4. Review and Acceptance: Minutes from September 17, 2019**

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| <b>Motion</b> | <b>Michael Plouffe</b> | <b>to accept the Minutes of the Municipal Budget Committee meeting of September 17, 2019 as written.</b> |
| <b>Second</b> | <b>Joyce Skaperdas</b> | <b>APPROVED: Unanimous<br/>Abstained: Virginia Bridle-Russell, David Maurer</b>                          |

**5. Director of Finance – Kristi Pulliam**

Ms Pulliam distributed the 2019 January – September financial summary packet detailing 75% of the year [also on the Town Website]. Certain bills may be a month or two behind because management holds back some payments to later in the year – all will be paid by December. The financials also reflect some open jobs. In response to Mr LaBranche, Ms Pulliam said preliminary figures can be submitted to the DRA for the purpose of setting the tax rate for the town and schools even though revenues may be revised.

Ms Pulliam reported that 2019 revenues exceed the 2018 amount by \$488,600; expenses are at 70.15% - under budget by \$1.2M (4.85%). This figure will fluctuate when all the bills are in and paid. The status of departments as of September ranges from 65.34% to 73.2%. Mr Ladd commended Ms Pulliam for the format, valuable detail and overview in this financial packet.

## **6. Old Business**

### **Master Plan Steering Committee**

Mr Warburton reported that Master Plan Steering Committee meetings are held at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Planning Board meetings and emphasized the importance of the update work. Although the Vision and Coastal Management sections are funded through NHDES, a warrant article is being prepared to address funding for the remaining sections. A preliminary survey to obtain views and ideas from the public about Hampton's future is already on-line.

### **Information Requests and Review - Open Discussion**

There being none.

## **6. Selectmen's Report**

Mr Bridle reported that most recently the Selectmen reviewed the proposed budgets for the Police and Fire Departments; the Department of Public Works is scheduled for October 28.

## **7. School Board Report**

Mr Warburton attended the Academy Open House and was very impressed by the construction results, as well as the historical photos and renderings throughout. He also commended the School Department program/presentation. Ms Bridle-Russell said the construction came in under budget. Because Mr Lunney has left the system this is a transition period, although he will be available until completion of the construction audit. Maria Curtis is directing the financial work going forward.

Ms Bridle-Russell also announced that Superintendent Kathleen Murphy has decided not to renew her contract. In November the School Board will address how to proceed. It will be very hard to fill the two positions. Mr Warburton noted that SAU 90 is scheduled for BudComm on December 3. Mr LaBranche and Mr Ladd commented that it was sad to lose Mr Lunney to Portsmouth, as well as Superintendent Murphy who had done a great job. Mr Ladd said he was very impressed with the overall cooperation for the Academy, also noting that a new high school in Fall River was built at a cost of \$300,000,000

**9. Hampton Village District Report**

Mr Ladd said Beach activity was winding down except for the New Year celebration; a review and evaluation is underway. Trash remains a vexing issue; they are looking to the solid waste committee for solutions. **Hampton Beach is the “crown jewel” of New England** state parks as evidenced by the Yankee Magazine designation as the best beach in New England. Mr Warburton noted that the Circus attracted approximately 5,000 people.

**1. Coastal Hazard Adaptation Team Update**

Mr LaBranche said the next CHAT meeting will be the following Monday.

**11 New Business**

there being no further business.

**12. Budget Committee Meetings**

**Next Budget Committee meeting is November 5, 2019 at 7PM**

**2. Adjournment**

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| <b>Motion</b> | <b>Michael Plouffe</b> | <b>to adjourn the Municipal Budget Committee meeting of October 17, 2019 at 7:30PM</b> |
| <b>Second</b> | <b>Robert Ladd</b>     | <b>APPROVED: Unanimous</b>   |

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