



# **TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD**

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## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes**

**September 12, 2019 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Timothy Lovell, Steven Bookless, Donna Green.

**ABSENT:** Carol Cipriano

**VISITORS:** Joe Guthrie

#### **1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Tim Lovell at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office, Hampstead Town Hall. Tim Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tim Lovell and seconded by Steve Bookless.

**Vote 3-0 voted to approve**

#### **3. Report on any Meetings or Discussions/Findings**

Joe Guthrie discussed the proposal previously presented at the Selectmen's meeting for the Fire Department's replacement of the 2000 pumper truck. Steve Bookless presented the proposal paperwork on the new demo pumper truck which saves approximately \$250,000. While this is a great offer, it is time sensitive needing an answer by October 1st. This is a unique situation and would not be put on the Town Warrant Article (bypassing the regular process) nor be in the budget and it might set a precedent. The issue is not the hours on the engine, but the undercarriage of the truck, mainly rotting underneath presenting a safety issue. Tim Lovell will make an appointment with Chief Carrier to look under the truck and discuss it with him. Steve Bookless felt this purchase would benefit the entire town. Tim Lovell and Steve Bookless will be at the October 23rd Selectmen's meeting.

Steve Bookless will be meeting with the Police Chief Beaudoin on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss leasing cruisers and his budget for 2020.

Donna Green met with Patricia Curran. Currently, the only 2020 budget item is the election expenses. \$11,400 was budgeted for the last election for Supervision of the Checklist salary, computer services, equipment, printing, etc. expenses. Tim suggested following up with her about existing revenues and new sources of revenue coming up, i.e. dog licenses, registrations, property taxes, etc.

Donna also met with Sally Theriault. Sally is waiting for health insurance and workers comp insurance rates due to come in around October or November.

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Tim Lovell met with Jon Worthen. Tim shared the Rockingham County Planning Board Road Maintenance Report given to Jon. This report lists the condition of all the roads in Hampstead and the current situation. The repairs of the roads will be spread out for approximately five years. Tim will meet with Jon in the next two weeks to review what is recommended.

Tim does not expect the Zoning Board's budget numbers to change from last year. He will be meeting with Kris Emerson to discuss the possibility of Kris using a town car, (i.e. old police car) with the town logo on it. Kris is currently using his own car.

Tim mentioned Paul Carideo is thinking of hiring a professional planner, part time maybe 20 hours a week to keep up with the Federal and State laws. The time frame might be a year out. We need to do what's best for the Town.

Tim will be following up with Angie Ingraham in the coming week about Recreation's budget.

Conservation has a \$4K budget. An invasive plant species in Shop Pond is coming back each year with \$3K cost of chemicals to treat it. Tim will research to see if it's a losing battle.

**4. Set Objectives for October Meetings**

Board members will follow up with their respective departments to see where they are in the budget processes.

Tim Lovell will email the Board members before the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to see where everything is.

**5. Open Forum**

**6. Next Meeting Date**

Wed. October 9<sup>th</sup> - Budget Meeting with Department Heads, Selectmen, and  
Library Trustees 7pm

Thurs., October 10<sup>th</sup> - Regular Budget Meeting 7pm

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Lovell and seconded by Steve Bookless. 7:05pm

**Vote 3-0 to adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Green