



TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 14, 2019 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Timothy Lovell, Carol Cipriano, Donna Green

ABSENT: Steven Bookless

VISITORS: Rosemary Krol, Natalie Gallo

The meeting was held at 7:00 pm in the Hampstead Town Hall.

Tim Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosemary Krol and Natalie Gallo discussed their Library Building and Maintenance Fund expenditures since 2009. Listed in this handout were a new roof for the entire building, improved lighting over front and backdoors, fascia replacement, new door openers, work room renovation, mold removal from basement, four new furnaces, new exit door, two new oil tanks, perimeter drains, new carpets on first floor, new windows, and a mini-split heater/AC unit. Their future needs included new siding for the exterior of the building, extending tiling on the basement floor, update the front entrance and new carpeting for the second floor. They currently have \$12K and will ask for \$10K on a Warrant Article so they can do these improvements over the next few years. It won't be enough to get the work done right away but would be saved to complete it later. Carol Cipriano noted the corner parking area of the Library building is very dark and lighting should be added since many meetings are held at night. Joe Guthrie assessed the lighting and noted that it was on the building so the Library was responsible. Tim Lovell suggested a high watt light be used. It will be brought up at the next Library meeting. Some line items had slightly increased such as the book budget. People are still asking for books.

The Budget Committee then looked the Warrant Article from the Fire Department asking for funding for construction and renovation of the fire station. The building was originally constructed for a volunteer fire department in 1985. The construction would accommodate more living space and office space to meet current needs. There is also a need to separate contaminated equipment from the living space. The article would be a 10-year bond of \$1,292,232. The tax impact would be \$42 on a \$400,000 home. There was only one bid, but Tim Lovell thought it made sense. Tim will meet with the Chief to assess the renovations.

There will be no Budget Committee meeting for December. However, they will be at the Selectmen's' meeting on December 9th to review the budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Green
