



TOWN OF HAMPS TEAD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

May 17, 2018

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Steve Londrigan, Emily Reschberger, Carol Cipriano,
Steve Bookless Excused Donna Green,

VISITORS: None

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Londrigan at 7:03pm in the Selectmen's Office, Hampstead Town Hall. Mr. Bookless led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018 was made by Ms. Reschberger and seconded by Ms. Cipriano

Vote 4-0 to approve

3. Visitors Comments None

4. Liaison Reports

Mr. Bookless reported meeting with the chiefs of police and fire to introduce himself as their liaison to the budget committee. Both chiefs provided information concerning their budgetary process. Chief Beaudoin was concerned with the new budget template approved by the town selectmen. His major concern was how much detail would be required and how much additional work may be required to generate the report. He wanted to have that information so he could plan on the appropriate time required to complete the report. I told both chiefs they would be supplied with a copy of the new template.

Ms. Reschberger spoke about the Highway Department and there were two items of note. The first is a list of roads that will be paved this year. The second item is the need to replace the existing salt shed. With reference to the shed, there appears to be funds already in the budget that may be able to be transferred to help defer part of the cost of a new shed. Due to the size and cost, this project will have to "go out to bid". The road agent will need to coordinate the project with the Planning Board.

The next topic for discussion was the Conservation Committee. The committee is looking at the site of the former police station across from the Central School and what should be done

with the open space. Joe Guthrie, the selectman liaison, also reported that if there were any proposals for beautification or modifications to the site, they would have the proposals ready for the fall. A Warrant Article may have to be drafted depending on the cost of any approved proposal.

The new budget template was discussed and how it may affect the different departments. The general consensus was the template will most likely make the process simpler. It will also aid in future budget projections.

Ms. Cipriano gave her report on Recycling and Trash. If there are no changes in current operations, the price for recycling and trash collection is going up. As Ms. Cipriano informed us in our last meeting, the town will no longer be paid for recycling. On the contrary, we will now be charged for recycling. Apparently, there is no longer a market for recyclables.

The collection companies all want to go to automated trash collection. They contend it is for safety issues.

Ms. Cipriano's next report was on Recreation. She was unable to give a detailed report due to difficulty in obtaining the Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

The Senior sub-Committee is meeting and studying what services are needed, wanted, and/or provided by the town. Currently there is no coordination of senior services. There is no central listing of senior services and appropriate contact information.

Mr. Londrigan gave his report on the Planning Board. He discussed the purchase of software and the potential to purchase additional modules.

The Library Committee meets during the day so it is not easy to attend their meetings, but Mr. Londrigan made a point of reaching out to them.

Mr. Londrigan plans on meeting with both committees to go over the new budget template and assist them with the new format.

5. Members Comments

Mr. Londrigan informed the committee that there will be a workshop for budgeting that will be held locally in Sandown and if any members were interested in attending to please contact Sally Theriault and CC the chairman.

6. Schedule next meeting date

Ms. Reschberger mentioned that the committee usually takes the summer off and asked the committee if they wanted to continue with that tradition.

The next regular meeting date will be August 9, 2018 at the Town Hall 7:00 PM

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Cipriano and seconded by Ms. Reschberger 7:25pm
Vote 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Bookless