



TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 10, 2019

7:00 PM

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

VISITORS: Ms. Tina Harrington and Representative Joe Guthrie

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Londrigan at 7:02 pm in the Selectmen's Office, Hampstead Town Hall. Mr. Bookless led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was pointed out by Ms. Green that she was not at the last meeting and could not have seconded a motion to adjourn and wanted the minutes amended to reflect this error. A motion to approve the amended Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 was made by Ms. Reschberger and seconded by Donna Green

Vote 5-0 to approve

3. Visitors Comments None

4. Discussion: Town budgets

Mr. Londrigan discussed the decrease in the budget from a first draft of approximate 9% increase to a budget that now represents an increase of approximately 6%.

Mr. Londrigan made a motion to recommend the budget (**Article 7**) Ms. Reschberger seconded the motion and opened the meeting for discussion.

There was discussion that the budget may need further adjustment but Ms. Harrington stated that the adjustment would be minimal to the overall budget. After further discussion the **committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend a budget of \$6,881,778 which represents a 6.09% increase over last year's budget.**

5. Warrant Article Recommendations

Article 8 (Appropriate \$41,957 to Hire fulltime Firefighter/EMT)
Motion to Recommend by Mr. Bookless
Seconded by Ms. Reschberger

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 9 (\$10,000 for a Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Cipriano

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 10 (\$10,000 for the Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Cipriano
Seconded by Ms. Green

There was discussion that the library already has a substantial amount of money in this fund and there was no specific projects targeted for expenditures.

Vote 0 – 5 Not recommended

Article 11 (\$4,800 for Meals on Wheels)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Cipriano

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 12 (\$1,500 for American Red Cross)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Cipriano

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 13 (\$1,000 for Greater Derry Adult Tutorial)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Green

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 14 (\$14,800 for Family Mediation)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Green

Vote 5 – 0 to recommend

Article 15 (\$60,000 for Cremation Wall)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Cipriano

Vote 3 – 2 to recommend

Article 16 (To establish a Town Capital Reserve Fund with initial funding of \$1,000)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Green

Vote 4 – 1 to recommend

Article 20 (Appropriate \$43,500 for improvements to the Meeting House parking area)
Motion to Recommend by Ms. Reschberger
Seconded by Ms. Green

Vote 3 – 2 to recommend

6. Board and Committee Forum January 19th

Mr. Londrigan reminded everyone of the forum on the 19th

7. Members Comments

8. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date will be held after the Deliberative Meeting February 8, 2019 7:00 PM
Hampstead Middle School

9. Visitors Comments

Representative Guthrie thanked the committee for its work

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Reschberger and seconded by Ms. Green 8:17 pm

Vote 5-0 to approve

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Bookless