

HAMPDEN ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes 2/11/08

Attendees: Carol Fitzgerald, Jeff Smith, Doug Boyd. Jamie Collins

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Absent: Timm Marini

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve 1/28/08 Minutes with one Amendment

Motion by: Jamie Collins

Seconded by: Jeff Smith

Subject: Town Budgets – **LIBRARY**

Trustees Attending: Kathy Hutchinson, Beth Burger, Raymond Andree – also attending was Ellen Bump, **Director of Library.**

The requested appropriation represents a 5% salary increase plus 2 1/2% increase of the amount appropriated in FY 2007. Operating budget is \$90,630. By requesting an appropriation of \$80,318, we are indicating our reliance on 11% of the operating budget from outside finances.

By Massachusetts law, in order to be “certified”, the library must increase its appropriation by 2 1/2% annually, spend 19% of its budget on library materials, be open 25 hours per week, and have a librarian with an MLS. The proposed budget will enable the library to meet all minimum standards set by the State. No anticipation of Capital improvements/acquisitions for FY09 – FY12.

Other Business: Advisory Committee approved Request For Transfer from the Reserve Fund for Town House – Maintenance.

Motion to Approve Transfer from the Reserve Fund: Jeff Smith

Seconded by Jamie Collins.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Cliff Bombard – Revenue Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 – Recommendation: Reduce Lottery by 103K due to government attachment of Lottery to Casino Licenses.

Next Board Meeting: 2/25/08
Motion to Adjourn: Jamie Collins
Seconded: Jeff Smith
Adjournment: 7:05PM

Respectfully Submitted: Roberta M.Addison, Clerk