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**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2009**

The meeting was not called to order due to lack of quorum.

Members Present: Carol Fitzgerald and Doug Boyd

Members Absent: Timm Marini, Jeff Smith and Jaimie Collins

Also in Attendance: Chief Jeff Farnsworth, Rick Green, John Flynn, Vinny Villamaino, and Pam Courtney.

An information gathering meeting was held. Chief Farnsworth presented two Police Department budgets for fiscal year 2010, one being a level funded budget and the other showing a 5% decrease.

Level funded budget impact:

- New Cruiser – the 4 x 4 is scheduled for replacement. Instead of a new one, a midsize administrative car would be purchased, the current unmarked car would be marked and the 4 x 4 kept and used on a limited basis in inclement weather to get another year out of it.
- Training classes – bare minimum standards, on-line training opportunities will be utilized.
- Department Salary – moderately increased to reflect the tentative 2.5% pay increase, eliminated contingency funding and coverage costs for unexpected demands on services for large incidents and reduced sick time coverage.

5% decrease budget impact:

- Layoffs – 1 dispatcher and 1 patrol officer would be laid off. Dispatcher position will be backfilled and the patrol officer position will be partially backfilled.
- Training classes – extreme basis levels, on-line training
- New purchases – no new equipment

Chief Farnsworth discussed regional dispatching and noted that he is always looking for grants and reviewing and researching everything to cut costs.

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