

Approved 11/9/09

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2009**

Doug called the Public Hearing to order at 7:07pm.

The Advisory Board did not have a quorum; no voting took place. The Public Hearing was held for input only and discussion of the eight warrant articles for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. Copies of the warrant were made available.

**Members present** – Doug Boyd, Acting Chair, and Carol Fitzgerald

**Absent** – Timm Marini, Jeff Smith and Jamie Collins

**Article 1 Fire Department Building Maintenance** – Replace gutters and shutters, sand, prime and paint, replace three front windows. The roof is holding up for now. It may need some work in five years. \$7000

**Article 2 Fire Department Protective Equipment** – Immediate need: Replace coats and pants and some boots. The department is recruiting more members, no equipment is available for them. Long term: replace all protective equipment and helmets. Chief Gorski would like to start replacing four sets per year. \$10,000

**Article 3 Town House Maintenance** – HVAC air conditioning unit with heat pumps for the Town Hall to air condition some of the offices and for the Highway Garage to air condition the Superintendent's office. Funds for this can be voted out of an existing capital account which has a balance of \$28,808.93. Project cost \$28,000?  
Another option is to also use funds from the Town House Improvement account which has approximately \$9800.

**Article 4 Town House Maintenance & Repair** – Paint the Police station \$1900. Paint; replace rug and repairs to the Parks & Recreation office (No dollar amount). Money left in Town House Improvements can be used for this.

**Article 5 Community Preservation Committee** – Repair roof and chimney work at Academy Hall, still waiting for quotes.  
(Minnechaug Land Trust is working on purchasing 40 acres of land at Goat Rock. CPC would contribute to this purchase contingent on state grants. This will be a proposal for the Annual Town Meeting in April.)

**Article 6 Highway Department Building Maintenance** – Salt shed roof repairs, repair leak to building, replace windows (Plexiglas) with glass. \$20,000  
Roof repairs may be needed in five years, ok for now.

Rick Green noted that the Town has applied for four grants requesting stimulus money. He suggested going through the Highway Department building and the Fire Department Building and making a list of future capital projects. Both of these buildings will need some roof work in the next five years.

Doug suggested coming up with a plan as to how to fund capital improvements.

**Article 7 Board of Assessors** Transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund for FY10 Interim year services. \$9500?

**Article 8 Stabilization** Transfer an amount to the Stabilization Fund. (No dollar amount)

Possible Governor's cuts the first week of November.

Doug closed the Public Hearing at 7:30pm.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk