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**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Members present – Doug Boyd, Acting Chair, Carol Fitzgerald, Jeff Smith and Jamie Collins.

Absent – Timm Marini

Minutes – The minutes from the October 5th special meeting and the October 26th Public Hearing were read. Carol made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bills – The clerk's payroll voucher was signed.

The eight articles on the warrant for the special town meeting were reviewed and the Advisory Board's recommendations are as follows:

Article 1 – Fire Department Building Maintenance; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate \$7000 for Fire Department building maintenance. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 2 – Fire Department Protective Equipment; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for protective equipment for fire department members. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 3 – Town House Maintenance; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to transfer \$28,000 from available funds into the town house maintenance account, line 32.0 for replacement of the HVAC system, painting of the Police Station and painting and carpeting of the Parks and Recreation office. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 4 – Town House Maintenance and Repair; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action on no action. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous. (This article was combined with article 3)

Article 5 – Community Preservation Committee; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to accept the recommendations of the CPC for the expenditure of \$12,000 for roof and chimney repairs at Academy Hall and to reserve existing funds as follows: Historic Preservation \$7000, Community Housing, \$7000 and Open Space \$7000. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 6 – Highway Department Building Maintenance; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to building expenses, line 48.2 for various repairs and renovations to the Highway Department building. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 7 – Board of Assessors; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to transfer \$9500 from the Assessor's stabilization fund to line item 4.8 for field review for FY10. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8 – Stabilization; Jeff made a motion to recommend favorable action to transfer \$100,000 from unappropriated available funds into the stabilization account. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 7pm. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk