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**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2010**

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Members Present – Doug Boyd, Acting Chair, Carol Fitzgerald, Jamie Collins and Jeff Smith.
Absent – Timm Marini

Minutes – The minutes from March 29th were reviewed. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Department – Dave Markham presented the Fire Department's FY11 requested budget. They have applied for two FEMA grants and are still waiting to hear back. One grant is for a communication system overhaul and the other is for a new tanker to replace the 1974 tanker. The tanker and the pumper are the two oldest trucks and need to be replaced for safety reasons. A new tanker should fit in the current fire station, but a new pumper would not. When the pumper is replaced, the building size will have to be addressed. The Board was supplied with copies of quotes from an independent company for regular and preventative maintenance for each of the trucks. An increase has been requested for this. The Fire Department would also like to budget \$8000 per year beginning with FY12 to replace 10% of the gear (pants, coats, boots, helmets) per year so that at the end of a 10 year period no gear will exceed 10 years of age. The current communication system used by the Fire Department is a low band and will no longer be licensed as of 2011. The Police Department is on a high band. The two departments cannot communicate with each other without going through dispatch.

Other Items – The Building line item #5.0 will be changed from \$420 to \$2000. The Personnel Committee is reviewing the proposed change to the Assessor's clerical job description. Advisory will account for the change in case it is approved.

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Carol made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm. Jeff seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk