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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

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

The warrant for the annual town meeting was made available to the public as well as the preliminary budget sheets showing the departments' requests for FY11.

Doug, as acting chair, explained that the departments were asked to submit level serviced budgets. The warrants and budget were read.

Warrant – 23 articles:

Art 1 Town Reports

Art 2 Budget – Doug read each department total.

Questions/explanations:

4.2 Assessor's Clerical – request for grade change, account for increase if approved.

5.1 Building Dept – change to \$2000 due to increased number of inspections.

7.2 Employee Benefits – due to increase in health insurance, may be lowered.

30.1 Parks & Rec Salaries – Clerk position 100% funded with \$3000 for park maintenance position.

37. COA – Clerical and Salary increases.

38.3 Senior Ctr – building maintenance extra costs.

51.5 Traffic Control – Police detail on town projects.

53.3 Fire Dept. Operation – increase for maintenance of all vehicles.

Quinn Bill – paid half as of this date. Several law suits pending, waiting to see what happens. Grandfathering not an issue, no new hires can be added per Rick Green.

69.2 Teacher Deferral - \$7616

70.7 Infrastructure – number corrected to \$233,333 per Cliff.

School Dept. – Close Memorial School, cost of \$40,000 for the first year. Still a four year lease on the building, responsible for the upkeep.

No effect on Hampden by closing Memorial School.

Projections – Hampden enrollment fell off 1%.

70.8 Minnechaug BAN – on going reimbursement.

Art 3 Previous Bills – None

Art 4 Revolving Funds for FY11 – 7 revolving accounts.

Art 5 Revolving Fund Reports

Art 6 Enterprise Fund Transfer Station – standard, sticker fees will be increased to cover a shortfall.

Art 7 Community Preservation Act – Citizen’s petition

Art 8 Community Preservation Committee – Goat Rock Project \$25,000 is requested.

Art 9 Conservation Fund – annual

Art 10 Highway State Aid – Chapter 90 funds.

Art 11 Library Additional State Aid – money from the state.

Art 12 Assessors - \$10,000 is being requested.

Art 13 Assessors Stabilization Fund - transfer \$79,000 from the Overlay account

Art 14 Dare Program - \$2500 to fund the TWB program.

Art 15 School Resource Officer – Minnechaug \$10,300 Hampden’s portion.

Art 16 Granting of Easement-Perennial Lane – drainage

Art 17 General Bylaw-Demolition Delay – Historical Commission

Art 18 Goat Rock Acquisition - \$25,000 to purchase 36 acres.

Art 19 Town Meeting Reporting – allow news cameras at town meeting

Art 20 Volunteer Tax Abatement Opportunity – over 60 years volunteer program

Art 21 Reserve Fund – standard

Art 22 Stabilization Fund – standard

Art 23 Reducing Tax Rate – standard

With no further questions, Doug closed the Public Hearing at 7:55pm.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk