

Approved 3/14/11

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2011  
Town Hall**

Called to order at 6:08pm.

**Members Present** – Doug Boyd, Acting Chair, Jeff Smith, Jamie Collins. Rick Rubin arrived at 6:25pm.

**Absent** – Carol Fitzgerald

**Minutes** – The minutes from the February 14<sup>th</sup> and the February 28<sup>th</sup> meetings were reviewed. Jeff made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

**Budget Discussions:**

Cemetery – Dick Hatch and John Wilkerson attended the meeting to discuss the FY12 budget. A budget request sheet was not submitted. They would like to increase the clerical line by \$500 due to more hours required of the clerk. A computerized layout of the cemeteries is now in place; the clerk is currently the only one who can access information for the Commissioners whenever there is a burial. The maintenance account will remain the same. No additional funds are needed to finish the fence.

South Road – Mr. and Mrs. Zicks attended the meeting and brought in pictures of the road damage after the heavy rains last night. The water now comes across the road and their driveway and into their yard. There have been berms in place, but they are now gone. The driveway is now being damaged. The road has been patched many times. Dana put some patch in today as a temporary fix. The Zicks asked if there were any emergency funds available for this situation. Doug stated that this goes beyond emergency repair and should be a capital improvement item. Reconstruction would be needed, not just repairs. It is possible that state emergency funds will be made available. The Zicks will also be attending the Selectmen's meeting this evening.

Doug and Carol met with the Selectmen last week. Based on preliminary numbers from Cliff, the budget requests for FY12 may be able to be met. The capital requests from the Fire Department and the Highway Department were reviewed. There was some discussion as to whether or not capital items should or should not be in the budget. There are more capital requests than money available. Also discussed, should money be taken out of Stabilization and if so, how much. Now, after the heavy rains, there is the problem of roads washing out and many needed road repairs. The snow and ice

deficit needs to be covered. Last year this budget was increased to \$50,000. This could be increased again for FY12. Free cash (leftover money from line items) is certified in August. This will be available for the fall Town meeting.

Jeff is finalizing the operating budget; the Board will meet on March 14 to start reviewing it and making adjustments. Capital items will be looked at later.

*Rick made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous 4-0.*

Submitted by: Deborah House