

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES (before STM)
October 24, 2011
Thornton Burgess School**

Approved 01/23/12

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

Members Present –Carol Fitzgerald, Co Chair, Doug Boyd, Co Chair, Jamie Collins and Rick Rubin.

Absent – Jeff Smith

Minutes – The minutes from the October 12th regular meeting and the October 17th Public Hearing were reviewed. Carol made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous, 3-0. Doug was absent for this vote.

Vote on Recommendations for Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting:

Art 1 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$3000 for Town House capital improvements. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 2 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$32,000 for the purchase of a new Police cruiser. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 3 - Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2000 for the purpose of hiring a records management consultant. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 4 - Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds up to \$10,000 to replace a Jaws of Life portable power unit. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 5 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$20,000 into the tree warden account. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 6 - Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$27,000 to maintain the road machinery for the Highway Department. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 7 - Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds \$4500 to replace six radio units for the Highway Department. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 8 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to transfer \$20,000 from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve Fund. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Art 9 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action on no action to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012. Jamie second. The vote was unanimous.

Art 10 – Carol made a motion to recommend favorable action to transfer \$71,381 from unappropriated available funds into the Stabilization Account. Rick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Carol made a motion to adjourn at 6:58pm. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk