

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 19th, 2012  
Hampden Town House**

**Approved** March 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

**Members Present:** Doug Boyd, Co Chair, Carol Fitzgerald, Co Chair, Jeff Smith, and Rick Rubin

**Members Absent:** Jamie Collins

**Also present:** Cliff Bombard

**Mail:** Reviewed

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 12th regular meeting were reviewed. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jeff seconded. The vote was unanimous, 4-0.

**Budget Discussions:**

**Town Accountant:**

Cliff reviewed the levy limit and base. He also clarified that the PVRTA assessment was charged against revenue. Cliff told the board that there is \$50,000 in septic tank reimbursement funds that has been moved to the general fund as a non-estimated, estimated receipt per directive from the state, and that the \$46,000 state reimbursement should go to free cash. He stated that the state revenue was 'pretty solid' and that tax revenues were at or above the state level. Cliff also explained that uncollected real estate taxes 'go against' free cash and then questioned what role the Hampden assistant assessor played in the town of Wilbraham and which town was funding her education. He went on to explain that the town has 2 years to pay back the FEMA debt and that there currently is no snow and ice debt.

**Advisory Board:**

The board continued to review the FY13 budget requests, with Jeff entering the new amounts into the spreadsheet. The police chief salary still needs to be determined and the final numbers from the school district still need to be received.

The board would like the selectmen to attend their next meeting on March 26, 2012.

Rick made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Carol seconded. The vote was unanimous 4 to 0. The next meeting will be held on March 26th, at 6pm in the Building/Planning Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors, Clerk