

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 26th, 2012
Hampden Town House**

Approved April 02, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

Members Present: Carol Fitzgerald, Co Chair, Jamie Collins, and Rick Rubin

Members Absent: Doug Boyd, Jeff Smith

Also present: Eva Wiseman

Minutes: The minutes from the March 19th regular meeting were reviewed. Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous, 3-0.

Budget Discussions:

Advisory Board:

The board continued to review the FY13 budget requests, the police chief salary still needs to be determined and the final numbers from the school district still need to be received.

The board is scheduled to meet with the selectmen later this evening.

Eva came in to explain her submission of new salary rates for two of her positions. Both are now assistants rather than clerks for the tax collector and town clerk, therefore she would like the grades changed from sixes to sevens. Carol requested copies of the Tabor study to back up the change in grades.

At approximately 6:35 pm, the Advisory board met with the Board of Selectmen in the selectmen's office.

Items discussed were as follows:

Carol requested and was given the police chief's salary.

FEMA borrowing – the entire amount needs to be incorporated into FY budget unless there is a plan to borrow for it.

Warrant articles for town meeting were reviewed.

Pay scale charts, COLA and step raises were reviewed and discussed in detail as well as the private sector versus public sector and the upcoming collectively bargained contracts. Both boards agreed that they do not want their different perspectives/opinions to play out at town meeting, so this will be discussed at the next Advisory meeting.

The timeline for the public hearing and public meeting were discussed with the hearing date set for April 9th, 2012 at 7pm in the Townhouse auditorium, with the annual town meeting date set for April 30th, 2012.

The Advisory board returned to their meeting room and briefly reviewed their meeting with the Selectmen.

Rick made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous 3 to 0. The next meeting will be held on April 2nd, at 6pm in the Building/Planning Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk