

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014
Hampden Town House
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Approved

Meeting with Selectmen Vinnie Villamaino and John Flynn

Members Present – Carol Fitzgerald, Co-Chair, Rick Rubin and Jeff Smith

Absent – Doug Boyd, Co-Chair, and Jamie Collins

Also Present - Bob Howarth, Town Moderator, Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant, Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer

The Advisory Committee was invited to the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the implications on the tax rate based on the warrant articles to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

Warrant articles funding were reviewed.

Dick presented items that did not appear to be level serviced and questioned whether these increases were necessary

Cliff stated he felt it was hard to justify adding hours to any department

John asked Cliff for a free cash number and the Conservation fund balance

Jeff asked what would be gained from putting off the dump truck for another year and just paying the interest (\$700) due on the note

The Advisory Committee may have to amend Article 2 from the floor if they find that changes to line items are necessary.

AT 7pm the Advisory Committee left the Selectmen's meeting

The committee will next meet on April 19th, at 8:00am at the Hampden Town House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk