

HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2014
Hampden Town House
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Approved

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

Absent – Jeff Smith

Agenda Items:

FY15:

Carol reviewed the meeting discussions from both April 15th & April 19th:

- Review of Article 2 increases
- Articles 19 & 20 could potentially be funded by the CPC
- Articles 16, 17 & 18 could be borrowed for and then spread out over 4 years to reduce the effect on the tax rate
- Articles 21 & 22 are a hardship for the town and the treasurer feels that these should come out of stabilization

At 7:21 the Advisory committee moved to the Selectmen's office.

Carol recapped the Saturday meeting for the Selectmen. She stated that the Advisory Committee is confident in their decisions and stands by their recommendations. The Advisory Committee feels that they wouldn't get enough out of the few line items that have increased and that these cuts would be a detriment to their respective departments.

Warrant article funding was reviewed.

Dick questioned what the tax rate will be – not known at this point

AT 7pm the Advisory Committee left the Selectmen's office and reconvened in the Melville Room.

The Storm deficit can be put off until the fall town meeting.

Doug will be meeting with the treasurer on Wednesday.

The Advisory Committee will revisit and possibly revote on their previous votes on the warrant articles at their next meeting.

Carol made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Jamie seconded. The vote was unanimous 4 to 0.

The committee will next meet on April 28th, at 6:00pm at Thornton W Burgess Middle School.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk