

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2015
Hampden Town House**

Approved March 23, 2015

Called to order at 6:04

Members Present – Doug Boyd, Carol Fitzgerald, Rick Rubin and Jeff Smith

Members Absent –Jamie Collins

Also Present –Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant

Minutes:

Carol made a motion to accept the March 02, 2015 meeting minutes as presented Rick seconded. All in favor, 3-0

FY16 Budget Process:

Cliff attended the meeting to review budget expenses and income.

Proposed school number reviewed.

The corrected Fire Department budget was reviewed as well as the updated BOS salary and expense budgets

A new line item number may be needed for the Building Inspector position or the 5.2 tile could be changed from Commissioner to Inspector. Even though this will be a line item, it is anticipated that it will be revenue neutral.

Rick asked if there was an obligation to explain this at the ATM and Cliff replied that the money that went into revolving will now go into free cash.

Carol asked if there would still be a revolving account and Cliff said that there would still be for electrical and plumbing inspections.

Cliff discussed estimated revenue and let the board know that the Solar Farm would be assessed as personal property.

Rick asked if the town would be receiving revenues from the Allen Street electrical station and Cliff replied that we are waiting for the Assessor's values for next year.

Per Cliff, the items requiring money will be the highway truck and the police department cruiser, although the police vehicle is already included in the budget. Highway may be looking for a dump truck in the spring as well as a small truck and sander in the fall.

Jeff will email Cliff the green sheet numbers so that Cliff can adjust the revenue number.

There is an initiative petition to delay the Police Department build until after the middle school issue has been resolved.

Cliff reviewed the Snow & Ice deficit numbers from the past three years, as well as the Assessor's overlay balance. He also stated that new growth should be substantial and that some of the Solar Farm, HCC and Electrical station should show in new growth.

March 23 meeting will be a line by line review of the budgets and there will be a meeting immediately prior (6:30pm), to the Public Hearing scheduled for 7pm.

Clerk will contact Tyler Witkop at the Times to see if a blurb can be run about the Public Hearing being scheduled for April 6, 2015 at 7pm in the Town House. Question on whether Selectman Flynn could put out a town wide connect call to inform residents as well.

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20. Carol seconded. All in favor, 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk