

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017
Hampden Town House**

Approved January 30, 2017

Called to order at 6:00pm

Members Present – Carol Fitzgerald & Doug Boyd, Co-Chairs, Heather Turcotte & Matt Fisher

Members Absent – Jeff Smith

Also Present – Selectman Norm Charest

FY18 Budget Process:

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2016 regular and public hearing minutes meeting as presented, Heather seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Carol met with the BOS and presented the FY18 salary chart. There is no COLA and grade four steps have been changed to reflect the new minimum wage. Carol signed the salary chart and clerk will distribute it to departments.

The police department needs \$31,000 for a cruiser video system. Doug questioned if there could be retroactive increase to FY17 while Carol added if there could be a STM within the ATM. There is also new retiree and sick buy back in the department for FY18

Items for consideration this year:

Hampden County Retirement has increased approximately \$40,000

Town House building renovate or re-assess: Matt commented that he feels a more sophisticated approach to this building is needed, i.e. capital planning committee

Fire Department, staffing and operational

Main street salt issue still not fully resolved

Norm mentioned that there is still the potential for tax revenue/growth from Great Horse

Doug mentioned that the TOW is looking to renovating/resurfacing the public tennis courts located at MRHS using CPA funding. Not sure Hampden funds can be used on a project in Wilbraham (75/25 split as is school)

Matt remarked that with the capital spending committee the bigger projects needs to be pushed off – he wants to see a 5-10-15 year project list from committee.

Heather excused herself at 6:45pm

The Advisory Committee will be looking for level serviced budget requests for FY18

With no further business, Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm, Matt seconded, all in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk