

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2017
Hampden Town House**

Approved November 6, 2017

Called to order at 6:37pm

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

Members Absent – Jeff Smith

Also Present – none

Minutes:

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12th meeting as presented, Doug seconded, 4-0 in favor.

STM – Articles discussed

Article 1, \$20,000 for upgrade to software in Board of Assessor's Office, (favorable)

Article 2, To hear the report of the School Deregional Study Committee, (favorable to hear)

Article 3, Raise and appropriate \$50,000 for legal and professional fees

Article 4, Regional Dispatch Facility, advisory and non-binding

Article 5, Air conditioning for the Senior Center

Article 6, Additional \$100,000 for dump truck to pay off balance of loan

Article 7, DIF, BOS will weigh in on this

Article 8, CPC, \$18,000 legal & expenses for land purchase, \$75,000 for Town House renovations

Article 9, Reserve Fund deposit of \$25,000

Article 10, Reducing tax rate, plan for 4 ½ % with the possibility of increase in new growth over estimate.

Article 11, (See below)

Free Cash is \$516,203, applying \$338,000 to lower tax rate, leaves \$178,203 balance of which \$160,000 may go towards warrant articles leaving a balance of \$18,203 to transfer into the stabilization account.

With no further business Doug made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to Public Hearing at 7:09pm, Carol seconded, all in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk