

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2017
Bethlehem Baptist Church**

Approved January 8, 2018

Called to order at 6:22pm

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

Members Absent – Jeff Smith

Also Present – Public

Minutes:

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16th meeting and public hearing as presented, Matt seconded, 4-0 in favor.

STM – Articles discussed

Article 1, \$20,000 for upgrade to software in Board of Assessor's Office, (favorable 4-0)

Article 2, To hear the report of the School Deregional Study Committee, (favorable to hear 4-0)

Article 3, Raise and appropriate \$50,000 for legal and professional fees, (split 2/2)

Article 4, Regional Dispatch Facility, advisory and non-binding, (3 unfavorable, 1 abstention)

Article 5, Air conditioning for the Senior Center, (favorable 4-0)

Article 6, Additional \$100,000 for dump truck to pay off balance of loan, (favorable 4-0)

Article 7, DIF, BOS will weigh in on this – (no action taken) (favorable no action 4-0)

Article 8, CPC, \$18,000 legal & expenses for land purchase, \$75,000 for Town House renovations, (favorable 4-0)

Article 9, Reserve Fund deposit of \$25,000, (no action)

Article 10, Reducing tax rate, plan for 4 ½ % with the possibility of increase in new growth over estimate, (favorable 4-0)

Article 11, \$18,203 (favorable 4-0))

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With no further business Carol made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to the Special Town Meeting at 7:00pm, Doug seconded, all in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Admin Asst.