

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2018
Hampden Town House**

Approved April 2, 2018

Called to order at 6:00pm

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

Members Absent – none

Also Present – John Flynn, Vinnie Villamaino, Nancy Ziebert

General:

The SC has voted to withdraw their articles from the STM

Doug informed Alan that he had spoken with Bob about having a microphone available.

FY19 Budget Process:

Requests reviewed, Green sheets reviewed

Carol asked about the dispatcher issue –Regional dispatch will show an increase on the green sheets, show East Longmeadow offset on revenue side.

Notate changes/increase by footnote.

Town Administrator and Regional dispatch shouldn't take effect until 07/01/2018. Carol asked what are the Board of Selectmen authorized to do? Can they spend/appropriate on behalf of town even with the revenue source for these? Heather – they can't authorize an expense without a revenue source, Doug added that the money simply is not in the budget. Heather stated the need for proof of revenue

John Flynn gave a quick review of the letter from the SC, they would like no action taken on the SC articles.

Doug asked about regional dispatch and town administrator – Vinnie responded that they will know more

Thursday, he went on to instruct not to put the town administrator in the budget until more is known. There is also a \$32,000 charge for fiber optics from East Longmeadow to our PD.

Alan has a copy of the Wilbraham approved school budget

Reminder that committee is posted to meet on Wednesday at 6:30pm prior to STM

Minutes

Doug made a motion to accept the 03/19/18 meeting Carol seconded, all in favor, 4-0

Next meeting scheduled for 6:30pm on March 21 2018

With no further business, Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, Heather seconded, all in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk