

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2015
7pm
Hampton Town Hall Community Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Adelman, Nick Brown, Rick Matejka, Penny Newbury

Alternates Present: Stan Crawford

Members/Alternates Absent: Jeff Clermont, Dan Meade, Luciann Norton, Mike Higgins

Staff and Others Present: First Selectman Al Cahill, Selectmen Bob Grindle, Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott-Arriola, and a resident.

Stan Crawford was seated for Jeff Clermont.

Citizen Comments: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ed, seconded by Rick, to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Penny abstaining.

Motion: Ed, seconded by Stan, to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Penny abstaining.

Motion: Ed, seconded by Stan, to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, Penny and Rick abstaining.

Presentations: none.

Reports/Actions

First Selectman: Al reported that the town is still waiting for approximately \$9000 in FEMA reimbursement for the January blizzard, and that the town is seeking some reimbursement for the Town Hall generator through an OPM grant. The price for the new town truck was \$168,000; the residual funds approved by the town for the purchase will be transferred to the CNR account for trucks and equipment. Numeration has been completed and there are 88 Hampton students, as of October, 2014, attending Parish Hill Middle/High School and 104 students at the elementary school. Al briefly reviewed the impact of decreased revenue from the state on the town. Stan asked if the town should respond to lost state and federal revenue by hiring a grants writer. Al said a position could be considered in the next budget. Penny inquired as to the decrease in PILOT funds and asked if EastConn could be compelled to contribute as their location makes them eligible to utilize the town's emergency services. Al said the first step would be to ascertain if any of those services have been utilized by EastConn.

Tax Collector: The report of the Tax Collector was distributed, reporting net proceeds of \$10,160.53 for the month of May, and \$3,708,816.15 year to date, exceeding the target of 97.5% of the current year's collections.

Treasurer: Ellen requested the following transfers: \$270 to # 6006-05 Assessor Professional Expense from # 6006-07 Assessor Mapping; \$50 to #6007-02 Town Hall Water from # 6007-03 Town Hall Maintenance; \$165 to # 6013-14 Community Center Water from # 6013-06 Town Hall Telephone; \$330 to # 6014 Simple IRA from # 6013-13 Fire Dept. Oil; \$1600 to # 6201-01 Road Maintenance from # 8100 Town Garage Principal; \$200 to #6201-07 Town Garage Maintenance from #8100 Town Garage Principal; \$2400 to #6207 Signs from # 8100 Town Garage Principal.

Motion: Penny, seconded by Stan, to approve the Treasurer's requests for transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny asked if accounts not yet expended would be spent by the end of FY2014-2015. Ellen explained that some departments have yet to bill the town for items such as mileage reimbursement, and that the amount remaining in road paving is largely due to the deposit of the STEAP grant, which does not have to be spent in its entirety by the end of the fiscal year as it is targeted for specific purposes.

Board of Education: no report.

Board of Finance Committees:

HR Committee: Penny reported that she is attempting to obtain a job description from the Building Department Assistant.

Fiscal Policy and Procedures Committee: no report.

Correspondence: none.

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Old Business

Update on Central Office Concerns

Al reported that the COC was meeting on June 9 and that Chaplin's Allocation was listed as an Agenda item. Stan reported that Scotland's Board of Selectmen scheduled an executive session to meet with an attorney on June 11 regarding COC concerns. As previously suggested, the establishment of a sub-committee to address the issues raised in terms of allocation, surplus funds, and procedures, was discussed.

Motion: Penny, seconded by Stan, to form a subcommittee to address Central Office Committee issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Penny, seconded by Stan, to appoint Jeff, Dan, Nick and Al to serve on the sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Penny, seconded by Stan, to charge the sub-committee with developing a list of questions regarding Central Office financial issues, and with leading communication with the Central Office concerning historical and current allocations. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: none.

Citizen Comment: none.

Suggestions for Next Agenda

- Report from Central Office Sub-Committee

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting on July14 at 7 pm in the Community Room of Town Hall.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Clerk

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Finance.

