

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Special Meeting
June 27, 2023
8:15 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:20PM.

Role Call/Seating of Alternates:

Present: Kathy Donahue, Nick Brown, Ed Adelman, Joan Fox, Stan Crawford, Regina DeCesare.
Others Present: Selectmen Allan Cahill, Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott-Arriola.

Stan Crawford and Regina DeCesare were seated for Diane Gagnon and Judy Buell at their requests.

Audience for Citizens: none.

Discussion of Referendum Results

The referendum results were announced as follows:

- Question One: *Shall the Town of Hampton appropriate \$1,889,541 for the General Government for the 2024-2025 fiscal year?* Approved: 138 - 24
- Question Two: *Shall the Town of Hampton appropriate \$2,179,600 for the Hampton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 fiscal year?* Approved: 97 - 65
- Question Three: *Shall the Town of Hampton transfer Account 2450 in the Capital Nonrecurring Fund of unallocated funds to Account 2400 Capital Building Fund?* Approved: 138 - 23
- Question Four: *Shall the Town of Hampton support and act as liaison for the Trail Woods Neighborhood Assistance Act?* Approved: 140 - 20
- Question Five: *Shall the Town of Hampton approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the Unassigned General Fund to the Capital Nonrecurring 2430 trucks and equipment for the purchase of a Department of Public Works pickup truck??* Approved: 135 - 27
- Question Six: *Shall the Town of Hampton approve the transfer of \$40,000 from the Unassigned General Fund to the Capital Nonrecurring 2445 School Capital Fund to fund the oil tank removal and hot water propane upgrade for Hampton Elementary School?* Approved: 127 - 35

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting the Mill Rate for FY2024-2025

Chairman Donahue distributed and reviewed the Mil Rate Calculation, which included the removal of collection rate fees, a reduction of Motor Vehicle Supplemental estimate to .95%, and discussion of the revenue from the Solar Park, per the Tax Collector's recommendation. First Selectman Cahill explained that the decisions of the courts thus far have favored Solar Parks, not municipalities. Nick Brown voiced support for lowering the collection rate, from approximately 95% to 90%, rather than eliminating the potential revenue from the Solar Park, an opinion supported by most members. The financials were recalculated with the 90% collection rate to include the Solar Park.

Motion: Stan Crawford, seconded by Nick Brown, to set the mill rate at 20.83. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

