

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015
7pm
Hampton Town Hall Community Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Clermont, Ed Adelman, Dan Meade, Rick Matejka

Alternates Present: Stan Crawford

Members/Alternates Absent: Penny Newbury, Nick Brown, Luciann Norton, Mike Higgins

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

Jeff seated Stan for Penny.

Citizen Comments: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dan, seconded by Ed, to approve the September 8, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations: none.

Reports/Actions

First Selectman: Al reported that the Office of Policy and Management announced a reduction of \$15 million in municipal aide this fiscal year, \$12.3 million in PILOT funds, and an anticipated \$20 million reduction for each of the next two fiscal years. Ellen reported that Hampton lost \$8094 in PILOT funds this fiscal year.

Tax Collector: Jeff reviewed the report of the Tax Collector, which reported deposits for the month of September totaling \$45,620.96.

Treasurer: Ellen requested a correction of the July 14, 2015 Minutes to reflect \$1,764.77 in Dial-A-Ride costs. Ellen also reported that a representative from TD Bank is offering a 33% interest rate on Municipal Money Market accounts; the current rate from the Savings Institute is 25%. On Al's suggestion, he and Jeff will attempt to negotiate a matching rate with the Savings Institute. Ellen also recommended that the \$5000 Bright Ideas Grant, previously retrieved from the General Fund and transferred to the Contingency line, instead be transferred to the Public Education Green Energy Account.

Motion: Stan, seconded by Dan, to transfer the \$5000 from the Bright Ideas Grant to line item 6016.02, Public Education Green Energy Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education: no report.

Board of Finance Committees:

HR Committee: Al reported that the job description of the Building Department Clerk was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting.

Fiscal Policy and Procedures Committee: Jeff reported that the auditor is sending a list of available dates to meet with the committee.

Correspondence: Penny's inquiry as to the status of the outstanding job description was answered during the HR Committee report.

Other: Ed asked if the maintenance of the Airline Trail will affect the Town budget. Al replied that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation fund and administer the Airline Trail improvements and maintenance. Al reported that a tutorial on the use of the new scanner can be expected in a couple of weeks.

Old Business

Update on Central Office Concerns: Al reported that the auditor hired to review the Central Office Finances requested information from the Regional District#11 Superintendent on August 27 and that, to date, the auditor has not received a single item from the eleven requested. Al, Jeff, and Scotland First Selectman Dan Syme will schedule a meeting with the Superintendent regarding the requested information.

Report on Outstanding Job Descriptions: Job descriptions have been completed.

New Business: none.

Citizen Comment: none.

Suggestions for Next Agenda

- Update on Hampton Elementary School contract negotiations

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting on November 10 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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Clerk

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