

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Special Meeting
May 21, 2015
8:15pm
Hampton Town Hall Conference Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Clermont, Ed Adelman, Nick Brown, Dan Meade

Alternates Present: Stan Crawford

Members/Alternates Absent: Rick Matejka, Penny Newbury, Luciann Norton, Mike Higgins

Staff and others present: First Selectman Al Cahill, Selectman Bob Grindle, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott-Arriola.

Jeff seated Stan for Penny.

Citizen Comments: none.

Set Mil Rate for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Jeff announced the referendum results: the General Government budget was approved by a vote of 182-50; the Hampton Elementary School budget was approved by a vote of 163-69.

Motion: Dan, seconded by Nick, to set the mil rate for the fiscal year 2015-2016 at 30.51 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Appointment of Auditor

Jeff reviewed the three responses to the RFP: the current firm, O'Connor Davis, at the current rate; MAWC at a 30% discount, with both firms raising the price in the second year of the contract; Stephen Hopkins at a 50% discount, with the same rate the second year.

Al relayed the positive remarks of Scotland First Selectman Dan Syme regarding Stephen Hopkins, particularly his thoroughness. Jeff stated that a savings of \$15,000 per year was significant enough to file, if necessary, an extension the first year of the contract. Nick advocated for appointing Hopkins, stating that, after several conversations, he is very impressed with him and satisfied with his responses regarding sole proprietorship. Ed expressed his respect for Nick's recommendation.

Motion: Stan, seconded by Dan, to engage Stephen Hopkin as the Town of Hampton's auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick volunteered to write a letter to MAWC thanking the firm for their interest and their presentation.

Citizen Comment:

Selectman Grindle stated that he, too, was impressed with Hopkins' responses to inquiries.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Clerk

