

*Town of Hampton, Connecticut
Board of Selectmen
Public Budget Hearing
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A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, May 03, 2012 at the Town Hall.

Present for the Board: First Selectman Cahill, Selectman Mike Chapel, Selectman Bob Grindle

Staff Present: Liz Stillman, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Call to Order: First Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

ITEM 2: Public Hearing

Dayna McDermott Arriola asked how the 3% salary increase was arrived at.

Penny Newbury asked if there was a format that the budget was going to be reviewed by, First Selectman Cahill explained the process.

Penny Newbury asked if there were any significant changes since the April 26, 2012 budget workshop. First Selectman Cahill stated that the overtime for the public works department had been broken out from the salary budget line item.

First Selectman Cahill stated that the Treasurer salary had been increased by \$3,000, effective July 1 and Selectman Grindle explained how the increase was calculated (increase in skill set, responsibilities and hours).

Another change made this afternoon was to reduce 24 hour librarian position to a 20 hour position, as originally requested by the Library Board and agreed by the Board of Selectmen.

Penny Newbury moved to add the 4 hours back in to the library board salary line item.

Grindle explained further why this decision was derived.

Penny Newbury asked what kind of discussions would be taking place regarding the town

Grindle stated that the hours of the library sets the parameters for the hours required, as opposed to the snow storms, or election events that change the requirements of the road crew or registrars.

Penny Newbury asked about the proposed HR input, that something should be budgeted for that unless a volunteer or committee is expected and whether another town meeting might be required.

Dayna McDermott Ariola explained how the tax collector's salary was originally figured, as compared to the treasurer salary.

Penny Newbury asked about the property on Route 6, whether it had been sold. First Selectman Cahill stated that the town still owns the property, pending in-kind payment. Grindle stated that work was not being created to pay this off, there's plenty of work to be done.

Penny Newbury asked if Small Cities program income would be reflected. It is a completely separate operation from the town and not reflected in the town budget.

First Selectman Cahill stated that the Registrar's poll workers salaries had been increased 5% over last year, Green Energy Public Education had been raised back to \$2000, Insurance and Bonds had been increased (2 million dollar increase in coverage) and another street light would be funded (East Old Route 6/ Route 6).

Kathi Newcombe suggested Charter bundle for telephone and internet to save some money.

Emergency Management line item for \$3000 created.

Dayna McDermott Arriola asked what the road crew overtime line item was based on (last five years of actuals).

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First Selectman said the other parts of the increase are cost of living salary increases and refunding land acquisition accounts.

Penny Newbury asked what the budget increase mill rate would be. (0.9 mill rate increase.)

Gary Decesare asked about sanitation expenses and income from Scotland. Treasurer Rodriguez explained how Scotland's reimbursement is figured and other streams of income from the transfer station. Decesare followed up by asking how many households use the transfer station.

Gay Wagner asked how much curbside trash pickup cost. Another citizen stated he thought it was about \$80/3 months.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Cahill/Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Stillman
Recording Secretary