

Town of Hampton  
Board of Finance  
Special Meeting  
June 14, 2021  
6:30 pm  
Lower Level Town Hall

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members/Alternates Present: Kathy Donahue, Nick Brown, Ed Adelman, Jessie Samios, Diane Gagnon, Kathi Newcombe, and Stan Crawford.

**Seating of Alternates:**

**Motion:** Jessie Samios, seconded by Diane Gagnon, to seat Kathi Newcombe for Judy Buell. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff and Others Present: First Selectman Al Cahill, Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez, Hampton Elementary School Board Vice-Chairman Mark Becker and member Juan Arriola, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott-Arriola.

**Citizen Comments:** none.

**Old Business:**

**Discuss and Act on Town Government FY2021-2022 Budget**

**Motion:** Diane Gagnon, seconded by Jessie Samios, to approve the FY2021-2022 Town Government budget of \$1,763,307. Motion carried unanimously.

To First Selectman Cahill's question on the trucking fees, Treasurer Rodriguez confirmed that the expense was split between Hampton and Scotland, and the budgeted amount reflects Hampton's share.

**Discuss and Act on Hampton Elementary School FY2021-2022 Budget:**

To Nick Brown's question, Chairman Donahue explained that the FY2021-2022 assessment was \$1,576,639, an increase of \$64,132 due to the increase of two students over the previous year. She also explained the State's recent decision to hold municipalities harmless for two years in terms of decreases in the Education Cost Sharing Grant; however, based on the information provided by Kevin Chambers, who manages grants for the State Department of Education, the finance board's reduction to the elementary school's proposal still meets the Minimum Budget Requirement. Ms. Donahue explained that if the estimated calculations used do not meet the MBR, the Town has a year to fund the deficit in order to meet it, adding that discussion will be included on the August agenda after the State issues their calculations for the amount. First Selectman Cahill warned of the "cliff" the school will face after the two-year hold, when the ECS reductions continue and the formula for calculating drops in student enrollment are reinstated.

**Motion:** Diane Gagnon, seconded by Jessie Samios, to approve the FY2021-2022 Hampton Elementary School budget of \$2,018,230.

In favor: Kathy Donahue, Kathi Newcombe, Ed Adelman, Jessie Samios, Diane Gagnon

Opposed: Nick Brown

Motion carried, 5 – 1.

**Citizen Comment:** none.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola  
Recording Clerk