

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Public Hearing 2013 Budget
January 9, 2013**

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD H. HARTUNG, SELECTMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Budget Committee Members: B. O'Brien, C. Hastings

Guests: P. Bracken, E. Reschberger, P. Williams, J. Worthen, M. Carrier, J. Frazier, Steve Londrigan, B. Goode, Kyle Barker.

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 pm.

The Hampstead Board of Selectmen will hold a public budget hearing on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampstead Town Office Building, 11 Main Street, Hampstead, NH for the purpose of hearing public testimony and gathering information on the budget.

Chairman Murphy allowed Article 5, New Police Station, be discussed first whereas the Architect, Kyle Barker was present. Mr. Londrigan, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee advised that the station is the same as the one presented in 2012. It is a 7500 square foot building with no changes. The price is up slightly due to increased construction costs. The most recent cost is at \$1,638,000. Mr. Londrigan noted that drawings of the proposed station would be sent to the town office to be posted on the website and would also be available on the website for the committee. It was noted that doing the funding in one year would save an estimated \$300,000 in finance charges. Putting it on the warrant this way will only require 50% plus 1 to pass which is less than what is required for a bond item.

Mr. Bracken asked about the contingency fund built in and wondered if it was increased whereas the cost increased for 2013. Mr. Barker stated that they are pretty sure of the numbers that they have. He also noted that once the vote happens, the contract with him is legally binding and his contract states it would need to be redesigned to meet the costs if they were to increase.

2013 Proposed Budget

Department	Budget	Increase (decrease)	Default
Executive	\$ 157,567.80	\$ 995.80	\$ 157,521.28
Town Clerk	\$ 132,553.00	\$ 2,697.60	\$ 131,286.42
Elections	\$ 5,746.00	\$(6,043.00)	\$ 10,564.00
Audit	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 9,100.00
Tax Collector	\$ 44,961.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 45,204.22
Treasurer	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,600.00
Assessing	\$ 100,475.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 100,351.25
Legal	\$ 10,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	\$ 15,000.00
Personnel Costs	\$ 318,866.27	\$ 29,393.56	\$ 318,866.27
Planning Board	\$ 55,701.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 55,540.12
CEO	\$ 128,994.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 131,172.18
BOA	\$ 9,222.86	\$ (2.67)	\$ 9,187.61
Buildings/Grounds	\$ 258,406.73	\$ 4,224.65	\$ 264,967.79
Cemetery	\$ 57,005.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 55,305.00
Insurance	\$ 113,502.00	\$(10,077.00)	\$ 123,502.00
Regional Planning	\$ 7,921.00	\$(5.00)	\$ 7,921.00
Police	\$1,027,252.00	\$ 41,775.00	\$1,021,027.00
Fire	\$ 721,725.32	\$13,385.50	\$ 721,031.07
EMD	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,176.00
Highway	\$ 867,046.00	\$ 78,516.00	\$ 788,530.00
Street Lights	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 32,500.00

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RAWD	\$ 582,374.14	\$ (145.22)	\$ 582,593.94
ACO	\$ 24,745.00	\$ (1,999.91)	\$ 26,744.91
Pest Control	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 30,600.00
Health Agencies	\$ 69,871.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 69,106.00
Welfare	\$ 35,326.00	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 35,100.00
Recreation	\$ 880,028.00	\$ (1,803.00)	\$ 79,849.58
Cable	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,500.00
Library Trustees	\$ 85,426.05	\$ (899.70)	\$ 85,575.52
Library	\$ 350,173.33	\$ 11,691.88	\$ 348,742.54
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,000.00
Conservation	\$ 2,817.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 2,817.00
Total	\$5,360,581.50	\$ 185,405.50	\$5,300,982.70

Chairman Murphy read the definition of a default budget from the RSA.

Selectman Lindquist asked that on the spreadsheet a combined total for both the Trustee line and the Library functions be added.

Mr. Goode of the Recreation Commission asked to speak about the field supplies/equipment that was amended to \$1.00 at the last meeting. He explained that the funds are in the budget to insure that if something happens to the fields, they have the ability to fund what would need to be done. Mr. Goode stated that the HRC has tried to be respectful of the budget and to not use the funds unless needed. He explained that there has been a lot of damage over the last few years to the fields such as the grub damage. Chairman Murphy explained that with a place holder of \$1.00 they could still spend money on work needed if it came up, but would need to find money in their budget. Mr. Goode responded that the Recreation budget did not have any extra funds to find and that the budget for athletic fields under buildings and grounds was also cut. At this point they are down close to \$7,000. Selectman Lindquist noted that at the time of the last meeting there had been no funds spent from that line item and not much over the last few years. Mr. Goode responded that it was not a good practice to expect departments to spend it or lose it when it came to their budgets. Selectman Hartung stated that they try not to do that and do look at the history of the line. Mr. Goode explained that he believes in 2010 there were expenses but they were charged to the buildings and grounds budget. This year they had survey work done at the Depot Road ball fields. Chairman Murphy noted that the survey work is a one time expense, not a recurring one. Mr. Goode explained that there was a grub issue around 2009 and there have been fences that have been replaced. They are also looking at having to put up a fence around the field by the softball field. If there are no repair requests, then they will look at getting the fencing done. Mr. Goode said that the HRC could work with the reduction in the buildings and grounds budget, but asked for the money to be put back into their line.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to add \$3,000 to line 1001-45202-61000. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Budget Committee member Chip Hastings stated that the Recreation Commission should have been here at the budget meetings to defend their budget. Mr. Goode responded that they presented the budget and there were no issues and they knew the line item was going to be spent. He stated that the budget should be able to stand on its own if there is a good reason for the numbers.

The motion passed with two in favor (PI, RH) and one against (SM).

The Recreation budget was amended to \$83,027.00 with an increase of \$1,196.00 and the default at \$83,098.58
Total for the 2013 budget is \$5,363,580.50 with an increase of \$188,404.50 and the default at \$5,304,231.70

Warrant Articles.

Article 2- Budget

Article 3- Library Non Capital Reserve Fund for \$10,000

Article 4- \$5,000 to new agency called Family Promises

Article 5- \$1,638,000 for new police station

Article 6- \$51,000 for new police officer.

Lt. Frazier was asked what the statistics were to show the need for a new officer. Lt. Frazier stated that the reason was that there is a weakness on the overnight shifts. Currently there is only one car out and if they are tied up on a call, there is no other backup. He stated that a new officer would go to cover the area, the overnight shifts. Chairman

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Murphy asked if there was any way to re-allocate the current staff. Lt. Frazier responded that there are 4 hour gaps here and there and that they try to fill the part time officers in where they can but the overnight shift still has only one car out.

Article 7- \$10,000 for an expendable trust for Town Building Repairs

Article 8- \$28,500 to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for purchase of rescue tools and equipment.

Article 9- \$5,000 to Sad Café

Article 10-\$5,000 for a non- capital reserve fund for the Recreation Commission for funding future projects for recreation areas.

There was a question as to why the Recreation Commission is named the agents to expend and whether or not there could be a limit on the amount spent. Selectman Hartung explained that the RSA allows the Recreation Commission to be the agents to expend. He also noted that if this does pass he expects to see the line that was increased tonight (45202-61000) to come in at a zero budget in 2014. It was explained that the expendable trust (article 7) has more flexibility than a non- capital reserve fund. Mr. Goode stated that he believes the Recreation Commission would have no issue with a certain figure amount needing the Selectmen approval if that is what is wanted.

Article 11- by petition to accept Bailey Shore Road as a town road Class V

Selectman Hartung explained that at one time this was on the list of town roads but the owner at that time requested that it stay private. Since that time the owner has passed away and a development has been built there.

Selectman Hartung announced that Wednesday, January 23rd is the first day to sign up for a town office and that Friday, February 1st is the last day.

Mr. O'Brien of the Budget Committee requested that department heads attend meetings on the budgets and be able to defend their budgets.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:03 pm.

There was a request for a non-public session under RSA 91-A III 2 (a) employee matters.

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into non- public session under RSA 91-A III 2 (a) employee matters at 8:03 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Hartung (yes); Selectman Lindquist (yes); Selectman Murphy (yes).

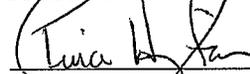
Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of non- public session at 8:34 pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Hartung (yes); Selectman Lindquist (yes); Selectman Murphy (yes).

Selectman Hartung motioned to seal the minutes of the non- public session under RSA 91-A III 2 (a). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

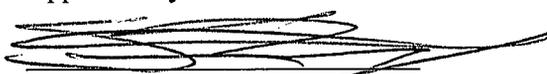
Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.



Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

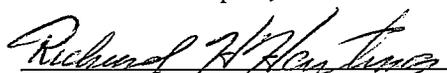
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman