

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Public Hearing 2015 Budget
January 14, 2015**

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

Budget Committee Members: J. Mesa-Tejada, J. Skidmore

Guests: Chief Carrier, Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, D. Hiatt, E. Reschberger, N. Gallo, D. Brickett, J. George

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 pm.

The Hampstead Board of Selectmen will hold a public budget hearing on Wednesday, January 14th 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 read the warrant up to Article 1 (election of officers). Article 2 and 3 were listed as zoning articles.

Article 4- Town Operating Budget \$5,829,690.73 with a default budget of \$5,790,813.41.

| Department | 2014 Budget | 2015 Budget | Dif | Default |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Executive/Admin | \$165,061.45 | \$170,970.67 | \$5,909.22 | \$168,703.91 |
| Town Clerk | \$136,935.82 | \$137,514.60 | \$ 578.78 | \$137,191.80 |
| Election | \$8,999.00 | \$5,229.00 | (\$3,770.00) | \$5,229.00 |
| Auditing | \$9,375.00 | \$9,350.00 | (\$ 25.00) | \$9,375.00 |
| Tax Collector | \$46,619.15 | \$47,927.80 | \$1,308.65 | \$47,567.96 |
| Treasurer | \$14,700.00 | \$14,800.00 | \$100.00 | \$14,800.00 |
| Assessing | \$142,301.00 | \$ 93,251.00 | (\$49,050.00) | \$93,251.00 |
| Legal | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Personnel Adm. | \$304,555.29 | \$325,098.18 | \$20,542.89 | \$325,098.18 |
| Planning | \$50,500.00 | \$50,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$50,500.00 |
| Building | \$125,874.00 | \$130,790.00 | \$4,916.00) | \$129,962.57 |
| Board of Adjustment | \$9,181.86 | \$8,445.00 | (\$736.86) | \$8,505.00 |
| Government Bldgs. | \$253,337.85 | \$293,619.85 | \$40,282.00 | \$280,352.38 |
| Cemeteries | \$51,505.00 | \$49,500.00 | (\$2,005.00) | \$49,825.00 |
| Insurance | \$113,742.00 | \$111,408.00 | (\$2,334.00) | \$111,408.00 |
| Regional Planning | \$8,220.00 | \$8,205.00 | (\$15.00) | \$8,205.00 |
| Police | \$1,112,369.60 | \$1,289,056.50 | \$176,686.90 | \$1,285,978.08 |
| Fire | \$732,144.11 | \$811,306.31 | \$79,162.20 | \$808,981.88 |
| EMD | \$11,176.00 | \$11,926.00 | \$750.00 | \$11,926.00 |
| Highway | \$793,931.55 | \$808,805.25 | \$14,873.70 | \$796,709.05 |
| Street Lighting | \$35,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,000.00 |
| Recycling and Waste | \$581,469.47 | \$635,351.25 | \$53,881.78 | \$635,660.34 |
| Animal Control | \$23,245.00 | \$36,468.65 | \$13,223.65 | \$36,318.65 |
| Pest Control | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$30,000.00 |

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Health Agencies | \$74,513.00 | \$63,942.00 | (\$10,571.00) | \$63,942.00 |
| Welfare | \$28,353.00 | \$27,903.00 | (\$450.00) | \$28,353.00 |
| Recreation | \$83,750.00 | \$94,800.00 | \$11,050.00 | \$84,644.00 |
| Cable | \$60,500.00 | \$32,600.00 | (\$27,900.00) | \$39,350.00 |
| Library Trustees | \$89,160.98 | \$92,406.52 | \$3,245.54 | \$92,406.52 |
| Library | \$359,462.52 | \$380,699.15 | \$21,236.63 | \$378,752.09 |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$8,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| Conservation | \$2,817.00 | \$2,817.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,817.00 |
| Total Budget | \$5,478,799.65 | \$5,829,690.73 | \$350,891.08 | \$5,790,813.41 |

Chairman Murphy read RSA 40:13 IX: b (the definition of a default budget). J. Mesa-Tejeda asked for the report of the expected revenues. Mrs. Harrington noted that it was about \$2,500,000.

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 4. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 5-\$475,000 for a new fire truck lease agreement with \$150,000 from Capital Reserve and \$67,210 for the first year of a lease agreement.

There was still some concern with the wording of the article. Mrs. Theriault stated that this was the final wording from Town Counsel, but not yet approved by DRA.

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 5. The motion was seconded by Selectman Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 6- Request for \$10,000 for existing Town Building Repairs and Maintenance Fund

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 6. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 7- Request for \$10,000 for existing Library Building Maintenance Non Capital Fund

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 7. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 8-Request from Lamphrey Health Center for \$1,600

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 8. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 9-Request from Vic Geary Center for \$6,000

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 9. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 10-Request from Center for Life Management (CLM) for \$6,000

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 10. The motion was seconded by Selectman Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 11-Shop Pond Dam Capital Reserve- \$50,000

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)
There is \$10,000 in the budget for the engineering costs.

Article 12- Authorize Selectmen to set fees

The Selectmen would like to see an explanation attached to this article to explain the purpose. The Planning Board side of the article passed last year. It should also spell out what fees are to be set. They agreed to move forward with the article with the changes pending. Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend the purpose of Article 12 pending the notation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 13- Alternates for the Planning Board per RSA 673:6

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 13. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 14- To change the status of the Road Agent from elected to appointed.

The Selectmen told Mr. Worthen to be prepared to explain at the deliberative session. Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 14. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 15- Permission to enter into a long term Lease Agreement with potential cell tower companies.

Mr. George was present with potential numbers of lease agreements for the Selectmen to review. He created some confusion thinking that he was asking the Selectmen to sign an agreement with him. Mr. George stated that he understood it would go out to bid if passed but he thought the Selectmen would like the numbers if asked by any residents. It was suggested that it would be more confusing for Mr. George to be at deliberative session so it was suggested he not attend and to let the article proceed based on its merit.

It was explained that the warrant is only asking for the town to give the Selectmen permission to negotiate with a company to place a cell tower on town property. There is a second article under the zoning section allowing an amendment to zoning to allow cell towers to be placed on town owned property. If that doesn't pass they won't be able to put a cell tower at Kent Farm or the Fire Station.

Selectman Hartung motioned to recommend Article 15 with an amendment adding the provisions of the RSA #. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 16- Lease agreement for the use of the Old Police Station (Emerson Ave.)

The Article was originally to enter into a long term lease agreement with the School District for the use of the old police station. The school has not placed the companion article onto their warrant for 2015. Mrs. Theriault suggested that the article be reworded to allow the Selectmen to enter into a lease with anyone for the use of the old station.

The revised wording is To see if the Town will vote to lease the property known as the Old Police Station located at 16 Emerson Avenue and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of the lease and to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote."

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 16 with an amended wording. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously.(3-0)

Article 17- Authorize the Selectmen to sell land at 15 Hilltop Lane

The property of 15 Hilltop Lane was gifted to the Town about 2 years ago. The Board of Selectmen do not have authority to sell property donated. This would give them the authority on this one parcel. The parcel is listed as a non-buildable lot of about 1/3 an acre. There was some discussion as to whether or not it should state it is unbuildable. Ultimately anyone purchasing the lot should be aware of the current status. If the buyer chooses to later on, they could take

the parcel to the ZBA for any changes they may require.

After some discussion the article was reworded to say" To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a non-buildable lot of approximately one-third an acre located at 15 Hilltop Lane designated as Tax Map 8B, Lot 85 and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 17 as amended. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Selectman Lindquist motioned to forward all the warrant articles to the deliberative session as amended. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Mesa-Tejada reported to the Selectmen that the Budget Committee was meeting this week if they had a quorum. If not they would meet next week but would have their vote to on the recommendations in as soon as possible.

Old Business:

Swamp Inc. – Chairman Murphy announced that they had received an email from Kris Emerson stating that he has spoken with Dragon Mosquito and they would offer the service of testing for the MS-4 compliance. Selectman Lindquist said that she read that they had also done some work for the Town of Hampton. Mrs. Theriault reported that with Swamp, Inc. the two proposals go hand and hand. Chairman Murphy asked what they need for the MS-4 requirements in 2015. Mrs. Theriault responded that they expect that the information needed would come out around May 1st and that until the new one comes out, they still need to meet the requirements of the old permit and still file the old permit (NOI). It is expected that a lot more work will be required than is required now and a lot of documentation to verify what is being done. Chairman Murphy suggested that we wait to see what the permit comes out with for changes and to take the advice of Mr. Emerson and continue with Dragon Mosquito. Regarding the issue with the knotweed, the price has been revised and is closer to \$1,600 for the 8 sites and then a follow application the next year at a not to exceed cost of \$300.

This section of the discussion was tabled until the January 26, 2015 meeting.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

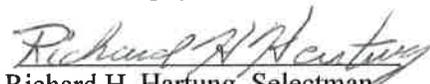


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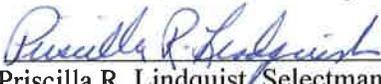
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman