



TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

(Rescheduled from September 11th)

Approved November 12, 2015

PRESENT: Emily Reschberger, John Skidmore, Steve Londrigan, Bill Keating, Jorge Mesa-Tejada

VISITORS: Penny Williams, Priscilla Lindquist

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Jorge Mesa-Tejada at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Hampstead Town Hall.

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance
John Skidmore led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2015

Motion: Bill moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015 as written; John seconded.

VOTE: YES 4; NO 0; ABSTAIN 1

3. Discussion: Review topics for meeting with School Board

Jorge distributed the final draft of the ten topics to be discussed with School Board on October 13th and copies of handouts/supporting documentation. He asked the members to email any comments/suggestions to him ASAP.

Members reviewed the information and handouts. There were no substantive comments made.

Additionally, Jorge requested that all members be present on the day of the presentation so that it could not be said that "those are just Jorge's ideas." All members pledged to attend.

Bill asked whether the members could ask questions during or after the presentation. Jorge explained that the Board might ask questions of the BudCom or simply accept our concerns without comment: it was entirely up to the Board.

4. Discussion: Hampstead Support Personnel Contract

Postponed to a later meeting.

5. Town and School Budget Development Schedules

Jorge distributed the budget development schedules for the Town and the School 2015-2016 budget cycle.

Town Budget Workshops: October 7th and 26th with a joint Selectmen/BudCom meeting on December 14th.

School Budget Workshops: October 13, 20 and 27; November 10 and 24 and December 8, possibly 22nd for unresolved items.

The Town's Public Budget Hearing will be on January 13th while the School's will be on January 12th.

Deliberative Sessions: Tuesday, February 2nd for the School; Friday, February 5th for the Town.

Emily indicated that because she was the Library Treasurer, she will not vote on any budget items pertaining to the Library.

6. Members comments

Emily: Attended NHMA Budget Workshop on September 15th in Manchester; finds the Budget Handbook that was distributed as part of the course very useful and informative, especially the new Index.

She will attend the Solid Waste meeting on October 14th and the Recreation Committee meeting on October 19th. Regarding Solid waste/recyclables—Bob Nugent asked her to remind people to dispose of recyclables loosely, not in bags.

Steve: none—out of country

Bill: none.

John: Library Board of Trustees working on budget draft all summer: just finalized it. The Library will have a \$10K Capital Reserve warrant article for replacement of the first floor carpeting. The biggest part of this cost is furniture/book removal and installation.

He met with Fire Chief Carrier. No big ticket items; all increases are personnel related.

Jorge: Attended NHMA Annual Budget Seminar in Manchester on September 15th; attended the SAU Budget work session September 21st; watched all School Board meetings; met with Chief Mike Carrier to discuss Access Road; working on PowerPoint presentation for School Board and finishing research on discussion topics.

7. Next meeting agenda items

Review School Board reaction to BudCom presentation

8. Schedule next meeting date

In view of the number of budget workshops/ meetings in October for the Town and School, the members agreed to forego the regular October 8th meeting. The next meeting will be November 12, 2015.

9. Visitors Comments

Priscilla Lindquist informed Emily that the Historic Commission was ready to discuss their budget.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Emily, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

For the Committee,



Jorge Mesa-Tejada, chairman