

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Public Hearing 2016 Budget  
January 13, 2016**

**PRESENT:** SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; CHAD R. BENNETT, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Budget Committee Members: J. Mesa-Tejada, J. Skidmore, S. Londrigan, E. Reschberger and W. Keating

Guests: Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, R. Krol, N. Gallo, P. Williams

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 pm.

The Hampstead Board of Selectmen will hold a public budget hearing on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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- Town Operating Budget \$6,163,588.00 with a default budget of \$6,161,786.00.

<b>Department</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Dif</b>	<b>Default</b>
Executive/Admin	\$170,970.67	\$175,003.00	\$4,032.33	\$174,429.00
Town Clerk	\$137,514.60	\$139,050.00	\$1,535.40	\$138,723.70
Election	\$5,229.00	\$13,550.00	\$8,321.00	\$ 13,550.00
Auditing	\$9,350.00	\$10,500.00	\$1,150.00	\$ 10,500.00
Tax Collector	\$47,927.80	\$48,498.00	\$ 570.20	\$ 48,549.80
Treasurer	\$14,800.00	\$14,950.00	\$150.00	\$ 14,800.00
Assessing	\$ 93,251.00	\$ 92,301.00	(\$950.00)	\$ 93,251.00
Legal	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 12,000.00
Personnel Adm.	\$325,098.18	\$357,932.75	\$32,834.57	\$357,932.00
Planning	\$50,500.00	\$57,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Zoning	\$130,790.00	\$136,739.00	\$5,949.00	\$137,016.00
Board of Adjustment	\$8,445.00	\$8,480.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 8,445.00
Government Bldgs.	\$293,619.85	\$283,123.25	(\$10,496.60)	\$281,974.00
Cemeteries	\$49,500.00	\$49,500.00	\$ 0.00)	\$ 49,500.00
Insurance	\$111,408.00	\$115,949.00	\$4,541.00	\$115,949.00
Regional Planning	\$8,205.00	\$8,298.00	\$93.00	\$ 8,298.00
Police	\$1,289,056.50	\$1,273,674.00	(\$15,382.50)	\$1,271,673.00
Fire	\$811,306.31	\$958,059.00	\$76,752.69	\$959,887.00
EMD	\$11,926.00	\$11,926.00	\$0.00	\$11,926.00
Highway	\$838,805.25	\$907,533.00	\$68,727.75	\$914,698.00
Street Lighting	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
Recycling and Waste	\$635,351.25	\$640,730.00	\$5,378.75	\$640,608.00
Animal Control	\$36,468.65	\$23,770.00	(\$12,698.65)	\$23,770.00
Pest Control	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00

Health Agencies	\$77,542.00	\$65,186.00	(\$12,356.00)	\$65,186.00
Welfare	\$27,903.00	\$26,903.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$30,003.00
Recreation	\$94,800.00	\$86,218.00	(\$8,582.00)	\$85,818.00
Cable	\$32,600.00	\$55,500.00	(\$22,900.00)	\$52,350.00
Library Trustees	\$92,406.52	\$91,766.00	(\$640.52)	\$91,423.50
Library	\$380,699.15	\$419,558.00	\$38,858.85	\$417,709.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Conservation	\$2,817.00	\$6,391.00	\$3,574.00	\$2,817.00
Total Budget	\$5,873,290.73	\$6,163,588.00	\$290,297.27	\$6,161,786.00

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 Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 2. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 3 \$6,239.00 NEPBA- 2 year Police Union Contract.

Year one costs are Salaries at \$3,049.00, NHRS and Fica at \$391.00 and Health insurance and other benefits at \$2,799.00 for a total 1<sup>st</sup> year cost of \$6,239. The estimated impact for year 2 is \$18,580.00 and year 3 \$5,563.00.

Mr. Mesa-Tejeda questioned the salary increase for year 1 whereas there was zero increase in salaries. Chairman Murphy responded that there is one position that has an increase but overall the rest were at 0%. The Sergeant grade now has a Sergeant 1 and Sergeant 2. There are two Sergeants currently at what would be a Sergeant 1 grade and this allows for the longer serving Sergeant to potentially move to the Sergeant 2 grade which would include a \$.50 increase. There is also the change in offering part time employees in the union paid time off. The amount in the salary line includes when those positions would need to be covered by another employee.

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

Article 4- Request for Special meeting if Article 3 is defeated

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

Article 5- Request for \$10,000 for existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

There was a question on the wording with funding in there twice

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

Article 6 Request for \$10,000 for existing Library Building Maintenance Non Capital Fund

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

Article 7-Request from A Safe Place/Sexual Assault Services for \$3,070.00

It was noted that these two agencies have been supported by the town, but have now combined services and are now to be known as Haven.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend Article 7. The motion was seconded by

Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 8-Request from Community Caregivers for \$7,000

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

Article 9-Request from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for \$500

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

Article 10- Raise up to \$50,000 for Construction along the roadway of Shop Pond Dam.

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)

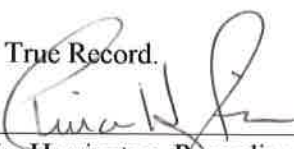
Article 11- Raise up to \$130,000 and enter into a lease agreement for a Loader for the Highway Department. Further to raise the first year payment of up to \$18,000.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to recommend article 11 with the following changes: remove the word new from the article and to remove the word "is". Selectman Bennett questioned the amount and stated that he thought it was to cost \$15,000 to \$17,000. The amended motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed 2-1.


The public hearing was closed at 7:26 pm.

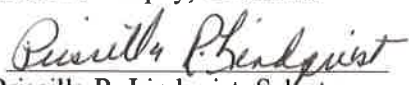
A motion to adjourn was made by Selectman Lindquist and seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

  
Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

  
Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

  
Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

  
Chad R. Bennett, Selectman