

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Public Hearing 2018 Budget
January 10, 2018**

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; CHAD R. BENNETT, SELECTMAN;, JOSEPH A. GUTHRIE, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINSTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Budget Committee Members S. Londrigan, A. Weir, C. Cipriano, D. Green and E. Reschberger
Guests: J. Worthen,

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 pm.

The Hampstead Board of Selectmen will hold a public budget hearing on Wednesday, January 10th 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).

Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 are zoning articles. Chairman Murphy read them to the public

Article 6- Town Operating Budget- \$6,463,086.00 with a default budget of \$6,486,135.00 (rounded up)

Department	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	Dif.	Default
Executive/Admin	\$180,510.00	\$193,480.00	\$12,970.00	\$185,896.00
Town Clerk	\$140,928.00	\$143,035.00	\$2,107.00	\$140,928.00
Election	\$6,550.00	\$11,400.00	\$4,850.00	\$ 11,000.00
Auditing	\$10,750.00	\$11,000.00	\$250.00	\$ 11,000.00
Tax Collector	\$48,577.00	\$48,774.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 48,577.00
Treasurer	\$15,140.00	\$15,440.00	\$300.00	\$ 15,340.00
Assessing	\$ 95,001.00	\$ 91,201.00	(\$3,800.00)	\$ 91,201.00
Legal	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 12,000.00
Personnel Adm.	\$385,919.50	\$373,257.75	\$(12,661.75)	\$371,925.67
Planning	\$62,610.00	\$81,053.00	\$18,443.00	\$ 81,053.00
Zoning	\$136,092.00	\$140,017.00	\$3,925.00	\$139,433.00
Board of Adjustment	\$9,205.00	\$9,205.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,205.00
Government Bldgs.	\$247,666.00	\$257,448.00	\$9,782.00	\$247,666.00
Cemeteries	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 48,000.00
Insurance	\$126,624.00	\$129,473.00	\$2,849.00	\$129,473.00
Regional Planning	\$8,516.00	\$8,644.00	\$128.00	\$ 8,644.00
Police	\$1,332,878.00	\$1,379,983.00	\$47,105.00	\$1,362,383.00
Fire	\$974,742.00	\$1,002,870.00	\$28,128.00	\$1,003,169.00
EMD	\$11,926.00	\$10,926.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$10,926.00
Highway	\$1,017,015.00	\$960,630.00	(\$56,385.00)	\$1,021,830.00
Street Lighting	\$85,000.00	\$25,000.00	(\$60,000.00)	\$35,000.00
Recycling and Waste	\$665,730.00	\$687,630.00	\$21,900.00	\$685,050.00
Animal Control	\$25,292.00	\$23,292.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$22,856.00
Pest Control	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Health Agencies	\$75,362.00	\$69,262.00	(\$6,100.00)	\$69,262.00

Welfare	\$23,853.00	\$23,853.00	\$0.00	\$23,853.00
Recreation	\$85,831.00	\$91,711.00	\$5,880.00	\$91,489.00
Cable	\$55,500.00	\$40,500.00	(\$15,000.00)	\$40,500.00
Library Trustees	\$92,255.00	\$98,589.00	\$6,334.00	\$94,716.00
Library	\$411,432.00	\$433,820.00	\$22,388.00	\$432,167.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Conservation	\$6,391.00	\$3,592.00	(\$2,799.00)	\$3,592.00
Total Budget	\$6,435,295.50	\$6,463,085.75	\$27,790.25	\$6,486,134.67

Chairman Murphy read all the warrant articles while waiting for Selectmen Bennett. Upon Mr. Bennett's arrival, the Selectmen voted on their recommendations.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to recommend Article 6 the Towns 2018 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 7 Request for \$25,364 for the first year of a three year collective bargaining agreement with the NE Police Benevolent Association Local No. 37.

The estimate for the first year of the contract is \$25,364 which is for 9 months. In 2019 the estimate is \$30,609 for 12 months. In 2020 the estimated cost is \$26,320 for 12 months and the final year of the contract in 2021 is estimated to cost \$5,297 for three months.

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

Article 8 Allows the Selectmen to call one special meeting in the event that Article 7 is defeated.

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

Article 9 Request for \$10,000 for existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

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

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

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

Article 11- Request for \$700.00 to support Retired Senior Volunteers.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 12 Request for \$1,000.00 to support Child and Family Services

Selectman Guthrie motioned to recommend Article 12. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 13-Request for \$5,000 to support Isaiah 58 of NH

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

Article 14-To amend the Recreation Revolving Fund that was established in 2010 to allow all fees collected for programs and trips to be placed into the Recreation Revolving Fund.

Mrs. Theriault stated that currently the Revolving Fund is limited to trips for the Seniors and summer program. Since it was adopted by the Town of Hampstead, a lot more programs have been established. Selectman Guthrie questioned that the Recreation Commission were the Agents to Expend and asked the Selectmen if this is what they wanted. Everyone was okay with the current process of the Recreation Commission as the Agents to Expend.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to recommend Article 14. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 15- Request for \$5,000.00 to be spent from the Conservation Commission Forest Account.

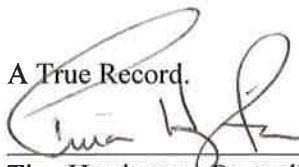
Selectman Guthrie motioned to recommend Article 15. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Article 16-Petition Article –There was a request signed by the correct number of registered voters to freeze the school rate for a resident when they turn 65. Mrs. Theriault explained that because the petition article was duly signed and submitted, it needs to be placed on the warrant. Town Counsel reviewed it and there is no ability to implement the article if it was to pass. Selectman Guthrie had some concern that the people that signed the petition and anyone that votes on it are being misled because it will not be implemented. The only solution was to get the word out at the meetings. The Selectmen did not vote to recommend this article.

The public hearing was closed at 7:40 pm.

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

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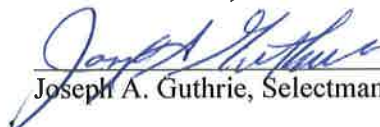
Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

Chad R. Bennett, Selectman



Joseph A. Guthrie, Selectman