

North Hampton Budget Committee  
MINUTES  
January 13, 2004

Chairman Robbie Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mary Coppinger, Paul Fitzgibbons, Homer Johnson, Larry Miller, Robbie Robinson, Susan Smith, Peter Simmons, Lloyd Sullivan and Cynthia Swank

**1) Review proposed municipal warrant articles**

Robbie Robinson explained the procedure for the upcoming budget committee public hearings and the results of his inquiry into the repurchase agreement with Assistant Superintendent for Business Fred Engelbach, School Treasurer George Chase and the DRA. Also, school budget reports will include a column for "adjusted amounts" next year.

Selectman representative to the budget committee Lloyd Sullivan presented the Town Warrant articles for 2004-05. The committee reviewed each of the 28 warrants and Mr. Sullivan answered questions pertaining to the articles. The total proposed operating budget is \$3,931,364. Mr. Sullivan said a recent Department of Labor review of town facilities has affected the budget. A total of all warrant amounts is not yet available.

Mr. Sullivan also presented three new warrant articles selectmen had received that day, just before the deadline. One was for the transfer of 54.15 acres of salt marsh from a wildlife preservation organization through the town to the Audubon Society for management and protection. A citizen's petitioned article calls for the town to build an \$850,000 facility for the highway department on the Cherry Rd. land that was authorized by voters last year. Another citizen's petitioned article requests that the selectmen negotiate the purchase of land for construction of a highway department away from a densely populated site such as Cherry Rd.

An audience member addressed the fiscal impact of building on the Cherry Rd. facility. There was also discussion of the latest acquisition of land for North Hampton Forever and the end of the potential purchase of the Robinson land on Rt. 1 for the highway dept.

Homer Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/20/03 as written; it was seconded by Peter Simmons and passed unanimously with Mary Coppinger and Lloyd Sullivan abstaining.

The committee discussed communication, timing and possible scenarios of its vote on recommending the school district's proposed budget.

Motion to adjourn by Susan Smith, seconded by Homer Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kane  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved 1/17/04