

North Hampton Budget Committee
DRAFT MINUTES
Meeting after the town deliberative session
February 7, 2004

Chairman Robbie Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

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

School district proposed budget vote:

At the school deliberative session on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the bottom line of the school operating budget was amended and increased by majority vote from \$6,156,538 to \$6,235,350. After discussion of yearly percentage increases, school board leadership, process and structure of budget reviews and decision making, the budget committee voted 3-4 not to recommend the school district warrant article 4, the revised operating budget. For: CS, HJ, MC Against: PF, RR, LS, LM

Town warrant articles vote:

The committee reconsidered votes on articles that had been amended in that morning's session.

Article 31: 7-0 to recommend

Article 32: 7-0 to recommend

Article 33, operating budget amended to add \$180,000 for 4 addtl. Fire Dept. staff positions: 6-1, with LM opposed. Discussion of budget process and decision making, leadership and management of town.

The chairman asked school board representative to the budget committee Mary Coppinger to present the same information to the budget committee next year that the board would present to the public at the school deliberative session. Cynthia Swank requested that the Board of Selectmen also prepare and present a budget summary to the committee.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Fitzgibbons, seconded by Homer Johnson. Adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled in late February or early March to review quarterly reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kane
Recording Secretary

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