

OFFICIAL MINUTES
North Hampton Budget Committee Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2010
Mary Herbert Conference Room

Call to order: Chairman Paul Martino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Robert Copp (North Hampton School Board), Michael Golden, Robert Hamilton, Paul Martino, David Peck, Jennifer Simmons
Absent: Dick Garnett (Little Boar's Head), Larry Miller, Jon Rineman (Select Board)

1. Review LBH budget

Mr. Hamilton presented the proposed budget for the Little Boar's Head Village District of North Hampton. The annual meeting will take place on September 7, 2010. The proposed budget is \$16,500, which is a \$500 increase (3%) over the current fiscal year. The increase appears in the Parks & Recreation account and will cover repairs to a degrading ocean wall.

Motion by David Peck to recommend the proposed Little Boars Head budget; second by Paul Martino. Motion passes 6-0.

2. Appoint representative to the CIP Committee

Motion by Paul Martino to nominate Michael Golden to the CIP Committee; second by Bob Hamilton. Motion passes 6-0.

3. Appoint representative to the Ethics Committee

Motion by Paul Martino to nominate Bob Hamilton to the Ethics Committee; second by David Peck. Motion passes 6-0.

4. Review future Budget Committee meeting schedule

Mr. Martino distributed a proposed budget calendar through March. Dates for public hearings and deliberative sessions are not yet available; the calendar will be finalized at the September meeting. The first meeting of the budget season will be Tuesday, Sept. 14. The topic will be an Economic Overview.

Mr. Copp shared the school budget calendar: the proposed budget is scheduled to be delivered to the Budget Committee on Nov. 29, or a few days earlier in time for the Nov. 30 meeting. He also reported that the first warrant article, for a health trust, would be fully funded this year and the second would be partially funded. Nancy Tuttle, SAU 21 Finance Assistant, will report to the Budget Committee at the Oct. 4 meeting.

5. Review Budget Committee liaison assignments

Mr. Hamilton will be the liaison to the Fire Department. Mr. Peck will be the Police Department liaison. Ms. Simmons will be the School liaison. Mr. Garnett, Mr. Miller and Mr. Martino will share town finance liaison duties. The committee agreed to seek more information on the merit pool this year. Mr. Martino said the town administrator was still

trying to get a presenter for the economic overview Sept. 14. Mr. Peck, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Martino and Mr. Golden volunteered to gather data for that meeting as well.

6. Other

Mr. Copp suggested the committee receive an accounting of North Hampton Forever/ Conservation Commission funds this year. Committee members agreed they would like to review all trusts.

Mr. Golden volunteered to serve on the School Building Committee due to its relation to the CIP Committee.

Motion by Paul Martino to nominate Michael Golden to the School Building Committee; second by Jennifer Simmons. Motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Golden said he was frustrated with the actual vs. budgeted guaranteed maximum rate of health insurance.

Mr. Copp said the new SAU 21 superintendent invited calls from committee members, and a new business manager is being sought.

7. Minutes

Motion by Michael Golden to approve the draft minutes of June 15, 2010; second by David Peck. Motion passes 6-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Paul Martino; second by David Peck. Motion passes 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Kane