

October 18, 2021

## TOWN OF HAMPDEN

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2021

Thornton W. Burgess School, 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, Monday, October 18, 2021

Moderator Richard Green called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, 64 in attendance

#### ARTICLE 1 PURCHASE OF A POLICE CRUISER

The Town voted to transfer **\$53,000** from unappropriated available funds to the Police Department for the purchase of a new police cruiser. **Majority Vote Declared**

#### ARTICLE 2 MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

The Town voted by secret ballot to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services. **YES votes = 59, NO votes = 3**

#### ARTICLE 3 POLICE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The Town voted that the following appropriations in the Hampden Police Budget be reduced as follows:

01-210-5110-02 - Salaries from \$1,217,274 to \$1,043,733

01-210-5190-08 - Training from \$33,114 to \$26,373

01-210-5420-07 - General Expenses from \$104,405 to \$101,605.

And further, that the following appropriations be increased as follows:

01-210-5110-04 - Career Incentive from \$74,907 to \$83,307

01-210-5240-12 - Equipment from \$8,700 to \$9,069

So that the Hampden Police Budget for Fiscal 2022 reflects a net reduction of **\$174,313.**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	BUDGET FY 2021	BUDGET FY 2022	REVISED FY 2022
01-210-5110-01	Chief's Salary	\$93,495.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
01-210-5110-02	General Salaries	\$1,217,274.00	\$1,217,274.00	\$1,006,278.38
01-210-5110-04	Career Incentive	\$74,907.00	\$74,907.00	\$79,319.17
01-210-5110-05	Elections & Town Meetings	\$2,986.00	\$846.03	\$846.03
01-210-5120-10	Towing Clerk	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
01-210-5190-08	Training	\$32,799.00	\$33,114.00	\$26,373.42
01-210-5240-06	Cruiser Maintenance	\$12,670.00	\$12,760.00	\$12,760.00
01-210-5240-11	New Cruisers	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
01-210-5240-12	Equipment	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.90
01-210-5240-14	Building Maintenance & Expenses	\$60,363.00	\$60,363.20	\$60,363.20
01-210-5380-15	WMLEC	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
01-210-5420-07	General Expenses	\$103,680.00	\$104,405.00	\$101,605.24
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,607,724.00</b>	<b>\$1,658,219.23</b>	<b>\$1,442,095.44</b>

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 4 MATCH FOR SMALL BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Town voted to transfer **\$30,000** from unappropriated available funds to provide the required match for a \$34,000 state grant to design a replacement culvert and bridge on East Main Street.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 5 CONSERVATION RESTRICTION FOR THE AMERESCO PROJECT

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to place a Conservation Restriction on approximately 18.78 acres of Town owned land, as fully shown on the attached Exhibit A, said Conservation Restriction to be held by the Minnechaug Land Trust, in perpetuity, in accordance with M.G.L. c.184, Section 31 for rare species mitigation pursuant to a state regulatory permit.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 6 TRANSFER FOR THE AMERESCO PROJECT

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer approximately 18.78 acres in the aggregate of Town owned land, as fully shown on the attached Exhibit A, to the to the custody and control of the Conservation Commission, in perpetuity, in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, Section 15A for rare species mitigation pursuant to a state regulatory permit.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 7 ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds **\$2,364** and place the Principal Assessor on the Town's step scale at a Grade 6 – Step 8.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 8 BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

The Town voted to transfer from available funds **\$3,889** to upgrade the administrative person in the Building Department from a Grade 3 -Step 2, Department Assistant to Grade 4-Step 2, Administrative Assistant – Building.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 9 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ARTICLE

The Town voted to transfer **\$9,300** from the Community Preservation Trust to the Hampden Historical Commission to hire a consultant to prepare and submit a Historic Register listing for properties as shown on the attached Exhibit A. **Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 10 LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

The Town voted to transfer **\$3,520** from unappropriated available funds to upgrade the Youth Services/Children's Librarian position from a Grade 3 -Step 3, to a Grade 4-Step 3

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 11 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE

The Town voted to transfer **\$43,000** from unappropriated available funds to the Highway Department to purchase a new pickup truck. **Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 12 REDUCTION OF THE HWRSD ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL 2022

The Town voted to accept a reduction of **\$86,123** in the assessment for the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 71, §16B½, as amended.

**Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 13 SHORT TERM DEBT

The Town voted to transfer **\$375,443** from unappropriated available funds to reduce outstanding short-term debt. **Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 14 REDUCING THE TAX RATE

The Town voted to transfer **\$223,877** from unappropriated available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022. **Majority Vote Declared**

ARTICLE 15 TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

The Town voted to transfer **\$378,844** from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization account. **Majority Vote Declared**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm passed by a declared majority vote.