

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING STM MINUTES
April 24, 2017
Hampden Town House**

Approved May 1, 2017

Called to order at 7:04pm

Members Present – Carol Fitzgerald & Doug Boyd, Co-Chairs, Heather Turcotte

Members Absent – Jeff Smith and Matt Fisher

Also Present – public

FY18 Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Review

Article 1: Police Department Video Camera System for Cruisers; approximately \$31,000

It was stated that the articles in this STM warrant would be for the current fiscal year and that the monies would be available after town meeting. John Flynn added that they would be transferred from available funds.

Article 2: Law and Claims Funding; approximately \$20,000

The BOS would like this transferred from available funds. John Flynn stated that this figure comes from projecting out what has currently been used from 3/4 of the current year.

Doug pointed out the in FY16 \$25,000 was spent, in FY17 already at \$35,000 and with this it would bring the figure to \$55,000 and that would be doubling the amount in two years. FY18 request is for \$45,000

Article 3: Reserve Account

To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Reserve account, or take any other action relative thereto. Current balance is \$9700, two requests within the past few weeks have depleted \$10,000.

Article 4: Authorize Lease of Land for Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation

Parcels are the capped land fill, highway area, recycling container area and a wooded area. This would provide \$250,000 in lease revenue. Abutters concerned with the side setbacks, they were previously at 50ft and have now been increased to 100ft with an uncut wooded area.

Doug asked John what the timeframe for the town to see revenue from this and John answered next year. We are the fifty-fourth community in Massachusetts to use solar on a capped landfill.

Article 5: Authorize PILOT, (payment in lieu of taxes), for Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation
Tax schedule negotiation underway

Bob Howarth will open the ATM and then recess into STM

Recommendations – Doug would prefer 4 to 5 committee members to vote recommendations on warrant articles.

Next meeting to be held Monday, May 1st at 6pm.

With no further business, Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm, Doug seconded, all in favor 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk