

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2019
Hampden Town House**

Approved May 6, 2019

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present – Carol Fitzgerald and Doug Boyd co-chairs, Heather Turcotte, Matt Fisher and Alan Fritts
Also Present – Gary Weiner, Mark Casey, Mary McNally, John Flynn, Vinny Villamaino, Jeff Farnsworth, David Markham, Mark Langone, Hon. Robert Howarth, Ted Zebert, Nancy Zebert, Don Davenport, Mary Ellen Glover, Megan Rogers, Maura Ryan, Matt Sterling, John Plaster

FY20 ATM Budget Process

Stormwater Committee:

Gary Weiner gave a presentation of the requested expense budget for the Stormwater Committee. Hampden is subject to federal regulations in regard to how the run off that flows into the Scantic River is monitored. Currently, the western part of town is a member of the MS4 program which reports these findings. Tighe & Bond is the company that is conducting this research with the cost of \$36,000. There are 68 outfalls in Hampden of which 20% or about 15-20 that will flow during dry weather. Now in year two of this program and the reporting and documenting is getting more intensive. Eventually the committee will need to recommend the creation of a "Storm Water Manager". For now, the Committee has prepared two budgets, one of which includes the cost of hiring an intern as well as the cost of Tighe and Bond, and the second involves the cost of Tighe and Bond as well as the involvement of the highway department for maintenance. It was decided to wait on hiring an intern and so the second budget was submitted which requests \$61,000 to cover costs.

General Discussion:

Town warrant reviewed by each individual article, with some articles being discussed in greater detail:

- #14 - Is there any funding needed for this article as it requires property surveys. What considerations make a building historical? This article requires greater discussion in regards to itemized cost.
- #15 and #16 were discussed with input given by David Markham towards the purchase of a new fire truck and an addition put on the fire house. FD hasn't been able to purchase a new firetruck in 8 years, with the typical amount of time between purchases being 5 years. The addition to the fire house requires exhaust work as well as creating the capacity to house a new fire truck. The ability to finance these purchases was discussed as well as any emergent need.
- #17 was discussed at greater length with chief of police Jeff Farnsworth giving a presentation on the New Goosetown Radio System. The new ITT57 system has a quote of \$380,000 and is P25 compliant. Three other quotes were requested with no additional information received. According to Farnsworth, the FD and PD are on borrowed time with the current system.
- #19 was recommended to be removed as it was premature to put it on the warrant. Nothing has been filed with planning at this point
- #20. The board is in favor with the highway building addition. Will cost between \$260,000-276,000.

Changes made to the budget. Reduce paving to \$250,000, reduce gas line to \$50,000, reduce tree warden to \$39,850. Public Hearing to be held next week.

With no further comments or discussions, Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carol seconded, all in favor 5-0