

**HAMPDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2019
Hampden Town House**

Approved 1/27/2020

Called to order at 6:02

Members Present – Carol Fitzgerald co-chair, Doug Boyd co-chair, Alan Fritts, Heather Turcotte & Matt Fisher (6:21-7:00)

Other Guests – Cliff Bombard

Agenda Items

Reviewed necessary transfers for end of Fiscal Year 2019 with Cliff Bombard. The first transfer will be for various accounts.

| Account Over | Transfer From |
|---|-------------------------------|
| \$4,031.54 - Town House Maintenance | Town House Utilities |
| \$3,438.52 - Fire Department Operations | Call Fire Reimbursement |
| \$27,827.16 - Unemployment | \$18,574.60 Law & Claims |
| | \$9,252.56 Gasoline Purchases |
| \$6,586.88 - Conservation Commission Clerical | \$1,782.17 Temporary Help |
| | \$1990.02 Accounting Clerical |
| | \$2,313.39 Treasurer Clerical |
| | \$501.30 Town Clerk Salary |

It needs to be noted that the Unemployment Account is already overdrawn this year. It may need to be considered whether it is better to maintain the reimbursable system versus being tax rated. There was a motion by Carol to approve the above transfers in the total amount of \$41,884.10 as presented by Cliff. 2nd by Doug, all in favor 5-0. There was also a second transfer to Unemployment of \$25,000 from the Reserve Fund. Motion made by Carol, 2nd by Alan, all in favor 5-0.

The Advisory Committee reviewed the status of the Fire Department. The BOS want two representatives from Advisory to serve on the temporary committee.

There was an update on the police radio. Jeff is getting 3 different quotes, which are averaging to \$390,000-\$400,000 to date.

At 6:30pm the Advisory Committee moved to the BOS meeting. The transfers were reviewed with the BOS and discussed as needed. Cliff thinks we have about \$200,000 of unspent budget as we head toward the year end, which would be contributed towards free cash.

Don explained that the BOS desires to form a committee to review the Fire Chief position. Will it be a PT paid, FT paid, or volunteer position? They need to consider the proper compensation. The BOS would like to get this done within a short period of time to initiate a search committee.

Reviewed the Senior Center Building. Becky and Mary have been meeting to discuss the building and Michael Clark of Lesser's office is looking at state earmark.

The review hasn't been started yet for the Fire Department building. Hoping Tuttle can work.

Discussed the Fall Town Meeting which will be held on October 28, 2019 at TWB. The potential articles are as follows: Solar, Extra Cruiser, Maintenance Fund for MRHS.

Left the Selectmen's meeting and continued as just an Advisory members meeting.

The Advisory Committee discussed who would be on the Fire Department Committee and are considering Matt and Heather to be the Advisory Committee representation.

With no further comments or discussions, Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Matt seconded, all in favor 5-0