

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

**MAY 14, 2007**

A special meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, May 14, 2007 for the purpose of holding a budget workshop on the proposed FY 2008 budget. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance: Councilors:** Mayor Rick Briggs, Robert Gilberti, Edward Murphy, Thomas Brann, Andrew Colford, Matt Arnett and Shannon Cox

**Town Manager:** Susan Lessard

**Department Heads:** Public Works Director Greg Nash and Highway Foreman Dudley Patterson

Budgets for Public Works, Municipal Garage, Solid Waste, Buildings and Grounds, Marina, Administration, Municipal Building, Municipal Elections and Town Council were each reviewed line-by-line. The Council also reviewed proposed Revenues.

### **10-01 PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Greg Nash thanked the Council for its many years of support of the Public Works Department. Greg noted that this year's budget was the most difficult dollar-wise as the price of fuel oil has drastically affected his budget again this year.

#### **10-01-10-55 STREET SIGNS**

Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Murphy to add \$1,000.00 to this line item for the purchase of snowmobile crossing signs – unanimous vote in favor. The new total for this line item is \$3,000.00.

#### **10-01-10-60 CALCIUM CHLORIDE**

Greg suggested that this line item could be reduced by \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

#### **10-01-15-01 TELEPHONE**

Greg requested that this line item be increased from \$3500.00 to \$4,000.00 to add a cell phone for the Cemetery Sexton. Councilor Gilberti so moved. Councilor Arnett seconded the motion and vote was unanimously in favor.

The new proposed total for Public Works is \$1,099,900.00.

**10-05 MUNICIPAL GARAGE**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$25,500.00.

**15-10 SOLID WASTE**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$482,918.00.

**30-10 BUILDINGS/GROUNDS**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$59,026.00.

**20-25 MARINA**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$600.00. Manager Lessard noted that this line item was for porta-potties in the past and while there are permanent restroom facilities at the marina now, she left this line item in tact in case it was needed for incidentals.

**REVENUES**

The proposed revenue amounts were accepted as presented.

**01-01 ADMINISTRATION**

**01-01-30-60 DUES**

Councilor Gilberti noted that the expended amount for this line item in the last few years has been considerably less than the budgeted amount and questioned whether this line item could be reduced. Manager Lessard suggested that it could be reduced by \$2500.00 as the dues for PVCOG is now included in the Council's budget. Motion by Councilor Gilberti, seconded by Councilor Murphy to reduce this line item by \$2500.00 to \$2000.00 – unanimous vote in favor.

The new proposed total for Administration is \$524,789.00.

**01-10 MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$107,065.00.

**01-20 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon explained that this year's budget is higher than past years because the ballot scanners need to be replaced. The proposed amount includes funds to lease three machines. No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$14,366.00.

**01-05 TOWN COUNCIL**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$31,701.50.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Denise R. Hodsdon  
Town Clerk