

**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October2, 2017 7:00 PM  
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman and School Board Rep James Sununu, John Anthony Simmons, George Chauncey, Laurel Pohl, Frank Ferraro, Select Board Rep Larry Miller, Little Boar's Head Rep BrianGoode

EXCUSED:Charles Gallant

ALSO PRESENT: SchoolBusiness Administrator Matt Ferreira

**AGENDA**

Chairman Jonathan Pinettewelcomed everyone to the October2, 2017 North Hampton Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pinette requested a moment of silence for the victims of mass-shooting tragedy in Las Vegas of the previous evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**– None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Pinette stated that at this meeting they were going to listen to the School Year-End Review and Default Budget, but that the meeting had not been properly posted. He said they would discuss all the matters under New Business but would not be voting on anything at this meeting. He said he had failed to post the agenda 24 hours in advance.

Ms. Pohl said RSA 91A stated that the agenda must be posted in advance in at least 2 places in the Town, and since that did not occur this was an illegal meeting. Mr. Miller said they could still meet, they just could not do anything. Ms. Pohl disagreed and reiterated that it was an illegal meeting, otherwise it was a quorum that was not posted and business could not be conducted. She stressed that any decisions or business conducted would be considered non-public and could be invalidated. She then unseated herself from the meeting.

Chairman Pinette said he had spoken with Town Administrator Apple about the matter this morning. Mr. Simmons asked why Committee members and presenters from the School were not notified that there could be a potential problem, if the Chairman knew the meeting was not properly noticed this

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morning. Chairman Pinette reiterated that they would not be taking a vote on anything on the agenda this evening, and said he was advised that the meeting could be held and they could go forward with the information from SAU 21 with regard to the School, and discuss other items on the agenda. Mr. Ferraro said he had a problem with discussing anything including the minutes as that would be business. Chairman Pinette said he intended to conduct the meeting and provide the presentation for questions.

Mr. Simmons stated that there were items on the agenda which had not been covered at a previous meeting, and asked for an explanation of the Budget Committee Liaison to the Town Administrative Assistant and what the Request for 2017 Line-Item Transfers referred to. Chairman Pinette said that he had asked Mr. Chauncey to work as a Liaison with Jan in future with regard to their meetings. He explained that Mr. Ferraro had asked about the School Board 2017 Line-Item Transfers and he had told him he would get the information on which line-items were moved and where and would provide the information to everyone on the Board.

Mr. Simmons said he was not comfortable participating in a meeting that was not properly noticed. Mr. Ferraro said he had prepared questions to ask with regard to the School Budget, and asked if the presenters would be back again at a normal meeting. Vice-Chair Sununu suggested that questions could be asked, as it would just be receiving information vs. the Committee conducting business related to it. Mr. Simmons asked the length of the presentation and was informed approximately 15 minutes. He suggested in that case that they wait and fit the presentation into a properly noticed meeting.

Mr. Simmons, Mr. Chauncey, and Mr. Ferraro then unseated themselves from the meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary