



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

**JANUARY 7, 2019 7:00 PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY2020 OPERATING BUDGETS

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman/School Board Rep James Sununu, Rick Stanton, Tamara Le, Laurel Pohl, Charles Gallant, Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode, Select Board Rep Larry Miller

EXCUSED: Frank Ferraro

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Kathleen Kilgore, Larry Miller

ALSO PRESENT: School Business Administrator Matt Ferreira, School Superintendent William H. Lupini, Town Administrator Bryan Kaenrath

AGENDA

Chairman Jonathan Pinette welcomed everyone to the January 7, 2019 North Hampton Budget Committee/Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Select Board Chairman Jim Maggiore opened the Select Board Meeting at 7:05 pm.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pinette stated that there would be a quick presentation on the School FY2020 Proposed Budget followed by public comment and a presentation on the Town FY2020 Proposed Budget followed by a period of public comment.

School District Proposed FY2020 Operating Budget

School Business Administrator Matt Ferreira reviewed the major items for the Proposed FY2019/2020 School Budget. He said there were three (3) primary priorities and objectives which were to support the Middle School structure, maintain the 1-to-1 laptop program, and continue investment in a Library Learning Commons model. He said as far as enrollment at North Hampton Schools, projections anticipated moderate growth over 4-5 years.

Business Administrator Ferreira stated that the Proposed FY2019/2020 School Operating Budget was \$9,131,074, a 3.47% increase over the FY2019 Budget or an increase of \$306,227. He said there were significant increases in Special Education, SAU Services, Employee Benefits, and Regular Education Transportation. He said that all cost increases were either contractual or mandated by State and Federal Law. He reviewed each of the regular funds individually and indicated whether there was an increase or decrease.

Business Administrator Ferreira said there were some changes to the rules for the Default Budget. He said the Default Budget for FY2020 came to \$9,182,602, which was \$51,000 more than the Operating Budget. He said the budget reflected the care of the School Board and the Budget Committee to provide a fiscally responsible budget this year.

School District Proposed FY2020 Warrant Articles

Business Administrator Ferreira listed the School FY2020 Warrant Articles to raise and appropriate the following: the SEA Collective Bargaining Agreement (4-years) \$146,926, Long Term Maintenance \$65,000, and a new 3-year Truck Lease of \$16,500. He said the following contributions to Expendable Trust Funds were to come from Unreserved Fund Balance: \$75,000 for Special Education, \$75,000 for School Health Insurance, and \$25,000 for Building Maintenance. He said two other warrants were to dissolve the Energy Improvements Expendable Trust Fund and the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Period of Public Comment – School

Chairman Pinette opened the floor for Public Comment at 7:26 pm.

Mr. Henry Marsh of 101 Mill Road addressed Winnecunnet High School, and said it was one of the top 100 High Schools in the country and the number one High School in the State in 2017. He stressed the importance of voting to support the teachers and contracts on the Winnecunnet Ballot. He said last year \$300,000 of the budget was not spent and had gone back to the various communities to adjust their tax rate, and thanked the Budget Committee for all their hard work.

Chairman Pinette closed School Public Comment at 7:29 pm.

Town Proposed FY2020 Operating Budget

Town Administrator Brian Kaenrath presented a quick review of the Town Proposed FY2020 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles. He said the approved Town FY2019 Operating Budget was \$7,124,725 and the Proposed Operating Budget for FY2020 was \$7,161,370, representing an increase FY2019 to FY2020 of \$36,645 or 0.514%. He reviewed the proposed budget increases by department, with the largest being Fire & Rescue with an increase of \$114,895 and Highways at an increase of \$23,089. He said major decreases were -\$81,231 for Legal Expenses and -\$76,874 for Personnel Administration.

Town Administrator Kaenrath said the FY2020 Proposed Default Budget was \$7,139,510, with an increase of Default to Proposed of \$21,860 of 0.306%. He said the differences from the Default Budget to the Proposed Operating Budget included a decrease in Non-Contractual Salaries/Benefits, a decrease in Legal Services, and increases to Police/Fire/Highway/OT, Data Processing/IT Contracts, Library, Police & Fire Gas/Maintenance/Equipment, Highways, and others. He said as for the Proposed Budget classified by category Personnel Costs made up 73%, Contractual/Statutory 12%, Fixed Overhead Costs 3%, and Other Spending 12%.

Town Proposed FY2020 Warrant Articles

Town Administrator Kaenrath reviewed the Town Warrant Articles, the first being to raise and appropriate the FY2020 Operating Budget for \$7,161,370. He said other warrants were to raise and appropriate the following: Proposed Police CBA of \$12,130, Town Offices/Police Building Weatherization \$30,000, Upgrade Police Video Surveillance System \$32,150, Paving the Town Complex \$90,000, and Road Resurfacing of \$250,000. He said the following were requested contributions to Capital Reserve Funds: Earned Time Settlement \$50,000, Town Revaluation \$30,000, Coakley Landfill \$50,000, and Library CRF \$100,000 for a total of \$8,180,650.

Period of Public Comment – Town

Chairman Pinette opened the meeting to public comment on the Town Proposed FY2020 Budget and Warrant Articles at 7:37 pm.

As no one from the public came forward, Chairman Pinette closed the Town portion of the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Pinette said the next meeting would be the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 8:30 am at the School. He said the Budget Committee would be conducting some business with regard to minutes and he would have an agenda.

Select Board Chairman Maggiore said the latest possible snow date for the Deliberative Session would be February 9, 2019. Mr. Stanton said tomorrow by close of business was the last day for Petition Warrant Articles to be submitted. Vice-Chair Sununu said the School District Deliberative Session would be held Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the School.

Town Administrator Kaenrath said there were two other quick items of business, the first being that the Select Board voted to accept the Police CBA but did not vote on the Warrant Article.

Motion: To approve the Police Department CBA.

Motioned: Mr. Miller

Seconded: Ms. Kilgore

Vote: Approved by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0

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Town Administrator Kaenrath said the second item of business was with regard to the IT & Program Equipment Fund, which had a change in language at the last meeting.

Motion: To reconsider the vote after changes were made to the language of Establish Information & Internet Technology Program Fund.

Motioned: Ms. Kilgore

Seconded: Mr. Miller

Vote: Approved by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0

Motion: To adopt the new language for the Establish Information & Internet Technology Program Fund.

Motioned: Ms. Kilgore

Seconded: Mr. Miller

Vote: Approved by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0

NEXT MEETING: Town Deliberative Session Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 8:30 am at the School.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goode made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Gallant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0 and the Budget Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary