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

6 **APRIL 8, 2019 6:00 PM**

7 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

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9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman/School Board Rep James Sununu, Rick
10 Stanton, Tamara Le, Laurel Pohl, George Chauncey, Frank Ferraro, Select Board Rep Larry Miller
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12 EXCUSED: Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode

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14 **AGENDA**

15 Jonathan Pinette welcomed everyone to the April 8, 2019 North Hampton Municipal Budget Committee
16 Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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18 **OLD BUSINESS** – None

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20 **NEW BUSINESS**

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22 **Appoint Budget Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

23 ***Nominations:** Jonathan Pinette, Frank Ferraro*

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25 Jonathan Pinette received 5 votes for Chairman and Frank Ferraro received 3 votes, and *Jonathan Pinette*
26 was elected *Chairman of the Budget Committee*.

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28 **Appoint Budget Committee Member to the Ethics Committee**

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30 *Jonathan Pinette* said as Chairman, he would be the *Budget Committee Member to the Ethics Committee*.

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32 **Appoint Budget Committee Member to the CIP Committee**

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34 Vice-Chair Sununu clarified that there was one Budget Committee Member to the CIP and one Citizen
35 Member to the CIP. He nominated Rick Stanton as Budget Committee Member to the CIP Committee,
36 which was seconded by Selectman Miller.

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38 Chairman Pinette polled the Committee and *Rick Stanton* was elected as *Budget Committee Member to the CIP Committee* by a vote of 7-0, with 1 abstention.

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41 **Citizen Member to the CIP Committee**

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43 Mr. Ferraro questioned the length of the term for the citizen member, and Ms. Monaghan indicated it
44 was for a term of 3 years.

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46 Mr. Stanton nominated Clifton Jones as the Citizen Member to the CIP Committee which was seconded
47 by Mr. Chauncey.

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49 Chairman Pinette polled the Committee and the nomination of *Clifton Jones* as *Citizen Member to the CIP Committee* was approved by a vote of 8-0.

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52 **Distribute 2019-2010 Budget Committee Schedule**

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54 Chairman Pinette said he distributed the 2019-2010 Budget Committee Schedule after meeting with Town
55 Administrator Kaenrath and speaking with Department Heads to make sure the Budget Committee would
56 be on time. He said he also changed the meeting time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

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58 Ms. Pohl said she worked in Nashua and could not make a 6:00 pm meeting, and a time of 6:30 pm was
59 proposed and agreed upon. Mr. Stanton said he had also made a schedule with a few changes from that
60 of Chairman Pinette. He said it basically moved the delivery of the books a little to allow the Town and
61 the School Board time to get them together and give the Budget Committee more time to review. He said
62 he moved the Town and School defaults to October 14th allowing 2 weeks for the Budget Committee to
63 talk about year-end and default budgets. A week after that would be the School Year-End Review, with
64 Town and School books put out between November 11th and 15th. He said he also added a meeting for
65 Thursday, November 14, 2019 for first review of the Town.

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67 Vice-Chair Sununu said that would be moving the Select Board/Budget Committee Meeting from July to
68 after Labor Day. Mr. Ferraro said he was concerned about having enough time to review the budgets, and
69 said pushing them forward by a month was unworkable. He said the Chairman listed September 30th as
70 the Town year-end review and default, and Mr. Stanton scheduled it for October 28th, and he said he could
71 not accept that as it pushed their review into November.

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73 Chairman Pinette asked Vice-Chair Sununu when they received the books last year, and Vice-Chair Sununu
74 said they were received as scheduled. Town Administrator Kaenrath said the Town was on time last year
75 and he believed the School was as well. Mr. Ferraro and Ms. Pohl both stated that the School was not on
76 time. Chairman Pinette said he preferred to leave the schedule as it was, and they could reschedule the
77 date the books were distributed if necessary.

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79 Vice-Chair Sununu said he felt allowing more time for the Town and the School was better as a lot of
80 information came in late. He said the last date for the Public Hearing was January 21st and not January
81 13th. He suggested holding their 2nd review of the hearings right after the New Year, which left plenty of
82 time for the Public Hearing, and scheduling 1st reviews at the beginning of December. This gave them
83 another month before the review in early January. Chairman Pinette said he came out with the calendar
84 earlier this year to reserve the dates.

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86 Mr. Ferraro recommended having the books available October 28th with first review on November 14th,
87 as he needed time to read the books and go through the numbers to be able to ask questions and get the
88 answers from the respective boards. Ms. Pohl asked if it would be possible to distribute parts of the books
89 sooner, and Chairman Pinette said he preferred to get them all in one piece. Vice-Chair Sununu said the
90 School distributed the books as soon as they were done. Ms. Le pointed out that the School Board worked
91 on 5 budgets and there were a lot of issues with collective bargaining.

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93 Vice-Chair Sununu said the goal was to give the Town and SAU staff more time, as it put a lot of burden
94 on them. He said the later in the process, the better the information they would have, and said it was
95 asking a lot of their administrators to get this out early in the year. Mr. Ferraro agreed, but said if they
96 tried to compress it more he would not have a lot of faith in the final product.

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98 Chairman Pinette asked Town Administrator Kaenrath if they had a date from NHMA for when the
99 Warrant Articles were going to be due, and said he was going to change that meeting date as last year
100 they had to have an emergency meeting. He asked if there was a consensus about the calendar. Ms. Pohl
101 asked if they had to decide tonight and Chairman Pinette said they did not but that he would leave things
102 as they were as the dates were locked in. Ms. Le said she would like to see the Committee give both the
103 School and the Town at least 2 extra weeks and add a meeting. Mr. Ferraro recommended moving the
104 schedule 1 week and leaving the timing as it was.

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106 Mr. Pohl asked if it was possible to allow more time for the Budget Committee to review the Little Boar's
107 Head Budget before voting on approval, as it was usually done in the same meeting. Chairman Pinette
108 agreed that more time was appropriate. He suggested they move his calendar ahead by one week, change
109 the meeting time to 6:30 pm, and add the Town and School Deliberative Sessions. Selectman Miller said
110 he needed to know if they wanted to approach the Little Boar's Head meeting sooner than August 19th,
111 as he had to get the information for them to vote on. Chairman Pinette said he would contact Mr. Goode
112 about that meeting.

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114 **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

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116 **NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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118 **ADJOURNMENT**

119 Vice-Chair Sununu made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Le.
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121 The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0, and the Budget Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:30
122 pm.

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124 Respectfully submitted,

125 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary