



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

April 17, 2023 6:30 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved May 15, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rick Stanton, Vice-Chairman Tom von Jess, Larry Miller, Lisa Gallagher, Select Board Rep James Sununu

EXCUSED: Sean Dionne, Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode, School Board Rep Lisa Gagalis

Acting Chairman Rick Stanton welcomed everyone to the April 17, 2023 North Hampton Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Confirm Member Appointments by Select Board, LBH, and NHS

Acting Chairman Stanton confirmed James Sununu as Select Board Rep, Brian Goode as LBH Rep, and Lisa Gagalis as School Board Rep, but a Budget Committee Rep to CIP needed to be appointed.

Economic Update Discussion

Chairman Stanton said Selectman James Sununu will update his Economic Presentation from last year at the next Budget Committee Meeting on May 15th, 2023.

Elect Chairperson

Selectman Sununu **nominated** Rick Stanton to serve another year as Chair; Lisa Gallagher **nominated** Sean Dionne as it was his last year.

Mr. Stanton received 4 votes and Mr. Dionne received one vote.

Mr. Rick Stanton was elected as Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee.

Elect Vice-Chairman

Chairman Stanton **nominated** Tom von Jess as Vice-Chair; **seconded** by Selectman Sununu; **approved** by a vote of 5-0.

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Tom von Jess was elected Vice-Chair of the Municipal Budget Committee.

Appoint Budget Committee Rep to CIP

Selectman Sununu **nominated** *Sean Dionne* as *Budget Committee Rep to the CIP Committee*; **approved** by a vote of 5-0.

Appoint At-Large Member Rep to CIP

Cliff Jones was already elected to a 3-year term.

Filling Vacancies

Chairman Stanton said the Committee can either use people who signed up for the Budget Committee or go through the process of advertising in Friday Folders and reviewing submissions for the position. The Budget Committee felt they should follow the usual process of advertising and then consider names submitted to open the field up. Vice-Chair von Jess said it was better to keep it open and maintain transparency.

Discuss/Amend/Approve Proposed Schedule

Chairman Stanton said he put together the schedule from last year and put the Town to go first as it makes more sense. Vice-Chair von Jess said the School would be happy to have the extra time. He also corrected 2 dates on the Schedule: November 7th was corrected to Monday, November 6th, and November 15th corrected to Thursday, November 16th.

Library Budget

Chairman Stanton said last year was the first year the Library was authorized to submit their own Budget. They will submit their Budget to us and then give it to the town to put in as a line-item on the Town Budget. He said the Town is required by statute to fund the Library Budget, which the Budget Committee reviews to make sure it is reasonable and has the last word.

Vice-Chair von Jess asked about the process/format of the Library Budget which makes it hard to align things. Chairman Stanton said the Library learned last year with some help from Finance Director Ryan Cornwell and will only need to update their budget for the new fiscal year.

ANY OTHER ITEM THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Gallagher asked how much time was left on George Chauncey's term when he is replaced. Chairman Stanton said he had one year left to serve on the Budget Committee.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Next Budget Committee Meeting: May 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Selectman Sununu made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Vice-Chair von Jess, all in favor 5-0.

Chairman Stanton adjourned the Municipal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:50 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary