



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

APRIL 14, 2022 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved May 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rick Stanton, Vice-Chairman/Select Board Rep James Sununu, Sean Dionne, Andrew Raucci, George Chauncey, Frank Ferraro, Lisa Gallagher, School Board Rep Lisa Gagalis, Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode

AGENDA

Acting Chairman Rick Stanton welcomed everyone to the March 14, 2022 North Hampton Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – Election of Officers

Election of Chairman of the Budget Committee

Mr. Chauncey nominated Frank Ferraro as Chair of the Budget Committee, seconded by Ms. Gallagher. Mr. Sununu nominated Rick Stanton as Chair of the Budget Committee, seconded by Mr. Raucci.

Acting Chairman Stanton called a vote for Frank Ferraro with 4 in favor, and called a vote for Rick Stanton with 5 in favor.

Rick Stanton was elected as Chairman of the Budget Committee for FY2023-2024.

Election of Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee

Mr. Dionne nominated James Sununu as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee, seconded by Ms. Gagalis. Chairman Stanton nominated Brian Goode as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee.

Chairman Stanton called for a vote for James Sununu with 5 in favor, and called a vote for Brian Goode with 4 in favor.

James Sununu was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee for FY2023-2024.

Select Board, North Hampton School, and Little Boar's Head Representatives

Chairman Stanton recognized James Sununu as Select Board Representative, Lisa Gagalis as School Board Representative, and Brian Goode as Little Boar's Head Representative.

Appoint Budget Committee Representative to CIP Committee

Vice-Chair Sununu nominated Sean Dionne as Budget Committee Representative to the CIP Committee. Mr. Chauncey nominated Frank Ferraro as Budget Committee Representative to the CIP Committee.

Chairman Stanton called for a vote for Sean Dionne with 4 in favor, and called a vote for Frank Ferraro with 5 in favor.

Frank Ferraro was elected as *Budget Committee Representative to the CIP Committee* for FY2023-2024.

Appoint Budget Committee at-large Citizen Representative to CIP Committee

Chairman Stanton said Clifton Jones had again volunteered for the position of Budget Committee at-large Citizen Representative to the CIP Committee.

Vice-Chair Sununu nominated Clifton Jones as Budget Committee at-large Citizen Representative to the CIP Committee. As there were no other nominations, *Clifton Jones* was approved as *Budget Committee at-large Citizen Representative to the CIP Committee*.

ANY OTHER ITEM THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferraro said he took the liberty of taking last year's schedule and going through the Town Calendar and making changes, which he wished to submit for consideration. Vice-Chair Sununu asked Mr. Ferraro if he had flipped the School and the Town as has been the practice, and Mr. Ferraro said he did not.

Chairman Stanton said the schedule last year worked very well and there is nothing written down about alternating the School and the Town. Vice-Chair Sununu said it was done as a courtesy to provide a few extra weeks for last-minute budget updates and recommended Chairman Stanton touch base with the Town Administrator and School Board Business Administrator regarding scheduling.

Mr. Ferraro said meetings last year were at 6:30 pm but there is some interest to moving the meeting time to 7:00 pm. The Committee discussed the issue and there were no objections to keeping the meeting time to 6:30 pm on Mondays.

Chairman Stanton passed out a copy of Budget Committee Rules & Procedures developed in 2016 to new members, which he said is basically a guide. He said information is usually fed through the Chairman to Department Heads and back the same way.

Mr. Goode said he would like the Committee to consider discussing the School Board policy of sending a budget with 2 columns, one for Administration and one for the School Board, and felt they should be

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consistent with the Town getting 1 line item and not have 2 different departments. Ms. Gagalis asked that email her explaining the issue more specifically for her understanding.

Chairman Stanton asked Vice-Chair Sununu if he would be willing to do the economic review this year on Monday, May 16, 2022, from the US economy down to the Town and how to treat inflation; Vice-Chair Sununu agreed.

Chairman Stanton asked Committee members to let him know if there are other questions to discuss. He said his issue will be regarding a School Fund that was set up last year for the School to use unspent monies which passed on warrant.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Next Budget Committee Meeting: May 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair James Sununu made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dionne, all in favor.

Chairman Stanton adjourned the Municipal Budget Committee Meeting at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary