



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

9:00 O'CLOCK A.M.
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN EXECUTIVE OFFICES
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE

1. Call to Order by the Chair

Chair Maggiore opened the meeting at 9:05AM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Sununu, Town Administrator Tully and Finance Director Cornwell.

Also, in attendance were Police Chief Mone and Fire Chief Lajoie.

2. **First Public Comment Session**

Public Comment is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, request information and make comments on issues facing the Town. Individuals will be given not more than three (3) minutes to speak, and people who have already spoken will be asked to wait until everyone has had the chance to speak once. The total time devoted to this agenda item is fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals who are not able to speak during the First Public Comment Session will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment Session at the end of the Meeting.

3. **New Business**

3.1 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Review

The Select Board reviewed changes made to the library budget and narrative they had received from Director Grant.

Selectman Sununu suggested the following changes to the library budget:

- Staff Salaries should be using the .8% as in all other departments, so the final number should be \$125,180.57
- Staff hourly should be using the same .8% and therefore the number should be \$96,768

- 2% Merit should be \$4,438.97
- Health insurance should be \$58,890.45
- FICA should be \$17,318.65

Motion by Selectman Sununu to make the five changes as stated. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

The board discussed the custodial line in the library budget.

Motion by Selectman Miller to change the library custodial line to \$10,634. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

Selectman Sununu stated a cost analysis had not been done by the library for electricity versus gas heating, and feels their number is grossly underestimated for electric heat the new library building. He further stated after listening to the Library Trustees last meeting, they have no plans to move to solar powered.

Motion by Selectman Sununu to adjust the electricity line to \$7,500. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Sununu to add a line in the library budget for natural gas for FY22 in the amount of \$7,500. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Selectman Sununu stated based on the changes the total budget for the library should be \$407,013.63.

Finance Director Cornwell stated the total town budget was currently at \$7,574,786 or 1.998%.

Selectman Sununu asked for a priority list to add back funds due to the cuts of critical functions.

Town Administrator Tully stated he would like to see training funds added back into both the fire and police departments.

Selectman Sununu suggested adding back \$38,000 to the budget to get to a 2.5% increase over last year.

The Select Board discussed adding the following back into the budget:

- Police education account increase by \$3,000;
- Fire department training and education increase by \$3,000
- Cemetery add back \$2,000;
- Emergency Management add back \$3,400;
- Health insurance change to \$24,000;

Motion by Selectman Sununu to approve the default budget for FY22 in the amount of \$7,774,158. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Sununu to approve the budget for FY22 in the amount of \$7,611,372. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs, which circumstances may require

5. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above

6. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 10:17AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella