

# **TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD**

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## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**September 29, 2015**

(Rescheduled from September 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Approved November 12, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Emily Reschberger, John Skidmore, Steve Londrigan, Bill Keating, Jorge Mesa-Tejada

**VISITORS:** Penny Williams, Priscilla Lindquist

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Jorge Mesa-Tejada at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Hampstead Town Hall.

**1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance**

John Skidmore led the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2015**

**Motion:** Bill moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015 as written; John seconded.

**VOTE:** YES 4; NO 0; ABSTAIN 1

**3. Discussion: Review topics for meeting with School Board**

Jorge distributed the final draft of the ten topics to be discussed with School Board on October 13<sup>th</sup> and copies of handouts/supporting documentation. He asked the members to email any comments/suggestions to him ASAP.

Members reviewed the information and handouts. There were no substantive comments made.

Additionally, Jorge requested that all members be present on the day of the presentation so that it could not be said that "those are just Jorge's ideas." All members pledged to attend.

Bill asked whether the members could ask questions during or after the presentation. Jorge explained that the Board might ask questions of the BudCom or simply accept our concerns without comment: it was entirely up to the Board.

**4. Discussion: Hampstead Support Personnel Contract**

Postponed to a later meeting.

**5. Town and School Budget Development Schedules**

Jorge distributed the budget development schedules for the Town and the School 2015-2016 budget cycle.

Town Budget Workshops: October 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with a joint Selectmen/BudCom meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

School Budget Workshops: October 13, 20 and 27; November 10 and 24 and December 8, possibly 22<sup>nd</sup> for unresolved items.

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The Town's Public Budget Hearing will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> while the School's will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Deliberative Sessions: Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the School; Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for the Town.

Emily indicated that because she was the Library Treasurer, she will not vote on any budget items pertaining to the Library.

#### **6. Members comments**

**Emily:** Attended NHMA Budget Workshop on September 15<sup>th</sup> in Manchester; finds the Budget Handbook that was distributed as part of the course very useful and informative, especially the new Index.

She will attend the Solid Waste meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the Recreation Committee meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Regarding Solid waste/recyclables—Bob Nugent asked her to remind people to dispose of recyclables loosely, not in bags.

**Steve:** none—out of country

**Bill:** none.

**John:** Library Board of Trustees working on budget draft all summer: just finalized it. The Library will have a \$10K Capital Reserve warrant article for replacement of the first floor carpeting. The biggest part of this cost is furniture/book removal and installation.

He met with Fire Chief Carrier. No big ticket items; all increases are personnel related.

**Jorge:** Attended NHMA Annual Budget Seminar in Manchester on September 15th; attended the SAU Budget work session September 21<sup>st</sup>; watched all School Board meetings; met with Chief Mike Carrier to discuss Access Road; working on PowerPoint presentation for School Board and finishing research on discussion topics.

#### **7. Next meeting agenda items**

Review School Board reaction to BudCom presentation

#### **8. Schedule next meeting date**

In view of the number of budget workshops/ meetings in October for the Town and School, the members agreed to forego the regular October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next meeting will be November 12, 2015.

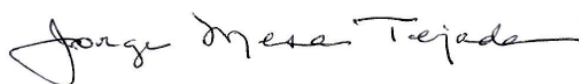
#### **9. Visitors Comments**

Priscilla Lindquist informed Emily that the Historic Commission was ready to discuss their budget.

#### **10. Adjournment**

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Emily, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

For the Committee,



Jorge Mesa-Tejada, chairman