

**TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**PRESENT:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr., Chairman; S. C. Volpone, Jr., T. C. Tocci, Selectmen;  
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

**7 pm - 2007 Proposed Budget:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr. opened the public hearing. The Board conducted a department-by-department review of the proposed 2007 budget (\$2,530,300) answering questions of the public. Increases and decreases in budget lines were noted as well as offsetting revenues. An increase in man hours was noted for the Town Clerk's office in that she is scheduled to begin processing the state portion of auto registrations. The Board indicated its plan to review and study health insurance benefits during 2007. Suggestion was made to consider a larger deductible for property-liability insurance with the idea that doing so would reduce the annual premium. The Fire Department plans to conduct more ambulance calls during the nighttime hours. This will generate additional revenue which is placed in a special vehicle fund held by the Treasurer. It was noted that should a dependable vehicle become available, it will be made available for use by the Building Inspector. Suggestion was also made to review options to change the flag pole at Town Hall. It was noted that the budget addresses the last of the upkeep of town roads; a vow R. B. Merrill, Sr. achieved before his recent passing.

E. N. Small referred the public to spreadsheets prepared showing the difference between the proposed and default budget amounts as well as information relating to the impact on taxes should the budget pass. A sheet outlining the estimated revenues was provided was well.

Money Warrant Articles, as listed below, were introduced and explanations provided.

3,000	New Voting Booths
6,000	Hire an Appraiser - for Non -Seabrook Station utilities
3,500	Computers & Equipment for Town Offices
14,200	Town Hall - improvements - front of Town Hall
3,500	Town Hall - insulation in attic / improvements to the two front offices
5,000	Cleaning & Restoring Cemetery Gravestones – Phase II
31,000	Police Cruiser
23,000	Computer Equipment - IMC Computer Software
7,000	In car Video
1,500	Recycling of Electronic Equipment
30,000	Mosquito Control
500	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
12,500	Town Common - Improvements to Monument
2,500	Library Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

**Bond Issue for Fire Truck:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr. opened the hearing and J. M. Lord provided an explanation and history of work done to bring this request forward. The amount of \$386,000 is to be raised for a New Fire Truck - Bond Issue. The cost to the Town will be \$225,000 (after applying \$42,500 funds from the Fire Department). The impact on the tax rate will begin in 2008. E. N. Small will work with bond counsel for advice regarding the warrant article wording.

All presented totals \$3,060,700, less the amount of \$1,320,000 in revenue, leaving \$1,740,700 to be raised by taxes.

Hearing no further comments or questions, F. J. Ferreira, Jr. thanked the public for attending and closed the public hearing at 8:53 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

E. N. Small informed the Board that he plans to request to borrow low rise platforms from the school for use at the deliberative session to be held at Town Hall. A letter has been drafted to the property owners fronting Pevear Lane informing them of the fact that the Town will no longer plow this private road effective January 1, 2007. A petition requesting reduction in the amount of current use dollars dedicated to the Conservation Commission has been received. The signatures will be checked by the Town Clerk. E. N. Small will be working on warrant article wording next. An Intent to Cut application for Christopher Merrill of 25 East Road was signed by the Board. The final contract for grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 for Map 9, Lot 9, has been received. The three-year agreement with HealthTrust was signed by the Chairman as a result of the following motion.

**MOTION:** To authorize Chairman Ferreira to sign the annual agreement for health insurance.

**MOTION:** T. C. TOCCI  
**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION  
AT 9:05 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** T. C. TOCCI  
**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.  
**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF NONPUBLIC SESSION  
AND ADJOURN AT 9:15 AM**

**MOTION:** T. C. TOCCI  
**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.  
**UNANIMOUS**