

**Town Of Haddam  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
2014-2015 Proposed Budget Meeting  
Following the Budget Public Hearing  
Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse #1  
Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
Revised MINUTES  
*Approved as Revised at the June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting***

In Attendance: Chairman David Kapitulik, Vice Chairman Harlan Fredericksen, Members: John Bosco, Joseph Centofanti, Marjorie DeBold, and John Tabak, and Alternates: Cheryl Haase and Joanne Nesti

Staff in Attendance: Georgia Emanuel, Financial Coordinator, and Barbara Galloway, Secretary

1. Call to order

Chairman Kapitulik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 PM, following the Public Hearing adjournment.

2. Discussion of Public Hearing presentation outcomes

There was a brief discussion about various reactions to the proposed Budget by members of the public at the Public Hearing. Chairman Kapitulik suggested that the Board once again review the Budget line-by-line using the version of the Budget discussed at the Public Hearing. There had appeared to be no concerns by the public with the Department Summary until 300-340 Public Works. 335 Waste Disposal had been discussed at length with several differing points of view expressed, but Vice Chairman Fredericksen noted, that a majority of the public present at this Meeting were no longer in favor of the \$150,000 in tipping fees paid for trash hauling by a specific trash company in town. It was agreed to use the Board of Selectmen's proposed figure on this line, which only included the tipping fees paid for MSW trash hauled from the transfer station to a plant, \$90,000.

There was a very brief discussion of following a suggestion made by a town resident regarding leaving the entire proposed tipping fees in this budget for the Town Meeting to be called to approve the Budget, as it could be removed at that time if public sentiment remained the same, but the sum, if removed tonight, could not be added back into the Budget the night of the Town Meeting. It was decided that this option would only make the decisions at the Town Meeting more complicated and divisive to leave the amount in the budget tonight.

[Add] A majority of the residents at the public hearing indicated that they wanted to proceed with the plan for the Town to haul its own waste from the transfer station to disposal sites rather than to contract out that hauling work. This plan would involve the purchase of a roll off truck and the related labor, fuel, etc. for its operation. The Board had at an earlier Meeting included in the Budget a \$66,000 contingency line (63-33510) to cover either the cost of the truck and its operation or the cost of contract hauling, the choice depending on input from the public. Upon further discussion the Board noted that the cost of the roll off truck and its operation had already been included in several different lines of the proposed budget by the Board of Selectmen and was then duplicated on the contingency line. That contingency line could be eliminated in its entirety by going with the roll off truck purchase plan. The removal of \$150,000 in tipping fees and \$66,000 in duplicated hauling fees would

make a total reduction in costs of \$216,000, leaving the revised Waste Disposal budget with a total of \$326,618.

335 Waste Disposal (Public Works)

**Ms. DeBold made the Motion seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the 335 Waste Disposal budget (from the originally approved \$\$542,618) with the amended total of \$326,618. The Motion was approved unanimously by Chairman Kapitulik, Vice Chairman Fredericksen, Mr. Bosco, Mr. Centofanti, Ms. DeBold, and Mr. Tabak). There were no votes against and no abstentions. The Motion was approved.**

The Board agreed that a majority of the public present had been in favor of returning the Haddam Public Health budget to the agency-revised amount requested at the time the agency met with the Board of Finance (i.e. adding back in the \$5,000 removed by the Board). The Board Members agreed to restore the budget total to the amount adopted for the current 2014-2015 Budget year, \$78,386.

400 Public Health

**Vice Chairman Fredericksen made the Motion seconded by Mr. Centofanti to approve the 400 Haddam Public Health budget (from the originally approved \$73,340) with an amended total of \$78,386 (the amount adopted in the 2013-2014 budget). The Motion was approved by Chairman Kapitulik, Vice Chairman Fredericksen, Mr. Centofanti, Ms. DeBold, and Mr. Tabak. There were no votes against. Mr. Bosco abstained, as he had not been present at the Meeting where Haddam Public Health made its presentation and the Board held its initial discussion. The Motion was approved.**

The Board Members noted that there had been no negative comments regarding the #800 Contingency or the #12 Road Fund totals explained by Chairman Kapitulik. They agreed that the Road Fund should be funded with the full \$500,000 used in the past. For the 2013-2014 Budget, they had chosen to try using the State funding to subsidize the total \$500,000 instead of adding it to the \$500,000 in order to reduce town tax liability. They agreed that with the amount of work that is currently required to address all of the needed improvements to town roads, the full funding amount must be set aside in order to realize eventual completion of the work.

In Debt Service, the Board Members discussed the purchase/rental of a roll-off truck, which had been introduced to and received well by a majority of the residents at the Public Hearing. The best method to acquire this truck was discussed with differing points of view expressed. Issues that could arise related to both purchasing the vehicle and renting the vehicle with the possible plan to purchase it in the future were aired. The Board agreed to leave the \$27,000 for the purpose of acquiring the vehicle within the Debt Service budget at this time. Once the Budget has been adopted, the decision of whether to purchase or rent and timing could be agreed upon afterward.

3. Discussion of any presenting issues related to/needed adjustments within the 2014-2015 Budget

The potential Mill Rate was discussed briefly with several options introduced including keeping the current collection rate (98.5%) to control the Mill Rate.

4. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Fredericksen made the motion seconded by Mr. Tabak to adjourn the Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara D. Galloway  
Secretary