

Hancock Budget Advisory Committee
February 5, 2013
Minutes

Present: Ben Billings, Matthew Hale, Don Klug, Ron Mack, Pat Payne, and Erik Spitzbarth

The meeting was called to order at 6:01.

The first order of business was to discuss the proposed warrant articles dealing with requests for funding (Articles 4 through 14).

Warrant Article #4 Water Department bond

This article seeks bonding authority. This article will have no impact on the budget as the bond will be repaid with monies collected from water system users through water rents. The HBAC takes no position on this article.

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Warrant Article #5 Operating budget request for 2014
Amount to be raised: Unknown

The HBAC does not have enough information at this (2/5/13) time to make a final recommendation. Based on the information we've seen to-date the budget looks to be flat, which the committee feels is a good target for the Select board to achieve.

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Warrant Article #6 Meetinghouse Reserve Fund
Amount to be raised: \$5,000

The HBAC unanimously supports this article as it is consistent with past budgets.

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Warrant Article #7 Pellet Boiler system for the Town Offices
Amount to be raised: \$45,000

HBAC unanimously supports the project, but not paying for it as a warrant article. With all of the other warrant articles, and their attendant costs, the HBAC recommends paying for the project out of the town's capital reserve fund. Capital reserves, funds which have already been raised through taxation,

are sufficient to cover this warrant article.

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Warrant Article #8 Replacement Dump truck for the Highway Department

Amount to be raised: \$75,000

The HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.

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Warrant Article #9 Transfer Station addition

Amount to be raised: \$85,000

The HBAC, by a vote of 5 to 1, supports this warrant article.

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Warrant Article #10 Police Cruiser

Amount to be raised: \$35,000

The HBAC is evenly split on this article (3 in support, 3 in opposition).

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Warrant Article #11 Funds to support the Grapevine

Amount to be raised: \$5,000

The HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.

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Warrant Article #12 Funds to be added to the Bridge Reserve

Amount to be raised: \$5,000

The HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.

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Warrant Article #13 GASB Compliance

Amount to be raised: \$16,000

The HBAC supports the work necessary to resolve the town's GASB reporting issues. The HBAC has not been able to get a clear sense from the Select board that this warrant article reflects the complete costs necessary to come into GASB compliance. Therefore, the HBAC cannot support this article until there is clearer understanding of the scope of work required to come into compliance.

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Warrant Article #14 Tennis Court Resurfacing

Amount to be raised: \$4,800

The HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.

Ron Mack graciously offered to write the HBAC report that will become part of the Town's Annual Report.

The second order of business was to approve the meeting minutes from the

January 29th HBAC meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

There will be a Select board budget hearing meeting on Monday, 2/11/13, at 7 PM.

The next meeting of the HBAC will be on Tuesday, 2/12/13 at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Hale