

**Town of Haddam
BOARD OF FINANCE
Regular Meeting & Budget Review
March 18, 2019
APPROVED MINUTES**

In attendance	Absent	Others in attendance
Centofanti	Haase	Milardo – First Selectman
Fredericksen		Schlag - Selectman
Lundgren		Bertrand – Finance Director
McGarry		Ricciardelli – Recording Secretary
Moriarty		
Challenger Nesti Rutty		

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Centofanti called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Seating of Alternates:

Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Lundgren to seat Challenger. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Challenger made a motion, seconded by Lundgren to accept the February 18, 2019 minutes with the change in attendance, Challenger was in attendance, not absent. No further discussion. Moriarty and Fredericksen abstained. The motion carried.

Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Challenger to accept the February 25, 2019 minutes. No discussion. Moriarty abstained. The motion carried.

Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Lundgren to accept the March 11, 2019 minutes with the change in attendance, Nesti arrived late. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Directors Report: Attached as Schedule 1

Selectmen's Report: None

New Business:

Discussion of audit and related reports: Tabled until next meeting.

Review and discussions of the 2019 – 2020 Budget:

- **Ambulance:** The Ambulance made a presentation to the board supporting their budget request. There was discussion regarding staffing and purchase of new vehicle, using a van in lieu of a “Box” type vehicle as well as regionalization.

- **Fire Department:** The Fire Department made a presentation to the board regarding the incentive portion of the budget request. For the first time, call-based incentive program. 3 different versions, all funded the same.

1. The more responses the volunteers make the more money the volunteer will make.
2. Same funding amount, if a member made 10% of calls, they would get \$500.00 Stipend if volunteer made 20% of calls, they would get \$1,000.00 stipend.
3. Tax Abatement: 10% of calls they would get \$500.00 tax abatement if volunteer made 20% of calls, they would get \$1,000.00 abatement.

For all three incentives all volunteers would have to be done with their probation period and be a member in good standing.

Dispatch (230) Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by McGarry to approve Dispatch (230) in the amount of \$118, 076. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Elections (020) There was a brief discussion regarding the polling places and the necessity of having 3 polling places. It is up to the Registrar of Voters on how many polling locations the town has.

Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Moriarty to approve Elections (020) in the amount of \$49,950 and to have it brought up as a discussion at the Public Hearing. Challenger Abstained The motion carried.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Department (200): There was a brief discussion regarding the volunteer incentive program. Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Lundgren to approve Haddam Volunteer Fire Department (200) in the amount of \$235,000. No further discussion. McGarry Abstained Motion Carried

Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department: (201): Lundgren made a motion, seconded by Challenger to approve the Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department (201) in the amount of \$99,580. No further discussion. McGarry Abstained. Motion carried.

Haddam Ambulance (425): There was a brief discussion to keep the Ambulance at the \$85,000. They received last year. Fredericksen made a motion, seconded by Lundgren to approve \$93,346. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Schwing: made a comment regarding the Registrar of Voters budget, it should never be questioned. It should be as easy as possible to vote. Second, he commented on how long it took for the Ambulance to arrive to his neighbors' house 14 years ago. It will only get more difficult to find volunteers.

Schlag: stated there is not price on democracy. Will not save a lot of money cutting one polling place. Schlag: asked Joanne Nesti when the Capital Plan will be finished and replied to ask the Chairman, Sam Crum.

Lundgren: commented that he is glad both the ambulance and fire department were here to discuss their budget needs.

Fredericksen made a motion seconded by Lundgren to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli, Recording Secretary.

Schedule 1 - Board of Finance 3/18/19 Regular Meeting

Finance Director's Report					
Account Number	Account Description		Amount/ Budget Variance	Explanation	Projections YE
General Fund					
01-10-010-14-01013	TOB Coverage	Selectmen	(\$2,126.90)	Illness coverage	
01-10-020-54-02008	Election Supplies	Elections	(\$408.06)	Add'l Supplies needed for election	
01-10-030-57-03006	Pricing Schedule	Assessor	(\$115.00)	New Access to DMV Records	
01-10-050-31-05001	Labor Counsel	Town Counsel	(\$1,849.44)	Prolonged Labor Negotiation	
01-10-055-89-05507	Elections Expense	Town Clerk	(\$145.98)	Consistent with Elections Dept.	
01-10-125-14-12513	Supplemental Payroll	Land Use	(\$1,935.00)	Bldg. Insp out due to illness	
01-10-120-12-12001	EDC Coordinator	Economic Dev. Comm	(\$1,821.30)	Add 'l hours req.	(4,221.30)
01-20-200-66-20009	Truck Maintenance	Haddam VFD	(\$5,976.90)	Necessary Repairs and Inspections	Unable to Predict
01-30-300-53-36001	Tree Removal	Public Works	(\$15,582.00)	Necessary tree removals/weather condi.	(\$30,582.00)
01-30-327-36-32701	Engineering	Engineering	(\$2,662.11)	Various Projects/Storm Water Reg.	(10,661.11)
01-30-335-66-33501	Maint. Of Site	Solid Waste/ Disposal	(\$291.78)	Various Cost for Main/Tires needed BkHoe	
Revenue accounts					
01-20-201-01	ECS Rec. ACH OCT/JAN	State of CT. ECS	\$989,896.00	Pay Oct/Jan/April \$784,131.	
01-10-104-01	Motor Veh Supp billing	Tax Billing	\$311,050.00	Budget \$250,000	
CNR					
17-90-999-00-1000	1st Intallment TAR Grant Dep. In CNR	Rec. posted to CNR	\$123,420.56	Per BOF Chairman	
17-90-999-00-1000	Grant PILOT Deposited in CNR	Rec. posted to CNR	\$33,979.00	Per BOF Chairman	
17-30-300-74-30014	Town Aid Roads	Public Works	(\$27,274.56)	Road work for Grant overexpended until second installment is rec.	
Fund 31					
No Analysis					