

Williamsburg Board of Selectmen
Hampshire Municipal Advisory Committee (HMAC) Meeting
Southampton Town Hall, Southampton
Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Present:

David Mathers, Denise Banister, William Sayre

Others: Southampton, Westhampton, Goshen and Chesterfield Finance Committee and Select Board members, HRHS teachers and School Committee members, Bobbie Jones (HRHS Business Administrator), Kristen Smidy (HRHS Principal), and Charlene Nardi (Town Administrator)

John Martin, Southampton Selectboard Chair called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. welcoming the group.

HRHS Budget Review and Impacts: Each town discussed the status of their budget, the impacts of the HRHS school assessment on their local school budget, if any, town budget, and noted their proposed COLA increase.

Regionalized Services:

Each Community detailed their building and health inspection position and needs and possible ways to share that position. The health inspection was of most interest and seemed possible. The Foothills Health District was described. Ambulance service was mentioned but the Hilltowns noted that they were happy with Highland Ambulance. Westhampton has an ambulance under the Fire Department. Westhampton may be looking for another solution as it only has volunteers for fire and ambulance. Goshen described the regional emergency service exploration that Worthington, Chesterfield, Goshen and Williamsburg are involved in. Southampton and Westhampton would be interested in those discussions if it isn't too late to get involved. Goshen will reach out to PVPC and the group to determine if that is possible.

Future Topics:

Health Insurance and the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust – meeting with Joe Shea, HCGIT Director. Goshen to schedule this meeting in the summer.

Kristen Smidy would like to discuss more regional / shared services such as developing in-house programming or adding more vans and drivers, which may involve investment but can save money over time throughout the school districts.

Other Regional options: Accountant, Treasurer, Collector positions. Noted it was difficult with elected positions.

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.