Town of East Hampton

**Town Facilities Building Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

East Hampton Middle School Library

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:**  Chairman Glenn Gollenberg, Vice Chairman Kurt Comisky, Ray Moore, Rebecca Tinelle-Sawyer, Jeff Foran, Fred Galvin and Cliff Libby, Project Manager Steve Motto, and Town Manager Mike Maniscalco

**Absent:** Steve Karney and George Pfaffenbach

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Gollenberg

**Approval of Minutes**

**September 28, 2017:** *Mr. Foran moved and Ms. Tinelle-Sawyer seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting with the following changes: a word-change on page two and the inclusion of Mr. Foran as he was present. Voted 6-0 in favor. (Mr. Comisky was not yet present at the time of the vote.)*

**Architect Update**

No update at this time.

**OPM Update**

The property transfer agreement for C&E Enterprises is still in the works.

Mr. Maniscalco outlined the procedure for the Town Meeting on October 30. Processes for the meeting were discussed, with a suggestion that the registrar and/or moderator check IDs.

**Approval of Invoices**

**Invoice from Amenta Emma:** *Mr. Foran moved to approve Amenta Emma invoice number 4-17041, dated 8/31/2017, in the amount of $2,000.00. Second by Ms. Tinelle-Sawyer. Voted (7-0).*

**Update from Public Relations Sub-Committee**

A resident had asked what will happen with the State cutting East Hampton’s funding by 6 million dollars. Mr. Maniscalco will answer this question on the rumor busters portion of the website. He discussed that this cut was part of the Governor’s executive order to reduce revenue to East Hampton, put into place for Oct. 1, which was an arbitrary date decided by the Governor. There is an Oct. 15 deadline for the State to file budget paperwork with the Federal Government, or CT will lose $220 million dollars on Medicaid. Mr. Maniscalco stated that he believes the true amount that East Hampton will be cut will be 1 million dollars or less. The Democrat’s proposed budget cut the Town by only $400,000, while the proposal from the Republicans cut nothing.

Mr. Maniscalco and Finance Director Jylkka have put together a multi-faceted mitigation plan worth 3.7 million dollars in the case of drastic cuts. The Board of Finance had already built a cushion into the mill rate for this year, knowing that cuts were possible. Add to that a $300,000 surplus from last year, revenue from the ongoing tax sale ($200,000 in back taxes was already collected in the first two weeks), a capital spending freeze, a town hiring freeze, and money from the PD and Park & Recreation special revenue funds. There is also money that can be taken from the general fund if necessary. This can all be done without impacting our AAA credit rating, which the Town has received based on strong fund balancing and management. There was discussion on how the plans outlined above could potentially effect town services and projects.

**Informational Presentations:** Oct. 11 is the presentation to the Lions, Oct. 16 for the Senior Center and Oct. 19 for the Democratic Committee. The handout was updated to include information on the Town Meeting and more site details.

**Update from Design Sub-Committee:** No report

**Public Remarks:** Terry Sprankle, Laurel Ridge Resident and Founder of the PAC Moving Forward East Hampton, stated that the PAC has become active on Facebook, they will be providing “Vote Yes” signs soon, and that his wife, Mary Ann Sprankle is the Treasurer.

**Adjournment**

*At 7:08 P.M., Mr. Foran moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Tinelle-Sawyer. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Clerk