



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 7, 2018 - 10:00 am
Advisory Committee Hearing Room
Hanover Town Hall

Committee Attendees

Ted Hickey
Steven Freedman
Jerry O'Hearn
Steve Kmito
Gavin Little-Gill

Absent

Brandon Freeman
Sandra Hayes
Nick Morwood
Joan Port-Farwell

Other Attendees

Lincoln Heineman, Finance Director
Chelsea Stevens, Town Accountant
Chief Walter Sweeney, Hanover Police Department
Chief Jeffrey Blanchard, Hanover Fire Department

Opening

The meeting was opened at 10:10 am by Chairman Ted Hickey.

Review and Discussion of Annual and Special Town Meeting Articles

The Committee discussed several proposed articles for the May Annual and Special Town Meetings, and what the Committee's motions and commentary should be.

Of particular focus was ATM Article 9, the General Fund Operating Budget.

It was suggested that the Advisory Committee should recommend a \$2,500 reduction to the General Government Salaries line item so that this recommended appropriation reflects the actual FY19 salary of the incoming Town Manager.

Discussion also ensued regarding whether the proposed Snow & Ice budget should be increased by \$50,000, to \$550,000, to better reflect the actual projected cost of this work in FY19.

Discussion then moved to ATM Article 11, for Public Safety Employee Training, and whether this expense should be allocated to the Police and Fire Departments' operating budget line items, rather than in a separate Town Meeting article.

Chief Blanchard then spoke to the overtime costs in the Fire Department's budget, and how these costs may change as the four new firefighters hired through the SAFER grant are completely trained and able to cover full shifts.

Adjournment

Steve Kmito made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Gavin Little-Gill. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.