



TOWN OF HANOVER
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HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 6:30 pm

In-Person and Remote

Committee Attendees:

Emmanuel Dockter, Chair

Mike Cianciola

Nancy Clinton

Steve Freedman

Sandy Hayes

Jim Hoyes

Rachael Hughes

Joan Port-Farwell

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Greg Satterwhite

Other Attendees:

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager

Chelsea Stevens, Director of Finance

Matt Ferron, Superintendent of Schools

Mike Perrone, Business Manager

Victor Diniak, Director of Public Works

Kurt Kelley, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works (Field Operations)

Chair Emmanuel Dockter called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The Chair asked for public comments there none and he proceeded to the meeting agenda.

The Chair asked the committee if they had reviewed the minutes of September 14, 2022 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The next agenda item was the **Schools Capital Budget**. Matt Ferron discussed the budget with the committee.

Cedar School Security Enhancements – Vestibule at Cedar- The discussion included a need to clarify the total project cost and note what money was previously approved at town meeting, including source of funds, and what is being proposed. Bids will be taken in January and they will have a hard number before the warrant closes. It is anticipated that they will use some ARPA money for some of the project.

Middle School – Phased Replacement of Lockers – There are 300 lockers. The recommendation is for a 4-5 year phased plan. That would be manageable. There was discussion to consider trade-offs of a phased purchase vs a single purchase. That idea will be researched. Matt will provide pictures of the lockers.

Cedar School and Middle School Parking Lot Reconstruction – The Middle School is the priority. The Middle School is used throughout the summer. Earlier this year there was a water main break in the driveway at the Middle School. The main needs to be replaced and there is a need to be considering combining the main replacement with the driveway reconstruction. Costs need to be identified for the Middle School parking lot along with the cost to replace the water main. Time schedules need to be considered in order to accommodate student programming. Victor and Matt will get together and review options and report back.

Chair Dockter asked if there were any more questions for Matt or Mike and there were none. Chair Docker thanked Matt and Mike for their presentation.

Chair Dockter invited Victor and Kurt to present the **DPW Capital Budget**.

Victor shared that the **Middle School Electric Panel** needs to be upgraded. The majority of the panel is from when the school was built. Everything needs to be looked at. There was discussion as to whether this should be on the operating budget and Victor was willing to put this on the operating budget.

Park and Recreation have several projects and the question from the committee was what do they want us to focus on?

The **Town Hall Elevator** is reaching the end of its expected life with controls and other parts seemingly becoming difficult to find. This \$100,000 appropriation will provide funds to design, permit, obtain a good cost estimate, and bid the replacement of the elevator which would be funded by a future appropriation

Sidewalk Repair – This project will supplement the state Chapter 90 funds to extend the life of sidewalks in town. It is anticipated to be a multi-year effort to bring some existing

sidewalks up to more acceptable standards as well as to keep good sidewalks in good repair.

Victor shared that the Complete Streets Plan needs work that includes streets and sidewalks. The committee would like a more in-depth plan.

Transfer Station Main Compactor Upgrades – This request will provide the necessary funding for the design, permitting, and generation of biddable documents for this work. This would be for transfer compactor upgrades and a new scale. The committee wants to hear from the Transfer Station Study Committee, also.

Chair Dockter asked if there were any more questions for Victor or Kurt and there were none. Chair Dockter thanked Victor and Kurt for their presentation.

The committee continued a conversation regarding the Vice Chair position. The committee made a motion to vote Steve Freedman as Vice Chair of the committee. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be November 16th with Police and Fire.

The following meeting will be December 14th with CPC, Park and Rec and Rail Trails.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.