



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2020 - 7:00 pm
Advisory Committee Hearing Room
Hanover Town Hall

Committee Attendees

Ted Hickey, Chair	James Hoyes
Gavin Little-Gill, Vice Chair	Steve Kmito
Sandra Hayes	Jerry O'Hearn
Steven Freedman	Joan Port-Farwell

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager	Chelsea Stevens, Town Accountant
Lincoln Heineman, Director of Finance	Doug Thomson, Moderator

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Chair Ted Hickey.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Sandy Hayes made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 11, 2019 as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Discuss and Review Initial FY2021 Budget

Discussion centered around Expenditure Increases, New Growth Revenue, Transfer Station Fees, and Revenue Gaps. These discussions were focused on careful review of how much the average single family home property tax bill would increase.

Discussion also included how much Free Cash should be used in the FY21 Budget along with use of Ambulance Receipts. All members present agreed they wanted to have \$2 million in Free Cash left after its use at Town Meeting.

The Committee discussed Committee Liaisons. The following Committee member assignments were made:

Police – Nick Morwood	Fire – Jerry O'Hearn
Schools – Ted Hickey	DPW – Steve Freedman
CDMI, Library, Community Services – Sandy Hayes	

Discussion on Advisory Committee recommended appointment to the Fire Station Planning Study Committee

The Committee discussed an appointment from among its members to the Fire Station Planning Study Committee, but determined that since the Advisory Committee would be reviewing a final recommendation from the Study Committee, someone outside the Committee would be a better recommended appointment to the Study Committee. The recommendation was to appoint Vanessa O'Connor, if she is interested, to the Study Committee. There was a motion to recommend Vanessa O'Connor that was seconded and approved unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

The Committee reviewed its calendar backwards from Town Meeting and the date the Committee booklet needs to be sent to the printer. The Committee's meeting calendar to discuss the FY2021 Operating Budget is:

- 2/3 – Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen
- 2/12 – Police & Fire
- 2/26 – DPW Part 1
- 3/4 - DPW Part 2
- 3/11 – CDMI, Community Services, Finance, Library & Town Manager's Office
- 3/18 - Schools including Town-Wide Information Technology
- 3/25 – Wrap-up meeting to include approving Advisory Committee Town Meeting motions and booklet commentary

Adjournment

Sandy Hayes made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2020 - Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen.