



TOWN OF HANOVER
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Advisory Committee

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550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 6 PM
In-Person & Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Ted Hickey	Gavin Little-Gill
Steven Freedman	Emmanuel Dockter
Sandy Hayes	Jim Hoyes
Joan Port-Farwell	Gerry O’Hearn
Steve Kmito	

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager	Chelsea Stevens, Finance Director
Dave Delaney, Chairman, BOS	Doug Thomson, Moderator

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with 8 members present. The 9th member arrived shortly after meeting started.

Ted suggested holding until the next meeting the approval of outstanding minutes.

Doug shared information about town meeting. Town meeting will be at the high school using the auditorium and gym. For space and social distancing all the Advisory Committee will be on stage. We can accommodate 330 people. Doug is comfortable working out of 2 rooms. Doug also shared during the discussions that the BOS can make a motion at town meeting for or against an article.

Ted had asked Dave to attend the meeting to review with the committee articles where the BOS would be making the main motion on town meeting floor. There aren’t any articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant that BOS will be making motions. The discussion with Dave moved to the TM articles – where there were questions relating to Article 6. It is a 2-step process (1st TM vote and then on to a ballot question). It was too late for this ballot because early voting started today (4/14/21). There were questions and discussion about Article 21. There was a good discussion and Dave said he would stay on in case questions came up.

Ted suggested before the committee started reviewing warrant articles to place articles in 3 buckets.

- 1 - being ready to vote and approve commentary – housekeeping articles
- 2 - seen enough begin writing commentary

3 - needs more information

The board began reviewing articles by starting to review the Special Town Meeting Articles. There are 4 articles.

Article 1 – Chelsea will create the commentary, routine article

Article 2 – Needs more detail

Article 3 – Chelsea will create the commentary, routine article

Article 4 – The number could be lower than posted on the article, needs more information

The committee began reviewing Town Meeting articles.

Articles 1-5 are routine articles and the committee unanimously approved each article and commentary will be written if not done already. The amount of money for Moderator will be inserted (\$100).

Article 6-8 the committee decided to wait until after the meeting next week with Town Clerk Cathy Harder-Bernier.

Article 9 – BOS will be making the main motion. This article is to bring the bylaw into conformity.

Article 10 – No motion to accept, but there was discussion on the use of free cash or should would we be doing transfers. Ted is going to work on the commentary for this article.

Article 11 – Straight forward! This will be \$400,000 over last year. Cut and paste from last year inserting \$400,000.

Article 12 – Need to understand fees and it was decided they needed more detail from Joe & Victor. The transfer station committee suggested a conservative number because they weren't positive the usage would be high enough. There are concerns around the wording in the article. A request was made for a copy of Kurt's spreadsheet.

Article 13 – Correct typo Peg Access & Cable Receipts Reserve Fund in the article. Use first sentence from last years article.

Article 14 – This is a housekeeping article, and the committee unanimously approved this article and commentary.

Article 15 – Use commentary from last year.

Article 16 – There was a discussion around free cash vs debt and it was decided to use debt for this article and asked for commentary to be drafted.

Article 17 – This article was discussed with Article 16 regarding the use of free cash or debt. It was decided free cash for this article and asked for commentary to be drafted.

Article 18 – There were questions relating to multi-family homes being part of the commentary. This article is for multi-family housing. There were concerns about how this article was written,

Article 19 – The planning board will be making the motion on this article to extend the moratorium..

Article 20 – There was discussion around this article relating to do we have clear title to the land yet? The answer is no, not yet, but closer than ever according to Attorney Dave DeLuca through Town Manager Joe Colangelo. Thoughts were to have Chief Blanchard attend the April 28th meeting for an update. There was discussion on possible commentary.

Article 21 – The BOS voted in 2019 to put the Sylvester School out to bid through an RFP. There was concern about spending \$275,000 on a study. CPC is including Sylvester with Salmond School in their article and the committee will be making a negative motion on this article.

Article 22 - There were questions the committee did not know the answers to surrounding this article and decided to ask Scott McFaden from the Wildlands Trust to attend the 4/21 meeting, if he is available, to answer questions the committee has. Sandy is going to do some research and report back to the committee at an upcoming meeting.

Article 23 – There were questions related to this article as to whether this was ever a Hanover carriage or sleigh.

Article 24 –There was support for this article. Emmanuel will work on the commentary for this article. Emmanuel is going to work on the commentary for this article.

Article 25 - Routine article and the committee unanimously approved article and commentary will be written.

Article 26 – This is an article to clean up appropriations that should have taken place in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Suggestion was made to pull commentary from an article in previous years.

Article 27 – Schools will be making this motion.

Article 28 - There was discussion and desire to have the IT study committee continue to exist. The committee liked that IT Capital is going to be moving to the operating budget in future years. This is a \$75,000 capital request. The committee wants the study committee to have as one of their focuses cyber security, but to temper the use of cyber security language publicly.

Article 29 – Planning will be making the motion, this article is to bring the bylaw into conformity.

Article 30 – Planning will be making this motion. Use same commentary as last year.

Article 31 – South Shore VocTech will be making this motion. Chelsea has the commentary for a positive motion.

Article 32 – This will be a negative motion. Commentary will be drafted.

Article 33 – Not necessary.

Article 34 – This article brings us in-line with our neighboring communities.

Ted asked the committee to look at their calendars to see if there was a common date where the committee could add another meeting. There is a lot to do and not enough time with only 2 meetings scheduled. It was decided to add a meeting to Tuesday, April 27 and the possibility of a last minute meeting set for Monday, May 3rd just prior to the start of Town Meeting. All agreed!

A motion was made to adjourn that was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.