



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

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550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM
In-Person & Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Emmanuel Dockter	Steve Freedman
Sandy Hayes	Joan Port-Farwell
Greg Satterwhite	Gavin Little-Gill
Jim Hoyes	Gerry O’Hearn

Residents At Large

Mike Cianciola

Absent

Doug MacLellan, Member at Large

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Mgr.	Chelsea Stevens, Finance Dir.
Tammy Murray, Director, COA	Steve Louko, Select Board

Chairman Dockter called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. There were 8 members present.

There were no public comments.

Chair Dockter asked if the committee was ready to approve the minutes for the 3/30/22 meeting. A motion was made to accept minutes as amended for the 3/30/22 meeting. The motion was seconded. The minutes passed, with a roll call vote.

The committee began their discussion on several articles needing additional information before the committee could discuss motions or commentary. The articles they reviewed are:

Town Meeting Warrant

#28 – School Campus Engineering

- Committee Member Little-Gill talked with Scott Hutchinson regarding the impact of this article on athletics and shared the details of that conversation.
- Discussion about the number of other projects in town and the long term priorities and the committee hadn’t heard this is a priority.

#31 – Transfer Station Main Compactor Upgrades

- The committee felt that Victor always has given them good advice and he did not indicate that this needed to happen this year.

#33 – Broadway and Elm Street Improvements

- Committee felt this needs more review and could be put off until next year. There were ideas shared for interim steps: flashing lights, clear the line of sight on the southwest side of the intersection (tree trimming or cutting)

#41 – Forge Pond Lighting Investigative Study

- The committee feels that they don't have a solid number.

#47 – Council on Aging Rental Fee Change

- Council on Aging Director Tammy Murray was present for this discussion. The purpose of this fee structure is in keeping with the fee structures used for fields and schools. There is a fee, plus custodial charges. Charitable organization would be exempt from the fee. If someone wanted to use the kitchen they would have to work with the Board of Health with serve safe, etc. in order to use the kitchen.

The committee then moved to commentaries for articles where there maybe additional information needed

- Article 7 – The Chair asked everyone to individually work on final version of commentary.
- There was discussion about the use of Board of Selectmen vs Select Board and the change is an article on the Warrant and until that is approved it is still Board of Selectmen.
- Article 28 – Board of Selectmen member Steve Louko asked how the committee was going to move on this article. The Chair shared what the committee had discussed earlier in the meetings this was not flagged as a priority project.
- Article 31 – There were a couple of questions the committee had and Jim Hoyes will reach out to Victor to get those answers.
- Article 40 – Does CPC make the commentary?
- Article 41 – The Chair will ask Adam and Bevin for commentary.
- Article 44 – The Chair will ask CPC for commentary.
- Article 45 – Member Little-Gill will work on commentary for this article.
- Article 46 – Changes need to be made in the commentary for this article.
- Article 47 – Member Hayes will reach out to the COA and work on the commentary.

The committee then started going through commentary for the Special Town Meeting

There was very little discussion. These are housekeeping articles.

There was a recommendation made before reviewing the Special Town Meeting articles at Town Meeting to provide an explanation on why articles are on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The committee proceeded to review the commentary for all article on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Articles 1-5 - Ok to review

Article 6 –Discussion on pay for town clerk. Decision - 5.01% increase.

Article 7 – Review again on 4/13

Article 8 – If was felt that the article should include last year's numbers.

Article 9 & 10 – OK to review

Article 11 – Noted that there is a decrease in Park & Rec.

Article 12 – The Chair will reach out to Bob Malone.

Article 13 – It was decided that there should be a thank you in the Commentary to Chief Sweeney.

Article 14 – 16 related to the change of name for the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that Article 15 requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 17 – In the commentary add information the Clerk shared in her PP presentations should be included in our commentary.

Article 18 - Ok to review

Article 19 – Question on who makes the motion on this article.

Article 20 – Ok to review

Article 21 – Discussed adding history on vehicle replacement policy that the police use year every year.

Article 22 – Ok to review

Article 23 – Lead time for ordering is much longer.

Article 24 – Add more history/life span of turf.

Article 25 – 27 – Differentiate each of these DPW vehicles

Article 28 – Refer back to Board of Selectmen. This article needs the backing of the BOS and School Committee

Article 29 – Necessary, it is a safety issue, they are using a backhoe currently.

Article 30 – Suggestion is to have transfer station get into a replacement cycle.

Article 31 – Recommendation will be to hold off on this article.

Article 32 – Ok to review

Article 33 – Hold off, look at intermediate steps.

Article 34 – Ok to review

Article 35 – Ok to review

Article 36 – Ok to review

Article 37 – Ok to review, this is debt from water excise

Article 38 – Ok to review, we do not know the lifespan of these water filters.

Article 39 – Ok to review

Article 40 – CPC preparing commentary?

Article 41 – The Chair will ask Adam and Bevin for commentary.

Article 42 – Ok to review

Article 43 – Ok to review

Article 44 – Ok to review

Article 45 – Member Little-Gill will provide commentary for 4/13 meeting

Article 46 – Ok to review

Article 47 – Member Hayes will provide commentary for 4/13 meeting.

The Chair shared that at the next meeting, Wednesday, April 13th they would review motions commentary and their information would be ready to go to print.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made to adjourn, that was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM