



TOWN OF HANOVER  
550 HANOVER STREET  
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

*Advisory Committee*

**Hanover Advisory Committee**  
**550 Hanover Street**  
**Hanover, MA 02339**  
Meeting Minutes - Amended  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - 7:00 pm  
**Via Video Conference Call**

**Committee Attendees**

Ted Hickey, Chair  
Sandra Hayes  
Steven Freedman

Gavin Little-Gill  
Jim Hoyes  
Nick Morwood

Joan Port-Farwell  
Steve Kmito  
Jerry O'Hearn

**Other Attendees**

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

**Opening**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Chair Ted Hickey. Roll-call was taken and all members were present.

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

Review of 4/22/20 minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

**Updates**

**Town Meeting**

Chairman Hickey asked Joe to bring the committee up to speed on the possibility of having to go to a 1/12 month-by-month budget if we are not able to have Town Meeting. The Selectmen have to vote for the 1/12 budget if we were to go in that direction. We have to re-visit the amount necessary for July because there are many full payments that happen once a year in July.

Lincoln shared that there is a new law that allows for this process. Lincoln shared that the High School auditorium and gym can accommodate Town Meeting safely and with social distancing.

Ted shared that it is the Moderator who makes the decision on whether to hold Town Meeting on June 29.

**Updates**

**Plymouth County CARES Act Funds**

Joe shared that he had a meeting with the Plymouth County Commissioners and we should be able to receive money quickly.

Joe shared that there is a bright spot – FY2020 revenue looks good.

Ted asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Committee looked out on the calendar to determine when their commentary needed to be completed and budget recommendations completed, to be sure they stay on target.

Lincoln shared that the Town has a \$5.9 million short-term bond issuance that the Board of Selectmen needs to approve, associated mostly with the Center School project.

Lincoln also shared that the interest rate is an excellent 1.06% on the new debt issuance.

Joe shared that Town Meeting would need to approve the use of Free Cash to purchase capitalized equipment. He is concerned if the Town falls behind in the vehicle replacement schedule; this would cause problems in future years. We could potentially purchase police cruisers this year through a leasing program. That would not involve the Selectmen or Advisory Committee to do. He is familiar with this from his former positions. He wants to be transparent and above board. He recognizes that this is a new concept for the Town to use. He wants the Advisory Committee to agree with this methodology, if we were to go forward with a leasing program for vehicles.

Ted shared that the Community Preservation Committee would like to meeting with the Advisory Committee.

#### **Adjournment**

Ted asked for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.