

**Advisory Committee
Town of Hanover
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339**

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2012

Committee Attendees: Brian Barthelmes, John O’Leary, Florence Grady, Jerry O’Hearn, Helen Graves, Jim Van Arsdale, Joan Young, Wayne Moores

Absent: David Bond

Others: Finance Director, Jennifer Petit, Town Manager, Troy Clarkson, Town Moderator, Doug Thomson

Advisory Committee Chairman, Brian Barthelmes opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Advisory Committee Hearing Room.

Meeting Minutes: The Advisory Committee reviewed meeting minutes from April 11, 2012. Helen Graves made a motion to accept the April 11, 2012 Advisory Committee meeting minutes as written. Wayne Moores seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Introduction of new Town Manager:

Brian welcomed Troy Clarkson, the new Town Manager, and introduced him to members of the Committee.

May 2012 Town Meeting Articles:

The Committee reviewed commentary for May 2012 Special and Annual Town Meeting articles.

Further commentary may be needed on Special Town Meeting Article 2, regarding an operational audit for the School Department.

Jim Van Arsdale made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Annual May 2012 Town Meeting Article 37 regarding the implementation of a meals tax. Florence Grady seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Jim Van Arsdale made a motion that this article be referred back to the Board of Selectmen for further study and to report back at the next annual Town Meeting. Florence Grady seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

The Committee discussed Article 47 regarding preservation of the Historical Society Collection. The CPC is waiting to hear back from Town Counsel on this article.

The Advisory Committee agreed to meet at Hanover High School at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2012 prior to Town Meeting.

Florence Grady made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Jerry O'Hearn seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Prepared by: Audrey Barresi, Advisory Committee Secretary