

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

Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2012

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

Others: Jennifer Petit, Finance Director, Hal Thomas, Open Space Committee Chairman, Christopher Haraden, Joseph Tokarz,

Florence Grady, Advisory Committee Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

May 2012 Town Meeting Articles:

The Committee met with Christopher Haraden who is the main petitioner on the May 2012 Town Meeting Article regarding the Curtis School. The article that he submitted requests that the Town consider the rescinding of its vote on Article 28 of the May 2011 Town meeting which appropriated \$75,000 for the demolition of the Curtis School. He is recommending that a task force be formed to study possible future uses of this building, including interviewing town departments and abutters to the school. This article does not request an appropriation for the study. The Historic Commission was granted a one year delay on the demolition of the Curtis School building.

Joseph Tokarz, petitioner on the article about the naming of the new High School gymnasium, spoke about his reasons for his submission. The gymnasium in the old Hanover High School was named the Edward M. Amaral gymnasium. He would like to see this name transferred over to the new gymnasium. He missed the deadline last year for submitting this article to the May 2011 meeting. He spoke about all of the good things he had heard about Mr. Amaral, a previous Math and Gym Teacher at the High School, from relatives and residents. Advisory Committee member, John O’Leary suggested that Mr. Tokarz prepare a handout for Town Meeting about Mr. Amaral.

Hal Thomas, Chairman of the Open Space Committee, said his Committee had submitted the article about naming the trails on the old Denham property, the “Denham Pond Trails” because the Town had purchased the property from the Denham family. He said the Denham family used to let residents skate on the pond on their property.

Finance Manager Update:

Finance Director, Jennifer Petit, mentioned the possibility of two petition articles being submitted to the May 2012 Special Town Meeting warrant. She will be speaking with the Board of Selectmen, at one of their meetings soon, about refinancing debt from Water Enterprises and the new High School.

Meeting Minutes: David Bond made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 22, 2012. John O’Leary seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Helen Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

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