

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 pm
Advisory Committee Hearing Room
Hanover Town Hall

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:02 pm by Edward Hickey, Chairman.

Committee Attendees:

Edward Hickey
Wayne Moores
Angela Blanchard
Jerry O’Hearn
Joan Port-Farwell
Brandon Freeman
Sandra Hayes

Absent

Gavin Little-Gill

Other Attendees:

Chelsea Stevens, Acting Finance Director

Review of Meeting Minutes

Angela Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes from May 17th and May 24th as written. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. Sandra Hayes abstained from the vote for the May 17th minutes. All other Committee members were in favor, and the motion passed.

Discussion Regarding Special Town Meeting Articles 2, 3, & 4: OPEB Trust

Chairman Edward Hickey explained that these articles are needed under the Municipal Modernization Act. Referred to MGL Ch. 32B, Section 20. Chairman Hickey then read an e-mail from Town Manager Troy Clarkson with answers to questions the Committee had relating to these articles.

Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept Article 2 as written. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed. Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept Article 3 as written. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed. Jerry O’Hearn made a motion to accept Article 4 as written. This was seconded by Wayne Moore. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Chairman Hickey directed Acting Finance Director Chelsea Stevens to look into MGL Ch.32B, Section 20 sub part D as to whether another motion is needed relating to the payment of consultants from the fund.

Discussion Regarding Special Town Meeting Article 1: Tax Increment Financing Agreement

A recent article in the Hanover Mariner was discussed by the Committee. The Committee also discussed what residents in Town are saying about the proposed TIF agreement. Joan Port-Farwell inquired about how the overlay would be able to fund the abatement per the agreement. Acting Finance Director Chelsea Stevens said that the plan is to not release any overlay funds in the future and build up the balance in the fund in order to fund the abatements.

Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept Article 1 as written. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Regarding Special Town Meeting Articles 5: Dog Control By-Law

The Committee discussed the proposed by-law. The Committee has questions as to how the by-law would be enforced. Chairman Hickey believes the vote is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the by-law and the Board would then create some policies relating to the by-law. The Committee reviewed a draft recommendation from the By-Law Review Committee relating to this article. The Committee would like to meet with Chair of the Dog Park Committee, Nancy Devlin, at their next meeting to discuss the article.

Next Meetings

The Committee’s next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Hanover Town Hall.

Adjournment

Angela Blanchard made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.