

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

Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2011

Committee Attendees: David Bond, Joe Sullivan, Florence Grady, Brian Barthelmes, David Walsh, Donald White, Joan Young, John Lamoureux, Helen Graves

Others: Finance Director, Jennifer Petit, Lorraine Welsh, Larry Bandini, Joan Thomas, John O'Leary, Les Molyneaux, Mike Cianciola, Joanne McDonough, Steve Rollins, Tony Marino, Doug Thomson

Advisory Committee Chairman, David Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Advisory Committee met with the Board of Library Trustees to discuss, May 2011 Annual Town Meeting Article 19, regarding Library Fines. Finance Director, Jennifer Petit explained that instead of having a separate Town Meeting article each year for library fines, the fines would be included in the Library's budget, as they are this year. It was discussed that Library Fines would remain a separate line item in the Library's budget.

School Committee Chairman Mike Cianciola, and Joanne McDonough, provided details about Special Town Meeting Article 1, which requests funding for moving equipment from the existing High School to other school buildings.

The Sylvester Elementary School does not currently have a dishwasher. Tony Marino will research whether the Sylvester School has the appropriate grease trap mechanisms necessary to operate the dishwasher that is proposed being moved to the school.

Town Moderator, Doug Thomson, mentioned his concern that some of what the School Department has outlined with the proposed equipment moves is outside of the scope of what is written in Special Town Meeting Article 1.

The School Committee is proposing moving stage lights from the existing High School to the Middle School.

Mike Cianciola mentioned that the statute that is referenced in Article 11 for the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting will not give the School Committee the authority over custodians working at any of the school buildings. Student safety would be a concern if the custodian did not report into the School Department.

A discussion regarding the School Department's proposed FY2012 budget took place.

Doug Thomson mentioned that a motion at Town Meeting to appropriate funds from the Stabilization Account would require a 2/3rd vote.

Finance Director, Jennifer Petit, mentioned her concerns about using money from the Stabilization Fund to fund department budgets. The Stabilization Fund is a rainy day account.

Jennifer Petit mentioned that due to an oversight and misunderstanding, \$50,000 needs to be added to the FY2012 expense budget for Community Access and Media. This additional money will be used to pay for equipment for the new studio at the High School.

Donald White made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Article 13, the Omnibus Budget. David Bond seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Florence Grady made a motion that \$50,000 be added the Community Access & Media department's expense budget. Brian Barthelmes seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

David Walsh mentioned that the Fire Department may be over budget for FY2011.

The Advisory Committee discussed Special Town Meeting Article 1, regarding the moving of equipment at the High School. Brian Barthelmes made a motion that \$25,000 be appropriated for the moving of this equipment. Florence Grady seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Brian Barthelmes made a motion to re-open the vote and discussion on Special Town Meeting Article 3. Donald White seconded the motion. Donald White made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee motion of "We move that the Town vote to transfer \$150,000 from transfer station expenses, \$15,000 from street light expenses, \$20,000 from fuel pump expenses and \$7,360 from the health insurance account to snow & ice expenses; to transfer \$86,000 from the health insurance account to veterans benefits, unemployment compensation, police expenses, and ECC expenses, for a total of \$278,360." Joe Sullivan seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Brian Barthelmes made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Annual Town Meeting Article 5, regarding the sale of town owned land. Donald White seconded the motion. Brian Barthelmes made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee motion of "We move that the Town accept this article as written." All others were in favor.

The Advisory Committee reviewed the Board of Selectmen's anticipated motion on Annual Town Meeting Article 11. Five Committee members voted in support of this motion. Three members were against. The Advisory Committee's motion to support the Board of Selectmen's motion passed.

Helen Graves made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Article 35 regarding financing septic projects. John Lamoureux seconded the motion. John Lamoureux made the motion to accept the revised Advisory Committee motion of "We move that the Town appropriate \$300,000 for the purpose of financing the following water abatement facility projects: repair, replacement, and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$300,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c.11, s.127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws: that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with

those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town of Hanover; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Town Manager or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.” Donald White seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

On Annual Town Meeting Article 57, regarding Outdoor Storage, Brian Barthelmes made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee motion of “The Advisory Committee supports the motion presented by the Planning Board.” Don White voted opposed to this motion. All others were in favor.

The Advisory Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of April 20, 2011. Florence Grady made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 20, 2011. Helen Graves seconded the motion. Joe Sullivan, John Lamoureux, Joan Young, and Florence Grady abstained from voting since they were absent from this meeting. All others were in favor.

Brian Barthelmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Joan Young seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

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