

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

Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2013

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

Others: Janine Smith, Victor Diniak, Margaret Hoffman, Peter Matchak, Richard Deluca, Amy Walkey, Diane Campbell, Hal Thomas, Mary Dunn, Bob Murray, Troy Bridson,

Brian Barthelmes, Advisory Committee Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Advisory Committee Hearing Room at Town Hall.

Planning Board Town Meeting Articles:

Assistant Town Planner Margaret Hoffman, and Planning Board Chairman, Richard Deluca provided information on following May 2013 Town Meeting articles:

ATM Article 27 – Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers Bylaw: The Town will be asking for a moratorium until the State further defines its regulations by which facilities that produce or dispense marijuana shall be registered and administered. This will give the Town time to study and consider the impact of such facilities on the Town.

ATM Article 28 - Stormwater Illicit Discharge Bylaw: This will put into place a Town Bylaw which will control illicit discharges into the Town’s water supply.

ATM Article 29 - Family Accessory Dwelling Units Bylaw: This article was initially brought up at last year’s Town Meeting. This bylaw will give residents a way to create in-law apartments. The owner of the house, where an accessory dwelling is being created, must live in the house. Homeowners will be required to apply to the ZBA for a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit. The application fee for the special permit will be \$250. Only family members are allowed to live in the accessory dwelling unit. The definition of family is spelled out in the proposed bylaw.

ATM Article 26 – Interchange District Bylaw: This bylaw will allow for residential use in the Interchange District but also allow for commercial development on the remainder of the property in this district. This bylaw would also allow a car dealership in the Interchange District as long as it is close to Route 53. Primary access for all development within the Interchange District shall be provided from Route 53.

A brief discussion about the Town’s requirement for Affordable Housing units took place.

Community Preservation (CPC) Town Meeting Articles:

Community Preservation Administrator Margaret Hoffman and Community Preservation Chairperson Diane Campbell, provided information on the following May 2013 Town Meeting articles:

ATM Article 10 - CPC Set Aside: Janine Smith will provide a summary of the total funds that will be required to be appropriated for this article.

ATM Article 33 - Preservation of Historic Cemeteries: This is a continuation of an on-going project. This year's request is for \$160,000 instead of the \$80,000 requested last year, because it will allow the project to continue to completion and not have to stop due to an RFP process.

ATM Article 34 – Stetson House Climate Control Measure: The Stetson House was reviewed as part of the recent Town Buildings Study. The Facilities Engineering Manager is now overseeing the building. The climate control system will protect historical collection items.

ATM Article 35 – Hackett's Pond Restoration & Repairs: An operations management plan will be put into place for the Dam once it is repaired. This project will go out to bid, if approved at Town Meeting.

ATM Article 36 – Acquisition of Webster Street property: Mary Dunn and Hal Thomas from the Open Space Committee provided information about this property. The purchase of this property would provide open space for North Hanover. A site plan for this property was shown to the Advisory Committee. The Open Space Committee will be walking this property on Saturday, March 30, 2013. Advisory Committee members were invited to attend this walk.

ATM Article 37 – Transfer funds to Affordable Housing Trust: This article requests that \$100,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund be transferred to the Hanover Affordable Housing Trust to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Hanover.

ATM Article 38 – Recreation/ Conservation Trail Mapping: The funding of this article will allow for revisions to the Town's Trails map. It will also include information on historic sites within the Town. The Town's current trails map is from 2009.

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:

Helen Graves made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 20, 2013. Florence Grady seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Votes on May 2013 Town Meeting Articles:

The Advisory Committee discussed and voted on the following May 2013 Town Meeting articles:

Article 26 – Amend Interchange District Bylaw: Florence Grady made a motion to support the Planning Board's recommendations on this article. Helen Graves seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 27 – **Establish Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Bylaw:** Helen Graves made a motion to support the Planning Board’s recommendations on this article. Florence Grady seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 28 – **Establish Stormwater Illicit Discharge Bylaw:** Helen Graves made a motion to support the Planning Board’s recommendations on this article. Florence Grady seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 29 – **Amend Family Accessory Dwelling Units Bylaw:** Florence Grady made a motion to support the Planning Board’s recommendations on this article. Joan Young seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 8 – **School Sick Leave Buyback:** Florence Grady made a motion to increase the funding for FY2014 for School Sick Leave Buyback to \$200,000. Wayne Moores seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 9 – **Town Sick Leave Buyback:** Florence Grady made a motion to accept the funding for FY2014 for Town Sick Leave Buyback for \$100,000. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 33 – **Preservation of Historic Cemeteries:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this article as written. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 34 – **Stetson House Climate Control Measures:** Helen Graves made a motion that the recommendation at this article be made at Town Meeting. Florence Grady seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 35 – **Hackett’s Pond Dam Restoration & Repair:** Florence Grady made a motion to accept this article as written. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 36 – **Acquisition of Webster Street Property:** Florence Grady made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 37 – **Transfer Funds to Affordable Housing Trust:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this article as written. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 38 – **Recreation/ Conservation Trail Mapping:** Florence Grady made a motion to accept this article as written. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 6 – **John Curtis Free Library Exterior Painting:** David Bond made a motion to accept this article as written. Florence Grady seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 5 – **Schools electronic access control system:** David Bond made a motion to accept this article as written. Florence Grady seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 3 – **Building renovations and purchase of a shared emergency generator system:**

Florence Grady made a motion to accept funding of \$175,000 for Town Hall renovations. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Helen Graves made a motion to accept funding of \$366,000 for emergency generator upgrades for Town Hall and the Fire Station. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

It was inquired whether the old Town Hall generators could be used elsewhere.

Florence Grady made a motion to accept \$133,000 for a generator for the COA. Helen Graves voted no on this article, and it was so voted unanimously.

David Bond made a motion to refer the funding request for renovations to the Fire Department Headquarter kitchen renovations back for further study. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Prepared by Audrey Barresi, Advisory Committee Secretary