

Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special Meeting held in person, in the Hanover High School Main Office Conference Room, 287 Cedar Street, Hanover, MA 02339, on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, and Selectman John Tuzik, and Selectman David Delaney.

Also present Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager, HR Director, CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

The Chair noted that as no members of the public were present, the Board would move on to the next item on the Agenda.

Discussion – Action Item

Town Meeting Prep

TM noted that the Board would be presenting proclamations this evening.

Consider Approving Motion Language and Commentary for [Annual Town Meeting Warrant](#) Articles: 8,9,10,11,16,28,29,30,31, and 32

The Chair ran through the [Draft Select Board commentary](#) on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. The Board discussed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles and possible amendments to the Draft Select Board commentary.

The Board agreed to amend the commentary to Article 8 to delete the word “significantly” from sentence 4.

The Board agreed to amend the commentary to Article 9 to start with “In directing the Town Manager to prepare the Article 8 Base Budget and the Article 9 Override Budget the Select Board has acknowledged that the operational override will be necessary to maintain level services.”

The Board agreed to amend the commentary to Article 29 to delete the last sentence from the draft commentary and starting with “The \$100,000 was intended to be set aside to be used over multiple years to upgrade outdoor basketball courts in Town with new hoops, backboards, and courts. Based on further research and Advisory Committee feedback, we suggest an amended motion to lower the allocation to \$50,0000 which will allow the replacement of backboards and hoops at the B. Everett Hall and Myrtle Street this year. The Select Board will revisit resurfacing the courts at a future date.”

Selectman Delaney offered to donate his time to see this project through.

Selectman Louko joined the meeting.

Approved
5/20/2024

The Chair provided a recap for Selectman Louko of the discussion so far on the Draft Select Board commentary. The Board further discussed the articles and the commentary. As asked, TM provided an overview of the tax increase estimates provided by the online calculator.

The Board voted to approve the Select Board commentary with amendments to the commentary for Articles 8, 9 and 29 as discussed, above.

Adjourn

At 6:35pm the meeting ended and adjourned to the Special and Annual Town Meeting.