



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

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550 Hanover Street

Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM

In-Person & Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Emmanuel Dockter

Sandy Hayes

Joan Port-Farwell

Gavin Little-Gill

Steve Freedman

Jim Hoyes

Greg Satterwhite

Gerry O'Hearn

Residents At Large

Mike Cianciola

Doug MacLellan

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Mgr.

Chelsea Stevens, Finance Dir.

Ken Dussinger, Chair, Transfer Station Review Committee

Bill Scarpelli, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

Chairman Dockter called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. There were 8 members present.

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes was moved to the next meeting, March 30th.

Chair Dockter welcomed Ken Dussinger, Chair of the Transfer Station Review Committee. Ken went through his PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 2022 Capital Budget items for the Transfer Station.

- The trash trailer is a must!
- Wheeler loader replacement, they are currently using a back hoe. **Question** – Is there a lease option?
- Improve Front Gates – Engineering says it is a safety issue.
- Main Compactor – We didn't see that need. The question from the Transfer Station Committee is - are we going after the right compactor. **Question** – What do we do with the old dumpsters? We keep them to add life to the new ones.

Chair Dockter asked if the committee had any additional questions. There were none. The chair thanked Ken for his presentation

Chair Dockter welcomed Bill Scarpelli, Chair of CPC. Bill reviewed the 5 CPC articles on the town warrant.

- Article 40 of the warrant to appropriate 10% of funds collected from FY'23 Affordable Housing Trust.
- Article 45 of the warrant to appropriate \$22,000 from CPC funds for improvements including trail/bridge work.
- Article 43 of the warrant to appropriate \$9,500 to fully restore three items; horse drawn hay wagon and two small horse-drawn sleighs. These are items in their collection. **Question** – Does the man have the capacity to do all 3? He has the ability and capability.

Bill shared that CPC is putting a 2 years restriction on getting projects done.

Bill then continued with Article – 42 – Forge Pond Park Lighting Investigative Study for \$12,000 to provide an engineering overview plan and costs for lighting layouts for evening ballfield uses. There was discussion about existing ballfields around Hanover. They want to plan for future opportunities. There was discussion on zoning limitations on lighting. This would require ZBA to amend the plan. Joe offered to get the minutes from the ZBA meeting. There needs to be discussion with abutters.

Question – Is there any way to forecast cost of electricity. Further discussion continued regarding no parking. Parking has never been addressed with CPA. **Question** – There are police concerns when cars are leaving the park. ZBA would need approval from public safety. Discussion continued relating to the gate that is wide open. There was discussion on lighting being needed in the parking areas for the evening events.

Bill then discussed Article 41 – B. Everett Hall Park Development Study to appropriate \$22,000 to perform this study and cost estimates for design, renovations and improvements to the park. Bill shared that this park has been overlooked. In Bill's opinion we need to look at the whole thing before any improvements and additions. We need to do a broad look at the park including everything behind the schools. Bill shared ideas, but thinks a comprehensive study is what is needed to properly utilize B. Everett Hall Park. He used the park in Whitman as one of his examples of how a town has made the center of their community a beautiful park. There is an abundance of field space in Hanover and B. Everett Hall Park could provide a passive recreation area. The basketball courts are used all the time. The restroom facilities must be rebuilt. Bill was very passionate about the town having this study done to help create the park as a centerpiece of the town.

Chair Dockter asked the committee if there were additional questions. There were none. Emmanuel thanked Bill for sharing the 4 CPA articles to the committee.

The committee then went through the 48 warrant articles. The committee did their initial review of each article. They agree on 1-3, 5, 10, 13-18, 20-22, 24-27, 29-30, 32, 35-41, 43-46. The committee then reviewed 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 23, 28, 31, 33, 34, 42, and 48. They discussed the 14 articles that the committee felt they needed additional information. The committee did discuss Article 6 and agreed upon a 2.5% increase for the Town Clerk. The remaining 14 articles will be discussed at the next meeting with the sponsors present to answer questions the committee has to fully understand the need and/or purpose of the article.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 30th at 6 PM. The presentations will be a review with department heads the questions the advisory committee has relating to their individual budgets. Articles for review are 4, 7, 8, 19, 28, 31, 33, 34, 42, and 48.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dockter asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a roll-call vote... The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.