



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – 6 PM
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Gavin Little-Gill
Sandy Hayes
Joan Port-Farwell

Steven Freedman
Jim Hoyes
Gerry O'Hearn

Committee Absent

Ted Hickey
Steve Kmito

Emmanuel Dockter

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager
Ann Lee, CDMI Director
Bob Heywood, South Shore Voc Tech Board
James Crosby, Veteran's Service Officer

Chelsea Stevens, Finance Director
Tom Hickey Superintendent of South Shore Voc Tech
Tammy Murray, Dir. Community Services

Gavin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with 6 members present.

Gavin asked if the members had reviewed the minutes from March 10th. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 10th minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Gavin asked if the members had reviewed the minutes from March 24th. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 24th minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Gavin introduced Superintendent Hickey from South Shore Voc Tech School who was joined by Bob Heywood who is Hanover's representative on the board. Ted reviewed the FY22 budget. He shared that Hanover has achieved their allotted number of students, explaining that each town has a maximum that they are able to accept from any one town in a given year. There was a question regarding student population and will our numbers stay steady and the answer is that the 8th grade will be high again next year and that is a strong indicator of class size for the next several years. There are no specific programs drawing interest. There are several programs that have enterprise accounts (shop, cosmetology, culinary, graphic arts & automotive. They do not all self-fund. They all have supply and equipment budgets.

Ted continued his discussion by sharing their Debt Authorization Warrant article. With this article they are trying to pace themselves with projects. They don't want to be coming back year after year asking for

money. There will be no financial impact in FY22. The purpose of this article is to give them authorization and they still have to bring to the town's responsible budgets for each project. They know that the older portion of the school is in need of repair and this is where most of the monies will be spent. Hanover's portion of a project would be 7.35%.

Gavin thanked Ted and Bob for attending and sharing their budget and information.

Gavin welcomed Tammy Murray, Director of Community Services to discuss her budget.

Tammy shared her budget. There were very few questions

Tammy introduced James Crosby our new Veteran's Service Officer. The committee welcomed James! James shared that in 2020, 229 veterans received services. James shared that he spends most of his time securing potential benefits for veterans which is very time consuming.

Tammy reviewed the Park and Rec budget. The summer of 2021 looks good. They will be working with Face and Score sharing programming. There are lots of partnership along with comparing and looking at these partnerships going forward. There are differences between counselors (Park & Rec uses younger counselors and Score uses professional presenters, and oversight managers) for example.

The Biggest News is the Senior Center will be opening 5/3/21. She has purchased tents to help support outdoor programming.

Gavin thanked Tammy.

Gavin opened the meeting up to Joe Colangelo, Town Manager to share his budget.

Joe shared his time reviewing the questions that members had shared prior to the meeting. Joe answered questions relating to the decrease in labor costs, legal services, streamlining of positions and proper compensation for those in dual roles. Joe shared that the decrease in labor costs are directly related to no longer offering Passport services. Joe answered all questions asked by the committee.

Gavin thanked Joe and asked the committee if they should be making future meeting plans to review both SMT and TM articles. Gavin also asked about the location of TM. Town meeting will be held at high school.

A motion was made to adjourn that was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.