



TOWN OF HANOVER
550 HANOVER STREET
HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 6 PM
Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Ted Hickey	Emmanuel Dockter
Sandy Hayes	Jim Hoyes
Joan Port-Farwell	Gerry O'Hearn
Steve Kmito	Steven Freedman
Gavin Little-Gill (arrived late)	

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager	Chelsea Stevens, Finance Director
Jeff Blanchard, Fire Chief	

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with 8 members present and 1 arriving.

Ted asked Fire Chief Jeff Blanchard to share with the committee and update on the property associated with Article 20 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jeff began his presentation with how we are where we are. Jeff talked about the land where that they have been interested in on Webster St. and Jeff read the final paragraph from the most recent communication from the Attorney who has been working with the town on this case. "The attorney's office is proceeding expeditiously to finalize the last filings with the Land Court which will result in a final review by the Land Court examiner in order to obtain an entry of Default Judgment. It is anticipated that the process to default judgment may be completed within 30-90 days."

Jeff then shared a computer model where with a 6-year history of response times for calls with 1 fire station in the center of town. There were green, yellow and red dots. Green for good response times, yellow acceptable and red outside the acceptable standards. Jeff then showed the same 6-year history of response times for calls with 2 fire stations (one in the center of town and one on Webster St) with the green, yellow and red dots. The number of red dots was greatly reduced in the North Hanover area and the the yellow dots were also reduced. The purpose of this data is to show that North Hanover is a great location for Hanover to build a new fire station. Jeff shared that there was no need to expand the current staffing levels with current call volumes. There was a question relating to building just an ambulance sub-station and the chief shared that everyone is a paramedic and fire (dual professional) not one or the

other and it would be under-utilizing their skill-set. There were no more questions, so Ted thanked Jeff for this valuable information.

Article 10 will be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday).

Article 12 will be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday).

Article 20 will be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday) to give members time to review the information shared and be ready to make a motion and create commentary for town meeting.

Article 21 will be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday).

Article 22 will be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday).

Article 31 will be discussed tomorrow Wednesday).

The committee moved to reviewing the 2 articles from the Special Town Meeting # 2 & 4. A motion was made to accept the motion and commentary for Article 2. A motion was made to accept the motion and commentary for Article 4.

The committee then moved to the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 6 – Reviewed commentary and a motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written

Article 7 – Reviewed commentary and a negative motion was made for this article

Article 8 – Reviewed and discussed payrate and decided 2.5% COLA. A motion was made, seconded to set the pay increase at 2.5% that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary that was approved unanimously.

Article 9 – Reviewed motion and commentary. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 16 – Reviewed motion and commentary. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 18 – Reviewed motion and commentary. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 19 – Reviewed commentary for this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 23 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved by 8 with 1 opposed.

Article 24 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 25 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Return to Article 2 – Special Town Meeting. A resident, Greg Satterwhite from Walnut St. wanted to talk about the property – Map 10, Lot 92. This is owned by the Town of Hanover. His discussion surrounded why the town was so quick to sell this parcel to allow a potential buyer of a land locked piece of land

Article 26 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 27 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept \$350,000, that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the \$350,000 commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 28 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 29 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 30 - Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

Article 32 – Reviewed this article. A negative motion was made on this motion that was seconded and voted unanimously.

Article 33 – This is article is not necessary at this time.

Article 34 – Reviewed this article. A motion was made, seconded to accept the motion as written that was approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded to accept the commentary as written that was approved unanimously.

The committee decided to schedule a meeting for Monday before the town meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for Zoom at 6 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn that was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.