

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

Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2012

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

Others: Finance Director, Jennifer Petit, Hanover Boy Scout Troup 38

Advisory Committee Chairman, Brian Barthelmes opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Large First Floor Hearing Room.

Brian welcomed members of the Boy Scout Troup 38 and their leaders to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the Town Meeting process and the role of the Advisory Committee.

Special Town Meeting, Article 1 – Fireworks for Hanover Day:

Finance Director, Jennifer Petit said she has spoken with Town and the State’s Inspector General about this article. The Hanover Cultural Council can solicit three phone quotes for the procurement of firework displays for Hanover Day. The Hanover Cultural Council is a Town Committee and receives funding from the State. They are prohibited from spending or fundraising money for fireworks. A private organization could sponsor the Fireworks for Hanover Day.

Florence Grady made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Special Town Meeting Article 1 – Fireworks for Hanover Day. David Bond seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

The Committee discussed the procurement process for the proposed Fireworks. It was discussed that due to the Town’s tight fiscal constraints that many requests for funding were turned down this year.

Florence Grady made a motion that the Advisory Committee’s motion on this article be “We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.” Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Annual Town Meeting Article 15 – Accessory Dwelling Bylaw:

Florence Grady made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on Annual Town Meeting Article 15. John O’Leary seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Jennifer Petit explained that the original article that the Planning Board’s submitted regarding accessory dwelling units was different from the revised accessory dwelling bylaw that the Planning Board would like to submit to Town Meeting. The Planning Board will be discussing this article at their next meeting on April 23, 2012.

The Advisory Committee's prior recommendation on this article was to support the Planning Board's recommendation.

Florence Grady made a motion that the Advisory Committee's recommendation on this article be made at Town Meeting. David Bond seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

Annual Town Meeting Article 37 – Meals Tax:

The Advisory Committee discussed possible commentary for the Meals Tax article. It was discussed that a long term fiscal policy for revenue from meals tax needs to be established.

Finance Director Update:

Finance Director, Jennifer said that the House Ways and Means Committee released their FY2013 budget recommendations today, and that local aid recommendations were what the Town had expected.

Meeting minutes:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of April 4, 2012. Jim Van Arsdale made a motion to accept the April 4, 2012 Advisory Committee meeting minutes as written. Helen Graves seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Brian Barthelmes abstained from voting since he was absent from the meeting.

The Advisory Committee's next meeting will be on April 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Florence Grady made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Joan Young seconded the motion. All others were in favor.

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