

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

Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013

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

Others: Janine Smith, Troy Clarkson, Doug Thomson

Absent: Florence Grady, Jim Van Arsdale

Brian Barthelmes, Advisory Committee Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Advisory Committee Hearing Room at Town Hall.

May 2013 Town Meeting Articles:

The Advisory Committee discussed and voted on May 2013 Special and Annual Town Meeting articles.

STM Article 2 – Hanover Day: Town Manager Troy Clarkson outlined expenses for Hanover Day. The funding requested for this article will be used to pay for Police, Fire and DPW staffing for this event. Last year, this event was supported through money that was appropriated through the operating budget.

David Bond made a motion to accept STM Article 2 – Hanover Day in the amount of \$20,000. Wayne Moores seconded the motion. Helen Graves abstained from voting. All others were in favor.

A discussion took place about emergency shelters and comfort stations.

Troy Clarkson and Janine Smith provided information about the Town’s use of free cash.

STM Article 6 – Renovations to Town Hall Conference Rooms: Helen Graves made a motion to re-open the discussion and vote on STM Article 6 regarding renovations to Town Hall conference rooms. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously. The possibility of holding Advisory Committee meetings in the Large First Floor Hearing Room (Board of Selectmen’s Conference Room) was discussed. Jerry O’Hearn made a motion to postpone voting on this article until the April 3 Advisory Committee meeting. Helen Graves seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 8 – Wastewater Planning: Troy Clarkson provided information on this article for funding a Wastewater Planning report. Helen Graves made a motion to accept STM Article 8 – Wastewater Planning in the amount of \$150,000. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 11 – Townwide Servers: The Advisory Committee requested a copy of the IT Proposal from MX Consulting. David Bond made a motion that the Advisory Committee’s recommendation on this article be made at Town Meeting. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

STM Article 12 – Transfer funds for Snow & Ice Expenses: Helen Graves made a motion to accept Article 12 – Transfer funds for Snow & Ice expenses in the amount of \$137,295. Joan Young seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Article 7 – Set Pay for Elective Officers: The Advisory Committee discussed this article. Jerry O’Hearn made a motion that the Town Clerk’s salary be set at \$54,563, and that the Town Moderator’s pay be set at \$100 for both Special and Annual Town Meeting. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

ATM Articles 16 & 17 – Tax Abatement Programs: A discussion took place about Annual Town Meeting Articles 16 & 17, Tax Abatement Programs for Senior Citizens and Veterans. It was discussed that a positive motion on these articles accepts the State Statute to establish these programs. The establishment of these programs was a goal of the Board of Selectmen. The Advisory Committee requested more information on the implementation of these programs.

Helen Graves made a motion that the Advisory Committee’s recommendation on Article 16 be made at Town Meeting. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Helen Graves made a motion that the Advisory Committee’s recommendation on Article 17 be made at Town Meeting. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 18 – Abolish Personnel Bylaw: Doug Thomson mentioned that the Board of Selectmen would be making the main motion on this article. The Advisory Committee had previously voted to support this article. David Bond made a motion that the Advisory Committee’s motion be changed to “The Advisory Committee supports the motion presented by the Board of Selectmen”. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 20 – Purchase of Three Police Department Vehicles: Helen Graves made a motion to accept Article 20 – purchase of three police vehicles in the amount of \$114,460. John O’Leary seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 21 – Purchase of Duty Weapons & Ammunition: Helen Graves made a motion to accept Article 21 – purchase of duty weapons and ammunitions in the amount of \$41,000. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 22 – Purchase of Fire Command Vehicle: David Bond made a motion to accept Article 22 – purchase of Fire Command Vehicle in the amount of \$45,000. Joan Young seconded the motion. Brian Barthelmes voted opposed to this motion. All others were in favor.

Article 23 – Purchase of a replacement front end loader: Wayne Moores made a motion to accept Article 23 – Purchase of a replacement front end loader in the amount of \$175,000. David Bond seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 24 – Purchase of a large dump truck: John O’Leary made a motion to accept Article 24 – Purchase of a large dump truck in the amount of \$125,000. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 25 – Purchase of a replacement pick-up truck with plow: Joan Young made a motion to accept Article 25 – purchase of a replacement pick-up truck with plow in the amount of \$35,000. Wayne Moores seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 30 – School Special Education Expenses: David Bond made a motion to accept Article 30 – School Special Education Expenses in the amount of \$115,000. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 31 – Transfer of Curtis School Lot: The Advisory Committee has not voted on their recommendation for this article yet. Brian Barthelmes said that Dan Ahern from the Fire Station Committee would be attending the April 3, 2013 Advisory Committee meeting to speak about this article. It is expected that the Parks and Recreation Department will make the main motion on this article.

Article 32 – Recovery of School Medicaid Reimbursements: David Bond made a motion to Accept Article 32 – Recovery of School Medicaid Reimbursements in the amount of \$7,500. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 36 – Acquisition of Webster Street Property: John O’Leary made a motion to re-open the vote and discussion on this article. Helen Graves seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously. John O’Leary and Helen Graves walked this property with the Open Space Committee on Saturday, March 30, 2013. A question was raised about Town ownership of the connecting parcel of land on Virginia Drive. John O’Leary made a motion to accept Article 36 – Acquisition of Webster Street property up to the amount of \$375,000. Helen Graves seconded the motion. Jerry O’Hearn voted opposed to this motion. All others were in favor.

Article 39 - Town Clerk Fees: David Bond made a motion to accept Article 39 – Town Clerk Fees as written. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 41 – Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund: David Bond made a motion to accept Article 41 – Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund in the amount of \$10,000. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Article 42 – Public Safety Employee Training: David Bond made a motion to accept Article 42 – Public Safety Employee Training in the amount of \$20,000. Jerry O’Hearn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

It was discussed that the Board of Selectmen would make the main motion on Annual Town Meeting Article 16, Senior Tax Abatement Program, Article 17, Veteran’s Tax Abatement Program, and Article 18, Abolishment of the Hanover Personnel Bylaw, and Article 40, Junk Dealers Bylaw.

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: David Bond made a motion to accept the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2013. Joan Young seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Joan Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. David Bond seconded the motion, and it was so voted unanimously.

Prepared by: Audrey Barresi, Advisory Committee Secretary