

Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via teleconference on Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM.

Present at Town Hall, Chairman David Delaney. Present via Zoom video conference were Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectmen John Tuzik and John Barry and Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor. Also present, Town Manager (TM) Joseph Colangelo, Executive Assistant Janet Tierney, Assistant Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee, Finance Director (FD) Lincoln Heineman, and DPW Director Victor Diniak.

Call meeting to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and noted that for the sake of efficiency, any discussion of the Moderator and Advisory Committee appointments would take place under item 4 on tonight's agenda. At the Board's request, TM agreed to reach out to Senator Brady and Representative DeCoste, and invite them to a future meeting to discuss and offer guidance on the budget. The Chair asked for any public commentary. Seeing none.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

TM presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Initial Presentation 2.0, [attached](#), highlighting the changes since the last meeting.

TM informed the Board that he met with a group of people over the weekend who offered their advice to TM on what to do with the Transfer Station. The group informed TM that there is an interest in bringing C&D removal back but maybe not go all in on the proposed capital improvements. At TM's request DPW Director Victor Diniak discussed potential Transfer Station improvements with the Board, noting the importance of having proper oversight if C&D removal is brought back. At the Board's request, Mr. Diniak agreed to have a sign made up listing alternative locations to dispose of C&D waste.

TM informed the Board that he will be working with the Schools and other Departments over the next week or two to make the budget numbers precise, further noting that the final draft budget will be presented for feedback from the Board at the last meeting in January.

Annual and Special Town Meeting Draft Warrants

TM asked FD to speak with the Board regarding his thoughts on the appropriate funding mechanism for the proposed New Fire Station (Planning) Warrant Article. FD stated that he believes free cash would be the appropriate funding mechanism as opposed to the use of debt. He informed the Board that with the likely amount of free cash available and the possible difficulties the Town could face in borrowing for the planning of construction as opposed to the actual construction, free cash, from a financial perspective, would make the most sense.

The Board agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda.

ATM informed the Board that CPC will be meeting tomorrow night to discuss the Sylvester school application presented if anyone is interested in joining the meeting. The Board agreed to put the Sylvester School on the agenda for next week or the week after.

The Board acknowledged being contacted by residents who have expressed an interest in further discussion regarding the Moderator and the Advisory Committee appointment process.

The Chair asked for any public comments regarding this. Seeing none, the Board agreed to put this topic on a future agenda for discussion.

Approved
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The Board discussed the Warrant Articles regarding the Transfer Station, and voted to remove Article 12 from the Draft Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board agreed to leave Article 21 New Fire Station (Planning) Appropriate Funds on the Draft Warrant at least until the next meeting. TM agreed to obtain and provide the Board with the details of what the \$750,000 is being requested for in the aforementioned article.

With regard to Article 20 of the Draft Warrant, Amend Zoning Bylaw 6.11.00 VPUD, TM informed the Board that he will be meeting with Town Counsel to discuss any legal concerns there may be if the desire is to extend the VPUD moratorium for another year.

The Chair asked for any further discussion or comments regarding the Draft Warrant. Seeing none.

Board of Selectmen Policy

FD informed the Board of the reasoning behind the proposed amendment to Policy 7-11 Cash – Receipt Handling. Stating that the proposed amendment to the policy would allow Stripe, the company handling monetary transactions for the new online permitting system, to access a town bank account in order to deposit online payments made by customers as well as provide refunds where necessary. The aforementioned bank account would be set up for this purpose and no other, allowing the Town to easily track the transactions and confirm that they are handled properly.

The Board voted to approve the proposed amendment to Policy 7-11 Cash-Receipt Handling, [attached](#).

Executive Session

In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)2, the Chair took a roll call vote to enter into executive session to conduct a strategy session related to the ongoing negotiations being conducted between the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director who are representing the Town of Hanover/Board of Selectmen in the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Police Union, as he had determined that a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations, and announced that the Board will not be returning to open session.

Roll Call Vote: John Tuzik, aye, Vanessa O'Connor, aye, John Barry, aye, Rhonda Nyman, aye, and David Delaney, aye.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.