

Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Regular Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, April 3rd, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Rhonda Nyman, Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectmen John Tuzik and Steve Louko, and present via Zoom, Selectman David Delaney.

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager/HR Director/CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

The Chair requested any public comments, seeing none.

Unveiling of the New Select Board Hearing Room Podium

The Board invited Hanover Shop Teacher Jeff Farria and Student Jacob Ellis, the Designer and creator of the new Select Board Hearing Room podium, up before the Board. Both Mr. Farria and Jacob spoke on the details of the podium project. The Board thanked Jacob and Mr. Farria. The Board Members, Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools stood with Mr. Farria and Jacob Ellis for photos on this the occasion of the unveiling of the new podium.

Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023.

Roll call vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, and Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

TM discussed the list of proposed amendments, changes and edits to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, attached, with the Board, informing all that tonight is the deadline to finalize the Warrant in order to get it to the printers in time for Annual Town Meeting.

School Committee Chair Elizabeth Corbo and Matthew Ferron, the Superintendent of Schools appeared before the Board and informed all that at this point they do not anticipate any further

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amendments to Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article number 11. The Superintendent of Schools spoke with the Board on how the school goes about vetting expenses, as well as the plans to apply for extraordinary relief funds under the Circuit Breaker Program.

The Board voted to approve all Article amendments changes and edits on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as listed, list attached.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

The Board voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Consider the request from the School Committee to insert a New Article into the Special Town Meeting Warrant requesting an Appropriation of \$650,000 from Free Cash to fund the FY23 School Department Budget

At TM's request, Finance Director Chelsea Stevens appeared before the Board and ran through a handout outlining for the Board an update of where free cash would end up at the end of FY24 if the Special Education Reserve appropriation requested in Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 11 were to be increased to \$750,000, and the requested \$650,000 appropriation requested in the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article being proposed for insertion into the Special Town Meeting Warrant tonight were approved, handout attached.

FD further informed the Board that at the end of the year, any deficit for any Department that has not been covered would need to be raised on the tax recap. Ultimately it would need to be paid for at some point. There would be an option to use free cash to pay for it, but if that does not happen it would need to be raised on the tax recap.

The Board voted to insert new Article 2 into the Special Town Meeting Warrant requesting an appropriation of \$650,000 from free cash to fund the FY23 School Department Budget. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

DPA ran through the list of other minor changes to the Special Warrant Articles for the Board, attached, noting that the correction on the dollar amount owed to Direct Energy would be \$42, 668.15.

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The Board voted to change the amount owed to Direct Energy to \$42,668.15. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

The Board voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Town Manager Forum

TM discussed the next meeting's date with the Board as the next meeting would fall on the Patriot's Day Holiday. Therefore, Board agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, April 24th instead.

Tm informed the Board that there are 8 or 9 very strong applicants for the Summer Internship Program, and he is looking forward to meeting them all.

Select Board Forum

Selectman Louko informed all that the 2023 Arts Festival will be held tomorrow at Hanover High School and is open to all, noting that all sorts of arts and entertainments will be on display.

Chair Nyman informed all that Mary Anne Cirino is the recipient of this year's Spirit of Hanover Community Service Award, there will be luncheon on April 30th at the Council on Aging and tickets can be purchased online or through the Chair. The Chair noted that this is a great way to honor those that have given so much to the Town, and she is a wonderful candidate.

The Chair asked for any other comments from the Board, seeing none.

Executive Session

At 7:48pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21 (a)3, the Chair requested a Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations with the Police Union, the Fire Union, the Hanover Municipal Employees League (HMELE), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) as a discussion of this topic in open session could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.

The Chair announced that the Board will not be returning to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Adjourn

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:22pm

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