

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

Meeting Minutes
Monday May 5, 2014

Opening:

John O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Attendees:

John O'Leary, Helen Graves, Donald White, Jerry O'Hearn, Wayne Moores, Nicole Duhamel, Angela Blanchard, Jim Van Arsdale

*Chris Martin arrived during the meeting as reflected in the minutes.

Absent:

None

Other Attendees:

Janine Smith, Director of Municipal Finance

Catherine Harder-Bernier, Town Clerk

Business related to the Special Town Meeting :

Helen Graves made a motion seconded by Angela Blanchard to vote to open Article 3 of the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously by those present.

Don White made a motion seconded by Nicole Duhamel to amend the motion as printed in the town meeting warrant to read:

“We move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserve account to the Fire Department other expenses budget to cover the cost of the ambulance billing services **through fiscal year June 30, 2014.**”

This motion was voted unanimously by those present.

Helen Graves made a motion seconded by Angela Blanchard to re-open Article 3 of the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously by those present.

Angela Blanchard made a motion seconded by Nicole Duhamel to amend the motion as previously amended to read:

“We move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the Ambulance Receipt Reserve account to the Fire Department other expenses budget to cover the cost of the ambulance billing services throughout the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.”

This motion was voted unanimously by those present.

The entire Committee now present with the arrival of Chris Martin.

Business related to the Annual Town Meeting :

Helen Graves made a motion seconded by Chris Martin to open Article 50 of the Annual Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously.

Helen Graves made the following motion seconded by Chris Martin:

“We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.”

This motion was voted unanimously.

Chris Martin made a motion seconded by Jim Van Arsdale to open Article 52 of the Annual Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously.

Helen Graves made the following motion seconded by Angela Blanchard:

“We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.”

This motion was voted unanimously.

The Town Clerk appeared before the Committee to question why their commentary was only one sentence. The Town Clerk reviewed that she had attended one of the Committee’s meetings for over an hour and a half for discussion on Article 16 and was surprised that the commentary was so brief.

Chris Martin made a motion seconded by Wayne Moores to open Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously by those present. (Helen Graves was not present for vote)

Committee members discussed with the Town Clerk that the Committee felt that the commentary was presented in the most succinct fashion. The simply felt that the right to elect the position should not be taken away and additionally felt that by adding pros and cons for each side of the debate would have only muddied the waters and created confusion.

Chris Martin made a motion seconded by Nicole Duhamel to close Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting. This was voted unanimously by those present. (Helen Graves was not present for vote)

Nicole Duhamel made a motion seconded by Chris Martin to adjourn the meeting. This was voted unanimously.