

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 12, 2014

Opening:

John O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Helen Graves suggested adding High School Media Room to the locations to visit during the Capital requests site visits. The Committee was in agreement.

Committee Attendees:

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

Absent:

None

Meeting with Tony Marino-Director of Community Services:

7:05 p.m. Tony Marino introduced the members in attendance from the Council on Aging: Robyn Mitton, Richard Farwell, Claire Flynn.

Robyn Mitton gave the Committee some background on the status of the Senior Center. The Center's attendance level has quadrupled in the past four years. They are currently offering many new wellness programs to the seniors throughout Hanover.

Helen Graves asked Robyn about the staffing levels within the Council on Aging and if she required any additional staff for FY2015. Robyn responded that she is adequately staffed; however she may need to adjust some job titles during FY2015. Robyn also informed the Committee that although their volunteer numbers were down to 90 from 120 last year she still felt she had an adequate number of volunteers.

Don White asked Robyn her opinion on the the Warrant Article proposing to provide a generator to the Senior Center. Robyn shared that she felt that due to the size of the High School and the large groups of people that are there when it is being used as an emergency Center, she feels that some of the Senior population does get overwhelmed in that environment. In her opinion Robyn feels that a generator will allow the seniors to have a quitter environment to go to warm up and remain safe during an emergency.

7:34p.m. Tony Marino introduced the Library Board of Trustee Members: Lorraine Welch, Larry Bandoni, and Elaine Shea.

Lorraine Welch spoke to the Committee in regards to the Library's FY 2015 budget. The only increases in salary she foresees this year are those mandated by Union contracts.

Lorraine informed the Committee that Library attendance stating that the counter services between 750-900 people on average in a weeks' time.

Don White asked Lorraine for her opinion on how the snow guards where working out at the Library.

Lorraine responded that although they were just finished last week she is positive that they will make a noticeable difference during the following years winter season.

8:00p.m. Tony Marino presented the Advisory Committee with the Visiting Nurses budget.

Tony notes that the only increases in salary for FY 2015 were an increase in the nurse's salaries. He also made the Committee aware that the new nurse hired at \$60,000/year was an \$8,000 decrease from the staff who retired from that position last year.

8:07p.m.: Tony presented the Advisory Committee with the Department of Municipal inspections budget.

Helen Graves asked Tony to speak on the status of the Full Time Town Planner position. Tony informed the Committee that Margaret's last day was Friday. The job is currently re-posted and until they hire a candidate Peter will perform the job duties.

John O'Leary asked if there was a time frame on the hire. Tony answered that it depends on the skill set of the candidates. If the pool of candidates does reflect the accurate skill set Tony would consider re-posting until he finds the correct fit.

9:00p.m.: (9) ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease and/or a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for the purpose of installing solar panels on Town Owned land to generate additional revenues for the Town of Hanover, or take any other action relative thereto.

- *Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article as written Chris Martin seconded and it was so voted.*

(42)ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$70,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a 4x4 one-ton dump truck with plow, said purchase and equipping to be done at the direction of the Town Manager who is authorized to sell or make appropriate trade-ins, or take any other action relative thereto.

- *Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article as written Chris Martin seconded and it was voted unanimously.*

Adjournment:

At 9:29p.m. Don White made the motion to adjourn the meeting Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted

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