

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 5, 2014

Opening:

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

Committee Attendees:

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

Absent:

Angela Blanchard

Meeting with Police Chief

Chief of Police Walter Sweeney presented his Fiscal Year 2015 budget to the Advisory Committee. Chief Sweeney presented a level serviced budget with no increase with little changes to Fiscal Year 2014 other than some contractual changes.

Chief Sweeney presented the projected increase in service for the Animal Control Office budget. He is requesting that the part time 16 hour Animal Control Officer position be increased to 25 hours per week. Chief Sweeney feels that the current 16 hours per week does not allow the Animal Control Officer enough time to meet his duties. Currently 75-80% of the Animal Control Officers time is spent responding to animal calls. This leaves very little time for leash law enforcement and licensing enforcement.

Chief Sweeney presented his salary line items and reviewed his Capital request items for Fiscal Year 2015. He presented the Advisory Committee with quotes for all motor vehicle replacement requests.

Meeting with Fire Chief

Fire Chief Jeffery Blanchard presented his Fiscal Year 2015 budget to the Advisory Committee. Chief Blanchard spoke about the proposed transition from a 5+2 staff to a 6 person staff.

Chief Blanchard presented his salary line items and reviewed his Capital Request items for Fiscal Year 2015.

Chief Blanchard asked Facilities Manager Bob Murray to present the facilities request for the Fire Department. Mr. Murray presented the information for the installation of a sprinkler system for the Fire Station. John O'Leary requested a projected amount it would cost to replace the Fire Station if a fire were to occur there. He requested that insurance coverage amounts be included in this assessment. Mr. Murray spoke about the application Chief Blanchard has submitted for a \$100,000 grant that would help offset the cost of this project. Deputy Fire Chief Barbara Stone explained that the Grant is currently in the peer review process and they do not have a clear date of when they will receive the final word on the status on the grant. Mr. Murray will make the addition information John O'Leary requested available to him the next time they meet.

The Advisory Committee asked for more information on the Fire Departments request for a generator at the Hanover Senior Center. Mr. Murray spoke about the generator the Town had obtained as a used purchase. The generator purchased only has a year of usage time on it and Mr. Murray was able to get it as a discounted cost. The Committee explained their concern was with the cost of installing the generator not the actual cost of the generator. Mr. Murray assured the Committee he will bring more information pertaining to the installation costs when he meets with them again.

Meeting Schedule:

A Meeting with Tony Marino is scheduled for Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Advisory Committee hearing room.

Another meeting between the Board of Selectman and the Advisory Committee is scheduled on Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large First Floor Hearing room.

Two additional meetings were set for Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 7:00p.m. in the Advisory Committee Hearing Room and Tuesday March 18, 2014 in the Advisory Committee Hearing Room.

The capital items site visit date was set for Saturday March 29, 2014 at 8:00a.m.

Adjournment:

Jerry O'Hearn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55p.m. Don White seconded the motion, and it was so voted.

Prepared by: Jamie Noonan Advisory Committee Secretary