



TOWN OF HANOVER
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HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Committee Attendees

Ted Hickey, Chair

Gavin Little-Gill

Steve Kmito

Jim Hoyes

Emmanuel Dockter

Joan Port-Farwell

Steve Freedman

Sandy Hayes

Gerard O'Hearn

Other Attendees

Joe Colangelo, Town Manager

Jeff Blanchard, Fire Chief

Chelsea Stevens, Finance Director

Jason Cavallaro, Deputy Fire Chief

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes

The committee moved and voted to approve minutes from 1/20/21, 2/1/21 & 2/10/21.

Members abstained from voting for the minutes where they were not present.

Review of Fire Department Budget

Chief Jeff Blanchard and Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro reviewed the components of their budget.

Before reviewing the Fire Department budget, Jeff wanted to praise his team during COVID -19 for figuring out new ways to get things done. COVID testing results are encouraging. Also during COVID all departments stepped up. Everyone had a can do effort. The custodial staff really had to so much put on their plate. This has been the highlight of his career.

Jeff started the review his budget. There were multiple questions regarding overtime. The Chief shared detailed information on team size, injuries, serious fires and the impact on overtime. COVID related overtime will be covered under FEMA at 100%. We just received communication that reimbursement will increase from 75% to 100% reimbursement.

Jeff and Jason talked about training and why training can't always be done during shifts.

Under Expenses there was discussion on the request for the new pumper. Jeff reviewed why this purchase is necessary. Jeff also went through fire vehicle inventory in detail and the capital plan he uses for replacement.

Jason talked in detail about the new need for Ballistic Gear (vests). It speaks to the times we are in! They will be trying to utilize grants to purchase, but he wanted to be sure this topic was on the table in-case there becomes an unanticipated demand for a purchase.

The committee asked Jeff to email them with his powerpoint presentation.

General Advisory Business

The committee discussed a change to the schedule for department presentations.

- The March 3rd meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting will be March 10th with DPW
- The March 17th meeting was cancelled.
- March 24 will be Library, Community Services, CDMI, and possibly CPC.
- March 31st will be SSVT, Finance, Town Manager & Town-wide
- April 7th will be Schools & Information Technology

Possible Reserve Fund Transfer was moved to the next meeting.

The committee agreed they would get the questions for DPW to Emmanuel by 3/3/21.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.