

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, April 29, 2013 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman John S. Barry, Vice Chairman Joseph Salvucci (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Susan M. Setterland, and Harold Dunn. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Barry opened the meeting and extended best wishes and a speedy recovery to Town Clerk Bob Shea and asked if any member of the audience had any comment or discussion item for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; resident Ken Anderson, King Hill Road spoke regarding the re-construction of his street and the damage to the property markers and phone lines on his property referencing a letter sent to the Chairman and DPW Director. Chairman Barry noted Mr. Anderson's concerns and directed the Town Manager to follow-up on this matter with the DPW Director and asked Mr. Anderson to attend the Board's next meeting on May 20th if he does not receive a response from the Town prior to that date.

The Board voted to approve the 04-22-13 meeting minutes including executive session.

7:06 p.m. Selectman Salvucci arrived.

The Board met with Peter Frazier, First Southwest regarding debt refunding. Mr. Frazier provided the Board with a handout (attached). Mr. Frazier noted the interest rate on Bond(s) in question is currently at 4.8% and the current rate is under 2% noting the potential savings of approximately \$300,000 to the Town. The Board voted that, in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c. 44, Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated June 15, 2004 and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed commentary provided by the Town Manager and reviewed the Warrant Articles for Special and Annual Town Meeting and discussed/voted the following:

Special Town Meeting:

Article 2 – Hanover Day – Discussed with the large donation made by McGee Toyota and does Hanover Day Committee intend on returning funds to the Town.

Article 3 – Emergency Generator Town Hall – The Board voted to bypass Article 3 at Special Town Meeting and not appropriate funds for the purchase of a generator for Town Hall.

Article 6 – Modernization of Hearing Rooms – The Board voted not appropriate \$175,000 for the renovations and modernization of these rooms and directed the Town Manager to request proposals on the cost going forward to update the air conditioning unit.

Article 7 – The Board agreed with the Advisory Committee recommendation to have this Article referred back to the Town Manager, Facilities Engineering Manager and Fire Chief for further study and report back at the next Town Meeting.

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Annual Town Meeting:

Article 12 – Revolving Funds, Forge Pond Park. The Board is not in favor of establishing an annual revolving fund. Article 13 designates \$125,000 which can be under the discretion of Parks and Recreation. The Board voted to direct the Town Manager to amend Article 12 commentary by deleting the Forge Pond Park Revolving Fund and to amend the Recreation Fund to add the \$125,000 to the Recreation Fund of \$500,000 for a total of \$625,000.

Article 14 – General Fund Operating Budget. Chairman Barry discussed the two new hires for the Fire Department and suggested one be hired now and to review the ambulance receipts prior to the second hire. Chairman Barry noted this will be the understanding prior to moving forward with hiring additional personnel.

Article 36 – Acquisition of Webster Street Property. The Board voted to not support this Article. Chairman Barry abstained from the vote noting a prior business relationship with the property owner.

Article 37 – Transfer Funds to Affordable Housing Trust. The Board discussed amending this Article at Town Meeting by transferring an additional \$50,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust from the Community Housing Reserve Fund if Article 36 fails.

The Board voted to reappoint Nancy Goldthwait as the Senior Member of the Board of Registrars, appointment to expire on June 30, 2016

The Board discussed the Selectmen appointments of liaison to the Plymouth County Advisory Board and the Plymouth County Selectmen's Association. The Board voted to approve Selectman Salvucci as the liaison to the Plymouth County Advisory Board and voted to approve Selectman Setterland as the liaison to the Plymouth County Selectmen's Association.

Town Manager Report

- The Selectmen are posted to meet at the High School at 6:30 p.m. prior to Town Meeting.
- The School Oversight Committee is meeting Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. with representatives from the Abrahams Group regarding the "draft" report.

Selectman Setterland acknowledged Judy Grecco as receiving the Spirit of Hanover award on April 28th.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:04 PM.