

Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Hanover Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:30pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, and Selectman Steve Louko, and via Zoom Chair Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectman John Tuzik.

Present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager, HR Director, CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

In accordance with Select Board Policy 2-6, the Chair requested any public comments, seeing none.

Meeting Minutes

The Chair confirmed that the Board Members had had the opportunity to read the Draft Meeting Minutes before the Board for approval this evening and requested any questions or comments on them, seeing none. Via roll call vote the Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023, November 13, 2023, December 4, 2023 and January 2, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Appointment

David Sawin of the Route 139 Action Committee appeared before the Board via Zoom and spoke on the Committee's support of the appointment of Edward C. Henderson to the Committee. Edward C. Henderson appeared before the Board and spoke on his background and interest in serving on the Committee. The Board thanked Mr. Henderson for his interest in serving. Via Roll Call Vote the Board voted to appoint Edward C. Henderson to the Route 139 Action Committee. There were technical difficulties during the first roll call vote. The Chair again requested the roll call vote to appoint Mr. Henderson to the Route 139 Action Committee. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Presentation

Town Manager's Presentation and Submission of the [Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget](#) (joint meeting with the Advisory Committee)

The Advisory Committee Chair called their meeting to order.

Selectman Delaney joined the meeting via Zoom.

TM presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget presentation, attached above, to the Select Board and Advisory Committee, noting that all of the information presented has been uploaded to the Town website for public review. TM and Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) discussed the

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presentation with the Board and the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee pointed out a typo in the presentation which TM stated would be fixed in the presentation posted on the website.

The Chair thanked TM, FD and the Department Heads for all the work on the budget and encouraged the public to continue to listen and engage in the process.

The Advisory Committee adjourned their meeting.

Discussion

North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA)– Next Steps for the Indian Head River Restoration Project

Becky Malamut and Alex Mansfield of the NSRWA appeared before the Board and discussed the Board signing the Draft Letter of Support provided by NSRWA, [attached](#). The Board and TM discussed the letter with Ms. Malamut and Mr. Mansfield. The Chair requested that since the future use of the former National Fireworks Site is going to be discussed, a discussion of reactivating the Fireworks Site Focus Committee be placed on an upcoming Agenda. The Board discussed wording used in the Draft letter provided by NSRWA and voted via roll call vote to amend the letter, changing the word “the” to “a” in the first line of the second paragraph to make the sentence, “After reviewing the results of the recently completed Feasibility Study, we believe that dam removal is possible and is a preferred alternative for our community if funding is available.”, and to send the letter to Michelle L. Craddock at the Natural Resources Damage Department at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O’Connor, aye.

Finance

Consider approval the sale of \$5,791,327 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town dated February 22, 2024

FD appeared before the Board and informed all that the borrowing is for projects previously approved at Town Meeting. FD further stated that in speaking with the Debt Consultants at Hilltop both FD and the Consultants agreed that as there is a better chance of obtaining lower interest rates next year, therefore it would be best to wait on long term borrowing. FD further informed all that a benefit of short-term borrowing is there will not be any principal payments, just interest payments, until after having borrowed for three years, at which time pay down payments would begin. This would allow us to look at the interest rates and decide when will be best to do long term borrowing.

As the Clerk of the Select Board, Selectman Louko read the following Vote of the Select Board into the record:

VOTE OF THE SELECT BOARD

I, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Hanover, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held February 5, 2024, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

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Voted: to approve the sale of \$5,791,327 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the Town dated February 22, 2024, and payable February 21, 2025, to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$30,288.64.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 18, 2024, and a final Official Statement dated January 25, 2024, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended.

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Clerk of the Select Board

Via roll call vote the Board voted to approve the sale of \$5,791,327 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town dated February 22, 2024 in accordance with the document Selectman Louko just read. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Annual and Special Town Meeting and Election

Review Annual Town Meeting Warrant

TM informed all that in order to make changes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant the Board will need to vote to open the Warrant, vote to make the changes and then vote to close the Warrant again.

TM ran through the list of proposed changes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, [attached](#).

The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none.

Via Roll Call Vote, the Board voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Via Roll Call Vote, the Board voted to modify the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as in the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant presented this evening. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Via Roll Call Vote the Board voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

Adjourn

Via Roll Call Vote the meeting ended and adjourned at 8:01pm.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye.

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