

**Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via teleconference on Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.**

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Present at Town Hall, Chairman David Delaney. Present via Zoom video conference were Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectmen John Tuzik, and Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor, Selectman Barry was unable to attend. Also present, Town Manager (TM) Joseph Colangelo, Executive Assistant Janet Tierney, Assistant Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee, and Finance Director (FD) Lincoln Heineman.

**Called to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and stated that rather than move to public comments, the Board would open the Classification Hearing on for the Property Tax Rate for 2021 and then move on to public comments.

**Public Hearing**

The Chair opened the Classification Hearing to Set the 2021 Property Tax Rate and read the public hearing notice into the record, attached.

Town Assessor Elaine Boidi and Board of Assessors Member Elaine Shea joined the meeting. Ms. Boidi and FD presented the Tax Classification Presentation to the Board, attached.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to adopt residential factor of .9934 or a 1.04 shift in the residential tax rate. The Board voted that there be no open space exemption, no small commercial exemption and no residential exemption.

The Board thanked Elaine Boidi and her team in the Assessor's Office and the Board of Assessors for all the important work they do and their efforts in this process.

**Public Comments**

The Chair asked for public comments, seeing none.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2020.

The Board voted to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 20, 2020 and August 10, 2020 however, they are not yet approved for public release.

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**Business Items**

TM presented the Fiscal Year 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Requirements and Decisions presentation, attached.

The Board discussed the presentation with TM and FD. Fire Chief Blanchard joined the meeting and discussed the MIH program, costs and cost saving measures.

The Board asked TM to provide information on what service cuts would look like for both Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 in order to hope for the best but plan for the worst. TM requested that the Board make a formal request for core service cut information.

Approved  
4/26/2021

Selectman Tuzik moved for the Board to vote to continue the funding of the MIH program and services related to it until further notice using Advisory Committee Reserve funds, with their approval, until further notice. After further discussion, the motion changed to a motion for the Board to vote to continue the funding of services related to Covid Response until further notice using Advisory Committee Reserve funds, with their approval, until further notice. The Board continued the discussion.

The Board voted to task the Advisory Committee to make a determination on their special reserve fund to continue the Town Covid 19 response services so they can be maintained through the balance of this year and that funding would be overseen on a month by month basis.

TM agreed to, along with FD, prepare something for the Board to look at with regards to potential cuts to current core services.

TM requested that the Board continue to review the Capital Budget and Plan, provide feedback and ask any questions they may have. He further requested that Board Members let him know if they have strong feelings on any of the items. TM requested the same of the Board with regards to the Draft Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

The Board voted to ratify the approval of the extended outdoor dining applications of Brother's Grill and Burke's Alewerks.

### **Executive Session**

In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)2, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into executive session to conduct a strategy session related to the ongoing negotiations being conducted between the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director who are representing the Town of Hanover/Board of Selectmen in the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the HMEL, AFSME and Police Unions as he had determined that a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations.

The Chair announced that the Board will be returning to open session.

Roll call vote: Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye. Selectman Barry was not present.

At 7:49 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session.

At 8:55 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session.

The Chair announced that the Board will not be voting tonight on the AFSCME and HMEL Agreements but they are nearly finalized and the Board will be making a vote this coming Monday.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:57p.m.