

Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via teleconference on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 7:30 PM.

Present at Town Hall, Chairman David Delaney. Present via Zoom video conference were Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectmen John Tuzik and John Barry and Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor. Also present, Town Manager (TM) Joseph Colangelo, Executive Assistant Janet Tierney, Assistant Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee, Finance Director (FD) Lincoln Heineman, Fire Chief Jeffrey Blanchard, Police Chief Walter Sweeney, Director of Community Services Tammy Murray, Town Accountant Chelsea Stevens, DPW Director Victor Diniak, Advisory Committee Chair Ted Hickey, Carol Mattes, Superintendent of Schools Matt Ferron and School Committee Members Libby Corbo, Peter Miraglia, Ruth Lynch, Leah Miller.

Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Town Department Heads, Advisory Committee and School Committee to order and asked for any public commentary, seeing none. The Chair then turned the meeting over to TM.

Presentation(s)

TM, Fire Chief Blanchard, Superintendent of School Matthew Ferron, and FD presented the Fiscal Year 2021: 2nd Half Preview and Requirements presentation, attached. TM asked that all stay focused on problem of the Cares Funding running dry on December 30th, noting that as of today no known subsequent act of congress or stimulus fund has been passed to takes its place. TM informed those listening that as of December 30th, under the Town Manager Act, TM will no longer have authority to spend on the outlined programs due to the fact that they weren't allocated for and approved in the Town Meeting Budget. He noted that it seems unlikely Washington DC will approve a stimulus plan before December 30th. TM expressed that he feels a motion will be needed from all three Boards to move forward with the programs after December 30th.

The Board, TM, Department Heads, School Committee and Advisory Committee discussed this issue.

The Chair asked for any questions.

FD provided a summary of where the Town is at with the Cares Act money.

All continued the discussion.

FD estimated that the certified free cash amount will be around three million dollars, but with so many moving pieces it is hard to accurately estimate what the exact amount will be. The Board discussed reaching out to Bill Keating and getting him involved in the conversation.

TM and FD informed all those present that the Town would need a decision in early December.

The Board discussed procedural options such as a Special Town Meeting or a reimbursement Warrant Article in May. FD agreed to seek Town Counsel's advice regarding this topic.

The Advisory Committee agreed to touch base with TM in the next week to discuss Town Counsel's opinion.

The School Committee agreed to place this topic on their November 16th Agenda.

Approved
4/26/2021

TM agreed to place this topic on the Board's November 16th Agenda for the Board to provide direction at that time.

Adjourn Meeting

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.