

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 12, 2017 – 7:00 pm
Advisory Committee Hearing Room
Hanover Town Hall

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Edward Hickey, Chairman.

Committee Attendees:

Edward Hickey
Sandra Hayes
Brandon Freeman
Steve Kmito
Wayne Moores
Jerry O’Hearn
Joan Port-Farwell

Absent

Nick Morwood
Gavin Little-Gill

Other Attendees:

Lincoln Heineman, Finance Director
Chelsea Stevens, Town Accountant

Review of Meeting Minutes

Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes from November 1st as written. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes from November 28th as written. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed. Chairman Edward Hickey asked to make sure that the attachments from that meeting are included with the meeting minutes when posted to the website.

Review of Annual Report of the Advisory Committee

The Committee reviewed the Annual Report of the Advisory Committee for the Annual Town Report and amended the report as necessary. Joan Port-Farwell made a motion to accept the report as amended. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Special Town Meeting discussion

The Committee briefly discussed the articles for the Special Town Meeting. They discussed the potential revenues from recreational marijuana and the pros and cons of banning the sale of recreational marijuana in Hanover. There was also discussion on what other Towns in the area are doing.

Commentary – STM Articles 1 & 2

The Committee drafted the following commentary for Article 1:

“We support the motion of the Planning Board. Passing a prohibition now will allow the Town the time to more thoroughly evaluate the potential impacts of recreational dispensaries including the potential for increased tax revenue. For example, the Curaleaf medical marijuana community benefit agreement is projected to bring in \$125,000 in revenue for the Town in FY19. If recreational marijuana is available in neighboring communities the Town may want to consider whether lost revenue opportunities compel a different approach.

We recommend that the Board of Selectmen undertake a review of these issues for a future Town Meeting.”

Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The committee agreed to use the same commentary for Article 2.

Joan Port-Farwell made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Sandra Hayes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Capital Requests FY19

The Committee reviewed and discussed the capital requests from Department Head’s for FY19. The Committee requested that DPW Director Victor Diniak and Facilities Director Bob Murray attend their next meeting to discuss their capital requests.

Next Meeting

The Committee’s next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Sandra Hayes made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.