

Hanover Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 7:00pm

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chris Martin, Chairman.

Committee Attendees:

Chris Martin	Helen Graves
Donald White	Sandra Hayes
Jerry O’Hearn	Angela Blanchard
Joan Port-Farwell	Edward Hickey
Wayne Moores	

Other Attendees:

Ms. Janine Smith, Director of Municipal Finance
Mr. Art Ceurvels, Project Manager - New Hanover Bandstand
Mr. Sydney Elliott, Veterans Honor Garden
Mrs. Maureen Elliott, Veterans Honor Garden
Ms. Rhonda Nyman, Veterans Honor Garden

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Jerry O’Hearn made a motion to accept the minutes as amended via email by Helen Graves. Joan Port-Farwell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion with Art Ceurvels, New Hanover Bandstand

Art Ceurvels gave a presentation to the Advisory Committee regarding the construction of the new Hanover Bandstand. The presentation covered the history and condition of the current bandstand, proposed location of the new bandstand, design of new bandstand, timeline of construction and sources of funding. South Shore Vocational Technical School students will be volunteering time to help construct the new bandstand. Donald White asked what the plans are to remove the old bandstand. Art Ceurvels stated that plans have not been finalized yet; however, if existing shrubs can be moved to the new bandstand they will be as well as the existing flagpole. Donald White asked if the Hanover Board of Health will have any bathroom requirement for the new bandstand. Art Ceurvels stated that he was not sure but would look into it. Art Ceurvels was thanked by the Advisory Committee and departed the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Discussion with Maureen and Sydney Elliott, Veterans Honor Garden

Maureen and Sydney Elliott discussed Article 40 – Veterans Honor Garden with the Advisory Committee. Donald White asked about the possibility of vandalism and the clock malfunctioning. Maureen Elliott stated that the clock has a warranty and that existing clocks in other communities have not been vandalized. Maureen Elliott stated that this was an opportunity to clean up a piece of town owned land and beautify the Hanover Historical District. Angela Blanchard asked if there was an existing crosswalk from Hanover Town Hall to the proposed site. Maureen Elliott stated that yes there is. Helen Graves asked what portion of the Honor Garden the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds would cover. Sydney Elliott stated that they cover the clock at \$50,000, and garden and landscaping for \$94,000. The veteran's memorial portion of the Honor Garden cannot be paid for with CPC funds. Maureen Elliott stated that the veteran's memorial portion would honor all six branches of the military, and past, present and future soldiers and would cost \$17,000. The funds required for the veteran's memorial portion of the garden will be raised once the project is approved. The stone walls, brick and seating are all in keeping with the Hanover Historic District. Jerry O'Hearn and Chris Martin expressed concern at the expense of brick walks and landscaping. Maureen Elliott stated that she feels it isn't expensive considering that it is improving a piece of town owned property. Sydney Elliott stated that many other neighboring communities have veteran honor gardens. Rhonda Nyman stated that the Town of Hanover is behind in honoring veterans. Edward Hickey stated that the Advisory Committee is concerned with CPC's lack of planning and spending of funds not in line with the Town of Hanover's needs. The project is well put together and planned; however, deferring a year to see how it fits in the CPC's future plan would be advisable. Maureen Elliott stated that she agrees the CPC has done a poor job planning; however, wishes the Advisory Committee would not punish project petitioners for the CPC's errors. Donald White stated that the Advisory Committee will certainly visit the proposed site. Angela Blanchard asked about maintenance and watering landscaping. Maureen Elliott stated that the site would continue to be mowed by the DPW as it currently is and that all plantings would be perennials. Sydney Elliott expressed disappointment that prior to CPC petitions being filed, the Hanover Mariner was already reporting the Advisory Committee would be reluctant to support CPC petitions. This caused confusion and duplications on the town warrant. Donald White stated that the Advisory Committee was favorable to the Veterans Honor Garden project but wants to hold CPC funds until proper planning can be done. Maureen Elliott stated that they have put a lot of work into the project and are very committed to it. Chris Martin stated that the Advisory Committee will give their recommendation at Town Meeting but the voters make the decision. The Elliott's and Rhonda Nyman were thanked by the Advisory Committee and departed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting Motion and Commentary Review:

Article 14 – Special Education Expenses: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Edward Hickey. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 15 – Appropriate Funds – New Math Curriculum: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Edward Hickey. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 16 – Create Special Education Stabilization Fund: Wayne Moores made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Donald White. All were in favor and the motion passed. Jerry O'Hearn made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 17 – School Department Medicaid Reimbursements: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed. Helen Graves made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 18 – Public Safety Employee Training: Joan Port-Farwell made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Sandra Hayes. All were in favor and the motion passed. The words “and we need to support the individuals who provide us that safety” was deleted from the last sentence of the commentary. Sandra Hayes made a motion to accept the commentary as amended. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed. Angela Blanchard recused herself from both votes on this article.

Article 19– Old Colony Planning Council Membership: Angela Blanchard made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The sentence “This membership has no effect on the operating budget.” was added to the commentary. Joan Port-Farwell made a motion to accept the commentary as amended. This was seconded by Sandra Hayes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 39 – Appropriate Funds – Affordable Housing Trust: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed. 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.

Article 40 – Appropriate Funds – Veterans Honor Garden: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 41 – Appropriate Funds – Town Hall Restoration: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 42 – Appropriate Funds - First Congregational Church – Windows: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Helen Graves. All were in favor and the motion passed. Donald White recused himself from the vote on this article.

Article 43 – Appropriate Funds – Restore Horse Drawn Fire Wagon: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote on this article.

Article 44 – Appropriate Funds - Veteran’s Database: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 45 - Appropriate Funds - Honor Garden: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 46 - Appropriate Funds - Town Hall Restoration: Edward Hickey made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Jerry O’Hearn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 47 - Appropriate Funds - First Congregational Church – Windows: Helen Graves made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed. Donald White recused himself from the vote on this article.

Article 48 - Appropriate Funds - Restore Horse Drawn Fire Wagon: Joan Port-Farwell made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Wayne Moores. All were in favor and the motion passed. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote on this article.

Article 49 - Appropriate Funds - Veterans Database: Helen Graves made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Sandra Hayes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 50 - Dog Park - Land/Committee: Donald White made a motion that the Town not accept this article and take no further action. This was seconded by Sandra Hayes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 54 - Amend General Bylaw 6-10 Section 8: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 55 - Dog License Late Fees: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Angela Blanchard. All were in favor and the motion passed. Helen Graves made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Edward Hickey. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 59 - Accept Chapter 90 Road Grant Monies: Helen Graves made a motion to accept the motion. This was seconded by Joan Port-Farwell. All were in favor and the motion passed. Angela Blanchard made a motion to accept the commentary as written. This was seconded by Edward Hickey. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Special Election Warrant

The Advisory Committee looked through the Special Election Warrant briefly.

Schedule for next Wednesday, April 15th meeting

The Advisory Committee will welcome petitioners to discuss warrant articles. Steve Tucker from the Bylaw Review Committee will meet with the Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

Joan Port-Farwell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Wayne Moores. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.