



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE

MAY 2013 SPECIAL & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

***This report includes Advisory Committee and other Boards' motions and recommendations on Town Meeting articles that were not published or have changed since the May 2013 Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants were published in the Hanover Mariner on April 24, 2013.**

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May 2013 Special Town Meeting Articles:

Special Town Meeting Article 3 – Purchase of an emergency generator system for the Town Hall

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for purchase and installation of an emergency generator system for the Town Hall, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Facilities Engineering Manager

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

Special Town Meeting Article 4 – Purchase of an emergency generator system for Fire Department Headquarters

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for purchase and installation of an emergency generator system for the Fire Department Headquarters, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Facilities Engineering Manager
Fire Chief

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

Special Town Meeting Article 5 – Purchase of an emergency generator system for the Senior Center

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for purchase and installation of an emergency generator system for the Senior Center, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Facilities Engineering Manager
Director of Community Services

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

Special Town Meeting Article 6 – Renovations/ modernization of Selectmen and Advisory Committee hearing rooms in Town Hall

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for renovations to, and modernization of, the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee hearing rooms located in Town Hall, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Facilities Engineering Manager

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

Special Town Meeting Article 11 – Installation/ upgrade town wider servers and other technology equipment

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or borrow in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$150,000, or another sum, for the installation and related costs to install and upgrade the backup capability of the town wide servers, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Finance Director

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

May 2013 Annual Town Meeting Articles:

Annual Town Meeting Article 16 – Establish Senior Tax Abatement Program

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K relative to the establishment of a Senior Tax Abatement Program to allow residents to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for the reduction of real property tax obligations of such persons, said reduction not to exceed the sum of \$1,000 in a given tax year.

Town Manager
Town Treasurer/Collector

Board of Selectmen to make main motion.

The Advisory Committee supports the motion presented by the Board of Selectmen.

Annual Town Meeting Article 17 – Establish Veteran’s Tax Abatement Program

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5N relative to the establishment of a Veterans Tax Abatement Program to allow veterans, as defined in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4 Section 7 Clause Forty-three, to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for the reduction of real property tax obligations of such persons, said reduction not to exceed the sum of \$1,000 in a given tax year.

Town Manager
Town Treasurer/Collector

Board of Selectmen to make main motion.

The Advisory Committee supports the motion presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from the undesignated fund balance, or borrow in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling act, the sum of \$57,000 for the purchase, lease, or lease purchase of a Fire Department command vehicle and to authorize related trade-ins or to be sold by sealed bid, said funds to be expended at the direction of the Fire Chief, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Fire Chief

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town not accept this article and take no further action.

Annual Town Meeting Article 31 – Transfer of Curtis School Lot

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care and control of Lot 7, Plan 21 of the Assessor’s Maps (the Curtis School lot), from the care and control of the Board of Selectmen to the care and control of the Parks and Recreation Committee under the provisions of Chapter 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for recreational use, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Parks & Recreation Committee to make main motion.

Anticipated motion - We move that the Town vote to transfer the care and control of Lot 7, Plan 21 of the Assessor’s Maps (the Curtis School lot), from the care and control of the Board of Selectmen to the care and control of the Parks and Recreation Committee under the provisions of Chapter 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for recreational use.

The Advisory Committee does not support the motion of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Annual Town Meeting Article 36 – Acquisition of Webster Street Property

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote, Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$375,000.00 dollars U.S. from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Open Space Reserve Balance or Undesignated Funds, for the purpose of acquiring the so-called Webster Street Property, further identified as Lot 29 on Assessor’s Map 08 said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee and as approved by this Town Meeting, by the Town Manager or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Open Space Committee

Advisory Committee to make main motion - We move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate up to the sum of \$325,000.00 dollars U.S. from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Open Space Reserve Balance for the purpose of acquiring the so-called Webster Street Property, further identified as Lot 29 on Assessor’s Map 08. Said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee and as approved by this Town Meeting, by the Town Manager.

Annual Town Meeting Article 43 – Amend Town Manager Act

ARTICLE 43. Will the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of 2009, the Hanover Town Manager Act, as follows:

1. add a section 7 to section 2.(C) as follows:
“(7) The board of selectmen, in consultation with the Town Manager, shall develop a personnel system to include, but not be limited to, classifications and pay schedules, benefit programs, personnel and hiring policies and practices and regulations for Town employees”;
1. delete and replace Section 4.(A)(1) as follows:
“The Town Manager shall appoint and remove all non-elected department heads and approve the appointment and removal of all other employees, except employees of the school department. The Town Manager shall consult with the appropriate elected or appointed board, commission, committee or official and the Board of Selectmen prior to making such department head appointments or removals. Prior to the finalization of the appointment to a department head position, the town manager shall provide notice to the board of selectmen of the anticipated appointment and the terms and conditions of employment contemplated relative to the appointment. The Board of Selectmen shall approve or disapprove the appointment and the terms and conditions of employment within twenty (20) days of such notice. A failure of the Board of Selectmen to act in such twenty (20) day period shall be deemed as approval. Any adjustment of the terms and conditions of employment of department heads or the termination or removal of department heads shall be subject to the same notice and approval requirements as set forth above for appointments”;
2. add to Section 4.(A)(2) between “shall,” and “subject to” in the first sentence “in accordance with the personnel system developed under Section 2.(C)(7) of this act and”, so the sentence shall read as follows: “(2) Department heads shall, in accordance with the personnel system developed under Section 2.(C)(7) of this act and subject to the consent and approval of the Town Manager, appoint or remove assistant department heads, officers, subordinates and employees, including employees serving under elected and appointed boards, commissions, committees and officials for whom no other method of selection is provided in this act, except employees of the school department, provided, however, that the department head shall consult with the appropriate elected or appointed board, commission, committee or official prior to making such appointments or removals. The Town Manager may transfer personnel between departments as needed”; and
3. delete and replace Section 4.(A)(6) as follows:

"administer the personnel system developed by the Board of Selectmen under Section 2.(C)(7) of this act";

or take any action relative thereto?

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen to make main motion.

The Advisory Committee supports the motion presented by the Board of Selectmen.