

Advisory Board Minutes 4/15/2020

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Absent with notice
David Clinton	Chair	x		
Jay Polito	Vice Chair	x		
Jason Frady	Clerk	x		
Bob Carney		x		
Dan Sullivan		x		
Pat Cormier		x		
Peter Larsen			X	
Robyn Healey		X		
Steve Kiley		X		
Chad Wolfe		X		
Matt Mitchell		X		

Dave Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. This meeting is being held virtually over GoTo Meeting, Meeting ID 287-856-773.

Town Manager Phil Lemnios and Moderator George Boylen are in attendance.

TM Update:

Town Election has been moved to June 23rd. George Boylen moved Town Meeting to June 1. It will be held in the Hull High School Gym.

After legislation was enacted by the state, the Town has moved the due date for Property Taxes to June 30. The due date for exemptions and deferral applications were also moved. The town waived interest on excise and bills due after March 10, but they must be paid by Jun 30 or the interest will accrue back to the due date.

TM is working on budget revisions of about \$880,000. \$270,000 will come from the operating budget, the rest will come from other adjustments. Assuming a state aid reduction of 7.5% and reducing growth in estimated receipts. Department Heads haven't yet seen the figures but are aware it is coming. The Town will continue to seek funding for capital needs at Town Meeting. DPW is at work every day working to beautify the town.

No commitment has been made for the purchasing of vehicles. It is possible that costs may come down as there are better deals available now and the town may benefit.

Paving costs have not come down.

With the rollback in the budget, if things improve and state aid comes in higher will the budget go back up? State has large issues such as the MBTA that they will likely address first. If things do improve during the year, there could always be a Special Town Meeting to revise the budget. We do have about

\$400,000 in the stabilization fund that will not be used in the 2021 budget. Phil believes we should keep that in reserve.

George Boylen gave an update on Town Meeting. If Federal or State guidelines don't allow us to hold Town Meeting on June 1, he can take additional actions to adjust the date in chunks up to 30 days.

Dave opened up discussion on how we should deliver our recommendations to the town once we have reviewed all new information and met with the School Committee and Planning Board.

Chad Wolfe and Bob Carney expressed concern about spending \$6000 to \$8,000 to publish and mail out a second version of the warrant facsimile. We should look at other options such as posting it on the town website.

Jason states that we should send it out and use our commentary to discuss the adjustments.

Jay Polito says it is vitally important that we send it out a second time to show the town everything that we have done to address the budget impacts.

Dan endorses the expense of a second warrant mailing.

Pat says that if town meeting may not be well attended, then it is important for people to see our recommendations.

Dave will have Nancy in the Town Manager's office find out when we would need to send a final version to the publisher to get a second warrant out to people in time for June 1. George Boylen will let us know closer to the second publication date if Town Meeting will happen on June 1 or if it will be pushed back again.

Jason Frady moves to authorize a transfer of up to \$8000 from the reserve account for the publication and distribution of a supplement with Advisory Board recommendations of Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Dan Sullivan Seconds.

Clinton – Aye

Mitchell – Aye

Frady – Aye

Sullivan – Aye

Healey – Aye

Wolfe – Aye

Polito – Aye

Cormier – Aye

Kiley – Nay

Carney – Nay

The Ayes have it and the motion carries.

Chad Wolfe makes a motion to adjourn. Robyn Healey Seconds:

Clinton – Aye

Mitchell – Aye

Frady – Aye

Sullivan – Aye

Healey – Aye

Wolfe – Aye

Polito – Nay

Cormier – Aye

Kiley – Aye

Carney – Aye

Dave Clinton adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.