

Advisory Board Minutes 4/27/2020

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 6:03 p.m. This meeting is being held virtually over GoToMeeting with public notice and open access to the virtual meeting..

Town Manager Phil Lemnios and Moderator George Boylen, Town Clerk Lori West, and Selectman Domenico Sestito are in attendance.

TM Update:

Budget will be ready next week with a reduction of 925k. We will walk through the changes.

Day to Day operating well. 1 retired firefighter returned. The town is bringing on 3 EMTs on 30 day basis. They can be used for 2 30 day cycles. We are hoping to see these individuals progress. They are on the paramedic track. There has been an uptick in calls over the last 2 weeks due to od's, domestic violence, mental health, and addiction issues. Fire and police have both seen calls increase. Activity is picking up.

Meals on wheels normally serves 50-55 seniors. Now they are serving 65-70. South Shore Elder Services. The COA makes the connections to clients. The program stages out of the Sr. Center. Clients get 1 meal per day delivered to their homes. This also allows a provider to see each client each day. The information they gather is relayed to the outreach worker. Normally there are congregate meals served at the Sr. Center to 10-15 people per day. After the Stay at Home Advisory was issued, all meals went to delivery only. These are considered lunchroom quality meals with very few spices and low sodium. The same meal is delivered to all clients. Jim Richman is the Program Director, employed by South Shore Elder Services. The COA and Sr. Center Staff are in agreement that the meals aren't great. Jim wants to provide hot meals to a subset of the seniors. Legal and insurance issues prevent the town from providing additional hot meals. There was a funding gap of about \$2000 that Phil was able to allocate money to close. The quality decline in the meals doesn't appear to be Covid – 19 related. Meal quality has been an issue since South Shore Elder Services entered into their latest contract with the company that cooks the meals.

Has there been attrition due to Covid – 19?

No town employees have yet caught the virus. There have been exposures and quarantines.

A task force has been formed and legal representation has been retained.

As to rumors of a missing \$50 k allocated to the Sr. Center at 2019 Town Meeting, there was funding for a part time van driver and a part time activities director. The town hired a full time outreach director in

October. This was a grant funded position but would not be grant funded going forward. A job offer was in the works in February for the activities director, but that has been put on hold due to the virus. The van driver position has been posted 3 times and the town will post it again. 25-35k is being held for a study.

Article 15 – Town Clerk Certification

State Law allows up to \$1000 in annual compensation for completing certification for town clerks. This is similar to how the Quinn Bill operates for police officers. The Town Clerk has achieved certification. The town paid for the training similar to how the town pays for in service training for many employees. It is the town's regular practice to recognize achievements like this with compensation.

Article 14 – Waiver of Animal Licensing Fees for people over 70

In 2012 Massachusetts passed a law allowing towns to exempt those over 70 from paying for animal licensing fees. There will be no fee for people over 70 to license their dogs. There will be no refunds or partial refunds for death, removal of an animal, or if a person makes a mistake paying the fee. There is currently no fee for any service animal.

Article 24 - Gift of Property

This authorizes the BOS to accept a gift of property to the town. The tax payment on the property is about \$500 per year. The property is unbuildable.

Article 25 Easement for Edgewater Rd drainage pipe

There is a town drainage pipe on Edgewater Rd on private property that drains to the bay. The end of the pipe gets blocked by sand. The pipe needs to be extended. A Chapter 91 License has been granted. The town needs to correct the situation by recording an easement. The property owner is in favor of the easement.

Article 26 – Hingham Water Bill Liens

Hingham is finalizing the purchase of the water system. Hingham needs ability to lien properties for non-payment of bills rather than going through a collection agency. The town is negotiating to have Town of Hull Liens superior to Hingham Liens for Hull residents. Bill collection is the process currently in place with Aquarion, but it is subject to DPU regulation. Hingham would not be subject to DPU regulation since it is a municipal service. Hingham Selectmen will be the board of the water authority and will set the rates. Rates will be the same for everyone in the system. There will be a water advisory board with Hull having 2 seats.

Jason Frady moves to reopen recommendations for all Articles of the FY21 Town Meeting. Robyn Healey seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Mitchell

Aye Larsen

Aye Healey

Aye Polito

Aye Kiley

Aye Frady

Aye Wolfe

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Sullivan

Dan Sullivan moves to recommend Favorable Action on Articles 1-5. Peter Larsen seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Mitchell

Aye Larsen

Aye Healey

Aye Polito

Aye Kiley

Aye Frady

Aye Wolfe

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Sullivan

Articles 7, 11, 18, 19, 20, and 21 will be moved no action at Town Meeting.

Jason Frady moves to recommend No Action on Articles 7, 11, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Robyn Healey seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Mitchell

Aye Larsen

Aye Healey

Aye Polito

Aye Kiley

Aye Frady

Aye Wolfe

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Sullivan

Jason Frady Moves to recommend favorable action on Article 14. Dan Sullivan Seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Mitchell

Aye Larsen

Aye Healey

Aye Polito

Aye Kiley

Aye Frady

Aye Wolfe

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Sullivan

Dan Sullivan moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 13. Robyn Healey seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Mitchell

Aye Larsen

Aye Healey

Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Jay Polito moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 15. Dan Sullivan seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Jason Frady moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 16. Steve Kiley seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Steve Kiley moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 17. Dan Sullivan seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Dan Sullivan moves to recommend Favorable Action on articles 24, 25, and 26. Steve Kiley seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Dave Clinton moves to accept the minutes of 2-3-2020, 2-6-2020, 2-10-2020, 3-2-2020, 3-9-2020, 4-6-2020, 4-15-2020 as presented where members not present for a meeting will be deemed to have abstained from the vote on the minutes of that meeting. Steve Kiley seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Bob Carney moves to adjourn the meeting. Dan Sullivan seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton
Aye Mitchell
Aye Larsen
Aye Healey
Aye Polito
Aye Kiley
Aye Frady
Aye Wolfe
Aye Cormier
Aye Carney
Aye Sullivan

Dave Clinton adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.