

Advisory Board Minutes 5/4/2020

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 GoToMeeting with public notice and open access to the virtual meeting.

Town Manager Phil Lemnios and Moderator George Boylen, Mike Buckley, John Reilly, Kevin Richardson, Domenico Sestito are in attendance.

TM Update: Town wide parking ban has gone into effect. This should help when the seasonal officers come on board. There is not yet consensus at the state level for the FY21 budget.

Town meeting, we are still waiting for further guidance on gatherings over 10 people. A planning group has been formed with Town Moderator Boylen, Police, Fire, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Cable TV, IT and Legal. They continue to discuss 6 foot distancing, getting people to work the meeting as registrars. Will need deputy moderators in each remote location, such as the cafeteria, auditorium, and any classrooms used.

Article 10 COLA adjustment for pensions

Will not impact the budget until 2023.

Article 22 no changes in the motion. This is new legislation compliant with Federal regulations. We are mapping stormwater system, then will begin a cleaning schedule. The cost to the town will be the cost of a cleaning regimen. All work being done now to drainage system is compliant with the new regulations.

Jason Frady moves to recommend Favorable Action on Article 22. Dan Sullivan seconds the motion. This article was presented and discussed in open meetings on prior dates.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Article 23, \$375,000 funds continued work and reports on the landfill closure.

Jason Frady moves to recommend Favorable Action on Article 23. Chad Wolfe seconds the motion. This article was presented and discussed in open meetings on prior dates.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Article 27 was to fund 4 vehicles for \$750,000 with a bond. We will now use Chapter 90 funds to pay for the street sweeper and front loader. The 2 trucks are expected cost \$155k and \$180k. The bonding request will be for \$350,000.

Chapter 90 funds have been untouched by the current paving plan. Atlantic Ave engineering will be bid out in FY21. TIPS funding will pay for that engineering. We get about \$280,000 per year in Chapter 90

funds which isn't enough to do a project with. The 2 trucks that aren't eligible for Chapter 90 funds are larger vehicles needed for snow removal. They are a 97 and a 2001. They may not pass inspection again.

Dan Sullivan moves Favorable Action on Article 27. Jay Polito seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Chad Wolfe makes a disclosure: Jason McCann, Chare of the CPC is Chad's husband. Chad believes that this relationship does not present a conflict of interest.

Jason McCann opened a meeting of the CPC.

Jason made a similar disclosure of his relationship to the Town of Hull.

The Community preservation fund has 465,191. They are recommending based on this figure of cash on hand.

Gunrock playground 221,000 approved by CPC

Paragon Carousel Doors and Floor 48,000 approved by CPC

Hampton Circle Playground 141,000 not approved by CPC

Housing 48,919 minimum plus 25,000 to be reserved approved by CPC

Historic

Town Records Preservation 50,000 approved by CPC

Town Hall side entrance 40,000 not approved by CPC

Village Fire Station repair plan 25,000 approved by CPC

Addition 25,000 reserved for Historic uses approved by CPC

All applications are on the website

Gunrock was prioritized because of the location vs Hampton Circle and its flooding issues. Gunrock application was more complete.

Fort Revere project approved for 2020, Engineering has been hired. Bird guano must be removed before work can begin. Engineering is 65,000. Guano removal is 8,000.

Dan Sullivan moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 9A. Steve Kiley seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Jason Frady moves to recommend Favorable Action on Article 9B sections A-F. Dan Sullivan seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Article 29 Rental Assistance Fund

This article will be moved No Action at Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of No Action.

Selectman Domenico Sestito spoke on the article:

The CARES act stimulus provides support for taxpayers. Evictions were halted by the state providing a sense of security. We don't know what will happen next. It is very uncertain what will happen in 2021. There could be a need to come back to this next year.

Selectman John Reilly also spoke:

This article was added on the last day the warrant was open for the town. It was put on to save a space and since then the federal and state governments have made money available. John would have supported the article if it was also available to homeowners. He feels this wouldn't have been for the common good.

There is still money in the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund. For this to be actionable at Town Meeting it would have to be approved and recommended by the CPC. Only CPC can recommend spending and put forth a request at Town Meeting. CPC did not recommend.

Jason Frady moves to recommend No Action on article 29. Jay Polito seconds the motion.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

The CPC adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Steve Kiley moves to recommend Favorable Action on article 8. Bob Carney seconds the motion. This article was presented and discussed in open meetings on prior dates.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Article 6 Budget

The budget being recommended reduces State Aid by 8.7%, Local Receipts by 4.96%, and new growth has been lowered by \$40,000. This is a \$925,000 reduction on the revenue side. \$800,000 increase in tax levy is for the excluded debt for the roadway improvement plan. The previously presented budget increased by 3.5%, it is now increasing 2.45%. The State Aid is projected to be below fy 2013 levels.

State Aid makes up about 14% of the budget. We have less volatility in our budget since State Aid makes up a lower percentage of our revenue than other towns. This is driven by school enrollment.

Operations, Schools, and IT were all reconfigured for remote work and remote learning. There has been an uptick in domestic violence and substance abuse activity. The original \$225,000 snow and ice budget has been revised to \$85,000. Small capital improvements have been removed and school budget has been reduced. The total change of 2.45% would be less than 1% without the debt exclusion. The police removed 2 cruisers from their purchasing plan for Fy21 and the schools reduced the laptop/lpad budget by \$30,000.

Bob Carney moves to adjourn the meeting and is seconded by Jason Frady.

Aye Clinton

Aye Frady

Aye Cormier

Aye Carney

Aye Polito

Aye Larsen

Aye Sullivan

Aye Wolfe

Aye Kiley

Dave Clinton adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attachments

FY21 Town Amended Budget Presentation5-4-20.pdf