

# Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 01, 2022

Remote Meeting via Zoom

**In Attendance:** J. Strehle, G. Danis, N. MacDonald, D. Anderson, B. Black, D. Cooper, R. Curley, K. Dziergowski, M. Goulet, C. Kirk, A. McElaney, S. Melia, E. Sheehan, T. Sherwood, Town Accountant S. Nickerson.

**Absent:** A. Macdonald

***This was a joint meeting, hosted by the Select Board, attended by the Advisory Committee, the School Committee, and the Planning Board.***

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

At 7:00pm Select Board Chair Joe Fisher read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020, Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the Chairman at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the Chair may inform all other participants of said recording.”

At 7:03pm Advisory Committee Chair Strehle called the Advisory Committee meeting to order.

## 2. To attend and participate in the presentation of the Town Administrator’s Sustainable Budget Task Force

Town Administrator Tom Mayo introduced the Sustainable Budget Task Force. ATM 2021 approved a budget for FY22 that included the use of \$4,959,009 in one-time funds, a mix of federal COVID-19 funds and a transfer from the Town’s reserves. In the Report of the Advisory Committee to ATM 2021, AdCom recommended that the Town would benefit from a long-term financial management plan to address the structural deficit that this created. Subsequently, the Town Administrator created the Sustainable Budget Task Force to review current revenue sources, analyze revenue opportunities, and provide recommendations to the Town. This meeting was the presentation of their findings and recommendations to the Select Board, the Advisory Committee, and the School Committee.

A copy of the Final Report of the Sustainable Budget Task Force, as well as other relevant information, is available on the Select Board page of the Town’s website (<https://www.hingham-ma.gov/916/Sustainable-Budget-Task-Force> ).

There were questions and discussion at the end of the presentation. Chair Strehle asked what the next steps are regarding the Task Force’s recommendations. Mr. Mayo noted that the analysis and recommendations are a tool to inform FY23 and future budget discussions.

## 3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm by roll call vote 13-0.

*Approved February 08, 2022*

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy MacDonald  
Advisory Committee Secretary

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