

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2019

Place: Town Hall

In attendance: Committee Members Donna Smallwood, Victor Baltera, Bob Curley, Tom Belyea, Dave Anderson, Libby Claypoole, Eryn Kelley, Julie Strehle, George Danis, Evan Sheehan, Andy McElaney, Davalene Cooper, Ed Gaydos, Nancy MacDonald and Town Accountant Sue Nickerson

Absent: Eric Haskell

Chairman Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2/14/19 were approved with revisions by a vote of 11-0. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2/20/19 were approved with revisions by a vote of 8-0-3. Nancy MacDonald, Eryn Kelley and Ed Gaydos abstained. Dave Anderson and Evan Sheehan arrived after the vote.

Questions from the Public on Items not on the Agenda - None

Warrant Article Votes

- U – Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags By-law – Tom Belyea moved for approval of the Article. Andy Ayer, Chair of the Cleaner Greener Hingham Committee, was present to answer questions. There was further discussion of the language of the By-law included within the Recommendation. The Committee voted to approve the Recommendation as revised 12-0-0.
- N – Community Preservation Committee – Julie Strehle moved for approval of Article N and each of its 8 subdivisions. Carol Pyles, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), Larry Linder, Vice-Chair, and Carol Costello, Administrator, were present to answer questions. The Committee voted to approve the projects identified in subdivisions 1 through 6 of Article N by a vote of 12-0-0. There was further discussion of subdivision 7 relating to funds for completion of the Bathhouse/Concession

stand at the Hingham Bathing Beach. Concerns were expressed by Victor Baltera and Libby Claypoole about the history of waterfront projects exceeding the originally proposed costs and appropriations. The Committee voted to approve this project 10-0-2 with Mr. Baltera and Ms. Claypoole abstaining. There was further discussion of subdivision 8 relating to the contribution to playground funding at the Plymouth River School. Concern was expressed by Tom Belyea and George Danis that other funding sources existed for this project. They preferred that Community Preservation Act funds be targeted to projects without ready access to other funding sources. The Committee voted 10-2 in favor of the Recommendation. Mr. Belyea was recorded in opposition. Dave Anderson who had earlier recused himself from discussion of the Hingham Historical Society grant request was not present at the meeting or voting on this Article.

- AA – Foster School Extraordinary Maintenance Capital – Evan Sheehan moved for approval of the Recommendation. The Committee voted 12-0-0 in favor of the Recommendation.

Budget Hearing

- Education – This hearing was deferred.

Warrant Article Hearing and Vote

- H – Transfer from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund – This hearing and vote were deferred.

Liaison updates

- Schools – George Danis reported that there had been some minor reductions in the Administration's proposed school budget. The School Committee has not as yet voted on the budget. Mr. Danis reported that the School Committee was withdrawing Article Z to focus instead on a robust application to the MSBA and building community support for the Foster School project.
- *Advisory Committee Housekeeping Items*

The Water Company Acquisition Subcommittee will meet on 2/27. The next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee will be on 2/28.

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours: None

Adjourn – 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Curley, Secretary

List of Documents Distributed at this Meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of Meetings of 2/14/19 *and* 2/20/19

Articles U, N ,AA

WASS as of 2/25/2019

AdCom approved on 3/5/2019