

Board of Selectmen

March 25, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Board of Selectmen: Ms. Mary Power (Chair), Mr. Joseph Fisher and Mr. Bill Ramsey
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

7:02 PM: Call to order

Ms. Power called the meeting to order and adopted the following statement as previously read by Mr. Bob Curley, Chair of the Advisory Committee:

“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 chair 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.

Ms. Power also noted that the Board of Selectmen members who were participating remotely were herself, Mary Power, Chair, Joe Fisher, and Bill Ramsey, who would be joining the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM.

7:03 PM: Ms. Kerry Ni, Chair of the School Committee called to order the meeting of the School Committee.

Attend and participate in the Advisory Committee Meeting regarding FY22 Budget discussions and 2021 Annual Town Meeting

The Advisory Committee engaged in a robust discussion regarding the FY22 budget recommendations and additional budget requests.

9:50 PM: The meeting of the Advisory Committee adjourned.

9:50 PM: The Board of Selectmen reconvened following their recess from the Advisory Committee.

Re-vote of the budget amounts recommended by the Advisory Committee this evening

Vote: Ms. Power made a motion to recommend a FY22 Recreation Budget of \$349,276. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: abstain

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey abstained because his spouse is a Recreation Commissioner.

Vote: Ms. Power made a motion to recommend a FY22 Police Budget of \$6,324,798. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: abstain

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey abstained because his brother is a Hingham Police Officer.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to recommend a FY22 budget as presented in the Advisory Committee Budget Recommendations Spreadsheet dated March 25, 2021, for a total Article 6 appropriation of \$133,358,815. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Power: yes

Public Comment

The Board of Selectmen sets aside up to 15 minutes for public comment for items not on the Board's agenda, but within the purview of the Board of Selectmen, during which time they follow the guidelines of the Open Meeting Law. They encourage speakers to present remarks in a respectful manner and not to indulge in personalities. The Public Comment time is not a period of debate for the Board of Selectmen and the Board is neither adopting nor endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period.

There were no comments from the public.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Power: yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's office