

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date – April 12, 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, T. Sherwood, Town Accountant S. Nickerson.

Absent: A. Macdonald, E. Sheehan

1. Call Meeting to Order

At 7:01pm Chair Strehle called the meeting to order and 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.”

2. Comments from the Public Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

None

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2022

Meeting minutes for March 15, 2022, were approved by roll call vote, 11-0

4. Preparation for Town Meeting

Chair Strehle reviewed the process for Town Meeting and assignments for the Advisory Committee.

5. Liaison Reports

- a. **ACES** – Mr. Anderson provided a summary of the School Committee meeting of the previous week. The previously reported \$1.7M positive variance in the School budget includes \$950K of ESSER funds that will not be used in FY22 but must be used by June 2024. The Finance Subcommittee of the School Committee is recommending using the Athletic Fee Fund to offset the cost of the High School tennis court repair. The budget variance also includes additional monies in salaries based on additional retirements. There was also discussion of re-voting the School budget to be in line with the budget voted by the Select Board and the Advisory Committee. This will be done before Town Meeting. It is expected that the School Committee will provide a supplement to the Warrant at Town Meeting.

6. Discussion of Advisory Committee Housekeeping Items

- Chair Strehle discussed upcoming meetings
 - April 28th - Moderator's Meeting
 - April 30th - Town Meeting
 - May 24th - AdCom Meeting
 - Early in June - joint meeting of School Committee, Select Board, Advisory Committee with Personnel Board (Executive Session)
 - June 28th - AdCom Meeting
- Mr. Curley commented on the changing nature of the demographics in Hingham as well as the Master Plan.

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7. Matters not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting

None.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by roll call vote at 12-0

Documents Distributed for this Meeting

- Agenda
- Draft meeting minutes for February 15. February 17
- Updated forecast
- Draft Articles HH, CC, EE, GG
- Citizen communications

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy MacDonald
Advisory Committee Secretary

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