

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2019

Place: Town Hall

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

Absent: Eric Haskell, Libby Claypoole, Ed Gaydos

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Meetings held on March 7 and 18, 2019 were approved as amended by votes of 11-0-0. Minutes of the Meetings held on March 11 and 20, 2019 were approved as amended by votes of 10-0-1. In the course of the discussion of the minutes for March 20, 2019, Tom Belyea, pursuant to Advisory Committee rules, asked to be recorded in opposition to the water system Warrant Articles MM, NN, OO and PP.

Fire Department Request to Repurpose FY19 Capital Funds

Fire Chief Steve Murphy made a presentation concerning a repurpose of \$13,897.90 from FY19 capital account #12203-583302. The Fire Department was successful in securing a FEMA grant to purchase the the Lucas devices (automated CPR devices) originally earmarked for this funding. The Chief requested use of the remaining balance in the capital account as a \$900 co-pay to permit the purchase of additional fire gear with the remaining federal funds along with spending the remaining balance of that account for repairs/mold testing to the North Fire Station where the roof is leaking. Both the Selectmen and Capital Outlay Committee have approved this request. After discussion, the Advisory Committee voted 11-0-0 to approve this request.

Warrant Article 17(L) – Transfer Funds to Reserve Fund

In anticipation of the Advisory Meeting to be held immediately prior to the Town Meeting of April 22, 2019 at which a vote will be taken on transfers to the Reserve Fund, there was discussion of each of the currently expected Reserve Fund transfers which total \$777,413. Town Accountant Sue Nickerson answered questions about the amounts of the transfers and the background requiring the transfers. The expected transfer is down from last year when the transfer was approximately \$884,000.

Town Meeting preparation

Chair Smallwood discussed procedures for audio-visual presentations and her anticipated distribution of the A/V requirements. Chair Smallwood discussed the speaking assignments of Advisory Committee members for each of the Warrant Articles which the Advisory Committee will need to address for Town Meeting.

Liaison Updates – George Danis reported that School Superintendent Dr. Dorothy Galo had received a prestigious award from NEASC. Ray Estes made a presentation to the School Committee concerning the Foster School grant application to the MSBA and concerning the ability to have two project proposals presented to the MSBA concurrently. The School Administration is anticipating preparation of an application to address the needs of the Plymouth River School for window repairs/replacement.

Advisory Committee Housekeeping Items – The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on April 22, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the High School. The Advisory Committee Party will be held this year on June 8, 2019 at the Hingham Heritage Museum and Visitor Center.

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours: - None

Adjourn – 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Curley, Secretary

List of Documents Distributed at this Meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of 3/7/19, 3/11/19, 3/18/19 and 3/20/19 Meetings

April 4, 2019 letter of Fire Chief Steve Murphy to Chair Smallwood

Reserve Fund Transfers – FY2019

WASS as of 4/1/19

AdCom approved on 4/22/2019