

## **Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date: July 14, 2020**

**Place: Remote Meeting via Zoom**

In attendance: Committee Members Bob Curley, Julie Strehle, Victor Baltera, Eryn Kelley, Evan Sheehan, Kathleen Almand, Libby Claypoole, Andy McElaney, Nancy MacDonald, Davalene Cooper, George Danis and Town Accountant Sue Nickerson.

Absent: Dave Anderson

Chairman Curley called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. He 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."

***Comments from the public regarding items not on the Agenda:*** None

### ***Review and approval of interdepartmental Reserve Fund Transfers for FY20:***

Chairman Curley suggested that he read the list and amount of transfers and anyone seeking additional information or objecting to a specific transfer respond with "hold". Members would then vote on all unopposed transfers before discussing any held ones. There were no objections to this approach and Chairman Curley proceeded to read each of the transfers as follows:

1. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$35,000 from Engineering Salaries (14051-5108) to Legal Services (11512-5302);
2. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$236 from Land Use Salaries (11761-5116) to Conservation Salaries (11711-5108);
3. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$220 from Land Use Salaries (11761-5116) to Planning Salaries (11751-5108);
4. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$157 from Land Use Salaries (11761-5116) to Veterans Salaries (15431-5108);
5. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$25 from Land Use Salaries (11761-5116) to Recreation Salaries (16301-5108);
6. Inter-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$109 from Land Use Salaries (11761-5116) to Historical Salaries (16911-5108).

There were no “holds” but Libby Claypoole questioned the reason for the \$35k legal transfer and Town Accountant Sue Nickerson responded that this was Covid related, was in excess of anticipated spending and would be reimbursed. Ms. Nickerson also volunteered that 5 additional transfers were for payroll expenses for the last day of the year.

The Committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the transfers. The vote was 10-0-0.

***Liaison reports:*** None

***Discussion of Advisory Housekeeping Items:***

1. Chairman Curley noted that the Town had once again attained a AAA bond rating from the Agencies.
2. Chairman Curley also noted that the Town was on track to finalize the purchase of the water company on July 31, 2020.
3. Chairman Curley recognized two new members of the ACES team, Eryn Kelley and Andy McElaney.

***Matters Not Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting:*** None

**Adjourn:** 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Danis, Secretary

List of Documents Distributed for this Meeting:

Agenda  
FY 20 list of transfers and transfer requests

Approved on 09/15/2020