

**Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
July 19, 2022
Hingham Town Hall**

In Attendance: G. Danis, N. MacDonald, T. Sherwood, B. Black, D. Cooper, C. Kirk, A. Macdonald, A. McElaney, S. Melia, K. Curley, L. Kruzer, J. Price, C. Tully, Town Accountant S. Nickerson

Absent: K. Dziergoski, J. Griffin

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm, and Chair Danis 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.”

Chair Danis welcomed new members: Kathy Curley, Lyndsey Kruzer, Jason Price and Carol Tully. New member Joseph Griffin was not in attendance.

Questions from the public on items not on the Agenda

None

Presentation from the Public Safety Facility Building Committee

"Public Safety Facility Update 7.5.22 Version 3" was presented by Town Administrator, Tom Mayo on the history of the Public Safety Facility Building project.

"Public Safety Facility Project Update, Advisory Committee, July 19, 2022" was presented by Public Safety Facility Building Chair Bob Garrity. PSFB Committee members in attendance included Donna Smallwood and Bruce MacAloney, and Sean Schmigle from Kaestle Boos Associates (KBA).

Mr. Garrity, together with Sean Schmigle (KBA), gave an overview of the project and the roles of the committee, including Police and Fire Chiefs, architect and OPM, noting that it has been a smooth committee experience to date. Mr. Garrity noted that the Town website is up-to-date with information, including floor plans, site plan, access and egress, and potential issues and concerns. There are also depictions of what the new building will look like, as currently designed and videos of Hingham's existing buildings which highlight the degree of the Town's needs. The last detailed construction cost estimates were completed in March 2022 with an estimated construction cost, at the time, of \$38,574,000, with a project total estimated cost of \$49,575,000 less \$3,435,480 committed from Town Meeting approvals in 2020 (\$25,000), 2021 (\$1.6mm) and 2022 (\$1,585,380).

A question and answer session followed the presentation. AdCom members engaged in questions including the realistic lifespan of the building and its technology and systems, traffic

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mitigation, snow removal relating to the flat roof, electric charging station capacity, locker room flexibility, and the project financing timeline.

Presentation by Foster School Building Committee

"Foster - Advisory Committee - 7/19/22" presentation was given by Vice Chair of the School Building Committee, Ray Estes. Also in attendance from the committee were Linda Hill and Michelle Ayer along with Gene Raymond from Raymond Design Associates.

Mr. Estes, together with Mr. Raymond, gave an overview of the project to date, including the current and projected site building plans and proposed design. Mr. Estes noted that this project is in partnership with the MSBA, the state authority that gives grants towards new schools and renovations. The new school is being designed for 605 students, as set by the MSBA. The MSBA is scheduled to meet to confirm the project funding agreement on August 31, 2022. Mr. Estes discussed the project schedule with a goal of opening the school in September 2024. He noted that it is an aggressive timetable and schedule.

The current project cost is \$113,335,749. The MSBA Projected Reimbursement Rate is 40.54% of eligible costs. The current estimate of the grant is approximately \$25mm.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. AdCom members asked questions about the project including student body sizing with the addition of pre-school children, technology reimbursements, redistricting, gymnasium sidelines and bleachers, interior access classrooms, airflow, security measures, special education offerings, required new staffing, ineligible costs for MSBA reimbursement and the timing of financing for the project.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes for meetings held on May 24, 2022 and June 28, 2022.

Review of recent Interdepartmental, Intradepartmental and Reserve Fund transfer requests for FY22

AdCom Chair Danis explained that the AdCom Chair has authority to approve inter- and intra-departmental reserve fund transfers and asked if there were questions regarding the transfer information that had been sent to members. There were no questions. The transfers included:

- FY22 intra-department transfer from Animal Control/Expenses to Animal Control/Salaries in the amount of \$11.
- FY22 intra-departmental transfer from Bare Cove Park/Expenses to Bare Cove Park/Salaries in the amount of \$12.
- FY22 intra-department transfer from DPW/Payroll to DPW/Expenses in the amount of \$6,000
- FY22 inter-department transfer from Veterans/Salaries to GAR Hall/Expenses in the amount of \$2,279.

Liaison Reports

Chair Danis reported that N. MacDonald, T. Sherwood and C. Kirk met with leadership from the School Committee at Michelle Ayer's request, together with the new Finance Director for HPS, Ayisha Oppong, and the new Superintendent for HPS, Dr. Margaret Adams.

Discussion of Advisory Committee housekeeping items

Chair Danis is working on finalizing assignments for budget and committee liaisons and they are slated to go out by the end of this week. Most likely there will be two or more people for the budgets, with a Team Lead for each. If there questions about assignments, please reach out to Chair Danis.

Warrant Assignments will come out at a later date.

The Committee will next meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and will include a presentation by the Assessors Office. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting at 6pm for new members with a presentation on municipal government and finance, together with Tom Mayo, Michelle Monsegur and Sue Nickerson.

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Documents Distributed for this Meeting:

AdCom Agenda July 19, 2022

Reserve Transfers

Public Safety Facility Project Update, July 19, 2022

Town of Hingham Public Safety Facility Building Project – 7/15/22

July 18, 2022 Public Safety Facility Briefing for AdCom

Public Safety Facility Update 7.5.22 Version 3

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Foster Facts and Timeline