

Meeting began at 6:32 PM.

Present: Doug Boyd, Carol Fitzgerald, Sandra Sheehan, Heather Turcotte, Kathy Pessolano
Guests: Dick Patullo, Cliff Bombard

Review of 4/19/22 draft town budget Excel spreadsheet, draft green sheets including warrant

Minutes

Sandra made a motion to approve minutes of the 4/11/22 Advisory meeting. Heather seconded. All in favor.

Budget and Green Sheet Review

The Committee confirmed the budget for presentation at the Advisory Public Hearing scheduled at 7:00 PM. Consideration will be given to applying the 5% COLA to those officials that did not include this increase in their requested amounts, including the Board of Assessors, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Registrars.

The school assessment number will be reduced by \$60,902, the cost of the capital expense for the network switches at Minnechaug. Hampden's share will be paid for through ARPA funds per the Board of Selectmen.

Recessed to the Public Hearing.

Returned from Public Hearing at 7:50 PM.

Advisory voted their recommendations on most of the warrant articles.

Article 1	Town Reports	Favorable Action
Article 2	Budget	Favorable Action
	Changes in requested amounts:	
	Board of Selectmen salary, increase by 5% COLA	
	Board of Assessors salary, increase by 5% COLA	
	Board of Registrars salary, increase by 5% COLA	
	Park & Rec, reduce expense request by \$2,500 to reflect lower vehicle maintenance	
Article 3	Prior Bills	Favorable Action
Article 4	Revolving Accounts	Favorable Action
Article 5	Enterprise Fund Transfer Station	Wait until 5/9 to vote
Article 6	Community Preservation	Favorable Action
Article 7	Conservation Fund	Favorable Action
Article 8	Chapter 90	Favorable Action
Article 9	Library Additional State Aid	Favorable Action
Article 10	Additional Compensation, Assessors	Favorable Action
Article 11	Additional Compensation, Coll/Treas	Favorable Action
Article 12	Transfer Assessors' Stabilization	Favorable Action
Article 13	Assessors' Funding	Wait until 5/9
Article 14	School Resource Officer	Favorable Action
Article 15	Municipal Light Plant	Favorable Action
Article 16	Special Act for Firefighter	Favorable Action
Article 17	Local Option, Veterans Exemption	Favorable Action

Article 18	Procedure for Filling Vacancies	Negative Action
Article 19	Citizens' Petition	Wait until 5/9
Article 20	Reserve Fund	Favorable Action
Article 21	General Stabilization Fund	No Action
Article 22	Reducing the Tax Rate	No Action

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5/9/22, at 7:00 PM at TWB School. Advisory will meet at 6:00 PM that evening to finalize our recommendations and handle any last minute issues.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Heather seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Recorded by Carol Fitzgerald