

TOWN OF PEMBROKE
APPROVED
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
14 JANUARY 2019

Stephen Curley, Chairperson opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee in Pembroke Town Hall at 7:00PM on 14 January 2019. Also present were Linda Peterson, Matthew Norton and Maria Karas

Absent: Elizabeth Monks

Guest: Kelly Seifert

Stephen Walsh arrived at 7:15PM

The committee reviewed and discussed the Advisory Meeting minutes of January 7, 2019.

Upon motion moved by Linda Peterson and 2nd by Maria Karas the meeting minutes of January 7, 2019, was

VOTED¹: To accept the meeting minutes of January 7, 2019. Stephen Curley supported the motion. Matthew Norton abstained.

Stephen Curley updated Advisory's FY18 Annual Report due to the Selectmen's office by January 31, 2019. He included the Reserve Fund Appropriation provided by Michael Buckley, Town Accountant along with the FY18 fiscal budget. Stephen Curley noted that the Annual Report is not always read so closely. He mentioned that a number of years ago he wrote a sentence in Advisory's Annual Report something like "due to cut backs Advisory had to cancel their trip to Disney" and another time said "Advisory bought lottery tickets" in reference to the state funding from the Massachusetts State Lottery to towns and cities. It was years later before anyone noticed.

Deborah Wall, Library Director submitted a Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,700.00 for building repairs due to a roof leak from several intense rain storms.

Upon motion moved by Linda Peterson and 2nd by Maria Karas regarding the Request for Transfer from Reserve Fund from Deborah Wall, Library Director in the amount of \$2,700.00 for building repairs due to a roof leak from several intense rain storms.

VOTED²: To approve the Request for Transfer from Reserve Fund from Deborah Wall, Library Director in the amount of \$2,700.00 for building repairs due to a roof leak from several intense rain storms. Stephen Walsh and Matthew Norton supported the motion.

- A color copy of the Board of Selectmen 2019 calendar was distributed. The spring Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2019; the fall Town Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019.
- At the Board of Selectmen meeting on January 8th the board voted to appoint Ed Thorne as interim Town Manager.
- Ed Thorne, interim Town Manager and Michael Buckley, Town Accountant is working on balancing the FY20 budget; they're having philosophical differences but making progress. They plan to submit to the Board of Selectmen at their January 28, 2019 meeting. There may not be layoffs but if someone leaves they probably won't be replaced. The school department will probably take a hit; enrollment is down although the official numbers are not out yet. Stephen Walsh noted that the membership of the High School Marching Band went from 300 students four years ago to 170 today. Maria asked if there would be a freeze on hiring. Stephen Curley said "not an official freeze". Mathew Norton noted that the state aid for education is coming out. A lot of towns know it needs to be adjusted; the state aid goes to cities public schools such as Brockton. Enrollment has been decreasing and births are also decreasing.

² The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.

Stephen Curley mentioned that Kelly Seifert will be confirmed as a member of Advisory at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

No Advisory meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2019 due to a holiday.

The next Advisory meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00PM.

Advisory adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peterson, Clerk

² The Chairperson did not vote on these motion.