

TOWN OF PEMBROKE  
APPROVED  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2023

Linda Peterson, Chairperson opened the meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2023 at Town Hall at 6:00PM. Also present were: Sandra Beaton, Liz Benotti, Tim Landy, Kristi Cullinane, Stephen Walsh and Robert Kenney

**Absent:** John Scholl

**Guests:** William Chenard, Town Manager; Brian Logan, resident interested in Advisory Committee membership

Bill noted that the Animal Control budget is finalized with a 2.5% increase due to a shift in responsibilities which will include animal pick-up, inspections and quarantines to be shared with Lisa Cullity, Health Agent. Hanover covers half the cost of this budget including health insurance benefits. Bill noted two additional line items, continuing education and telephone. The Animal Control Officer has proper certification and the town will cover the cost of renewal.

Citizen's Petition – Article 18 was reviewed by Legal and found that the wording of the article must be identical to what appeared on the petition. Advisory must reconsider their recommendation vote as it conflicts with another section not included in the petitioner's article.

Upon Motion moved by Tim Landy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Beaton to **reconsider** the vote of **"Favorable Action" to AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS** as amended by Advisory Committee by inserting the following language: **"Referendum occur at the next scheduled election"**. on **ARTICLE 18 – CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLE TO AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS**.

**VOTED<sup>1</sup>:** to **reconsider** the vote of **"Favorable Action" to AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS** as amended by Advisory Committee by inserting the following language: **"Referendum occur at the next scheduled election"**. on **ARTICLE 18 – CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLE TO AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS** which was voted by Advisory at their April 6, 2023 meeting. Tim Landy, Sandra Beaton, Robert Kenney, Kristi Cullinane and Stephen Walsh supported the motion. Liz Benotti abstained.

Upon Motion moved by Tim Landy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Walsh to vote **"Town Meeting Floor"** on **ARTICLE 18 – CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLE TO AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS**.

**VOTED<sup>2</sup>:** To vote **Town Meeting Floor** on **ARTICLE 18 – CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLE TO AMEND RECALL PROVISIONS**. Tim Landy, Sandra Beaton, Robert Kenney, Liz Benotti, Kristi Cullinane and Stephen Walsh supported the motion.

<sup>1-10</sup>The Chairperson did not vote on this motion

Upon Motion moved by Stephen Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Beaton to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 2 – OPERATING BUDGET** \$72,633,476 – Appendix B.

**VOTED<sup>3</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 2 – OPERATING BUDGET** \$72,633,476 – Appendix B. Sandra Beaton, Robert Kenney, Kristi Cullinane, Liz Benotti and Stephen Walsh supported the motion. Tim Landy abstained.

Bill reviewed and discussed the Capital Plan Budget – **Article 5** – Appendix E. The breakdown is as follows:

Free Cash	\$ 733,605
GF Borrowing	\$2,330,000
Re-appropriation	\$ 82,592
Ambulance Fund	\$ 325,000
Water Enterprise Borrowing	\$3,700,000
Retained Earnings	\$ 80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,251,197</b>

The committee agreed to vote their recommendations following the Select Board meeting tonight at 7:00PM.

Sandra Beaton left the meeting a 6:46PM.

The committee reviewed and discussed the two Special Town Meeting Articles and voted their recommendations as follows:

Upon Motion moved by Stephen Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Landy to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 1 – DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS**, Elections \$12,000 and Medicare Tax \$40,000 from free cash.

**VOTED<sup>4</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 1 – DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS**, Elections \$12,000 and Medicare Tax \$40,000 from free cash. Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

Upon Motion moved by Stephen Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristi Cullinane to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 2 – FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Clerical Unit for FY22 & FY23 in the amount of \$40,068.

**VOTED<sup>5</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 2 – FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Clerical Unit for FY22 & FY23 in the amount of \$40,068. Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

### **Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Upon Motion moved by Stephen Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Benotti to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 9 – FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Clerical Unit for FY24 in the amount of \$26,153.

**VOTED<sup>6</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 9– FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Clerical Unit for FY24 in the amount of \$26,153. Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

<sup>1-10</sup>The Chairperson did not vote on this motion

Advisory Committee adjourned to the Select Board meeting at 6:50pm to listen to Erin Obey, School Superintendent discuss the School Department FY24 proposed budget. Advisory reconvened to their meeting at 8:39pm.

Upon Motion moved by Tim Landy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristi Cullinane to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 5 – CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**VOTED<sup>7</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 5 – CAPITAL BUDGET.**

Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

Upon Motion moved by Tim Landy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Walsh to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 10 – VOTE TO EXPLORE JOINING REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**

**VOTED<sup>8</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 10 – VOTE TO EXPLORE JOINING REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.** Robert Kenney, Stephen

Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

Upon Motion moved by Stephen Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Landy to vote **Town Meeting Floor** on **ARTICLE 12 – AMEND ZONING BYLAWS, MBTA COMMUNITIES (Majority Vote).**

**VOTED<sup>9</sup>:** To vote **Town Meeting Floor** on **ARTICLE 12 – AMEND ZONING BYLAWS, MBTA COMMUNITIES (Majority Vote).** Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

Upon Motion moved by Tim Landy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Benotti to vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 17 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS PROJECT.**

**VOTED<sup>10</sup>:** To vote **Favorable Action** on **ARTICLE 17 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS PROJECT.** Robert Kenney, Stephen Walsh, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Kristi Cullinane supported the motion.

Upon motion moved by Tim Landy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Benotti to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 2023 as written.

**VOTED:** To accept the meeting minutes of April 6, 2023 as written. Robert Kenney, Tim Landy, Liz Benotti and Linda Peterson supported the motion. Kristi Cullinane and Stephen Walsh abstained.

Linda will assign the Warrant Article Motions and forward to committee members.

The next Advisory meeting will be prior to the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30pm. Town Meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00PM.

Advisory adjourned at 9:19PM.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Walsh, Clerk

<sup>1-10</sup>The Chairperson did not vote on this motion