

TOWN OF PEMBROKE
APPROVED
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
25 April 2016

Chairperson Linda Peterson opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee in Pembroke Town Hall at 7:30PM on 25 April 2016. Also present were Stephen Curley, Timothy Brennan, John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks.

Absent: James McCollum and Richard McManus

Guest: Michael Buckley, Town Accountant

The committee reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- An email from Gene Fulmine, DPW Director confirming his appointment with Advisory on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00PM. An updated Snow & Sanding Budget Deficit dated 4/20/16 from Gene was also reviewed. This will be discussed at the May 2 meeting.
- Advisory will start their meeting at 7:00PM on Monday, May 2, 2016. Advisory is scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator at 7:40PM to review the process for the Annual and Special Town Meeting Articles.
- Ed Thorne, Town Administrator responded to the email Advisory sent regarding the Collective Bargaining Article. Linda read his response and asked committee members if they wanted to compile a list of questions and schedule a meeting with the Board of Selectmen after Town Meeting. Everyone agreed.
- An email from Ed Thorne, Town Administrator that a Department Head meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 10:00AM.

Upon motion made by Stephen Curley and 2nd by Elizabeth Monks following the discussion it was

VOTED¹: To accept the meeting minutes of 21 April 2016. Timothy Brennan and John G. Brown, Jr. supported the motion. Stephen Walsh abstained.

Mary Guiney, Secretary, Conservation Commission stopped by to drop off the estimate for services regarding Article 24 cutting multiple trees down at the DPW Town Barn/Dog Pound at 415 Mattakeesett Street. The committee reviewed the estimate.

The committee continued to vote on their recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as follows:

Article 2 – Town Meeting Floor

VOTED²: Following the discussion, Town Meeting Floor moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 3 – Favorable Action

VOTED³: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Michael Buckley, Town Accountant joined the meeting to answer questions in reference to the Annual and Special Town Meeting Articles.

¹⁻¹⁷The Chairperson did not vote on this motion.

Article 1 - Special Town Meeting – He explained the overages as follows:

- Town Hall - \$6,000 – due to custodian overtime from weather related incidents.
- Police Dept. - \$66,000 – two officers injured while on duty still collecting their salary; coverage is needed to replace them. The officers covering their shifts are being paid time and a half.
- Fire Department - \$23,000 – The Pumper blew an engine; replacement is necessary.
- DPW Expenses - \$48,000 – \$25,000 for new equipment; this was supported by Advisory. \$3,000 for street sign maintenance and \$20,000 for street sweeper issue/disposing of the hazardous waste.
- Lydia Drake Library expenses – \$7,500 - boiler and water heater needs replacing – everything froze.
- Town Landing expenses – \$2,700 - Fence at Oldham Pond needs repairs. Town Administrator approved the repairs.
- Unemployment expenses \$10,000
- Property and Liability Insurance - \$40,000 – It wasn't funded enough and is overdrawn.
- Inspectional Services – Wages & Salaries – One Inspector was out and another Inspector fell ill. Needed to replace him for a period of time.

Article 13 – Mike explained that the location noted as 555 Center Street is a municipal parcel of land to be swapped for private land to accommodate the drainage of the project Route 36 project.

Article 18 – The Cemetery Perpetual Fund cannot be used for these expenses; interest is 1% on the money and it's being used to pay debt. Can only spend income; none available.

Article 15 & 19 - No available cash to fund. There is \$612,000 in free cash. The Articles will total \$410,000 leaving \$202,000.

Advisory thanked Mike.

The Committee continued reviewing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles to vote their recommendations:

Article 4 – Favorable Action

VOTED⁴: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 5 – Favorable Action

VOTED⁵: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 6 – Favorable Action

VOTED⁶: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Stephen Walsh. Elizabeth Monks supported the motion. Timothy Brennan, John G. Brown, Jr., opposed the motion.

Article 12 – Favorable Action if borrowing is for twenty years

VOTED⁷: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

¹⁻¹⁷The Chairperson did not vote on this motion.

Article 13 – Favorable Action

VOTED⁸: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Timothy Brennan 2nd by John G. Brown, Jr. Stephen Curley, Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 15 – Unfavorable Action

VOTED⁹: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Timothy Brennan 2nd by Stephen Curley. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion

Article 18 – The committee revisited this article and their vote from their 11 April 2016 meeting for Unfavorable Action recommendation.

VOTED¹⁰: Following the discussion, motion to reconsider vote of Unfavorable Action for Article 18 moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. Stephen Walsh, John G. Brown, Jr., and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

VOTED¹¹: Following the discussion, vote changed to Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Elizabeth Monks. Timothy Brennan, John G. Brown, Jr., and Stephen Walsh supported the motion.

Article 19 – The committee revisited this article and their vote from their 11 April 2016 meeting for Favorable Action recommendation.

VOTED¹²: Following the discussion, motion to reconsider vote of Favorable Action for Article 19 moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. Stephen Walsh, John G. Brown, Jr., and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

VOTED¹³: Following the discussion, vote changed to Unfavorable Action due to lack of funding moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. Stephen Walsh supported the motion. Elizabeth Monks, John G. Brown, Jr., opposed the motion.

The committee agreed to send an email to both the Police Chief and DPW Director explaining the reason for the Advisory Committee's recommendation on Article 15 and 19.

Article 24 – Town Meeting Floor

VOTED¹⁴: Following the discussion, Town Meeting Floor moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by John G. Brown Jr. Timothy Brennan. Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

The committee continued their vote on their recommendations for the Special Town Meeting Warrant as follows:

Article 1 – Favorable Action

VOTED¹⁵: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 2 – Favorable Action

¹⁻¹⁷The Chairperson did not vote on this motion.

VOTED¹⁶: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

Article 6 – Favorable Action

VOTED¹⁷: Following the discussion, Favorable Action moved by Stephen Curley 2nd by Timothy Brennan. John G. Brown, Jr., Stephen Walsh and Elizabeth Monks supported the motion.

The Committee agreed to cancel their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

The Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:50PM.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 beginning at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Curley, Clerk

¹⁻¹⁷The Chairperson did not vote on this motion.