

**ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
of
April 3, 2014**

A meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee was held on Thursday, April 3, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, John Moody at 7:00 p.m., and was conducted at the Plymouth Town Hall, in the Mayflower II Meeting Room, 11 Lincoln Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

PRESENT

Eleven members of the Committee were present:

John Moody, Michael Hanlon, Harry Salerno, Linda Benezra, Charles Stevens, Marc Sirrico, Richard Gladdys, Cornelius Bakker, Michael Duffley, Shelagh Joyce, and Ethan Kusmin.

ABSENT

Four members of the Committee were absent:

Christopher Merrill, Nancy McSpadden, Michael Hourahan, and Robert Morgan.

AGENDA ITEMS

ATM Article 10 – 1820/1857 Court House – Government Center

Mr. Bakker moved to reconsider Article 10. Second by Mr. Sirrico. The vote was unanimous in favor of reconsideration.

Question by Ms. Joyce regarding what would happen if the meals tax article was voted down and Article 10 was approved.

Questions were asked regarding a referendum to repeal the meals tax if it passed Town Meeting, and concerns were expressed about paying for the new Town Hall on the property tax.

Questions about amending the article to connect the meals tax directly to Article 10.

Questions as to why the issue was left to this late date.

Ms. Benezra moved to approve Article 10. Second by Mr. Gladdys.

Public comment by Keven Joyce, Precinct 15 Town Meeting member, in support.

Public comment by Steven Striar questioning the Advisory & Finance Committee's recommendation.

Public comment by Pat McCarthy, Precinct 5 Town Meeting member, about the meals tax proposal.

Public comment by Paul Hapgood.

Public comment by Paul Withington in support.

Comments in support of the article were made by Mr. Kusmin, Mr. Bakker, Mr. Gladdys, Mr. Hanlon, and Mr. Salerno. Ms. Joyce asked a question about the role of the Building Committee.

The motion was approved by a vote of nine (9) in favor, one (1) opposed (Mr. Sirrico), and no abstentions.

STM Article 1 - Amend Collective Bargaining Agreements for Firefighters

Mr. James Brown, President of the local firefighters union, asked to make a presentation to the Committee. Mr. Brown distributed a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to the Committee.

Public comments by Mr. Richard Serkey, Precinct 2 Town Meeting member.

Questions were asked by Ms. Joyce, Mr. Moody, and Mr. Gladdys.

Mr. Gladdys moved to reconsider Article 1. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

Comments were made by Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Kusmin, Ms. Joyce, and Mr. Gladdys. Mr. Stevens commented about the conflict of interest issue.

The motion to reconsider Article 1 was approved by a vote of six (6) in favor, three (3) opposed, and one (1) recusal (Mr. Stevens). Mr. Duffley, Mr. Hanlon, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

Ms. Benezra moved to approve Article 1. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

The motion to approve Article 1 was approved by a vote of six (6) in favor, three (3) opposed, and one (1) recusal (Mr. Stevens). Mr. Duffley, Mr. Hanlon, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

STM Article 1A – Funding the JLMC-12-2380 Award – Firefighters

Mr. Gladdys moved to reconsider Article 1A. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

The motion to reconsider Article 1 was approved by a vote of seven (7) in favor, two (2) opposed, and one (1) recusal (Mr. Stevens). Mr. Hanlon and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

Ms. Benezra moved to approve Article 1A. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

The motion to approve Article 1A was approved by a vote of six (6) in favor, three (3) opposed, and one (1) recusal (Mr. Stevens). Mr. Duffley, Mr. Hanlon, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

ATM Article 7A – Operating Budgets

Ms. Benezra moved to reconsider Article 7A. Second by Mr. Gladdys.

The motion to reconsider Article 7A was approved by a vote of seven (7) in favor, and three (3) opposed. Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Stevens, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

Ms. Benezra moved to amend Article 7A by adding \$625,000 to Personnel Services for a total of \$173,828,981. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

The motion to amend Article 7A was approved by a vote of seven (7) in favor, and three (3) opposed. Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hanlon, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

Ms. Benezra moved to amend Article 7A (including the Enterprise Funds) to a total of \$186,265,779. Second by Mr. Sirrico.

The motion to amend Article 7A (including the Enterprise Funds) was approved by a vote of seven (7) in favor, and three (3) opposed. Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hanlon, and Ms. Joyce voted in opposition.

Public Comment – There was no further public comment.

Old/New/Other Business – There was no old, new, or other business.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion for adjournment carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Hanlon
First Vice-Chair