

Advisory Committee Meeting
February 1, 2012
Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall

Virginia Ferko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present included Robert Capozzi, Rebecca Epstein, Marjorie Freiman, Ann Marie Gross, Laura Hockett, Catherine Johnson, Philip Licari, David Murphy, Maura Murphy, Deborah Robi, Richard Woerner, Richard Page and Jack Haley. Derek Redgate was absent.

Citizen Speak

None

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion moved by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett the Advisory Committee voted 13-0 to approve the minutes of 12/21/11, 01/11/12, 01/18/12 and 01/25/12 meetings with the addition of a few clerical changes.

Presentation of Board of Selectmen Operating Budget & Town Wide Financial Plan Update Board of Selectmen Executive Director

Hans Larsen, Executive Director, Barbara Searle, Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chair, Terri Tsagaris, BOS Vice Chair, Ellen Gibbs, BOS Secretary and Owen Dugan, BOS presented. Ms. Searle walked the Committee through the BOS Operating budget by presenting PowerPoint slides. Ms. Searle began by showing a slide detailing the BOS FY2013 Budget Summary which showed a 4.27% increase over last year's budget. The BOS departmental budget line is up 1.95%. Ms. Searle went over budget highlights which detailed the different budget increases as well as debt service and their FY2013 Priorities. Ms. Searle also noted that the BOS voted to accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Facility Maintenance Committee.

Questions from the Advisory Committee were addressed.

Mr. Larsen gave an update on the Town Wide Financial Plan which detailed financial planning challenges on collective bargaining, pension health insurance/OPEB, the high school and other capital projects, FY13 budget and FY14-FY17 projections. The plan also showed updated numbers from the School Department. He then followed by a brief overview on the next steps they will be taking.

Questions from the Advisory Committee were addressed.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Updates

Mr. Page gave an update on the on the School Sub Committee meetings. Mr. Page noted that the night before the School Committee cut \$361,000 from the Superintendent's budget. The middle school surveillance system was cut as well as other cuts. They hope to vote on a final budget next Tuesday.

Questions from the Advisory Committee were addressed.

Ms. Ferko went over a spreadsheet detailing the assignment of Articles to the Advisory Committee Members, as well as recommendations they might make to the different boards. The Committee also went over questions regarding the operating budgets that have been presented to them and came up with questions that they still had for the various boards.

Questions from the Advisory Committee were addressed

Calendar Updates

Ms. Ferko gave an update of next week's Public Hearing which will begin at 7pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm

Documents: Agenda, Meeting Minutes from 12/21/11, 01/11/12, 01/18/12 and 01/25/12 meetings, ATM Warrant Articles assignments.