

Approved April 26, 2021

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Zoom Videoconferencing Platform  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

Those present from Advisory Committee included Shawn Baker, Julie Bryan, Tom Cunningham, Jennifer Fallon, Neal Goins, John Lanza, Jeff Levitan, Bill Maynard, Deed McCollum, Corrine Monahan, Patti Quigley, and Doug Smith,

Julie Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**6:30 p.m. Citizen Speak**

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

**6:30 p.m. Update on Article 13 and 14**

David Cohen, Director DPW was present to provide an update to Articles 13 and 14 resulting from the MWRA assessments. Typically, each year prior to Town Meeting, there are updates to the assessments from the MWRA. This one is material so the motions have been updated.

+ There is a \$110,000 increase in the assessment for water. The motion will be updated to reflect the increase, along with an offset from using a portion of the emergency reserve. The appropriation is unchanged; it is just a reallocation.

+ On the sewer side, the assessment is \$368,000 lower. Hence, the total authorization has been lowered by that amount. Originally, a 2% increase in sewer rates was expected but, with this reduction, that increase is no longer needed.

**Discussion and questions**

- Are there no reserves left?
  - We have plenty of reserves; prior to the above reduction, reserves were \$442,000 and we just reduced this number.
- If we never use it why have it?
  - It is a Department of Revenue requirement.

There is no need for Advisory to revote. A note for these Articles will be added to the Supplemental.

**6:45 p.m. Signing of Advisory Report**

Town Counsel has determined that Advisory can vote to allow the Chair to sign on behalf of the committee.

Neal Goins made and Jenn Fallon seconded a motion to empower the Chair to sign the Advisory Report on behalf of the committee.

**Roll call vote**

Bill Maynard - yes

Patti Quigley – yes

John Lanza – yes

Mary Scanlon - yes

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Deed McCollum - yes  
Jennifer Fallon – yes  
Jeff Levitan - yes  
Corinne Monahan - yes  
Shawn Baker – yes  
Doug Smith – yes  
Jake Erhard – absent  
Tom Cunningham – yes  
Lauren Duprey – absent  
Neal Goins – yes

### **Liaison Reports**

*School Committee/Jenn Fallon* – School Committee discussed continued reopening plans and provided updates on HHU.

A question was asked about future changes in motion wording. If the substance of the motion is unchanged, then Advisory does not need to review. Otherwise, Advisory would need to review and revote if necessary. The Executive Director would let Advisory know.

An update was provided that the SB voted unanimously to not put forward motions on Articles 26 and 27. The write-up of these articles will still be included in the Supplemental in case someone decides to move forward with a motion at Town Meeting.

Supplemental will be emailed and on-line only. Copies can be made at Town Hall if necessary, and will be available at the library.

The presentation for Article 23 will be posted on-line.

What does Advisory do after Town Meeting? The next Advisory meetings will be at 6:30 pm on the nights of Town Meeting. In the first week that there is no Town Meeting, there will be a regular Advisory meeting.

### **7:00 p.m. Adjourn**

Shawn Baker made and Deed McCollum seconded a motion to adjourn.

#### Roll call vote

Bill Maynard - yes  
Patti Quigley – yes  
John Lanza - yes  
Deed McCollum - yes  
Jennifer Fallon – yes  
Jeff Levitan - yes  
Corinne Monahan - yes  
Shawn Baker – yes  
Doug Smith – yes  
Jake Erhard – absent  
Tom Cunningham – yes  
Lauren Duprey – absent  
Neal Goins – yes