

Approved August 26, 2020

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Online Remote Meeting  
Monday, June 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

Those present from Advisory Committee included Julie Bryan, Todd Cook, Jennifer Fallon, Mary Gard, Neal Goins, John Lanza, Bill Maynard, Deed McCollum, Paul Merry, Lina Musayev, Patti Quigley, Betsy Roberti, Mary Scanlon and Ralph Tortorella.

Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**6:00 p.m. Citizen Speak**

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

**6:00 p.m. Update on Article 43 and 42**

Changes to the Article 43 motion language were discussed. Proponents for both Article 42 and 43 were present.

Donna Ticci discussed new article language for Article 43.

Advisory questions/comments included:

- What prompted the change? Listened to people and decided to compromise further.
- Point of order question. For Citizen petition that is changed is there a need to go back to signatories of original petition. Understanding is that the changes fit within the original intent of the petition.
- Why not put new proposed holidays on the same day? Original compromise that was rejected, so compromised further.
- Compromise to select another day to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in November. Did petitioners from Article 42 weigh in on this?
- Have you had conversations with Article 42 proponents? No, we have not, they are not interested in 2 separate days.
- Understand history and past conversations. This is the first time that separate days are being suggested with National Italian Heritage Day as a changed name for Columbus Day.
- Understand effort to find a common ground – concern expressed about lack of specificity and without Article 42 proponents buy in. How is this going to work. Would have to be pursued in good faith with the town and trying to compromise.
- Understanding of Citizen Petition process, if decide to pull petition, couldn't actually do it, because would need approval of the people who signed. Continued discussion about the change in the language of the petition. Confirm discussion with signers of the petition.
- Are we moving to rescind vote and then re-vote? Yes, need to rescind and re-vote.

Christina Horner responded on behalf of Article 42. It's not just about Columbus but about our dark racist past. Discussion of who is being celebrated and why. Columbus is in important figure but not all important figures should be celebrated. Study them yes, but not celebrated. Examples were presented. Article 43 is not a compromise. No one reached out.

Advisory questions and comments:

- It's not just about Columbus also about preserving Native American heritage. To call it something else is insulting. What is the why behind the day and why we are celebrating Columbus? Can't erase it and call it something else.
- Understand but have some concern about inclusion and non-inclusion.
- Article 43 changed so much and doesn't feel it fits within the 4 corners of the original petition. Concern expressed about how it was changed at the last minute. The so called compromise does not include the proponents of the other Article. Concern expressed about switching from Columbus Day to Italian American day. Tribalizing this issue is the wrong direction.
- Clarify one thing – language was put in front of Moderator and he said it's within the four corners. Citizen petitions are allowed to change language. Procedurally not unusual to change language.
- Difference is that other petitions changed language before Advisory's vote.
- Need to re-vote this with the change of language.
- Why wouldn't we have to re-vote on Article 42. Can vote on both – these are recommendations not mandates. Up to BOS to how they want to apply them.

Julie Bryan made and Lina Musayev seconded a motion to rescind the vote on the original motion on Article 43 , Motion 1.

Roll Call vote:

Deed McCollum – yes  
 Betsy Roberti - yes  
 Mary Gard - abstain  
 John Lanza - no  
 Patti Quigley - yes  
 Rusty Kellogg - yes  
 Mary Scanlon -yes  
 Jennifer Fallon -yes  
 Ralph Tortorella – no  
 Neal Goins – yes  
 Paul Merry - yes  
 Bill Maynard– yes  
 Lina Musayev - yes  
 Julie Bryan - yes

Advisory discussed Article 43's language change and comments included:

Procedural concerns about change in the language of the motion were expressed. Not sure solves all the issues with the motion. Hope BOS will sit down with everyone on this issue to have robust discussion about what being asked to do.

Changes made without dialogue with petitioners of Article 42

Term compromise indicates that there were two sides of one issue where there are actual two issues. Proponents should indicate that this is a change in language. Hearing from community in support of Article 42.

The discussion continued regarding the language change in Article 43.

Roll Call vote on the revised Article 43 language.

Deed McCollum – no  
Betsy Roberti - no  
Mary Gard - no  
John Lanza - no  
Patti Quigley - no  
Rusty Kellogg - no  
Mary Scanlon - no  
Jennifer Fallon - no  
Ralph Tortorella – yes  
Neal Goins – no  
Paul Merry - no  
Bill Maynard– no  
Lina Musayev - no  
Julie Bryan – no

**6:48 pm. Administrative Matters/Liaison Reports/Minutes**

No minutes to approve. Meeting on June 23 even if no Town Meeting.

**6:55 p.m. Adjourn subject to Adjournment of Town Meeting**

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded subject to the Adjournment of Annual Town Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Deed McCollum – yes  
Betsy Roberti - yes  
Mary Gard - yes  
John Lanza - yes  
Patti Quigley - yes  
Rusty Kellogg - yes  
Mary Scanlon - yes  
Jennifer Fallon - yes  
Ralph Tortorella – yes  
Neal Goins – yes  
Paul Merry - yes  
Bill Maynard– yes  
Lina Musayev - yes  
Julie Bryan – yes

