

March 18, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting (via Zoom videoconference)

Jennifer Fallon, Patti Quigley, John Lanza, Lina Musayev, Ralph Tortorella, Betsy Roberti, Rusty Kellogg, Deed McCollum, Bill Maynard, Paul Merry, Todd Cook, Neal Goins, Mary Scanlon, Julie Bryan

Absent: Mary Gard

Marjorie Frieman and Meghan Jop on the line to present the warrant for the STM

Todd Cook opens the meeting and invites Citizens' Speak; no one comes forward for citizens' speak

Marjorie Freiman discusses the article for the STM.

The firefighter that is retiring would like to stay for an indeterminate period of time (likely a few years), and the Fire Department would also like him to stay for succession planning.

Need to file special legislation to get special permission to waive the mandatory retirement age.

Advisory Question: why not hire him as a special consultant?

- He's under contract now as a Town employee, and the Town would like to continue his employment under the same contractual arrangement. Now it is an annual contract, and not sure if it will be an annual contract for the duration of his employment should the legislation be allowed.

Advisory Question: If we agree to this, does it affect anyone else?

- Only the chief and vice chief are under contract, so we could only do this for those two positions.
- And this legislation is restricted to Jeff Peterson and only for this time period, so it wouldn't have long term effects on the Town or the Fire Department.

Todd Cook suspended the Regular Advisory Meeting.

Todd Cook opened the public hearing on the warrant for STM.

No one was on the Zoom conference or telephone to speak on the article; Todd Cook closed the public hearing.

Todd Cook opened the regular meeting again for further discussion by advisory on the warrant article for STM.

Discussion regarding whether this is the proper action and whether this will set a precedent that we don't want.

Further discussion regarding concerns about how this might be used in the future.

Discussion about the fact that he will not be obtaining additional pension; pension will be as if he retired at age 65.

Julie Bryan moved and Deed McCollum seconded a motion for favorable action on STM warrant article 2

No further discussion

Roll Call vote on STM warrant Article 2:

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

Julie Bryan moved and Jennifer Fallon seconded a motion to approve minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of March 4, 2020

Change to sentence on end of first page read aloud and vote was taken subject to the change to the minutes.

Vote taken by roll call:

Jennifer Fallon - yes
Patti Quigley - yes
John Lanza - abstain
Lina Musayev - yes
Ralph Tortorella - yes
Betsy Roberti - yes
Rusty Kellogg - yes
Bill Maynard - yes

Neal Goins - yes
Paul Merry - yes
Mary Scanlon - yes
Mary Gard - yes
Deed McCollum - yes
Julie Bryan - yes

Julie Bryan moved and Betsy Roberti seconded a motion to approve minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of March 11, 2020, subject to the changes made by Mary Gard.

Vote taken by roll call:

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

Discussion of additional administrative matters

Remove current meetings from the calendar until ATM or some other need.

Discussion about putting the book out now or later. Suggested to put it online when it is ready.

Lina Musayev moved and Neal Goins seconded a motion to adjourn

Vote taken by roll call:

Jennifer Fallon – yes
Patti Quigley - Yes
John Lanza - yes
Lina Musayev – yes
Ralph Tortorella – yes
Betsy Roberti - yes
Rusty Kellogg – yes

Bill Maynard – yes
Neal Goins - yes
Paul Merry - yes
Mary Scanlon yes
Mary Gard- yes
Julie Bryan- yes
Deed McCollum – yes

Passes, 14-0.