

Cohasset Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Virtual Meeting-Zoom Video Call
7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 20(b), following Governor Baker's declaration of a state of emergency in the Commonwealth arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Advisory Committee will meet virtually utilizing remote technology. All votes will be taken by a Roll-Call Vote.

Documents Received: None

This meeting was recorded. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Robert Hillman.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

Adam Amann, Jeanne Astino, Michael Barclay, Robert Hillman, J. Patrick Kennedy, Mark Maggi, Mary McGoldrick, Meg Wheeler.

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Fran Collins

Guests: Chris Senior, Town Manager; Don Piatt, Director of Finance

1. Annual Committee Reorganization

Committee had a general discussion on the annual reorganization process.

- **Chair:** After a call for nominations. Mary McGoldrick nominated Robert Hillman; Mike Barclay seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye, except Robert Hillman abstained. (7-0-1)
- **Vice Chair:** After a call for nominations, Patrick Kennedy nominated Mary McGoldrick; Meg Wheeler seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye, except Mary McGoldrick abstained. (7-0-1)
- **Secretary/Clerk:** After a call for nominations, Patrick Kennedy self-nominated; Mary McGoldrick seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye. (8-0-0)

2. Recap of Special Town Meeting and Priorities for Annual Town Meeting

- Zoning Articles at STM

Chair Robert Hillman noted that the Moderator requested the Select Board and Advisory Committee not to present reasons for supporting articles at Town Meeting. The Committee had a discussion that it views its role as advisory to Town Meeting and there was a consensus that the Committee will be prepared to present and speak about its reasons for recommending Warrant Article to Town Meeting going forward.

- New Communications Position

Town Manager Chris Senior noted that the Town had recently posted a job for a communications point person for the Town.

3. Financial Update: FY21 Budget through 12/31/2021

Finance Director Don Piatt noted that the December 31, 2021 financials had not been prepared sufficiently in time for tonight's meeting. This will be discussed at the February 2, 2022 meeting.

4. Annual Town Meeting Calendar Preparation and recap of Select Board Budget Presentation

Don Piatt led a discussion of the five-year budget forecast annually presented by the Town Manager, including questions and discussion of:

- New Growth Revenue Split of 61% Schools – 39% Town (historically based upon schools v Town payroll)
- Water Department Capital Recovery Charge
- Other budget items

Chris Senior led a discussion of the FY23 budget and Town Meeting calendar. Robert Hillman asked that the School budget be presented to Advisory Committee earlier in the budgeting process.

Committee discussed meeting dates in preparation for Annual Town Meeting. There was a consensus that Wednesday evenings remain the best night for Advisory only meetings. Joint Meetings with Select Board will be on Tuesday evenings.

5. Discussion of Liaisons and Approval of Minutes

Committee discussed liaison assignments with new member Adam Amann agreeing to be the liaison to Alternative Energy and Water/Sewer. Patrick Kennedy agreed to be liaison to the Library and Elder Affairs.

Motion by Mike Barclay to adopt the liaison assignments noted above and maintained on list to be provided by Chair Robert Hillman. Motion seconded by Patrick Kennedy. On a roll call vote all members voted Aye. (8-0-0)

Approval of minutes was deferred until the February 2, 2022 meeting.

6. Topics not reasonably anticipated: None.

7. Motion to Adjourn by Mary McGoldrick, Mike Barclay seconded. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye (8-0-0).