

Cohasset Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 16, 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 7:05 pm by Chair Robert Hillman.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Guests: Chris Senior, Town Manager; Don Piatt, Director of Finance; Brian Joyce, Director of Public Works

1. Budget Presentation: DPW and Facilities

Director of Public Works Brian Joyce made a presentation on the proposed FY23 budget for facilities, snow and ice, RTF, and Department of Public Works. Don Piatt and Brian Joyce addressed questions from Advisory Committee members.

2. Preview of Expected Budget Issues and Warrant Articles

Chris Senior and Don Piatt led a discussion of expected budget issues for FY23. Chris Senior noted an unusual number of retirements and position replacements (new hires) and noted personnel changes within the Town Manager's office.

Chris Senior outlined the standard annual Town Meeting articles including unpaid bills. It is expected that there will be an article regarding the proposed Cook Estate sewer hookup. There will be two citizen's petitions.

3. Discussion regarding School Department budget

Mary McGoldrick and Jeanne Astino, liaisons to the School Department, led a discussion of school budget status, including that the FY23 School budget was first presented to the School Committee on January 19th; there are budget concerns regarding temporary staff added with COVID relief funds who have been made permanent; other budget items include a proposed second grade teacher addition and bus parking lease expenses.

4. Liaison Reports and Approval of Minutes: Deferred until March 2, 2022 meeting.

5. Topics not reasonably anticipated: Upcoming meetings: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 for Advisory Committee only; March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29 possible joint meetings with Cohasset Select Board.

6. **Motion** to Adjourn made by Jeanne Astino, Mike Barclay seconded. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye (9-0-0).

Meeting adjourned 8:42 pm.