

**Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**March 8, 2017 Meeting**

Attendees: Dave Benton, Peg Drisko, Arthur Frontczak, Jonathan Hurwitz, Stephen McDonough, Arlie Sterling, Joyce Terrio and Jim Tomaszewski

Also in attendance by invitation were Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator; Todd Lindmark, Town Accountant; and Jeff Palumbo and Jim Lehan from the Board of Selectman

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00pm  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55pm

The Committee members discussed the articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held in May and initial thoughts on the town budget for fiscal 2018. The discussion was mainly around the timing of when to arrange presentation times for the proponents of various articles and for the various department heads and the Town Administrator to review their budgets.

A discussion with the Town Administrator and his initial outlook for the budget then ensued – no figure were discussed, but rather whether there would be any special budget requests, capital planning expectations and revenue outlook. Mr. Lehan noted that he and Mr. Benton had attended the King Philip Regional School Budget Hearing and that the initial budget request would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the three towns to fund. However, it was early in the process and the King Philip administration was working diligently to adjust the budget down, but some structural issues (additional out-of-district special education costs, healthcare insurance premium increases and the use of one-time E&D funds in the prior year budget) make this year's budget especially challenging.

The final discussion of the evening was then held with some of the proponents of a new noise by-law petition in which the proponents of the article responded to various questions from Committee members as the Committee looked to understand the impact of the proposed by-law amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and was so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Benton, Chairman

*re-approved c 2/12/2020*

*Arian Jacobson*