

Liaison Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 27, 2017 7:30 AM

Meeting Room B-C Town Hall,

101 Main St, Ashland, MA 01721

Attending: Yolanda Greaves, Joe Magnani, Laurie Tosti, Marc Terry, Adam Elbirt, Michael Herbert, James Adams, and Jenn Ball

1. Call Meeting to Order – 7:30 am

2. Items To Be Discussed:

a. Board Reviews

Yolanda Greaves and Joe Magnani reported that the Board of Selectmen have been exploring the option of putting a question on the ballot that would allow voters to ban recreational marijuana establishments in Ashland.

They also discussed the status of the Board of Selectmen's review the Charter Review Committee's recommended changes to the Charter. They explained that there still needs to be one more public hearing and then it can go to Town Meeting.

Laurie Tosti and Marc Terry explained the School Committee's approach and decision making process to put forward the free full day Kindergarten proposal.

Additionally, the school reported that this year there has been approximately 80 new students that enrolled in Ashland Public Schools.

Adam Elbiet reported that Dan Conroy resigned and that he is the new chair of the Finance Committee. He also wanted to let the Boards know that the Finance Committee has planned their televised hearing for January 16th.

b. Review Town Meeting Warrant Items

Michael Herbert presented each of the warrant articles to the group. In particular the group discussed the Article 2, 3, and 5 in some detail to ensure that the Board of Selectman, School Committee, and Finance Committee have a strong understanding of the financial articles.

c. 2019 Budget Planning

Michael Herbert and Jim Adams reported the FY19 budget is underway. The departmental budget messages have been distributed and departments are in the process of the putting together their requests.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 AM