

**Wellesley Advisory Committee
Wellesley Middle School
Faculty Dining Room
April 10, 2018, 6:45 PM**

Those present from the Advisory Committee included Jane Andrews, Todd Cook, Rose Mary Donahue, Tom Fitzgibbons, Mike Hluchyj, Mark Kaplan, Lina Musayev, Betsy Roberti, Tom Skelly, Ria Stolle and Andrea Ward.

Mike Hluchyj called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

6:45 p.m. Citizen Speak

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

6:45 p.m. Discussion/Votes on ATM Warrant Articles

Discussion re: Article 19 (Main Library interior renovation design funds)

Mike Hluchyj pointed out that, earlier in the day, a change had been made to the motion language for Article 19, the Main Library interior renovation design funds. There was a change to the entity under whose direction the design funds would be expended: while the prior version of the motion contemplated that the funds would be expended under the direction of “the Facilities Management Department and/or Permanent Building Committee,” the revised motion places the funds under the direction of “the Permanent Building Committee.” The motion also removed a subsequent reference to the Facilities Management Department (FMD). Advisory’s vote tracked the earlier motion language. Mr. Hluchyj stated his view that the changes were not material and did not require a re-vote; the funding numbers are the same, and the “and/or” language of the earlier motion as voted by Advisory contemplated that the funds could be expended solely under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee (PBC). Mr. Hluchyj invited discussion and noted that any Advisory member who felt differently could move to rescind the prior vote.

An Advisory member expressed the opinion that the motion as voted by Advisory covered the eventuality that has now occurred; that member is fine with leaving prior vote intact.

Another Advisory member noted that Advisory’s votes do not always track the motion language verbatim, in part because some votes occur prior to the issuance of motions; it is the Committee’s job to advise Town Meeting with respect to action on the proposed Articles. That member also noted that the Committee’s practice has been to re-vote where the eventual motion brought to Town Meeting contains a material difference from the way Advisory voted, e.g., different funding number, different funding source, etc.

An Advisory member explained that he had wondered about re-voting Article 19 in the event that the inclusion of FMD had been meaningful to anyone’s vote, one way or the other -- i.e., (1) that someone felt it important to include FMD as an entity directing expenditure of the design funds, given that FMD had originally assisted the Library in conceiving of a possible renovation or, conversely, (2) that someone might have wanted to exclude FMD as an entity directing expenditure of the design funds, given that there was a time in the Town’s history when FMD was not as strongly supported as it currently is.

An Advisory member noted the close connection between FMD and PBC in terms of staffing, etc., and reiterated the view that these changes in the motion language are not material; they were contemplated in the language previously voted by Advisory.

At the end of the discussion, no Advisory member moved to rescind the Committee's prior vote.

7:00 p.m. Adjourn to Annual Town Meeting

Todd Cook made and Tom Skelly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at the close of Annual Town Meeting later this evening. The motion passed unanimously.