

**Wellesley Advisory Committee  
Wellesley Middle School  
Faculty Dining Room  
April 23, 2018, 6:40 PM**

Those present from the Advisory Committee included Jane Andrews, Todd Cook, Rose Mary Donahue, Tom Fitzgibbons, Mary Gard, Mike Hluchyj, Paul Merry, Lina Musayev, Alena Poirier, Betsy Roberti, Tom Skelly and Andrea Ward.

Mike Hluchyj called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**6:40 p.m. Citizen Speak**

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

**6:40 p.m. Discussion/Votes on ATM Warrant Articles**

Article 22 (Town Hall Exterior Renovation)

The Committee discussed the relevance of recent changes to the motion language for Article 22, including (1) the difference of \$0.10 in the appropriation number listed in the current motion (\$5,177,239) from the amount that Advisory voted on April 2 (per PBC's presentation, \$5,177,238.90) and (2) the specification in the current motion that the handicap accessibility accommodations would be "for both the exterior and the interior" of Town Hall. The Committee members concluded that neither change was material; the \$0.10 rounding difference was *de minimis*, and the Committee, having received detailed presentations on the Town Hall exterior project, understood at the time of its vote that interior as well as exterior handicap accessibility accommodations would be part of the project. At the end of the discussion, no Advisory member moved to rescind the Committee's prior vote.

Article 19 (Main Library Interior Renovation)

The Committee discussed the possible motion for reconsideration, notice of which had been filed at the conclusion of the prior session of Annual Town Meeting. The Chair noted that, if the motion for reconsideration were in fact made, then it would be within the Moderator's discretion to grant or deny that motion. If the motion for reconsideration were denied, Town Meeting's prior vote on Article 19 would stand. If, however, the Moderator were to grant the motion for reconsideration, there is a possibility that Advisory would be asked whether it had changed its views on Article 19, particularly in light of the fact that the Board of Selectmen had indicated (at its April 19 meeting) that it would no longer oppose Article 19 should a motion for reconsideration be granted. An Advisory member noted that there was no new information regarding the project that would affect that member's prior vote. Another member expressed the view that the integrity of Town Meeting is very important; Article 19 was voted down after lengthy and substantial presentations and discussion; close votes and difficult sentiments cannot be the basis for reconsidering votes. An Advisory member noted that some of the other projects currently in the out years of the five-year capital plan, e.g., Sprague Field resurfacing, seemed less compelling than the Library renovation. At the conclusion of the discussion, no member of the Committee expressed a desire to change his or her vote based on information and circumstances known at this time.

**6:55 p.m. Minutes Approval**

Andrea Ward made and Alena Poirier seconded a motion to approve the minutes for March 7, April 9 and April 10, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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