

Advisory Committee
March 6, 2013
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall

David Murphy called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included Bob Capozzi, Thomas Engles, Ann-Marie Gross, Laura Hockett, Catherine Johnson, Lucy Kapples, Andy Patten, Ann Rappaport, and Rich Woerner.

Deb Robi entered the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Becky Epstein and Phil Licari entered the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Citizen Speak

None

Approval of Minutes

David Murphy, Chair, asked for a review of the minutes of February 27, 2013. Rich Woerner asked for a change in language. Discussion followed. The consensus was to postpone the approval of the February 27, 2013 minutes until the next meeting on March 9, 2013 to allow for a review and possible amended language.

Citizen Petition to Create Bike Lanes – Article 37

Robert S. Edwards addressed the Committee with his request to submit a motion to the Annual Town Meeting to provide bicycle lanes in the Town of Wellesley. He requests that a new Bicycle Pedestrian Committee be formed and the lanes be named for a Wellesley citizen who died in a bicycle accident on Weston Road. Discussion followed. Terri Tsargaris, Chair of the Board of Selectmen advised the Town had already selected a Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and they were meeting on March 19th to discuss bike safety in Wellesley. Mr. Edwards may consider removing his item from the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting.

Questions were taken from the committee members.

Tolles-Parsons Center – Article 18

Terri Tsargaris, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Heather Sawitsky, Chair of the Tolles-Parsons Center Review Committee and Matt King, Chair of the Permanent Building Committee gave the presentation. The Town allocated \$600,000 in 2009 to review the American Legion site at 496 Washington Street for a possible senior center. The Tolles-Parsons Planning Committee made recommendations to the building design and a request for additional funds is being made this year at the Annual Town Meeting. Thus far \$255,159 of the original \$600,000 has been spent. An additional \$161,206 in funding is being requested at this time for an updated design, as well as a parking and traffic study to be completed. The goal is to have all designs, permitting and hearings with Town Boards completed for presentation at the spring 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Questions were taken from the committee members.

Town-Wide Facilities – Article 17

Hans Larsen, Chief Executive for the Town of Wellesley, Barbara Searle, Board of Selectmen, Diane Campbell, School Committee and Matt King, Permanent Building Committee gave the

presentation. Fiscal Year 2014 capital projects being submitted for Article 17 were highlighted. The schools projects included in the appropriation are at the middle school, Sprague, and Hunnewell. Also included are a district-wide security upgrade, 15% contingency costs and a phone system purchase. Total school project costs for design are \$665, 250. Municipal projects include the Facilities Maintenance Department substation, improvements at the Fire Department and Police Department, as well as the Town Building and Warren Building, and contingency fees. The request for municipal projects is \$478,200. Total request is for \$1,143,450.

Questions were taken from the committee members.

Liaison Reports

David Murphy, Chair, asked for liaison reports and various members of the Advisory Committee provided their reports.

Discussion and Vote on Articles

Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided to postpone discussion and voting on remaining articles to a subsequent meeting. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Documents: Agenda, Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 02/27/13, Tolles-Parsons Center Report, Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Projects for Schools and Municipality