

**Advisory Committee**  
**April 2, 2013**  
**Faculty Dining Room, Wellesley High School**

David Murphy called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included Becky Epstein, Ann-Marie Gross, John Hussey, Catherine Johnson, Phil Licari, Andy Patten, Ann Rappaport, Deb Robi and Richard Woerner.

Citizen Speak

None

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

Contract Agreement - Custodians

Hans Larsen, Executive Director and Susan Adler, Human Resources Director of the Town of Wellesley gave the overview. A one year contract has been reached for forty school custodians and four maintenance workers. Union members will have a \$20.42 top salary and non-union will cap at \$21.60. All new hires will be non-union except for those hired for school positions. The new contract recognizes a 2% increase for a total cost of \$46,000. The new contract will be submitted to the Annual Town Meeting as Motion 5 under Article 4. The Union membership will vote on the contract this weekend.

Update and Discussion of Articles 20, 33

The following articles were reviewed and discussed.

**Article 20** – This article deals with the amount of monies the Town will raise and appropriate for renovation and repairs of the chimney at 210 Washington Street (Hills Branch Library). The consultant firm, Weston & Samson, was secured to complete a preliminary design and construction estimate on the project. The Community Preservation Committee was approached for funding based on their estimates. The Wellesley Historic Commission was also involved.

The Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees, Community Preservation Committee and Wellesley Historical Commission have all endorsed the restoration of the 210 Washington Street chimney/exterior wall to its original appearance, but without a functional fireplace. The project will repair damage to the chimney and reinforce the northeast wall.. The total project cost of the project is estimated to be \$252,250, which includes design through full construction. The funding will include \$126,125 from the Community Preservation Committee and \$126,125 from free cash.

Other options for the project have not been vetted to the degree that some of the Advisory Committee members feel are appropriate.

**Article 33** – This article deals with the consumption of marijuana and the amendment to Town Bylaws Article 49 to establish a new section 49.19A to prohibit the consumption of marijuana. Terri Tsagaris, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, advised a change to the language which is as follows:

“Violation of this Section is punishable by a fine of \$300. If said fine is unpaid through the non-criminal disposition process as outlined under Bylaw Article 52, Non-criminal Disposition, such payment shall be enforceable through indictment or on complaint before a district court. Any penalty imposed under this Bylaw shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under General Laws Chapter 94C, Section 32L.”

#### Vote on Article 33

Ann-Marie Gross made a motion that the Advisory Committee rescinds Article 33. The motion was seconded by Catherine Johnson.

Disposition: Article 33 was rescinded by a show of hands, 10 to 0.

Ann-Marie Gross made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 20. The motion was seconded by Catherine Johnson.

Disposition: Article 33 was recommended for favorable action by a show of hands, 10 to

#### Vote on Article 20

**Article 20** – *To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate , or otherwise provide, for architectural, engineering and/or other services for preparations of plans and specifications for renovation of the Hills Branch Library (210 Washington Street), including without limitation the chimney, and for the construction, reconstruction, remodeling, rehabilitation and/or modernization of the same; and for other services in connection therewith; to determine whether such sum shall be raised by taxation, through borrowing and/or by transfer from available funds including Community Preservation Funds; or take any action relative thereto.* (Board of Selectmen & Board of Library Trustees)

Ann-Marie Gross made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 20. The motion was seconded by Catherine Johnson.

Disposition: Article 20 was recommended for favorable action by a show of hands, 6 to 5 (Chair voting).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.