

Advisory Committee
November 20, 2013
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall

Marjorie Freiman called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present included Robert Capozzi, Mary Crown, Thomas Engels, Becky Epstein, Tom Frisardi, Ann Marie Gross, John Hartnett, John Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Andy Patten, Ann Rappaport, Deb Robi, Mason Smith and Scott Tarbox.

Board of Selectmen Presentation on Warrant Article 2

Article 2 – Bargaining Agreement Increases for Patrolmen

Hans Larsen, Executive Director and Chief Terry Cunningham gave the overview. A collective bargaining agreement was reached November 18, 2013 for a three year contract to cover FY14-16. An appropriation of \$68,632 is being asked from Free Cash to cover the costs of the contract which was not approved during the Annual Town Meeting in 2013. This extends the previous agreement which expired in June 2013 through June 30, 2016. It provides salary increases of 2% which will be retroactive to June 30, 2013. Annual longevity pay, uniform cleaning increases of \$100 and field training supplemental pay were also agreed upon. The Chief may also add a motorcycle officer at his discretion, but no plans are in place to fill this position at this time.

Permanent Building Committee/Selectmen presentation on Warrant Article 2 for Second Special Town Meeting

Terri Tsagaris, Board of Selectmen and Matt King, Permanent Building Committee Chair, gave the review. Funding is being requested to cover additional architectural, engineering and/or other services for the preparation of plans and specifications for construction and/or design of the Tolles-Parsons Center to be located at 496 Washington Street. The Board of Selectmen is requesting a supplemental appropriation (amount undetermined at this time) from Free Cash to the Permanent Building Committee to update and modify the Special Permit application as a Project of Significant Impact. The Planning Board raised several issues with regards to storm water drainage, as well as traffic and parking for the site. The Planning Board voted on October 21, 2013, 3-2 in favor of issuing a special permit. The Town Bylaw, however, requires a super-majority vote (i.e. 4-1) and therefore the application was denied. Since that time, the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 to not appeal the decision. This funding request would address the additional studies necessary to re-apply for permitting on the project.

The following citizens spoke to the Advisory Committee in favor of the Tolles-Parsons Center: Gerald Kelley, Tom Kealy, Gina Kealy, Bill Moynihan, and Mary Bowers.

The Chair called for a recess of the Regular Advisory Meeting to hold the Public Hearing for the Second Special Town Meeting to be held on December 9, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. There were no objections.

The Public Hearing on the Warrant for the Second Town Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:39 p.m.

Public Hearing on Warrant for Second Special Town Meeting

John Schuler, Chair of the Board of the Council of Aging spoke to the Advisory Committee of his strong support for continuing efforts to seek a solution with the Planning Board on the project. He gave an overview of the history of the project to date and the background of the proposed site.

The Chair recessed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. to return to the Regular Advisory Meeting with no objections.

Citizen Speak for Regular Advisory Meeting

The Chair asked if there was anyone wishing to speak to Advisory regarding any non-agenda items. No one wished to speak.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing for the Second Special Town Meeting at 8:05 p.m. and returned to the Regular Advisory Meeting at 8:06 p.m. with no objections.

Library Presentation for New Article for Special Town Meeting(s)

Beth Sullivan Woods, a Trustee of the Wellesley Free Libraries, gave the presentation. Currently there are 6 internet switches in service which need upgrading. A request is being made for \$3,000 to fund the purchase of six Gigabit Ethernet switches to replace the ones currently being used. Funding of the replacement cost of the same type of switches had been originally planned by the Minuteman Library Network (MLN) and was expected to be paid for by a State grant. For this reason, funding was not budgeted in the Library's FY14 capital request.

The cost to upgrade to the new, much faster type of switch is \$3,500 per switch. A deeply discounted rate of \$500 per switch has been negotiated for a total savings to the Town of \$18,000 (*i.e.*, \$3,500 x 6 versus \$500 x 6 = \$21,000 minus \$3,000). All other town switches have been upgraded to the gigabyte switches by the IT department. Consensus of Advisory that upgraded switches should be obtained.

This item may possibly appear as Article 3, Motion 4 under the first Special Town Meeting or separately as Article 3 under the second Special Town Meeting, to be determined at a later date.

Municipal Light Plant FY 15 Capital Budget

Jack Stewart (Chair), Katharine Gibson (Vice Chair), Board members Owen Dugan and Paul Criswell, as well as Richard Joyce (Director), and Debra Healy (Business Manager) of the Municipal Light Plant, gave the review. This request represents the lowest capital plan in twelve years. Capital work plans and projects were reviewed. The five-year work plan including monetary allocations by project and man hour breakdown were reviewed. Investments and the distribution of funding were also discussed.

Department of Public Works FY 15 Capital Budget

Paul Criswell (Chair, Owen Dugan (Vice-Chair) and David Donohue (Secretary), of the DPW Board gave the overview. The objectives and history of the DPW were given. The FY15 capital request was discussed. Funding sources include \$1,761,000 from Tax Impact Cash Capital, Chapter 90 funding of \$392,000 and Long Term Bonding of \$350,000 for a total of \$2,503,500. Uses of the funding were also reviewed including projects completed and scheduled for

resurfacing, rehabilitation, sidewalks, storm water draining, and other projects. Discussion followed.

Discussion and Votes of STM 2013 Warrant Articles 2, 8 and 10

Article 2 – Collective Bargaining Patrolmen Salary Change

This article will make changes to salary and wage schedules consistent with the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Wellesley Police Patrolmen's Association and will appropriate \$68,632 from Free Cash to cover the cost of this contract.

Lucy Kapples made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 2. Ann Rappaport seconded the motion.

Disposition:

Favorable action was recommended on Article 2 by a show of hands, 14 to 0.

Article 8 – Supplemental Appropriation to FMD

Scott Tarbox reviewed the history of this item with input from Hans Larson, Executive Director, and Barbara Searle of the Board of Selectmen. Editing of the job description has been completed and a draft of the Article has been reviewed. The Permanent Building Committee did not vote on these revised documents. Ann Rappaport expressed some concerns that this final item is being rushed to present at Special Town Meeting and will not have proper vetting through Human Resources. Ann Marie Gross and others expressed concern about this position not being handled according to guidelines. Discussion followed.

Lucy Kapples made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 8. Becky Epstein seconded the motion.

Disposition:

Favorable action was recommended on Article 8 by a show of hands, 10 to 3 with one abstention.

Article 10 – Aqueduct Acquisition

Motion 3 – Zoning Change on Dunkin Donut Parcel

Bob Capozzi provided an update. The request to change the zoning from Single Residence to Single Residence A was discussed. Planning Board reviewed this item again at their meeting on Monday, November 18th and voted 3-2 in favor of the zoning change.

Lucy Kapples made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 10, Motion 3. Ann Rappaport seconded the motion.

Disposition:

Favorable action was recommended on Article 10, Motion 3 by a show of hands, 14 to 0.

Motion 4 – Transfer of Land Swaps

Bob Capozzi gave the update. The motion would authorize the transfer of three parcels abutting Fuller Park (11R, 17R and 21R Seaver Street) from the BOS to the Natural Resources Commission. Discussion followed. The NRC voted approval on Tuesday, November 19th 2013,

and recommended the Aqueduct parcel be maintained as open space. The Board of Selectmen voted in favor contingent on finalized permitting and deed completion.

Lucy Kapples made a motion that the Advisory Committee recommends favorable action on Article 10, Motion 4. Ann Rappaport seconded the motion.

Disposition:

Favorable action was recommended on Article 10, Motion 4 by a show of hands, 14 to 0.

Article Write-ups and Advisory Book Reports

There was no new discussion.

Calendar Updates

Advisory will hold an additional meeting on Saturday, November 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Kingsbury Room of the Police Station. The public may attend.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lucy Kapples to approve the minutes of the Advisory meeting held November 13, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Liaison Reports

No reports were given at this time.

New Business/Old Business

There was none.

Announcements

Ms. Freiman announced the next Advisory meeting would be Saturday, November 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Kingsbury Room of the Police Station.

Ms. Freiman adjourned the meeting at 10:39 p.m. with no objections.