

Advisory Committee
December 4, 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, Andy Patten, Ann Rappaport, Deb Robi, Mason Smith and Scott Tarbox.

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak.

Library Trustees FY15 Capital Budget Presentation

Beth Sullivan Woods and Marla Robinson of the Library Board of Trustees, with Christopher Lindquist, new Director, gave the presentation. The library is making a request of \$46,000 for FY15 which includes repair and replacement of worn furniture for \$5,000, replacement of servers for \$8,000, RFID tags for \$5,000 and \$28,000 for replacement of computers and other technical equipment. A review of the possible costs for FY16 was also discussed and may include carpeting and a material handler. Ms. Woods discussed the budget process and rationale for the budget requests. Funding sources were discussed. Advisory requested a five-year plan for both capital and operating budgets be presented at a later date.

Revision of Planning Board Report for the Special Town Meeting

Advisory previously voted on Article 10, Motion 1, with a recommendation for favorable action. Since that vote, it has been brought to the attention of Advisory Committee members that a minority of the Planning Board had a couple of remaining concerns about the transaction, which were discussed to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Bob Capozzi made a motion to rescind the prior Advisory vote. John Hussey seconded and the motion was approved by a show of hands 13-0. Bob Capozzi then made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 10, Motion 1 with consideration of the purchase of the parcel to be based on the new appraised value and with the Inspector General approval. John Hussey seconded and the motion was approved by a show of hands 13-0.

Discussion and Vote on BOS Change in Funding Plan for Fiske and Schofield Schools

Advisory has been notified of updated motion language on Article 7, Motion 1, by the Board of Selectmen. Advisory had voted to recommend favorable action on the appropriation of \$2.43 million from Free Cash, but since that vote, the BOS has decided to borrow the sum under Chapter 44 instead. The amount will be rolled into debt exclusion a year from now when construction funds are requested.

Thomas Engels made a motion to rescind the prior Advisory vote. John Hartnett seconded and the motion was approved by a show of hands 13-0. Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 1, as amended. John Hartnett seconded and the motion was approved by a show of hands 13-0.

Next Steps on Special Town Meeting

The Chair advised that the write-up for the two Articles voted this evening would need to be updated for the STM report and that Town Meeting members would need to be updated prior to the meeting.

Liaison Reports

Various members of the Advisory Committee provided their liaison reports.

Scheduling of Operating Budget Presentations

The Chair announced the Town Clerk would present on January 22nd, Recreation on January 8th, Schools on January 15th, MLP/DPW on December 18th, and HR sometime in January to be scheduled.

Early Annual Town Meeting Warrant Preparation

The Chair announced Advisory would discuss the Warrant Articles on January 8th if possible.

New Business/Old Business

Andy Patten thanked PBC for their presentation at the Saturday, November 23rd Advisory meeting. Consensus was favorable towards continuing with the Tolles-Parsons project. Since the BOS had not voted on Article 2 of the Second Special Town Meeting at that time, no vote was taken by Advisory. The final report was sent to the printer before Advisory's recommendation. The BOS has since voted in favor of Article 2.

Ann Marie Gross made a motion that Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 2 of the Second Special Town Meeting. Ann Rappaport seconded and the motion was approved by a show of hands 13-0.

Announcements

The Chair announced the Advisory Reports have been mailed to TMM and delivered to Town departments for both Special Town Meetings and if any Town Meeting Member had not received their copy, they could secure a copy from the Town Clerk.

Ms. Freiman announced that the next Advisory meeting would be held on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Faculty Dining Room prior to the Special Town Meetings.

Ms. Freiman adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. with no objections.