

**Advisory Committee**  
**November 5, 2014**  
**Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Andy Patten called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included Mary Crown, Thomas Engels, Tom Frisardi, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, John Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Lon Povich, Scott Tarbox and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak at this time.

Town Government Study Committee Update

Katherine Babson, Rose Mary Donahue and Linda Perlmutter were present to provide an update to Advisory. Most of the time thus far has been spent on educating the Study Committee on the status of Town government as it is now. The committee has met with all the boards and commissions, as well as department heads to secure their comments and recommendations. They are now compiling the data and will review in December. They will prioritize and move forward with those items that are most important. A review of other towns will be started in December. Fourteen other town governments have been selected to review with half of them having a town administrator form and the other half with town manager form. It is anticipated that the Town Government Study Committee will ask for authorization from the Annual Town Meeting to continue as a body longer to complete their study. Two informational sessions will be held for Town Meeting members on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Wakelin Room of the Library and on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Kingsbury Room. A survey is being developed to send out for additional input.

Special Town Meeting Review

The Chair asked Advisory members for their assessment of the recent Special Town Meeting. Although some Town Meeting members expressed that the book contained too much information, the consensus was that the book was very helpful. The presentations were well done and there were good questions from the floor. Advisory felt the meeting was not as opinionated as previous meetings. The Chair's letter was noted as being well done and a balanced view of Advisory discussions was given by the Chair during the meeting. A brief discussion of the vote on Article 11 followed.

Advisory Calendar

A review of the upcoming calendar was done. Advisory members were asked to schedule budget presentations with their boards and commissions in December.

Approval of Minutes

Lucy Kapples made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Liaison Reports

The Chair asked for liaison reports and various members of the Advisory Committee provided their reports.

New Business/Old Business

The Chair advised that the Advisory Committee Spelling Bee Team of Kathleen Woodward, Chad Harris and Thomas Engels would be at the Spelling Bee on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Sprague Elementary School.

The Advisory Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 19, 2014 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Mr. Patten adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with no objections.