

Advisory Committee
November 19, 2014
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall

John Hartnett, Pro tem, 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 Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Michael Mastrianni, Ann Rappaport, Mason Smith, Scott Tarbox and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak at this time.

DPW Capital Budget

Owen Dugan, Chair of the Board of Public Works provided the review. He was accompanied by other Board members David Donohue and Paul Criswell as well as Mike Pakstis, Director, and David Cohen, Assistant Director of the DPW. Mr. Dugan stated the capital budget objectives were maintaining infrastructure, replacing worn-out facilities and repurposing, replacing or rehabbing equipment.

DPW is requesting a total capital budget of \$2,740,000 for FY16 of which \$2,039,000 is tax impact cash capital. This figure is of note as it is lower than the projection in the last five-year plan. The budget would fund projects totaling \$701,000 through Chapter 90 funds. No borrowing request or long-term bonding is being made for this budgetary year.

Specific highlights of anticipated budgetary expenditures were reviewed including street resurfacing of \$1,322,000; sidewalk restoration of \$160,000; facilities maintenance of \$112,000; other costs of \$50,000; athletic field and playground improvements of \$178,000 and equipment procurement of \$898,000. Discussion 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. Advisory will not be meeting the week of Thanksgiving, but will resume in December. Provisional calendar assignments were made for the upcoming meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Mason Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Mason Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 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

Mr. Mastrianni reported he had attended the Town Member meeting and it was mentioned that the Special Town Meeting report was excellent. Consensus of Town Meeting members was for the Advisory Chair to present all sides during summary at the meeting.

The Advisory Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2014 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Mr. Hartnett adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with no objections.