

**Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Juliani Room, Town Hall**

Tom Frisardi called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:00pm. Those present included Mary Crown, Tom Fitzgibbons, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, Mike Hluchyj, Mark Kaplan, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Alena Poirier, Sara Raveret, Mason Smith, Ria Stolle, Scott Tarbox, and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen's Speak:

Bruce Rogoff supports forming a new Hardy-Hunnewell-Upham (HHU) Advisory Committee and thinks the committee should evaluate other proposals. He believes more work needs to be done to find a solution that will be acceptable to the community.

Board of Selectmen (BOS), update on FY17 omnibus budget

Hans Larsen, Sheryl Strother, and David Murhpy addressed the committee. The FY17 budget will be balanced by using \$2.5 million from Free Cash. This is what was projected for FY17 and was assumed in the budget guidelines. Spending is slightly more than what was expected, but increased savings on health insurance has offset the increase spending. It should be noted that several departments decreased their budget requests to help achieve the balanced budget, including the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Schools. The only outside-the-levy borrowing will be for the Tolles-Parsons Senior Center; if approved by Town Meeting, this will go to a Town-Wide vote.

Board of Selectmen, Kingsbury Street/Worcester Street intersection project

Hans Larsen, Ellen Gibbs, and David Murphy addressed the committee. The BOS plans to ask to borrow \$700,000 inside the levy to pay MassDOT to reconfigure the Route 9/Kingsbury Street intersection. MassDOT plans to repave Route 9, so this is the time to address the Town's repeated safety concerns regarding this intersection; this intersection has more incidents of crashes than other intersections in town. The Town has to balance increased safety (longer stops at traffic signals) with greater traffic delays. The Town is consulting with a traffic firm and is taking into account pedestrian and bicycle safety at this intersection as well. Decisions will have to be made on this project before the "Route 9 Corridor Study" is completed by the Planning Board.

Historical Commission, presentation concerning Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Article 26

Tad Heuer, the Chairman of the Historical Commission, explained the proposed bylaw amendment in Article 26 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM). The Stretch Energy Code makes it difficult for homeowners to preserve the historic nature of their homes when making renovations; currently, a homeowner needs to get a state variance from the State Building Code to maintain historic features of his or her own home, which is time consuming and costly. This bylaw amendment would give the Historical Commission the authority to conduct surveys to decide which homes are historic. If a home is designated as historic, then a homeowner would have the OPTION to apply for an exemption from the Stretch Building Code. It should be noted that a homeowner could always proceed with new renovations if so desired. This amendment would not expand the authority of the Historical Commission.

Discussion and vote on recommended actions, ATM Articles

Article 2

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 2, to receive the Reports of the BOS on the Town-Wide Financial Plan and the Five Year Capital Budget Program. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 5

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 5, Motion 1, as proposed by the Human Resources Board, to amend the Salary Plan. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 5, Motion 2, as proposed by the Human Resources Board, to amend the Salary Plan. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 5, Motion 3, as proposed by the Human Resources Board, to amend the Salary Plan. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 6

A decision was made to delay a vote on Article 6, the Town Clerk's salary, as the final proposal was not yet available.

Article 7

Motion 1: The BOS proposes a \$250,000 supplemental budget request for this winter's snow and ice removal.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 1. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Motion 2: The Advisory Committee is requesting \$118,800 to replenish the Advisory Reserve Fund after money was transferred out to pay for the DPW's Salt Shed contamination.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 2. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Advisory expects further Motions under Article 7, including legal fees for the Town Government Study Committee's work, but does not have further details at this time.

Article 10

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 10 as proposed by the BOS to create a Baler, Compactor, and other RDF Equipment Special Purpose Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 12

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 12 as proposed by the BOS to authorize one or more new revolving funds. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 16

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 16 as proposed by the Board of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 17

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 17, as proposed by the Board of Public Works, to borrow \$4,100,000 for water system improvements, including new water meters. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 18

Advisory members asked about the maintenance and security of the proposed new Hunnewell Field Restroom Facility. Members also repeated their preference for the BPW to have requested funding from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to help pay for this project. The amount being requested for this Article is \$300,000. No vote was taken at this time.

Article 19

Article 19 has five Motions that concern CPC funding.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 19, Motion 1, as proposed by the CPC, to appropriate \$120,000 for administrative purposes and for the Historic Resources and the Community Housing designated reserve funds. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 19, Motion 2, as proposed by the CPC, to appropriate \$20,400 from the Historical Resources Reserve for the processing and preservation of family collections. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 19, Motion 3, as proposed by the CPC, to appropriate \$20,000 from the Historical Resources Reserve for the Wellesley Planning Board to update historic district guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 19, Motion 4, as proposed by the CPC, to appropriate \$60,000 from the undesignated Community Preservation Fund to carry out the statutorily-required Comprehensive Plan and the recently endorsed Town-Wide Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 19, Motion 5, as proposed by the CPC, to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the undesignated Community Preservation Fund to help fund the construction phase of the rehabilitation of the Hunnewell Field track and playing field. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Article 22

Sara Raveret made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 22, as proposed by the School Committee and the BOS, to use \$200,000 from Free Cash for a planning and feasibility study of the renovation, reconstruction, addition, consolidation, or replacement of the Hunnewell, Hardy, and Upham elementary schools. The motion was seconded by Mason Smith; the motion was approved, 14 to 0.

Approval of minutes

None were presented at this time.

Old business/new business

Liaisons discussed the Tolles-Parsons Center, Schools, and the Natural Resources Commission.

The next Advisory meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, at 7pm in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Tom Frisardi adjourned the meeting at 11pm with no objections.