

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

Those present from the Advisory Committee included: Todd Cook, Julie Bryan, Jennifer Fallon, Mary Gard, Neil Goins, Rusty Kellogg, John Lanza, Bill Maynard, Deed McCollum, Paul Merry, Lina Musayev, Betsy Roberti, Patti Quigley and Ralph Tortorella.

Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**7:00 Citizen Speak**

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

Advisory Committee members were asked to introduce themselves and new members were thanked for agreeing to serve on Advisory.

**7:04 p.m. Orientation from Finance Committee – Sheryl Strother**

- Overview of Advisory's role with respect to a finance committee
- General overview of financial principles for Town. There were questions regarding guidelines, OPEB and other general areas of finance
- Summary of 2019 revenue and turnback. There were questions and comments regarding the amount of the reserves and how the funds might be allocated in the future
- Outlook for 2020
  - Lots of uncertainty about school projects and 40B/40R projects
  - No modeling in the budget for those things now because of the unknowns
- Outlook for 2021
  - Too far in future to really project
  - There are many new capital projects planned
  - Budgeting and forecasting are conservative from Finance
  - Cash Capital requests will need to be trimmed

There were questions and comments from Advisory regarding the definition of cash capital and when cash capital can be used for things that might otherwise be considered operations.

**7:50 p.m. Liaison Reports and Administrative Matters**

Liaison assignments were reviewed as follows:

Todd Cook reviewed the liaison assignments:

- Library – Betsy Roberti
- School Building Committee – Mary Gard
- Schools – Lina Musayev
- Planning – Bill Maynard
- Recreation/Playing Fields Task Force – Mary Scanlon

- Facilities Management Department/Audit – Rusty Kellogg
- Human Resources/Council on Aging – Jennifer Fallon
- Permanent Building Committee– Neal Goins
- Board of Health/Historical Commission– John Lanza
- Unassigned – Patti Quigley
- Natural Resources Commission – Paul Merry
- Community Preservation Committee/Sustainable Energy Committee – Deed McCollum
- Board of Public Works/Municipal Light Board – Ralph Tortorella
- General Government – Todd Cook

School Building Committee (SBC)/Mary Gard

- SBC has been meeting all summer
- SBC leaning toward a new vs a renovated Hunnewell
- Hardy/Upham project is being treated as a separate project because of the MSBA process which is a slower process
- Swing space is the biggest issue. St. Paul's is no longer an option. Internal swing space seems to be the most feasible but depending on enrollment, not all the other schools will be used

There was a brief discussion regarding the Special Town Meeting planned for December for the approval of the design funds for Hunnewell School.

**8:03 p.m. Minutes Approval**

Julie Bryan made and Mary Gard seconded a motion to approve the June 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously (4 yes, 0 no, 9 abstained).

Julie Bryan made and Bill Maynard seconded a motion to approve the June 26, 2019 Executive Session minutes. The motion passed unanimously (3 yes, 0 no, 10 abstained).

**8:05 p.m. Adjourn**

Paul Merry made and Betsy Roberti seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (13-0).