

Approved April 11, 2019

**Advisory Committee Meeting
Faculty Dining Room, Wellesley Middle School
Monday, April 1, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Those present from the Advisory Committee included Jane Andrews, Julie Bryan, Rose Mary Donahue, Mary Gard, Jeff Levitan, Bill Maynard, Paul Merry, Dave Murphy, Lina Musayev, Betsy Roberti, Tom Skelly and Andrea Ward.

6:32 p.m. Citizen Speak

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

6:32 p.m. Minutes Approval/Liaison Reports/Administrative Matters

Andrea Ward made and Betsy Roberti seconded a motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2019; March 25, 2019; and March 26, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Mental Health Services Initiative

- Board of Selectmen (BOS) will be discussing this at its meeting on Thursday, 4/4
- Beth Sullivan Woods will come to Advisory meeting on Monday, April 8, to discuss

Permanent Building Committee (PBC)/Rose Mary Donahue

- Things going very smoothly with Town Hall exterior project
- Hope to be able to cover everything with additional funds
- As to Article 19 (Middle School steam pipes), PBC did formally approve bids at its meeting on March 28

Municipal Light Plant (MLP)/Bill Maynard

- MLP has purchased and fully hedged the remainder of its power needs for the next five years; taking advantage of some low rates
- Will save ~\$600,000 from forecast in five-year plan, and significantly reduce cost volatility through 2023

There was a question about what the green options include: Includes purchases from wind farm off the Connecticut/Rhode Island shore; Danish company is going to finance battery farm for us in conjunction with that; MLP is taking probably biggest available piece from the wind farm (4-5% of output), and may even step up that amount if, as looks likely, Wellesley College becomes a full needs customer of the MLP.

There was a brief discussion about the future of the MLP's voluntary renewables program (which was established to create a portfolio that consisted of 10% renewables) given that the portfolio is currently close to 20% renewables; MLP has some different ideas on how to move forward.

There was a question whether the MLP has any interest in the Canadian hydro project that is supposed to come from Maine: ISO-New England is definitely looking at that and seeing what will be available, when, and at what cost.

An Advisory member commented that the Town is not currently on track to reach its goal – voted by ATM – to cut greenhouse gas emission by 25% by 2020; Town needs to determine who is responsible for meeting that goal and how it will be achieved; SEC has taken steps, but no real plan. A brief discussion of the issue followed, including the comment that the Town could achieve the goal if the MLP decided to buy 70% renewables.

6:55 p.m. Adjourn

Andrea Ward made and Rose Mary Donahue seconded a motion to adjourn at the adjournment of tonight's session of Annual Town Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.