

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

Those present from the Advisory Committee included Jane Andrews, Julie Bryan, Todd Cook, Rose Mary Donahue, Bob Furlong, Mary Gard, Bill Maynard, Paul Merry, Betsy Roberti and Andrea Ward.

Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Citizen Speak**

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

**Discussion of Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting (STM)**

All Advisory members received an email update from Meghan Jop on the Board of Selectmen (BOS) April 22 meeting and the status of the development agreements for Delanson Circle and Weston Road projects. All documents are available on the “Special Town Meeting” page of the Town website. [www.wellesleyma.gov](http://www.wellesleyma.gov).

There was a brief discussion about the status of the STM Advisory Report and votes on the various articles. At the April 11 public hearing, Advisory voted on the two non-zoning articles – the mental health and social services funding (Article 9) and the proposed change to the bylaws regarding the posting of notice for Town Meeting (Article 10). The Planning Board is voting on the zoning articles (Articles 2-8) on Monday, May 6 and Advisory will vote them on Wednesday, May 8. The STM Report will be mailed to Town Meeting Members (TMMs) on Thursday, May 2, without Advisory’s votes on the zoning articles. After the May 8 meeting, Advisory will draft a supplement/update including considerations and votes on the zoning articles and email that to TMMs.

A question was asked whether the BOS had voted: The BOS has executed all three Development Agreements and are sponsors of the articles; their support is implicit by virtue of their sponsorship of the articles.

A question was asked about the status of the Advisory Chair letter: That went to the printer earlier this afternoon; should arrive in residents’ homes the middle of next week; PDF is in Dropbox.

A comment was made that it would be helpful if Meghan Jop were available to attend Advisory’s May 8 voting meeting to answer any questions/provide updates. An additional comment was made expressing hope that the Planning Board’s report might be available in time for the May 8 Advisory meeting.

**Minutes Approval**

Andrea Ward made and Paul Merry seconded a motion to approve the February 27, March 6, March 27, and April 11 minutes. All were unanimously approved.

**Liaison Reports**

School Building Committee (SBC)/Jane Andrews

- Timeline with SBC goals and agendas for the next 5 weeks has been forwarded to Advisory members

- Public forum on Hunnewell planned for Thursday, May 9 at the Middle School
- Looking for feedback over the next few weeks; will be doing a lot of listening
- Advisory would not really be affected until next fall at the earliest
- Tomorrow night's SBC meeting will feature in-depth review of sustainability components

#### School Committee (SC)/Jane Andrews

- SC met last night; a couple of financial matters that are relevant came up
- Upham parents came out in force and argued very strongly to have a minimum of two sections per grade
  - Upham's enrollment has gone down so there is only one section in some grades
  - SC said this has fiscal implications and they are going to try to tweak enrollment policy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report news is good overall
  - Extra \$225,000 in the Circuit Breaker account
  - Expected savings of \$306,000 in special education (SPED) residential tuitions
  - On the other side, there are additional costs of \$228,000 for paraprofessionals and instructional assistants
  - \$240,000 of encumbrances could be returned to the Town if there are no other unexpected expenses

A question was asked whether the positive FY19 financial news was attributable to the prior SPED budgeting method that included potential as well as known costs: Yes.

A question was asked whether excess School funds could be put in the Stabilization Fund instead of being turned back: They need to be turned back; the Stabilization Fund can only be funded by action of Town Meeting.

A question was asked whether the Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) is looking at presenting guidelines for sustainable buildings: Yes, SEC has a draft set of sustainable building guidelines and is making presentations to seek input on them from many different Town departments/boards.

#### **Adjourn**

At 7:19 p.m., Bob Furlong made and Mary Scanlon seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.