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Advisory Committee Meeting
Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall
Wednesday, July 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Those present from Advisory Committee included Julie Bryan, Todd Cook, Jennifer Fallon, Neal Goins, John Lanza, Deed McCollum, Paul Merry, Lina Musayev, Patti Quigley, Betsy Roberti, and Mary Scanlon.

Julie Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

7:00 p.m. Citizen Speak

There was no one present for Citizen Speak.

Discussion and vote on year end transfer

Sheryl Strother, Finance Director gave a summary of the transfer request to resolve year end deficits. Legal budget – BOS approved an expense transfer to solve the legal deficit of \$12,000. Asking Advisory to approve as well .

Advisory questions:

How does this compare to last year's budget? About \$100,000 over. Spent \$100,000 more because of all the changes related to COVID and re-scheduling Town Meeting and navigating COVID. \$100,000 more than last year in legal fees.

No materials were sent around before meeting. BOS had a lot of legal bills.

Where is this coming from? From BOS unused expense to legal expense.

Is this FY 20 or FY 21? It's FYI 20.

How much does the BOS have squirrelled away in their unused expenses? About \$17,000 and there was about \$2000 in misc. bills.

A lot of legal costs related to COVID and how conduct Town Meeting. Thought \$100,000 previously approved at Town Meeting in Article 7 Free Cash would be enough but ended up needing an additional \$12,000. This is a high year.

Does this take us through end of June? Yes, it does.

Concern expressed about the lack of documentation. Advisory would like more information.

COVID expenses will be reimbursed through CARES money.

Clarification was requested to explain the process. Confirmation was requested that this is a transfer of funds requested by and approved by BOS, the special act requires Advisory to ratify decision.

Concern was expressed that back up is not available to Advisory until after the meeting and is not available prior to the meeting.

CARES act reimbursement and where does money go when received. CARES money will go back to the general fund. \$500,000 draws down from CARES money so far.

Neal Goins made and Patti Quigley seconded a motion to approve the \$12,000 transfer as requested by BOS and as stated in transfer request

Roll Call Vote:

John Lanza– yes
Patti Quigley– yes
Jennifer Fallon - yes
Mary Gard - yes
Rusty Kellogg - yes
Todd Cook - yes
Paul Merry - yes
Deed McCollum - yes
Mary Scanlon - yes
Lina Musayev-yes
Betsy Roberti- yes
Neal Goins – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

7:20 Liaison Reports/Administrative Matters/Minutes

John Lanza, BOH

There has been an upswing in mental health issues; BOH wants to hire additional personnel but are continuing to see an increase in mental health issues. BOH will come back to Advisory to include change to budget to include additional personnel.

Administrative and organizational topics were discussed.

7:30 p.m. Adjourn

Lina Musayev made and Neal Goins seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

John Lanza– yes
Patti Quigley– yes
Jennifer Fallon - yes
Mary Gard - yes
Rusty Kellogg - yes
Todd Cook - yes
Paul Merry - yes
Deed McCollum - yes
Mary Scanlon – yes
Lina Musayev-yes
Betsy Roberti- yes
Neal Goins– yes

Motion passed unanimously.