

**Wellesley Select Board
Policy Subcommittee Meeting (PSC)
September 28, 2023
Minutes**

Present: Colette Aufranc, Tom Ulfelder, Meghan Jop, Cay Meagher, Sheryl Strother

Documents:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes of 8/23/23
- Reserve Data of Aaa Rate Municipalities in MA

Colette opened the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Public Comment:

There was no one for Public Comment.

Discuss and Vote Minutes

The Policy Subcommittee (PSC) reviewed the minutes from August 23, 2023. Upon a motion by Mr. Ulfelder and seconded by Ms. Aufranc, the PSC voted unanimously to approve the minutes from August 23, 2023.

Discussion of Policies

Appointment Policy: The PSC reviewed the modified Appointment Policy. Upon final review, the PSC recommended returning the Appointment Policy to the Select Board for review and discussion.

Financial Policies: The PSC and staff reviewed the comparative information of several peer communities. The group discussed defining the comparable communities, noting Wellesley should only look at Moody's Aaa rated communities. The group in reflecting on the policies, discussed the purpose of both restricted and unrestricted reserves, noted the varying policy objectives relating to expenditures and limits of Free Cash.

The group discussed the Town's use of \$2.5 million in the base budget assumptions each year. It was noted that as the Town tapers the OPEB

spending each year, the Town should begin to taper the Free Cash spending at the same rate to phase out the impact to the operating budget. The PSC reviewed the use of excess reserves in the existing Reserve's Policy and noted the requirements should be updated to reflect more current practice.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm.