

**Advisory Meeting  
Wednesday November 9, 2011  
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Virginia Ferko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present also included Robert Capozzi, Rebecca Epstein, Marjorie Freiman, Ann Marie Gross, Laura Hockett, Catherine Johnson, Philip Licari, David Murphy, Maura Murphy, Richard Page, Deborah Robi, Richard Woerner, Derek Redgate and Jack Haley (7:28).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Linda Waters, Director of Special Student Services for the School Department, Suzanne Littlefield, School Committee Chair, and K.C. Kato, School Committee, gave a presentation on STTI.

Citizen Speak

None

Approval of Minutes October 12, 2011

Upon a motion by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett the October 12, 2011 minutes were approved 14-0.

Discussion Re: Special Town Meeting Articles

Article 9 – Liquor License Legislation

David Murphy gave a brief update on Article 9. Questions from the Committee were addressed.

Article 6 MLP Building Addition

Dick Joyce, Municipal Light Plant (“MLP”) Director, Mike Eby, Permanent Building Committee (“PBC”) Chair, Paul Criswell, MLP Board, Bill Charlton, MLP Board, and Debra Healy, MLP Business Manager, presented. Power point slides were presented. The MLP and PBC representatives explained the reasons for the increase in the projected cost of the building, including the requirement for different piers and compliance with the stretch building code, but said that the initial estimates proved to be inaccurate.

Questions from the Committee were addressed

Upon a motion made by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett, after further discussion, the Advisory Committee recommended favorable action on the motion expected under Article 6, 13 to 1.

Article 4 -Amend Salary Play – Pay Schedule Fire Department Personnel &  
Article 5-Removal of Personnel from Civil Service (Fire Department Personnel)

Richard DeLorie, Fire Department Chief, Jeffery Peterson, Fire Department Deputy Chief, Katherine Babson, Board of Selectmen, Hans Larsen, Executive Director, and Susan Adler, Human Resources Director presented. Power point slides were presented. A brief background was given on the Fire Department and Civil Service. The presenters explained the obstacles to hiring the best candidates that are created by the Civil Service system and that leaving Civil Service would diversify the Department and help the Department to provide better services for the Town.

Mr. Larsen explained that the Board of Selectmen has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the firefighters union and explained the principal terms of the Memorandum. The contract will be for a three year term and will provide wage increases and additional educational incentives. In exchange, the firefighters will agree to removal of the firefighters from civil service along with other concessions such as drug testing and direct deposit. There will be no impact on the FY12 budget (as the wage increases were already included in the budget) and some of the increase in the FY13 budget will be offset by eliminating the subsidy previously paid to the ambulance provider.

Questions from the Committee were addressed.

Upon a motion made by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett, following further discussion, the Advisory Committee recommended favorable action on the motion expected under Article 4, 14 to 0.

Upon a motion made by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett, following further discussion, the Advisory Committee recommended favorable action on motion expected under Article 5, 14 to 0.

Article 9 – Liquor License Legislation

Ms Babson made an announcement regarding an update on Article 9 and the proposed liquor license legislation. Town counsel talked to the ABCC who recommended that once the special legislation is approved, the matter should be put to a town wide vote. The Board will seek three things from the General Court: to reduce the seating requirement from 100 to 50 seats, to increase the cap on beer and wine licenses to 12, and to put the matter to a town wide vote.

Questions from the Committee were addressed

Upon a motion made by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett the Advisory Committee, following further discussion, recommended favorable action on the motion expected under Article 9, 14-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Documents: Power point presentation on STTI; MLP Administrative Building power point presentation; Article 4 and 5 power point presentations.