

**Advisory Committee
December 14, 2011
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Virginia Ferko called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 (7:40), and Jack Healy. Derek Redgate was absent.

Citizens Speak

None

Board of Selectmen (BOS) Capital Budget

Barbara Searle, BOS Chair, Terri Tsgaris, BOS Vice Chair, Ellen Gibbs, BOS Secretary Hans Larsen, Executive Director, and Christopher Ketchen, Deputy Director presented the BOS Capital Budget request. Ms. Searle gave a quick summary of the total Capital Budget which totals \$1,000,474. Mr. Larsen then reviewed the non-facilities portion of the budget in detail and Christopher Ketchen reviewed the facilities portion of the budget in detail. The budget reflects the need to increase investment in facilities maintenance.

Questions from the Committee were addressed.

School Committee Capital Budget

Suzy Littlefield, School Committee Chair, Bella Wong, School Superintendent, Rob Ford, Director of Technology, and Joe McDonough, School Facilities Director, presented power point slides and walked the Advisory Committee through \$1,850,796 in total requests. Ms Littlefield indicated that the request includes additional funding for video monitoring at the middle school, which is needed due to the large size, the proximity to Route 9, the inability to lock the doors and the expensive equipment contained in the school. She said that video monitoring will protect the safety of property and persons and also aid in bullying prevention and discipline.

Questions from the committee were addressed.

Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Maintenance - Update

Tom Goemaat Chair of Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance presented. The Ad Hoc Committee has prepared an initial draft of its report, which Mr. Goemaat described. The committee plans to recommend centralizing town and school facilities maintenance effective July 1, 2012. The new department would have a standalone budget which would include all items relating to facilities maintenance that are currently included in the separate department budgets, as well as additional funding for management and some trades people. The new department will be charged with developing a long term preventative maintenance plan.

Questions from the committee were addressed.

Calendar Updates

The Advisory committee has scheduled a meeting for Jan 7. 2012 tentatively for 8:30am-11:00am at the police station.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm

Documents: Agenda, Wellesley Public Schools FY13 Capital Request handout, School Dept Five Year Capital Plan Handout, Wellesley Public Schools FY2013 School Committee Cash Capital Budget