

**Advisory Committee**  
**February 4, 2015**  
**Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Andy Patten called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included Mary Crown, Tom Frisardi, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, John Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Ann Rappaport, Sara Raveret, Mason Smith, and Scott Tarbox.

Citizen Speak

Colette Aufranc, Treasurer of Central Council, addressed the committee regarding the financial support that the PTOs provide for the schools.

Schools FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets

Patti Quigley, Chair of the School Committee, and Dr. David Lussier, Superintendent, provided the budget review. Other presenters were Judy Belliveau, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Lori Cimeno, Director of K-12 Student Services; Gayle McCracken, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Dean Blase, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Kathy Dooley, Director of Technology. They advised the budget was compiled with the Town's fiscal goals and challenges in mind while attempting to provide an educational system which would meet core values, meet legal mandates, address level service and the strategic plan and be the most efficient and cost effective.

The budget was created by taking FY15 values and adding COLA, longevity, special education costs, other contractual costs, transportation, and Chapter 222. These numbers were then adjusted for circuit breaker reimbursement for FY16 and the loss of circuit breaker carryover to give the FY16 base. Circuit breaker reimbursement for FY16 is estimated at 70% or \$381,031.

The FY16 Operating Budget is impacted mainly by compensation and legal mandates. Enrollment is dropping in the elementary schools while increasing in the middle and high schools. The schools anticipate a total enrollment of 4,971 in FY16.

The FY16 request is for Personal Services of \$58,576,366 with expenses of \$8,538,451 for a total Operating Budget of \$67,114,817. This represents an increase of 5.65% from FY15. This is the final year of some contractual agreements and these will have to be renegotiated in the near future.

The FY16 Cash Capital Budget request is for \$856,066 which represents a 3.90% increase from FY15. The components of the Cash Capital Budget are FF&E (\$128,381) and Technology (\$727,685). The majority of the funding request for FF&E is slated for cameras, furniture, rugs and musical instruments and equipment. Technology funding is for replacement costs of \$483,865, new equipment \$236,320 and installation fees \$7,500.

### Approval of Minutes

Mason Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

### Liaison Reports

None were presented at this time.

### New Business/Old Business

The calendar was reviewed and dates assigned for various departments to make their budget presentations.

The Advisory Committee will meet in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall. The Advisory Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall. This will be followed by a regular meeting.