

**Advisory Committee Special Session
February 10, 2015
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

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

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak at this time.

CPC Annual Town Meeting Articles

Barbara McMahon, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee gave the report. She was accompanied by Allan Port, Tripp Sheehan, Patti Quigley and Andy Wrobel,

Article 15 - Community Preservation Budget

This article authorizes appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund for expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, makes debt service payments and undertakes preservation projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Act was reviewed including its role, funding and the CPC member composition. Past appropriations, current and planned projects were also outlined. Objectives include maintaining appropriate distribution among the allowed uses, retaining fiscal reserves and supporting projects which might not otherwise be completed. A review of the financial plan for FY13 through FY20 was discussed showing revenue sources, appropriations and fund balances.

FY16 draft budget shows revenues of \$1,410,211 which includes local surcharges of \$1,122,306; estimated State matching \$277,904 (26%) and interest \$10,000. Possible appropriations include \$65,000 for administrative costs; High School Playing Field \$166,000; Historical Plaques \$82,000; Historical Society \$6,200; NRC Requests \$120,000; Other \$450,000 and Debt Service \$610,000. Planned Reserve Appropriations are \$450,000.

Possible motions for ATM will include funding for Hills Branch Library (amount to be determined at a later date); NRC requests for Morse Pond Shore Line Study (\$20,000), Comprehensive Study of Town Ponds (\$100,000), Land Use Study of Tennis Courts (\$2,500); and Playing Fields Task Force Design Funding (\$166,000).

Planning Board Articles for ATM

Michael Zehner, Planning Director and Sara Preston, Chair of Planning Board gave the overview of ATM Articles. These changes are the result of a review of Zoning Bylaws and needed clarification of some items.

Article 27 – Recodification of Zoning Bylaw Preamble of Zoning Bylaw as Section 1, *General Provisions*, and amend by deleting Section XXVI, Adoption/Amendment Procedures, Section XXVII, *Existing Bylaws Not Repealed*, and Section XXVIII, *Invalidity* and to incorporate these sections within recodified Section 1, *General Provisions*.

Article 28 – Recodification and restructuring of Zoning Bylaw Section 1A, *Definitions* as Section 1A, *Definitions* and amend the section by adding, deleting and/or revision provisions for the use and meaning of certain terms and constructions and update references.

Article 29 – Recodification of Section 1, Establishment of Districts to Section 1B, *Establishment of Districts & Zoning Map* and amend by clarifying the classifications of general and overlay zoning districts and add provisions addressing zoning of properties divided by two or more zoning district boundaries.

Article 30 – Amending Section II, *Single Residence Districts* by clarifying that Single Residence Area Districts function as separate zoning districts.

Article 31 – Amending the Zoning Bylaw to authorize outdoor dining in restaurants.

Article 32 – Amending the Zoning Bylaw to establish regulations for location of residential driveways.

Article 33 – Amending the Zoning Bylaw to modify regulations of lighted window signs

Article 34 – Amending the Zoning Bylaw to provide allowance or exemption of certain historical information signs to allow for sizing of one and on-half foot.

Approval of Minutes

None were presented at this time.

Liaison Reports

None were presented at this time.

New Business/Old Business

Advisory discussed the School Budget presented at an earlier meeting. Advisory appreciates the transparency shown and the focus on resources and uses. They recognize that the School budget is highly impacted by Special Education costs and governmental statutes, as well as contractual labor agreements. They recognize the importance of good schools to the community and the need to implement new programs such as elementary school language courses. However, they feel the Town does not have the inclination to approve a budget override and some programs may need to be delayed. Also the possible loss of outside funding resources such as Circuit Breaker will impact the budget negatively.

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

Advisory will hold a Public Hearing for the Annual Town Meeting on February 11th at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

The Advisory Committee will meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Mr. Patten adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m. with no objections.