

Advisory Committee
March 11, 2015
Juliani 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, Thomas Engels, Tom Frisardi, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, John Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Ann Rappaport, Sara Raveret, Mason Smith, Scott Tarbox and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak at this time.

ATM Articles – Votes

Article 2 – Receipt of Town-Wide Financial Plan and Five-Year Capital Plan

This Article asks Town Meeting to accept the TWFP, but not approve it.

Mary Crown made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 2.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mason Smith and approved by a show of hands, 12-0.

Article 6 – Town Clerk Salary

This Article would appropriate an *unknown amount at this time* for the Town Clerk salary.

This article will be voted prior to or at Town Meeting.

Article 7 – Supplemental Appropriations

Ann Rappaport made a motion to recommend favorable action on considering winter maintenance appropriations in two amounts of \$400,000 for dates of January 30, 2015 and February 15, 2015 prior to the full amount vote below. Mary Crown seconded the motion and it was approved by a show of hands, 12-0.

Motion 1 requests a total FY15 supplemental appropriation of \$800,000 to BPW for winter maintenance.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 1.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hussey and approved by a show of hands, 12-0.

Motion 2 requests a supplemental FY15 appropriation of \$472,344 to the School Committee which will address Special Education increases.

John Hartnett made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 2.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 12-1*.

**Lucy Kapples entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m. thereby increasing the number of voting members to 13.*

Motion 3 requests a supplemental FY15 appropriation of \$100,000 to the BOS for increased legal expenses.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 7, Motion 3.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 13-0.

Article 8 – Omnibus Budget

Motion 1 accepts a \$1 million payment from MLP and must be authorized to include the funds into the tax rate.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 8, Motion 1.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Lucy Kapples and approved by a show of hands, 14-0*.

**Tom Frisardi entered the meeting at 7:54 p.m. thereby increasing the number of voting members to 14.*

Motion 2 authorizes the appropriation of funds for operating budgets, cash capital spending and debt service of departments/boards.

This motion will be voted prior to or at Town Meeting.

Motion 3 – appropriates Free Cash to balance the tax-impact budget

This motion will be voted prior to or at Town Meeting.

Article 10 – Special Purpose Stabilization

This Article seeks approval to appropriate \$40,946 from Free Cash to the special purpose municipal stabilization fund established at the STM in December 2013 to pay medical claims of firefighters and police officers injured in the line of duty.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 10.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Thomas Engels and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 11 - Electric

MLP seeks appropriation of revenues from ratepayers and other sources and any cash on hand as of June 30, 2015 for payment of the MLP operating and capital expenditures in FY16.

Tom Frisardi made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 11.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 12 – Water

BPW requests appropriation of Water Enterprise Fund's FY16 receipts and cash on hand as of June 30, 2015 for payment of Water Division's operating and capital expenditures in FY16 provided expenditures do not exceed \$11,621,440.

John Hartnett made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 12.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 13 – Sewer

BPW requests appropriation of the Sewer Enterprise Fund's FY16 receipts and cash on hand as of June 30, 2015 for payment of the Sewer Division operating and capital expenditures in FY16 provided expenditures do not exceed \$8,557,522.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 13.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mason Smith and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 14 – Revolving Funds

Motion 1 seeks approval for annual authorization or reauthorization of the Town revolving funds established under Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Lucy Kapples made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 14, Motion 1.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hartnett and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 2 seeks authorization for the formation of a new revolving fund for Lost/Damaged Library Materials Replacement not to exceed \$15,000.

Lucy Kapples made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 14, Motion 2.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 15 – CPA Appropriations

This Article seeks approval to make several appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund as recommended by CPC:

Motion 1 – appropriation of \$65,000 for administrative purposes and \$150,000 to each of the three Community Preservation designated reserve funds.

John Hartnett made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 1.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Lucy Kapples and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 2 - appropriation of \$6,200 from Historical Resources Reserve for processing and preservation of the Margaret Urann Archival Collection.

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 2.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 3 – appropriation of \$82,000 from Historical Resources Reserve for the Wellesley Historical Commission Historic Plaque Program.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 3.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 4 – appropriation of \$20,000 from the Open Space Reserve to fund erosion study of Morses Pond shoreline.

Lucy Kapples made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 4.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hartnett and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 5 – appropriation of \$100,000 from the Open Space Reserve to fund a comprehensive pond management planning study.

Lucy Kapples made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 5.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 6 – appropriation of \$2,750 from the undesignated Community Preservation Fund to evaluate the south chimney wall of the Hills Branch Library.

Lucy Kapples made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 15, Motion 6.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 7 – appropriation of \$166,000 from the undesignated Community Preservation Fund to design and permit rehabilitation of the Hunnewell Field track and playing field.

This Motion will be voted prior to or at Town Meeting.

Article 37 – Rescinded Debt

Motion 1 seeks to rescind debt that was previously appropriated to the PBC at the 2013 ATM and STM: Fiske/Schofield Design \$536,031 rescinded, PBC Capital Bundle \$297,366 rescinded, DPW Highway HVAC \$142,196 rescinded and School Phone VOIP \$36,957 rescinded.

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 37, Motion 1.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hartnett and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Motion 2 rescinds borrowing authority for three projects as the Town is no longer going to borrow for these projects: PBC \$473,664 rescinded - \$771,030 authorized, BPW \$160,000 rescinded - \$400,000 authorized and PBC \$173,140 rescinded - \$173,140 authorized.

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 37, Motion 2.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 16 – Preschool Feasibility & Design

This Article seeks approval to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to the School Committee and BOS for a feasibility study to determine spacing resources for possible expansion of the Integrated Preschool at Wellesley Schools (PAWS) program.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 16.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 17 – School Security

This Article request appropriation of design funds to the PBC for the development of a security plan for all Wellesley schools other than Fiske and Schofield and to fund this appropriation through short-term borrowing inside the levy.

This Motion will be voted prior to or at Town Meeting after PBC has reviewed RFP's received and vote the finalists on March 19th and negotiate fees on March 26th.

Article 18 – Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham Schools

This Article requests appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the School Committee and BOS to fund further development of plans for Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham Schools especially

Geographic Information System enrollment analysis, evaluate traffic, consider timing of renovations, reconstructions and or consolidations of these schools.

Mary Crown made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 18.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 21 – Water Meter Replacement

This Article requests authorization to borrow \$4 million for the replacement of approximately 12,000 residential and commercial water meters in Town. There is no tax impact for this item as the borrowing will be within the Water Enterprise Fund and paid back through customer charges.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 21.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Thomas Engels and approved by a show of hands, 13-0-1 abstain.

Article 23 – Easement

This Article seeks approval of easements usually for utility service access. The developer of 84 Hopkinson Street is seeking an easement to bring electricity to the property which is being subdivided.

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 23.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 24 – Fractional Payment for CVS

This Article seeks approval to transfer \$96,897 from the Town to the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation which was deposited by GB New England2, LLC, the developer of 984, 990 and 990R Worcester Street for the purpose of satisfying the obligation of providing a fractional unit of affordable housing as part of the development.

John Hartnett made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 24.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Mary Crown and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 25 – Extend Town Government Study Committee

This Article seeks to extend the life of the TGSC to the 2016 Annual Town Meeting as established under Article 30 of the 2014 ATM and expand its scope to review the Town Bylaws for technical or other changes. It requests an appropriation of \$32,000 for further consultant services (\$10,000), legal assistance (\$17,000) and miscellaneous (\$5,000).

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 25.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hartnett and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 42 – Fire Engineer

This Article authorizes the BOS to appoint one or more of its members as fire engineer.

Ann Rappaport made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 42.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by John Hartnett and approved by a show of hands, 14-0.

Article 3 – Consent Agenda

This Article seeks the Town vote on several articles with a single vote to include Article 4: amend Job Classifications, Article 12: Appropriation of Water Program, Article 13: Appropriation of Sewer Program, Article 37: Rescind Debt and Article 42: Appoint Fire Engineer.

Thomas Engels made a motion Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 3.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Ann Rappaport and approved by a show of hands, 12-0.

Minutes

This item was added to the agenda with no objections.

Ann Rappaport made a friendly amendment to the minutes of March 4, 2015 to correct some grammatical errors. Lucy Kapples made a friendly amendment to some of the language in the School security item. There were no objections.

John Hartnett made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2015 as amended. The motion was seconded by John Hussey and approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Mason Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2015. The motion was seconded by John Hussey and approved unanimously by a show of hands.

The Advisory Committee will meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2015 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Mr. Patten adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m. with no objections.