

**Advisory Committee**  
**September 16, 2015**  
**Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Tom Frisardi called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 6:00pm. Those present included Mary Crown, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, Mike Hluchyj, Mark Kaplan, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Alena Poirier, Sara Raveret, Ria Stolle, Scott Tarbox, and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak: No one wished to speak at this time.

Human Resources Board Discussion on Town Government Study Committee's recommendations:

John Roslansky, the HR Board Chair, and Scott Szczebak, the HR Director, gave the presentation and are supportive of the TGSC's recommendations. They envision many benefits to having a Town Manager in charge, including standardization of the hiring process, personnel policies, and performance reviews.

Natural Resources Commission Discussion on TGSC's recommendations:

Stephen Murphy, the NRC Chair, and Lisa Olney, the NRC Vice Chair, discussed the NRC's concerns with the TGSC's proposals. They do support the recommendations that a Town strategic plan be implemented and that a Town Manager position be created. However, they want the Natural Resources Director to continue reporting to the NRC Board (not to a Deputy Town Manager), and they do not think the NRC should be moved into a new Planning and Land Management Division. They do not want the NRC to lose its independent voice to protect and preserve the town's natural resources. They are also concerned that their staff would be pulled away from the work of the NRC and into other town departments. They suggested a different organizational structure that would have a "dotted line" from the Natural Resources Director to the TM, with the NR Director continuing to report to the NRC.

Advisory Committee Discussion on TGSC's proposals, legislation, and bylaws:

AC Members agreed that the creation of a Town Manager position makes sense, and that the town would benefit from a Strategic Plan. Members had different opinions on the proposed creation of the Planning and Land Management Division, whether or not the NRC should be included in the new division, and whether the division should be created with bylaw changes. Many expressed concern that discussion and debate over the details of the TGSC's proposals would present a challenge at the Special Town Meeting.

Permanent Building Committee and School Committee Discussion on School Security Improvements:

Wendy Paul, the Vice Chair of the School Committee, presented the School Security Project goals, background, and considerations. Matt King, the Chair of the Permanent Building Committee, presented the review scope and working cost estimate of the suggested improvements. The current estimates do not yet include all fees. The PBC and the SC are tentatively scheduled to present the final review of the project scope and independent cost estimate at the Advisory Meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Liaison Reports: None were presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Mary Crown made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Michael Mastrianni, and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Old/New Business: Tom Frisardi said that an Administrative Assistant might be hired early next week.

The next Advisory Meeting will be at 9am on Saturday, September 26th, in the Arnold Conference Room in the Wellesley Public Library.

Tom Frisardi adjourned the meeting at 10:10pm with no objections.