

Advisory Committee
October 21, 2015
Felix Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall

Tom Frisardi called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 7:00pm. Those present included Mary Crown, Tom Fitzgibbons, John Hartnett, Mike Hluchyj, Mark Kaplan, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Alena Poirier, Sara Raveret, Mason Smith, Ria Stolle, Scott Tarbox, and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak:

No one wished to speak at this time.

Approval of Minutes:

(This item on the agenda was taken out of order.) Mary Crown made a motion to approve the minutes of September 30. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Tom Frisardi requested three changes to terminology in the minutes of October 7 (“adjourned” instead of “postponed”; “close” instead of “adjourn”; and “reopened” instead of “resumed”). John Hartnett made a motion to approve the amended minutes of October 7. The motion was seconded and the amended minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Mason Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Meet with DPW to discuss site contamination issue at salt shed construction:

Owen Dugan, from the Board of Public Works, David Hickey, the Town Engineer, and Mike Pakstis, Director of the Department of Public Works, addressed the committee. During excavation activities related to the construction of a new salt shed, DPW crews encountered four crushed drums and a distinct odor. Engineering staff contacted Clean Ventures Inc. and made arrangements to containerize the drums and impacted soil. Field screening was conducted and the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) was notified. The contamination of concern is DDD, an organochlorine insecticide. Soil samples were taken and sent for laboratory testing; more lab results are expected next week. DPW staff is working closely with Clean Ventures to assess contaminated material disposal options and with CHA, the environmental Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to further evaluate closure issues. The options will likely include further excavation of impacted soils to the limits prescribed by the MCP, or conducting a risk assessment and creating an Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) that limits future development potential over a discrete area as has been done in several other areas within the DPW complex. The Town has either incurred or can expect the following costs: \$54,000 to \$87,000. The Board of Public Works plans to make two appropriation requests from the Advisory Committee Reserve Fund: the first request will be made at the next Advisory Meeting on 10/28, and the second request will be expected in early November.

Discussion of motions expected to be made at Special Town Meeting (STM), including possible motions to amend and changes in Town Government Study Committee (TGSC) motions:

Motions expected at the STM are from the Board of Health, the Library Trustees, and the Natural Resources Commission. In addition, Town Meeting Member Michael D'Ortenzio plans to file a motion that would require the Town Clerk to be a resident of Wellesley.

Katherine Babson and Rose Mary Donahue, of the TGSC, were present to describe planned amendments from the TGSC. One amendment is to clarify the proposed Town Manager's delegation authority. The new language would specify that the Town Manager is only allowed to delegate human resources authority to the Department Head of such department. The other amendment is to clarify that a Town Manager may only make appointments and promotions in the Police Department with the Police Chief's recommendation of such appointments and promotions.

Discussion of Advisory Committee Presentation at STM:

Tom Frisardi described the plan for presentations at the STM. First, an overview of the TGSC proposals will be presented by the TGSC, the Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory Committee (with no motion on the floor). After the high-level discussion on the proposals, the Moderator will then open Article 3A, the Special Act, and will guide the discussion, section by section. It will be at this time that motions to amend the Special Act will be presented.

Liaison Reports

Liaison reports were presented for the Planning Board, Schools, and Recreation.

Old Business/New Business

None was presented at this time.

The Advisory Committee will meet at 6:30pm on October 28 in the Juliani Room of Town Hall.

Tom Frisardi adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm with no objections.