

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



ADVISORY COMMITTEE LETTER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING December 9, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. Katherine L. Babson, Jr. Auditorium Wellesley High School

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To the Citizens of the Town of Wellesley:

November 25, 2013

A Special Town Meeting will convene on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 8:00 P.M. at the Wellesley High School Katherine L. Babson, Jr. Auditorium, 50 Rice Street. All residents are welcome to attend the meeting in person, or follow the proceedings on Wellesley Media Corporation's Government Channel (Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 40). This letter presents the Advisory Committee's summary of the key features of the item on the Warrant for the 8:00 Special Town Meeting, which requests a supplemental appropriation for architectural, engineering or other services; preparation of plans and specifications for construction or related work; and/or design and parking (located on site or Town-controlled land) for the Tolles-Parsons Center (TPC) to be located on Washington Street.

A comprehensive *Report to the Special Town Meeting* (the "Report") containing the Advisory Committee's recommendations and all related documents will be mailed to all Town Meeting Members and to all Town departments. The Report will also be posted on the Town's website at www.WellesleyMA.gov. Copies of the Report will be available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Wellesley Free Library no later than seven days prior to the meeting and any resident may request the Town Clerk to mail him or her a copy. If further recommendations are made by the Advisory Committee subsequent to the publication of the Report and the opening of the 8:00 Special Town Meeting, a notice will be sent to TM Members by e-mail, and the new recommendations will be posted on the Town's website.

The Advisory Committee thanks the dedicated Town employees, elected and appointed officials, and concerned citizens who devote their time, energy, and expertise to the Town's affairs. Town Meeting is an opportunity to examine important issues, enter into dialogue, and vote as a community on how best to serve our Town and its residents. The Advisory Committee welcomes citizen input and suggestions. Our meetings are open to the public and always begin with a "Citizen Speak" session. Residents who wish to communicate via e-mail can reach us at AdvisoryCommittee@WellesleyMA.gov.

Sincerely,
Marjorie R. Freiman, Chair
Advisory Committee

Article 2 seeks a supplemental appropriation of \$308,855 to the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) and the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for architectural, engineering or other services; and preparation of plans and specifications for construction or related work, design and parking (located on site or Town-controlled land) for the Tolles-Parsons Center (TPC), a stand-alone senior center to be located on Washington Street. The PBC and BOS filed an application with the Planning Board (PB) for the Special Permit required when planning a new Project of Significant Impact (PSI) exceeding 10,000 square feet in size. The PB denied the application. PBC and BOS seek this supplemental appropriation to enable them to return to their consultants and various Town departments to conduct additional design and planning work prior to returning to the PB with an updated application presenting the necessary "specific and material changes."



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Article to be considered:

- The Board of Selectmen and Permanent Building Committee are seeking a supplemental appropriation to return to design and planning work following the denial by the Planning Board of their application for the Special Permit required under the Zoning Bylaw which addresses Projects of Significant Impact (over 10,000 square feet of new space).