

**Advisory Committee**  
**December 1, 2015**  
**Faculty Dining Room, Wellesley Middle School**  
**Special Town Meeting, WMS Auditorium**

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

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

Discussion concerning motions under Articles 3 through 6 of the warrant for Special Town Meeting and proposed amendments thereto

Town Counsel will attend the Advisory Committee's meeting on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, to address concerns about language added to Warrant Article 3C, Part II, Section j: "Affected boards shall be given the opportunity to review and comment on proposed contract terms prior to execution of any tentative agreement." The Advisory Committee will wait to vote on Warrant Article 3C and the proposed amendments to Warrant Article 3C until the Thursday meeting.

New business/old business

The committee discussed the agendas for the Advisory meetings on December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> (assuming the Special Town Meeting concludes by December 7<sup>th</sup>). Liaisons will reach out to the MLP, DPW, NRC, Schools, and Planning Board to see which boards/departments might be able to attend one of the December meetings to discuss their FY17 budgets. Tom Frisardi suggested that we ask Hans Larsen to provide an overview/update on the retirement and health insurance costs to the town. Because the Advisory Committee will be starting its review of the town-wide budget at such a late date (due to time spent on the Special Town Meeting), strategies to streamline the budget process were discussed. The committee agreed that it would be helpful for boards and committees to use a common template to present their budgets; the committee discussed whether this would be feasible to implement this year and suggested further discussion on this. It was also suggested that Advisory could ask boards and committees to condense their presentations on their overall operations/mission to allow for more time to be spent on budget discussions.

Liaisons discussed Hardy-Hunnewell-Upham and Tolles-Parsons.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Faculty Dining Room of the Wellesley Middle School.

Adjourn

Tom Frisardi adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm, recognizing that votes by the committee might need to be taken during the Special Town Meeting later in the evening.

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During the Special Town Meeting, an amendment to Warrant Article 3A was proposed to Section 3(B)(2): "The Town Manager shall provide notice to the affected board or committee **at least five days** before any removal of a department head or chief staff employee of such board or committee." At 8:20pm, the Town Moderator asked the Advisory Committee to make a recommendation. Tom Frisardi asked the members if anyone had any objections to the amendment; no one objected. The Advisory Committee recommended favorable action on the amendment.