

Advisory Committee
December 3, 2015
Faculty Dining Room, Wellesley Middle School

Tom Frisardi called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 6:05pm. Those present included Tom Fitzgibbons, Mike Hluchyj, Mark Kaplan, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Sara Raveret, Mason Smith, and Kathleen Woodward. Chad Harris arrived at 6:35pm.

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

Warrant Article 3C

Ray Miyares, Town Counsel, participated in the discussion. The new language for Article 3C, Section 20.3.j reads: "Affected boards shall be given the opportunity to review and comment on proposed contract terms prior to reaching or entering into any tentative agreement." All Advisory members agreed with this change.

Marla Robinson's amendment regarding the Town Manager's contract (Amendment #15)

Marla Robinson's recent amendment to Warrant Article 3C, Section 20.2.a, requires the Town Manager's contract to be posted on the Town's website (in addition to being made available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office). Advisory members discussed what currently happens if someone requests a document from the Town Clerk's office; the Town Clerk must make the document available as soon as possible, or within 10 days. A resident can ask for a copy, but might be charged for it.

Sara Raveret recommended favorable action on Warrant Article 3C. Mason Smith seconded the motion; the motion carried by a show of hands, 7-1. The Advisory Committee will recommend favorable action.

Sara Raveret recommended favorable action on Marla Robinson's amendment to Warrant Article 3C, Section 20.2.a. Frank Pinto seconded the motion; the motion carried by a show of hands, 8-0. The Advisory Committee will recommend favorable action.

Mason Smith read an email from David Murphy, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, which outlined the plan for Special Town Meeting. Once Articles 3 and 8 are voted on, then the Special Town Meeting will be dissolved. If the STM were "adjourned," then the Special Act could not be sent to the legislature for approval, so the STM needs to be "dissolved." Another STM will be held in early 2016 to finish Articles 4 and 6.

Terri Tsagaris's amendment to Warrant Article 3C, Section 20.3.b.iii

The amendment would require the Town Manager to provide a copy of the department heads' performance evaluations to the board chairs, "prior to the issuance" of the evaluations. Advisory members questioned potential conflicts. One member argued that it would be crucial for a board chair to know what the goals are going to be for a director for the coming year. Advisory members agreed that they would like to hear from the HR Board Chair or Director as to whether this amendment would violate the confidentiality of the employees.

New business/old business

Liaisons gave updates on the School budget. Hans Larsen and Sheryl Strother are on the agenda for the December 16th Advisory meeting.

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. (No further action was taken.)