

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2012  
Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Virginia Ferko called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and also opened public hearing on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting 2012. Those present included Robert Capozzi, Rebecca Epstein, Marjorie Freiman, Ann Marie Gross, Laura Hockett, Catherine Johnson, Philip Licari, David Murphy, Maura Murphy, Deborah Robi, Richard Woerner, and Jack Haley. Richard Page and Derek Redgate were absent.

Citizen Speak

Ms. Ferko announced that the Committee will receive citizen input on matters that will come up at the March 26 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Ferko went through all the articles on the warrant and invited comment from citizens during this reading. Ms. Ferko briefly described Advisory Committee and their role.

Sarah Pederson, Precinct C came up in response to Article 8. Expressed her support of the selectmen using free cash to support fund towns projected operating deficit. She also commended transparent collaborative manner of preparation of the school budget. She went into detail regarding the different programs at the school that she was supportive of.

Christine Kehoe PSTO president of High School Precinct D. came up in response to Article 8- public thank you to advisory and other members of the town. Thank for supporting and building new high school.

Tim Ganley precinct f – came up in response to article 31. He is in opposition to article 31. Financial impact to homeowners in spring and fall cleanup. He urges health debate and critical analysis of this article.

Collette Aufranc – she wanted to second support for school budget. She had issue of article 27 on Linden Street. The neighbors have not had any communication at all to what s happening. Issues they had a few months ago are still there and they do not know anything at this point.

The public hearing was closed at 7:27pm.

Citizen Speak

None

Special Legislation Authorizing Lease of Aqueduct Land (Article 26)

Christopher Ketchen, Deputy Director, presented. Mr. Ketchen talked about revisiting an issue that first came up at the October 12 Advisory meeting. However the proposal is different this time regarding lease of property along aqueduct. Policy for selectmen to negotiate with various lease holders. Will need home rule petition the deal with this problem. Mr. Ketchen detailed the problems with the aqueduct lease policy as it currently stands, then detailed the solution and reasons for petitioning the legislature. Mr. Ketchen displayed slides showing aerials of the parcels as well as current lease values.

Questions from the committee were addressed.

### Liaison Updates

Mr. Page. Schools have reduced budget by 663000 votes last night. Got there by taking further cuts to their operating budget. Taking 180,000 off of their capital budget. Capital turn back of 37000.

Questions from the committee were addressed.

### Discussion of capital and operating budget

The advisory committee discussed the fy123budget and the question of using free cash. Ms. Ferko discussed different aspects of the budget as far as the deficit figure and different cuts that are being made. As well as different savings that may be found. Have a conversation of level of comfort for advisory comm. To recommend something in the vicinity of the 2.9 million dollar figure from free cash what implication to remaining reserves are and come to common understanding of how they feel about it would continue to remain 8-12 percent of anticipated net revenue. Free case about 6.4 being brought down to about 7.9-8 by end of fiscal year. Mr. Murphy gave more details regarding the issue of using free cash to close the budget gap and the committee conducted a discussion.

### Ad hoc facilities maint comm. Articles 6 and 7

Chairman of ad hoc maintenance committee. Phil Sara norrwood.pbc rep Heather sawitsky, resident town's expert Scott Hansen. scribe Gig. Diane Campbell, School Committee Phil and myself? Mr? gave some background on the committee re presentation on April 2011 town meeting. Then he discussed the motion at the April 2011 town meeting on why this committee was formed at what their responsibilities are. Mr. detailed the committee's organizational recommendations for facilities, who the facilities director would report to and their reasoning for this decision, as well as the legal aspect and organizational structure and comparisons with surrounding towns. Their fy13 budget was also discussed as well as capital fund. They also detailed their next steps.

Questions from the committee were addressed.

Article 37 to appoint the board of selectmen as fire engineers.

Upon a motion made by Maura Murphy and seconded by Laura Hockett the Advisory Committee recommended favorable action on motion expected under Article 37 13-0.