

Advisory Meeting – February 27, 2020 – PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Minutes

Present: Todd Cook, Bill Maynard, Julie Bryan, Betsy Roberti, Deed McCollum, John Lanza, Lina Musayev, Paul Merry, Patti Quigley, Neal Goins, Jennifer Fallon, Mary Scanlon, Mary Gard, Rusty Kellogg, Ralph Tortorella.

Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and provided guidance regarding advisory's role and the process of the public hearing.

Public Hearing:

- Article 1: no speakers
- Article 2: no speakers
- Article 3: no speakers
- Article 4: no speakers
- Article 5: no speakers
- Article 6: no speakers
- Article 7: no speakers
- Article 8: no speakers
- Article 9: no speakers
- Article 10: no speakers
- Article 11: no speakers
- Article 12: no speakers
- Article 13: no speakers
- Article 14: no speakers
- Article 15: no speakers
- Article 16: no speakers
- Article 17: no speakers
- Article 18: no speakers
- Article 19: no speakers
- Article 20: no speakers
- Article 21: no speakers
- Article 22: no speakers
- Article 23: no speakers
- Article 24: no speakers
- Article 25: no speakers
- Article 26: no speakers
- Article 27: no speakers
- Article 28: no speakers
- Article 29: no speakers
- Article 30: no speakers

Article 31: General residence district; citizen spoke and said please don't do that because it only gives powers to the builders to build and not the individual homeowners.

Article 32: no speakers

Article 33: no speakers

Article 34: no speakers

Article 35: no speakers

Article 36: no speakers

Article 37: no speakers

Article 38: no speakers

Article 39: no speakers

Article 40: no speakers

Article 41: Same speaker regarding Article 31 who repeated the concern that the power goes to the builders and not to the individual homeowners.

Article 42: Several speakers in favor of the warrant article, including high school student, college student who is a member of a native American tribe, multiple Wellesley citizens, a professor at Babson College, a college student who spoke to clarify some history about African American heritage mentioned at the Advisory meeting on February 26, among other topics. There were very impassioned speeches discussing the genocide of the indigenous people that is represented by the celebration of Columbus opening up North America to settlement and colonization.

Citizen spoke against the warrant article suggesting that we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead of MLK Day. Another citizen spoke against the article.

Citizen spoke against the petition because it does not support the traditional history of Columbus, and suggested that Indigenous Peoples Day could be celebrated on another day, and not Columbus Day. Impassioned speech about Italian Americans and their contributions to this country and the feeling that the supporters of Indigenous Peoples Day have an erroneous view of the history of Columbus, whom many Italians celebrate.

Five minute recess called by Todd Cook due to heated exchange between observers and a speaker.

Continuing discussion of Article 42. Same speaker from before break continued discussion regarding Columbus in opposition to the warrant article.

Article 43: Student who is a member of a native American tribe spoke against the article, giving passionate speech that passing Article 43 would be harmful to Indigenous People, asserting that celebrating Columbus is continued harm against Indigenous People. Wellesley citizen who is an indigenous person spoke against the Article.

Article 44: no speakers

Article 45: no speakers

Article 46: Proponent of the citizens petition spoke in favor of the article, highlighting the reasons for banning the retail sale of fur in Wellesley, and the effect of the proposed bylaw.

Article 47: no speakers

Article 48: no speakers

Article 49: no speakers

Article 50: no speakers

Public hearing closed at 8:55 pm.

Regular Advisory Meeting called to order at 8:55 pm

Citizen's Speak: Appreciation for work of advisory from a citizen.

Julie Bryan moved and Paul Merry seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion passed, 12-0-2

Julie Bryan moved and John Lanza seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion passed, 12-0-2

Lina Musayev provided a liaison report on Schools: Article 28 (bus lease/purchase agreements) will have no motion because Town Counsel said they don't need to ask for TM authorization because there was a vote within 3 years of this ATM.

Ralph Tortorella provided liaison report on MLP: greenhouse gas discussion; we will have a position from the MLP. MLP will be here in March 4 to discuss their position.

Some discussion regarding Advisory Book preparation and upcoming meetings.

John Lanza moved and Lina Musayev seconded a motion to adjourn

Passed 14-0-0