

The Operational Review Committee ("Committee") was formed at the April 2010 Town Meeting to oversee the implementation of Resolution #6. While we have not yet completed our work, we would like to provide the citizens of Wayland with a status report.

The Operational Review Committee put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) in July of 2010 and received responses in August of 2010. We reviewed the respective responses, received oral presentations from select vendors and then selected the Abrahams Group as our provider. The Abrahams Group was engaged in October 2010.

The Abrahams Group submitted to the Operational Review Committee the "Town of Wayland Part 1 (Budget) – Draft Final Report" and reviewed this document with the Committee on November 15, 2010. The Committee provided feedback, asked questions and requested clarifications of the Abrahams Group. A revised draft report was received on January 5, 2011 and reviewed with the Committee on January 10, 2011. The review of Part I was completed on March 31st and the Committee has asked the Abrahams Group for a final report so that the Committee can begin to develop its own recommendations based on the findings and recommendations of the Abrahams Group. The Committee may elect to adopt all, some or none of the recommendations as they see fit. The Committee may also elect to adopt recommendations but over a longer time period than recommended by the Abrahams Group. The Committee has not yet begun this process but anticipates doing so beginning in the middle of April.

The Committee also received a document entitled "Town of Wayland, Part 2 – Draft Final Report, Review of Town and School Budget and Expenditure Reporting, Evaluation of Non-Educational Service Delivery Structure and Review of School Administrative Structure" prepared by the Abrahams Group on March 10, 2011. The Committee has had two meetings with the Abrahams Group to review findings, provide feedback, ask questions and request clarifications. Additionally, there are certain discrepancies between the Town and the Abrahams Group. As such, there are certain findings for which the Abrahams Group is awaiting additional information prior to finalizing Part 2 of the report. That process is still ongoing and we do not have a clear sense of when it will be completed. Upon receipt of a final report, the Committee will follow a process similar to Part I noted above.

Once the Committee has completed its recommendations, it will develop a formal report and review that report with the Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and School Committee.

The members of the Operational Review Committee are John Bladon, Rebecca Chasen (chair), Barb Fletcher, Paul Grasso (co-chair) and Shawn Kinney.