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**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

A motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the warrant. The Moderator announced that the meeting would be continued to June 14, 2010.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Planner Paige Duncan.

Tellers appointed for the evening were Jeff Hall, James O'Brien, Joseph Heck, and Gerald Aube.

The two new selectmen were introduced and congratulated.

The Moderator explained that he met with the Commission on Disability and that he learned about the functions available to the disabled in the auditorium. From this meeting forward, all voters would enter on the right side of the auditorium.

The Moderator read a list of resignations and appointments and then recognized Chief Pare for his past two years as Fire Chief. He is leaving to teach at the Fire Academy. The Moderator then recognized and congratulated Jay McMorrow for being appointed as the new Fire Chief.

Article 1 – **Voted** that the Town table Article 1 as the Annual Town Report had not yet been completed. Majority vote.

Article 2 – **Voted** that the Town tables Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17. Majority vote.

Article 8 – **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Majority vote. (establish revolving account for pay-as-you-throw trash program)

Article 9 – **Voted** that the Town will amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws, Article 25 – Animal Control By-Law, Section 5 to read as follows:

5. Violations/Penalties and Complaints as to Dogs:

The Dog Officer, Animal Control Officer, any Police Officer of the Town of Wrentham, or any other person so appointed by the Board of Selectmen may assess fines upon

the owner or keeper of any dog found to be a public nuisance, or found to be in violation of Section 4. The fines are as follows:

First and Second Offense	\$25.00 fine per dog; plus \$40.00 administrative fee (\$80.00 administrative fee if dog is impounded and released)
Third, Fourth and Subsequent Offenses	\$50.00 fine per dog; plus \$40.00 administrative fee (\$80.00 administrative fee if dog is impounded and released)

All fines and penalties under this bylaw shall be assessed in the manner provided in G.L. c.40, section 21D.

The provisions of G.L.c.140, 157, concerning complaints as to dogs shall be followed as if said section was fully set forth herein.

After the assessment of three fines on any dog, any person or persons offended by such dog may make a complaint in writing to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall investigate or cause to investigate such complaint under the provisions of G.L.c.140, 157, and may, after a public hearing make any order as they deem necessary, including the removal, restraint, or euthanasia (destruction) of such dog.

Majority vote.

Article 10 – This article was read aloud in its entirety by the presenter, Dan Capone:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the change of the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws to add "Article 19 – Wampum Corner Business District", as follows:

**ARTICLE 19
WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT**

19.1 Purpose of WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT

The purpose of the WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT is:

To encourage smart business development in the DISTRICT, by making adjustments to Zoning and this will enable an increase in the Commercial tax base;

By modifying three specific dimensional requirements in the DISTRICT;

By allowing mixed residential uses in the DISTRICT where DWELLING UNIT(S) may be added onto the second floor of a BUILDING;

By managing the streetscape with external design standards which protect the New England character of the area and in doing so, protect the health, safety and general welfare of abutters;

19.2 Scope of Authority

The WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT is an overlay DISTRICT and shall be superimposed on the ZONING Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham in the B1 ZONE which is described in Paragraph 19.4. This overlay DISTRICT shall apply to all new construction; reconstruction or expansion of existing BUILDINGS; and new or expanded USES. Activities or USES that lie within the DISTRICT must comply with the requirements of the DISTRICT as well as with the underlying ZONING. USES that are prohibited in the underlying ZONING for this DISTRICT shall not be permitted in the DISTRICT, except as provided in this ARTICLE, paragraph 19.6.

19.3 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES OR USES

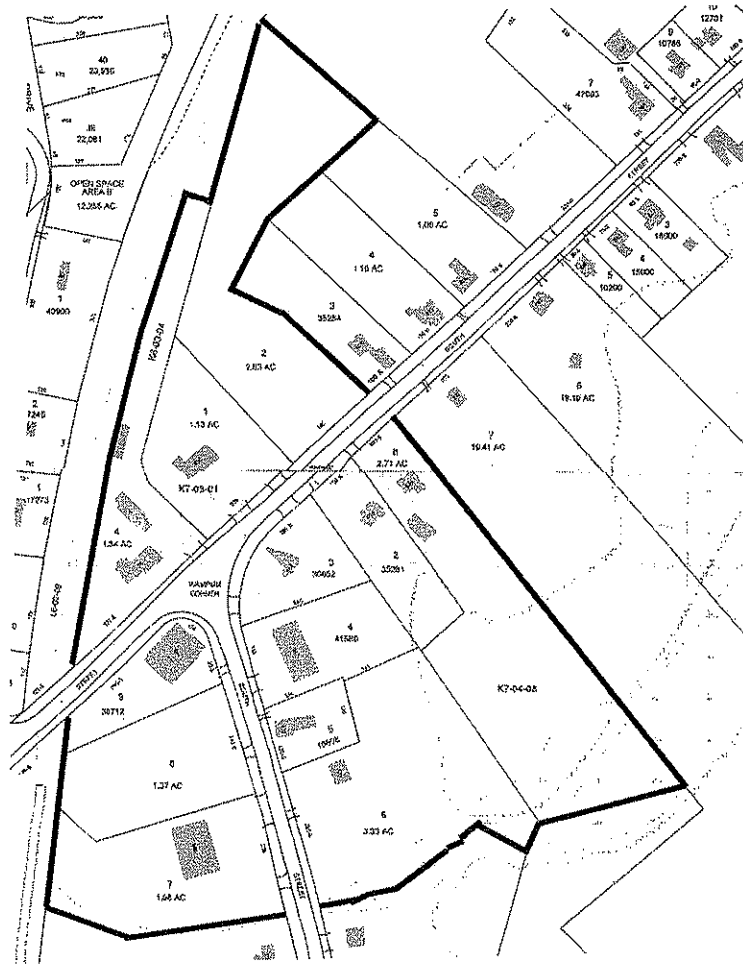
Current Non-Conforming Structures or Uses may be continued or altered in accordance with ARTICLE 3 of the Zoning Bylaws. New STRUCTURES or USES shall be in conformance with the underlying B1 ZONE and ARTICLE 19.

19.4 WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT Definition

The DISTRICT is established to include all lands within the B1 ZONE described in paragraph 19.4.b. These areas are delineated on a map entitled "TOWN OF WRENTHAM ZONING MAP" dated February 2002 and prepared by Earth Tech, Inc., which is hereby made part of this DISTRICT bylaw and the ZONING Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham. Specifically, the LOT parcels included in the DISTRICT are as follows, each currently being in the existing B1 Zone:

WAMPUM CORNER BUSINESS DISTRICT

ASSESSORS		
Map	Block	Lot
K:07	:04	:08
K:07	:03	:02
K:06	:04	:02
K:07	:03	:01
K:06	:04	:03
K:06	:06	:09
K:06	:04	:04
K:06	:06	:08
K:06	:04	:05
K:06	:04	:06
K:06	:06	:07
K:06	:03	:04



19.5 Dimensional Modifications

FRONTAGE – Minimal FRONTAGE shall be 100 ft

Lot Size – Minimal lot size shall be 30,000 sf

STRUCTURES – Except as may be allowed by SPECIAL PERMIT of the Planning Board, the maximum STRUCTURE shall be 15,000 sf total.

19.6 New Allowed USE

The DISTRICT will allow the creation of a DWELLING UNIT(S) on the second floor of any BUILDING, but such DWELLING UNIT(S) shall be limited to no more than 2 bedrooms and conform to all other requirements of a DWELLING UNIT.

19.7 Design Standards

The DISTRICT will encourage construction styles which are outwardly compatible with the character and charm of a New England Community.

Such design will be reviewed by the Planning Board as part of a SITE PLAN APPROVAL.

The Planning Board may, in the future, choose to define a Planning Board Policy or Standard which then may be used to more specifically define the requirements of 19.7.

A Planning Board report was then read by Chairman Patrick Moore.

Dan Capone then explained the article in detail.

Thereafter, many voters stepped forward and presented their views and opinions on the article. Landowners of the affected area were the first to speak, then land abutters, and then voters in general. Questions, discussion, and concerns centered on traffic, effect on historic homes in the area, the scope of the project, taxes, more businesses creeping into the area, etc. Some voters suggested a compromise in the type of zoning for that district.

A voter finally moved the question and it was approved unanimous.

A vote was than taken on the main motion was presented by Mr. Capone. A standing vote was taken: Yes – 36 – the Moderator declared the motion **defeated. Motion failed.**

Article 11 – No action taken on this article. (full-time professional engineer for the town)

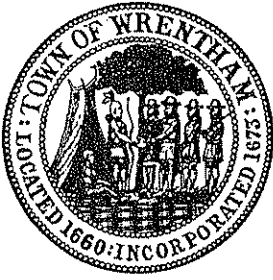
Article 16 – **Voted** that the Town adopt an inter-municipal agreement to address the servicing of water customers in adjacent towns and Wrentham residents being serviced by water from an adjacent Town. Majority vote.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM to reconvene at 7:30 PM on June 14, 2010, at the King Philip auditorium.

Attest:



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MINUTES OF THE
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:32 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

A motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the warrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Committee Chairman Jerry McGovern.

Tellers appointed for the evening were Jeff Plympton, Joan Dooley, Joseph Heck, and Gerald Aube.

Steve McCarthy, the new Town Assessor, was introduced and welcomed to the town.

The Moderator recognized Chip Faulkner who has moved out of town. Mr. Faulkner was a long-time town resident and active town meeting attendant. He is a lobbyist for the Citizens for Limited Taxation.

Also mentioned was the recent passing of town resident Joseph Cafferky. Mr. Cafferky also was active in local politics. The Moderator dedicated this town meeting to Mr. Cafferky's memory and a moment of silence was held.

Selectman Stephen Langley congratulated the King Philip girls softball team for winning their divisional championship.

Article 1 – **Voted** that the Town remove Article 1 from the table. Unanimous.

Voted that the Town accept the Annual Town Report. Majority vote.

Mr. Joseph Heck presented a powerpoint presentation on the 10-Year Capital Outlay Program that was put together by the Capital Budget Planning Committee.

Finance Committee Chairman Jerry McGovern presented a powerpoint presentation on the committee's recommendations for the FY11 operating budget. It also included information such as Basic Numbers, Key Drivers, Key Reserves, and Key Items.

Article 2 – **Voted** that the Town remove from the table Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17. Unanimous.

Voted that the Town fix the salary and the compensation of elected officials as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws per the following:

Town Clerk	\$55,000.00
Selectmen – Chairman & Members	\$ 1.00
Board of Assessors – Chairman & Members	\$ 1.00
Board of Health – Chairman & Members	\$ 1.00
Moderator	\$ 1.00
All Others	\$ 0

Majority vote.

Article 3 – Voted that the Town amend the Personnel By-laws and Salary Schedule for the FY2011 Salary Range as follows:

Position	Old Min.	Old Max.	New Min.	New Max.
Camp Director (formerly Playground Director)	\$11.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$15.00
Assistant Camp Director (new position)			\$10.00	\$13.00
Camp Counselor (formerly Playground Assistant)	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	State Minimum Wage	Same

Majority vote.

Article 4 – Voted that the Town appropriate as follows to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2010 operating budgets:
Transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$8,194 to be allocated as follows:

Item	Amount	Discussion
To Snow and Ice	\$1,040	Additional amount to April supplemental due to a correction in hourly rates applied.
To Assessor's Expenses	\$ 350	Amount is required to supplement the Assessor's vehicle maintenance expense line for an unexpected repair that exceeds the amount appropriated.
To BOS Salary	\$1,804	Amount is required to pay unexpended vacation for secretary that retired this fiscal year.
To BOS Expenses	\$5,000	Amount is required to supplement an overage in the health and medical services line that supports all town departments.

And transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Fire Department Expenses to Fire Department Salaries.

Majority vote.

Article 5A – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2011 operating expense budget in the amount of \$31,580,087 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-1", and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,414,444, and to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of \$450,000 and to appropriate by transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$100,000, and to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$20,000, and to appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$260,162, and to appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$335,481.

The Moderator then read Table B-1 as follows:

114	MODERATOR	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$1
	Total	\$2
122	SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
	Payroll Services	\$152,006
	Expenses	\$17,718
	Total	\$169,724
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$1,499
	Total	\$1,500
140	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
	Payroll Services	\$300,002
	Expenses	\$133,993
	Total	\$433,995
141	ASSESSORS	
	Payroll Services	\$130,169
	Expenses	\$55,591
	Total	\$185,760
151	LEGAL	
	Expenses	\$ 85,000
	Total	\$85,000
161	TOWN CLERK	
	Payroll Services	\$100,061
	Expenses	\$18,502
	Total	\$118,563

171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
	Payroll Services	\$38,765
	Expenses	\$5,036
	Total	\$43,801
175	PLANNING BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$49,614
	Expenses	\$1,950
	Total	\$51,564
176	APPEALS BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$6,724
	Expenses	\$3,257
	Total	\$9,981
180	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$201
	Total	\$202
196	CENTRAL SERVICES	
	Expenses	\$47,443
	Total	\$47,443
210	POLICE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,493,597
	Expenses	\$222,130
	Total	\$1,715,727
220	FIRE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,514,351
	Expenses	\$157,500
	Total	\$1,671,851
241	INSPECTION SERVICES	
	Payroll Services	\$129,159
	Expenses	\$14,206
	Total	\$143,365
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
	Payroll Services	\$1,500
	Expenses	\$469
	Total	\$1,969

292	ANIMAL CONTROL	
	Expenses	\$21,200
	Total	\$21,200
299	COMMUNICATIONS	
	Payroll Services	\$243,261
	Expenses	\$11,455
	Total	\$254,716
300	WRENTHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
	Payroll Services	\$6,774,550
	Expenses	\$1,893,658
	Total	\$8,668,208
301	TOWN SUPPORT SCHOOLS	
	Expenses	\$0
	Total	\$0
380	TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL	\$662,106
	Total	\$662,106
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Operating)	\$6,065,960
	<i>Amended amount</i>	\$6,160,458
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Capital)	\$0
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Debt Service)	\$1,112,653
	Total	\$7,178,613
	<i>Amended total</i>	7,273,111
410	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
	Payroll Services	\$530,418
	Expenses	\$630,102
	Total	\$1,160,520
410	SOLID and HAZARDOUS WASTE	
	Expenses	\$754,875
	Total	\$754,875
410	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	
	Expenses	\$88,501
	Total	\$88,501
423	SNOW AND ICE	
	Payroll Services	\$50,000
	Expenses	\$100,000
	Total	\$150,000

510	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	Payroll Services	\$47,027
	Expenses	\$40,428
	Total	\$87,455
522	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	
	Payroll Services	\$105,187
	Expenses	\$4,700
	Total	\$109,887
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	
	Payroll Services	\$102,275
	Expenses	\$21,827
	Total	\$124,102
543	VETERANS	
	Payroll Services	\$5,357
	Expenses	\$32,868
	Total	\$38,225
610	LIBRARY	
	Payroll Services	\$212,223
	Expenses	\$ 91,450
	Total	\$303,673
630	RECREATION	
	Payroll Services	\$99,877
	Expenses	\$0
	Total	\$99,877
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
	Expenses	\$166
	Total	\$166
692	MEMORIAL DAY	
	Expenses	\$3,000
	Total	\$3,000
710	DEBT - PRINCIPAL	\$1,798,529
750	DEBT - INTEREST and ADMIN CHARGES	\$537,106
	Total	\$2,335,635
910	INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$4,818,881
132	RESERVE FUND (Appropriated)	\$40,000
950	STABILIZATION FUND	\$0
	Total	\$4,858,881

	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$31,580,087
	TOTAL AMENDED GENERAL FUND	\$31,674,585

Holds were placed on line items 390 – King Philip Operating and 510 – Board of Health Payroll Services.

A motion was made by Anna Tupper on the King Philip Operating budget:

The King Philip School Committee recommends and I so move that the assessment paid by Wrentham for the King Philip Regional School District be amended by adding \$94,498 for a total amount of \$6,160,458.00, the source of funds for the additional moneys to be requested from the town's stabilization fund.

Ms. Tupper then read a letter by student Dan Galvin concerning how the budget affects the school's programs.

Dr. Robbat then presented a powerpoint presentation on school finances, previous and present budgets, teaching positions, programs, etc.

Mr. McGovern commented that the King Philip E & D fund has over \$1 million in it. He also said that he was informed that the additional money requested was not voted by the school committee. The Moderator asked if all laws were followed. Mr. McGovern then stated that the new budget was not voted.

There was quite a bit of discussion both pro and con the amendment. Many parents spoke about how the additional money would benefit the school, classes, and extra-curricular activities. Opponents spoke about how the extra money taken from the stabilization fund would leave the town with a lower bond rate, no money for new contracts that expire at the end of this fiscal year, and how the municipal and local school budgets were level funded, and that the municipal employees were not receiving any pay increases.

A voter asked why the school committee is not going into the school's E&D fund first.

A motion was brought forward by Don Jordan to indefinitely postpone the amendment. The motion failed (voice vote).

The question on the amendment was then moved – required a 2/3's vote because money comes out of the stabilization fund. Yes – 197, No – 68. Having reached the 2/3's requirement of 177 votes, the motion passed.

Selectman Bob Cohen questioned the extra \$3000 going into the Board of Health salary account. Leon Bruner, BOH member, explained that it was for coverage when the Board secretary is absent for vacation, etc.

At this point, Mr. McGovern presented a motion to withdraw his previous motion. This passed – majority vote.

Mr. McGovern's final, **voted** motion was as follows:

Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2011 operating expense budget in the amount of \$31,674,585 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-1" and amended, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,414,444, and to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of \$450,000 and to appropriate by transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$100,000, and to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$20,000, and to appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$260,162, and to appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$335,481, and to appropriate by transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$94,498. Yes votes – 225; No votes – 5.

Article 5B – **Voted** that the Town raise through Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of \$1,629,310 for Water Enterprise Budget. This revenue is to be allocated as follows: To the FY2011 Water Department Budget, \$1,293,829 for direct expenses as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-2"; to the General Fund, \$335,481 for indirect expenses. Majority vote.

Article 6 – **Voted** that the Town appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$2,195.46 to the Town of Norfolk for the repayment of Advance Lifesaving Services. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote.

Article 7 – **Voted** that the Town reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½, sixth paragraph, subject to the following limits on expenditures regarding each such account in Fiscal Year 2011:

<i>Department</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Limit</i>
Police	Vehicle Revolving Account	\$50,000
Police	DARE Camp Funds (fees)	\$50,000
Police	Fire Arms Licensing	\$10,000
Conservation Commission	Wetlands Revolving Account	\$10,000
Recycling Committee	Composting Program, Recycle Bins, Trash Barrels, Kitchen Scrap Buckets, Water Barrels	\$10,000
Arts Festival Committee	Staging Wrentham Cultural Festival	\$20,000
Council on Aging	GATRA Reimbursement for Senior Van	\$45,000

Majority vote.

Article 12 – **Voted** that the Town authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials in the best interest of the Town. Majority vote.

Article 13 – **Voted** that the Town grant the Board of Selectmen permission to sell surplus property or materials of the Town, exclusive of buildings and land, no longer needed by the Town. Majority vote.

Article 14 – **Voted** that the Town transfer the sum of \$57,500 from the Water Surplus Account to the Water Department Capital Account. Majority vote.

Article 15 – **Voted** that the Town create a Road Maintenance Stabilization Fund under MGL Ch. 40 § 5B for the purpose of maintaining and improving roads and streets within the Town of Wrentham. Unanimous vote.

Article 17 – **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Majority vote.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A True Copy, Attest: Carol A. Mollica
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