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MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 25, 2011

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 Moderator announced that the meeting would be continued to June 13, 2011, same location.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Clerk, Carol Mollica.

Tellers appointed for the evening were Maureen Osolnik, Joseph Heck, and Gerald Aube.

Michael Carroll was introduced and congratulated as the newly-elected Selectman. Also, William Ketcham was introduced as Wrentham's new Town Administrator.

Selectman Chairman Botaish presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Cohen honoring his years as a Selectman and member of many other committees and boards in the town.

Gordon Winget was congratulated on his retirement. He served for 24 years as a Wrentham firefighter. Also, Fredric Cross was congratulated on his retirement, as well as his wife, acting as his secretary. Mr. Cross was Wrentham's Veterans Agent for the last 10 years.

The Moderator read a list of his yearly appointments.

Article 1 – **Voted** that the Town accept the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010. Majority vote. It was also announced that the Special Election for the debt override would be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

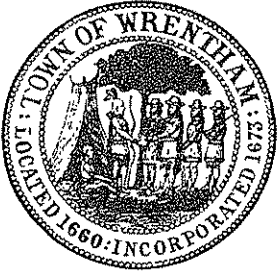
Article 2 – **Voted** that the Town tables Articles 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Unanimous vote.

Article 5 – **Voted** that the Town accept and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds certified at \$421,111 by the Commonwealth, upon the passage of the Transportation Bond Bill, for the construction, reconstruction, or improvements of public roads and other improvements within the Town, as requested by the Selectmen, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow or bond, pursuant to any applicable statute in anticipation of reimbursement. Unanimous vote.

Article 6 – **Voted** that the Town authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials in the best interest of the Town. Majority vote.

A motion was made and voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 14, 2011.

Attest: Carol A. Mollica
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MINUTES OF THE
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2011

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

Sue Szekely was appointed Assistant Moderator.

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

Tellers appointed for the evening were Donna Burt, David Curran, George Smith, and Gerry Aube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Clerk Carol Mollica.

The Moderator introduced and recognized the following individuals:

Dr. Elizabeth Zelinsky – Superintendent of King Philip High School
Lynn Harrison – Town Nurse who just retired after 10 years of service to the Town
Gina Grimaldi – Office Manager for Board of Health retiring after 29 years of service to the Town
Karen Heinz – Deputy Treasurer/Collector in Finance Dept. celebrating 30 years of continuous employment with the Town.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Robert O'Connell who recently passed away. Mr. O'Connell was Superintendent of Wrentham Public Schools during the years 1970-1994.

The Moderator also recognized the Finance Committee for all their time and effort put in during the budgetary process and for doing an outstanding job.

At this point, Mr. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the budget.

Article 2 – **Voted** that the Town remove from the table Articles 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. 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	\$56,238.00
Selectmen – Chairman & Members	1.00
Board of Assessors – Chairman & Members	1.00
Board of Health – Chairman & Members	1.00
Moderator	1.00
All Others	0.00

Majority vote.

Article 3A – Voted that the Town raise through Water Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of \$1,639,484 for Water Enterprise Budget. This revenue is to be allocated as follows: To the FY2012 Water Department Budget, the sum of \$1,300,733 for direct expenses as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-2"; and by transfer to the General Fund, the sum of \$338,751 for indirect expenses. And so move that the Town vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Reserved to the Water Enterprise Operating Capital Budget the sum of \$57,500. Majority vote.

Article 3B - Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2012 operating expense budget in the amount of \$32,389,763 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-1", and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,265,747; to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of \$410,000; to appropriate by transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$80,000; to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$30,000; to appropriate by transfer from the MWPAT the sum of \$20,020; to appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$245,245; to appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$338,751.

The Moderator then read Table B-1 as follows:

114	MODERATOR	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	1
	Total	\$2
122	SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
	Payroll Services	\$151,622
	Expenses	18,218
	Total	\$169,840
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$1,499
	Total	\$1,500
140	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
	Payroll Services	\$302,641
	Expenses	137,949
	Total	\$440,590

141	ASSESSORS	
	Payroll Services	\$135,544
	Expenses	\$55,616
	Total	\$191,160
151	LEGAL	
	Expenses	\$ 85,000
	Total	\$85,000
161	TOWN CLERK	
	Payroll Services	\$101,813
	Expenses	\$15,869
	Total	\$117,682
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
	Payroll Services	\$39,541
	Expenses	\$4,012
	Total	\$43,553
175	PLANNING BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$49,656
	Expenses	\$750
	Total	\$50,406
176	APPEALS BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$7,204
	Expenses	\$1,480
	Total	\$8,684
180	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$201
	Total	\$202
196	CENTRAL SERVICES	
	Expenses	\$45,000
	Total	\$45,000
210	POLICE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,575,008
	<i>Amended amount</i>	<i>\$1,635,008</i>
	Expenses	\$222,130
	Total	\$1,797,138
	<i>Amended Total</i>	<i>\$1,857,138</i>

220	FIRE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,543,494
		Amended amount \$1,603,494
	Expenses	\$149,355
	Total	\$1,692,849
		Amended Total \$1,752,849
241	INSPECTION SERVICES	
	Payroll Services	\$122,067
	Expenses	\$14,206
	Total	\$136,273
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
	Payroll Services	0
	Expenses	0
	Total	0
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	
	Expenses	\$21,200
	Total	\$21,200
299	COMMUNICATIONS	
	Payroll Services	\$240,893
	Expenses	\$12,000
	Total	\$252,893
300	WRENTHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
	Payroll Services	\$6,999,339
		Amended amount \$7,119,339
	Expenses	\$1,913,424
	Total	\$8,912,763
		Amended Total \$9,032,763
380	TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL	\$747,000
	Total	\$747,000
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Operating)	\$6,227,089
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Capital)	\$0
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Debt Service)	\$1,063,630
	Total	\$7,290,719
410	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
	Payroll Services	\$481,928
	Expenses	\$601,658
	Total	\$1,083,586

410	SOLID and HAZARDOUS WASTE	
	Expenses	\$772,093
	Total	\$772,093
410	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	
	Expenses	\$97,635
	Total	\$97,635
423	SNOW AND ICE	
	Payroll Services	\$50,000
	Expenses	\$100,000
	Total	\$150,000
510	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	Payroll Services	\$20,027
	Expenses	\$40,428
	Total	\$60,455
522	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	
	Payroll Services	\$55,916
	<i>Amended amount</i>	\$94,616
	Expenses	\$5,000
	Total	\$60,916
	<i>Amended Total</i>	\$99,616
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	
	Payroll Services	\$95,880
	Expenses	\$32,488
	Total	\$128,368
543	VETERANS	
	Payroll Services	\$5,357
	Expenses	\$32,868
	Total	\$38,225
610	LIBRARY	
	Payroll Services	\$213,957
	Expenses	\$ 79,086
	Total	\$293,043
630	RECREATION	
	Payroll Services	\$96,561
	Expenses	\$0
	Total	\$96,561

691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
	Expenses	\$166
	Total	\$166
692	MEMORIAL DAY	
	Expenses	\$3,000
	Total	\$3,000
710	DEBT - PRINCIPAL	\$1,794,041
750	DEBT – INTEREST and ADMIN CHARGES	\$469,633
	Total	\$2,263,674
910	INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,267,400
132	RESERVE FUND (Appropriated)	\$70,187
950	STABILIZATION FUND	\$0
	Total	\$5,337,587
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$32,389,763
	TOTAL AMENDED GENERAL FUND	\$32,668,463

Holds were placed on line items 151 – Legal Expenses; 171 – Conservation Commission Expenses; 210 – Police Payroll Services; 220 – Fire Services; 241 – Inspection Services; 300 – Wrentham Public Schools Payroll Services; 410 – Solid and Hazardous Waste Expenses; 410 – Waste Water Treatment Plant Expenses; 510 – Board of Health Payroll Services; 522 – Public Health Nurses Payroll Services; 541 - Council on Aging Payroll Services; and 910 – Insurance and Employee Benefits.

The holds were then discussed in order:

151 – Bob Cohen presented an amendment: Move that the Town vote to reduce the Legal fund from \$85,000 to \$70,000 and move the money to the Wrentham Public Schools Payroll Services. After discussion, a vote was taken: Yes – 144, No – 147. Motion failed.

171 – Bob Cohen asked why expenses are so high.

210 – Deirdre Foley placed a hold on this line item. She gave a Powerpoint presentation on the School budget and presented an amendment: Move that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2012 operating budget by increasing the Wrentham Public Schools payroll services by \$120,000, the Police payroll services by \$60,000, and the Fire payroll services by \$60,000, and that to meet the cost of said increases, the sum of \$240,000 be appropriated from the Stabilization fund.

Ms. Foley then explained her motion. Thereafter, speakers from the floor spoke for and against the amendment. After lengthy discussion, Everett Skinner presented an amendment to Ms. Foley’s amendment: Move that the Town vote to amend Mrs. Foley’s motion by adding an increase of \$38,700, said sum to be added to line item 522 – Public Health Nurses (payroll services), and by increasing the amount to be appropriated from the Stabilization fund to \$278,700.

Sue Szekely then spoke on this amendment, about using the Stabilization fund. The Moderator advised that the amended amendment (Mr. Skinner's) would require a simple majority. After more speakers, a vote was taken on Mr. Skinner's amendment: Yes – 196, No – 84. The amendment passed.

More voters spoke on this subject and, after a motion to move the question passed, a vote was taken on the amended amendment (Ms. Foley's amendment as amended by Mr. Skinner's amendment). A 2/3 vote required. The motion passed: Yes – 245, No – 85, 220 votes need to pass.

220 – No discussion on hold.

241 – No discussion.

410 – Does this include the KP treatment plant?

510 – No discussion.

522 – No discussion.

541 – No discussion.

910 – What is the breakdown between schools and municipal?

Dennis Loughlin presented a motion to withdraw \$120,000 from the Wrentham Public Schools Payroll Services account and put back into Stabilization. The Moderator ruled the motion out of order because it is a Reconsideration.

Mr. Loughlin then presented a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, June 14, 2011. The motion failed by majority vote.

The final vote was taken on Article 3B:

Voted that the Town approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2012 operating expense budget in the amount of \$32,668,463 as shown in the amended Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-1," and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,265,747; to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of \$410,000; to appropriate by transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$80,000; to appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$30,000; to appropriate by transfer from the MWPAT the sum of \$20,020; to appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$245,245; to appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$338,751; and to include the sum of \$278,700 appropriated from the Stabilization account by the amendment. The amended Table B-1 having the effect of:

Increasing Wrentham Public Schools Payroll Services to:	\$7,119,339
Increasing Police Payroll Services to:	\$1,635,008
Increasing Fire Payroll Services to:	\$1,603,494
Increasing Public Health Nurses Payroll Services to:	\$ 94,616

A majority vote was needed and declared by voice vote.

(Town Clerk note: amended figures are shown in Table B-1 in ***Bold Italics***.)

Article 4 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on Article 4. Majority. (Water Enterprise)

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 2012:

Department/Purpose/Authorization	Source of Funds	Use of Funds	FY12 Limit
Police: Vehicle Revolving Fund 05/19/97 STM, Article 12	Chelsea GCA Premium Outlet Center for Police equipment provided at Outlet site	Police equipment replacement, including but not limited to cruisers	\$50,000
Firearms Licenses 06/19/00 ATM, Article 9	Applicants for Firearms Licensing	Expenses/fees payable to Commonwealth of Mass Firearms Bureau for permit processing	\$10,000
Planning Board: Earth Removal 06/19/00 ATM, Article 10	Earth removal permit applicants	Costs for expert engineering and consulting services deemed necessary by the Planning Board	\$25,000
Conservation Commission: Wetlands Revolving 06/23/97 STM, Article 5	Wetlands application review fees	To defray local administrative costs in connection with the Wetlands Protection Act	\$10,000
Recycling Committee: Revolving Account - Composting Program, Recycle Bins, Kitchen Scrap Buckets, Water Barrels 04/25/2005 ATM, Article 7	Sale of composting bins, recycle bins, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels	Purchase additional composting bins, recycle bins, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels for sale	\$10,000
Arts Festival Committee: Festival Revolving Fund 05/19/97 STM, Article 26	Donation or other payments for goods, services, and special advertising re: Festival	Expenses related to promotion and staging of the Wrentham Cultural Festival	\$20,000

Article 8 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$13,000 to fund an Actuarial Analysis of the Postretirement Benefit Liability to meet the requirements of GASB45. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Majority.

Article 9 – Voted that the Town amend the Personnel Bylaws Salary Schedule by taking the following actions:

Amend the Salary Schedule for the FY2012 Salary Range as follows:

Position	Old Min	Old Max	New Min	New Max
Special Police Officers		\$19.48/hour		\$20.00/hour
Permanent Intermittent Officers		\$19.48/hour		\$20.00/hour
Matron		\$18.76/hour		\$20.00/hour

Majority vote.

Article 10 – **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone action on Article 19. Majority.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 10:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A True Copy, Attest: Carol A. Mollica
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