

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting – November 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium. There were 87 voters in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman, Jerome McGovern.

Tellers appointed were Mark Keilen, Leo Immonen, George Smith, and John Caruso.

Arthur Robison made a motion to waive the reading of the warrant. Passed.

The Moderator explained the rules of town meeting and verified that the warrant was posted properly and the warrant articles were submitted to the Clerk's office by the noon deadline.

The Moderator introduced the newest Finance Committee member, Michael Savage and the recently hired IT Director, Charles DiPirro.

The Moderator asked the audience to contact him if anyone was interested in becoming an Assistant Moderator. He also announced that the Town Clerk's office is looking for registered voters who would like to be a paid election worker as 2016 will be a busy election year.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Move to recognize the Town of Wrentham 2015 Volunteers of the year.

The Board of Selectmen presented Brianna Connor and Dolores Duffy with the 2015 Volunteer of the Year award. Ms. Duffy has over 50 years volunteering for the Town, advocating for the youth and coordinating Wrentham Day. Ms. Connor is involved in KP Cares, the ALS ice bucket challenge, theater groups, the Wrentham Elementary School Summer Institute and packages for the service men and women.

Article 2 – Move to consider the reports of the Town Officers of any committee or commission and to act thereon.

Selectman Deborah Torchia gave a Report of the Board of Selectmen on organizational improvements, strategic planning, and capital planning and spending .

Article 3 - Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3038.28 for the payment of unpaid bills from prior fiscal year 2015. Such funds to be distributed as follows:

- To DPW Expenses \$1127.28
- To Communications Expenses \$1911.00

Motion passed.

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury, as indicated below, the sum of \$157,464 to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2016 operating budgets and to be sourced and distributed as follows:

Source	Expense	Amount
Water Retained earnings	Water Enterprise Personnel	\$2,000
Raise and Appropriate	Public Works General Fund Personnel	\$10,500
Raise and Appropriate	Central Motors Expense	\$5,700
Raise and Appropriate	Technology Expense	\$12,000
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	Police Personnel	\$44,264
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	Fire Personnel	\$37,000
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	Public Works Building Expenses	\$21,000
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	Planning/Zoning Personnel	\$25,000

Motion passed.

Article 5 – Move that the town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000 to fund the Wrentham Municipal Clerical Employees Chapter Local 301 union contract. Such Funds to be distributed as follows:

Board of Assessors Personnel	\$1000
Communications Personnel	\$3800
Conservation Personnel	\$400
Inspections Personnel	\$500
Council on Aging Personnel	\$900
Finance Personnel	3200
Fire Dept. Personnel	\$1000
Library Personnel	\$3000
Public Health Nurses Personnel	\$2200
Town Clerk Personnel	\$1000

Motion passed.

Article 6a – Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, as indicated below, the sum of \$23,000 to be allocated for the following items:

Source	Item	Amount
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	DPW-Public Buildings-Fiske Library Expenses	\$18,000
Raise and appropriate	DPW-Public Buildings-Public Safety Expenses	\$5,000

Motion passed.

Article 6b – Move that the town appropriate by transfer from the Capital Stabilization fund the amount of \$50,000 to be allocated to the purchase and installation of network infrastructure for the public safety building.

This article required a 2/3 vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 7 – Move that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate by transfer from available funds or by borrowing the sum of \$162,000 for the purchase and distribution of 4,000 recycling carts.

Mr. Immonen asked for more detailed information on this article. Mr. Lavin explained the size of the recycling cart, reducing pickup to every other week and cash savings. Mr. Keilen and Mr. Carroll also commented on this matter.

This article required a 2/3 vote. Vote was 60 – Yes, 2 – No. Motion passed.

Article 8 – Move that the town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds or by borrowing the sum of \$5,200,000 to install a new water main within Madison and East Street to Washington Street including service connections to existing houses and vacant lots along Madison Street, gate valves, curb stops, thrust blocking and all similar appurtenances and to replace 5,000 linear feet of existing 8" water main with 12" ductile iron main located within the south bound shoulder of Route 1 from Madison Street to Thurston Street. Said Appropriation to be contingent in whole or in part on receipt of a MassWorks grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Doug Valovcin (Asst. Superintendent) spoke about the intent of the article. He explained the present and proposed water lines, fire protection, etc. Ms. Joan Dooley, Mr. Michael Carroll, and Mr. Leo Pfeiffer had comments. There were concerns expressed having the taxpayers pay for interest on the loan. There was discussion on the appropriation being contingent in whole or in part.

Mrs. Marjorie Immonen withdrew her motion and made a 2nd motion.

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Mr. George Smith, Mr. Chuck Woodhams, Ms. Irene Levesque and other residents had comments on cost overruns, developer agreements, supply of water to property owners, interest due (being paid by applicant/developer).

Mr. George Smith made an amendment to the 2nd motion.

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A resident asked if this amendment requires a separate developer agreement. Mr. Ketcham, Town Administrator explained if the Town accepted this amendment, the Town could receive the grant and the developer still could withdraw.

Mr. Smith's amendment to the 2nd motion failed.

The residents voted on the 2nd motion. This article required a 2/3 vote. Vote was 47 – Yes, 4 – No. Motion passed.

Article 9 – Move that the town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 10 of the June 8, 2015 Annual Town meeting which appropriated funds in the amount of \$22,000 for an electric vehicle to allow use of these funds for the purchase of conventional gasoline vehicle.

Motion passed.

Article 10 – Move to take no action on Article 10.

Motion passed.

Article 11 – Move that the town adopt Article 11 as printed.

The Moderator asked if King Philip and Town Counsel are in agreement with the language in the warrant.

Motion passed.

Article 12 – Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws, ARTICLE 4.7. Capital Budget Planning Committee, SECTION 1. General by deleting the phrases "one member of the Planning Board" and "one member of the King Philip Regional School Committee who shall be a resident of Wrentham as well as a registered Voter", and by deleting the phrase "two residents-at-large who are registered voters and hold no public office" and inserting in its place the phrase "four (4) residents-at-large".

Motion passed.

Article 13 – There was no action taken on Article 13.

Article 14 – Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws, ARTICLE 4.5. Board of Assessors, SECTION 1. Numbering of Buildings by deleting Paragraph B. and inserting in its place the following:

- B. The Board of Assessors through the Assessors' office shall assign a lot number and associated street number to each building lot shown on a plan approved or endorsed by the Planning Board, and each dwelling, store, public garage, factory, or other building located upon a street or way, public or private. All such buildings shall bear a number, such building number shall be associated with the street or way, public or private that provides for the driveway entrance.

Motion passed.

Article 15 – Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease a 10,000 square foot portion of the property known as the Wollomonopoag Area site, Assessors Map J-07-1-12, Block 1, Parcel 12, consisting of 200 acres, more or less, for purposes of installing a multi-carrier wireless communication monopole facility and related improvements, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, for a term of up to 20 years, including the authorization to the Board of Selectmen to convey such non-exclusive easements as may be necessary to gain access to, and to provide electric and telephone utilities to serve, that facility, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for approval of a special act in such form as the Board may determine, approving the lease of the said property for commercial wireless communications purposes, under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

Mr. Tom Brown spoke about concerns of neighbors in the surrounding streets near the proposed site and suggested the Town form a Study Committee. Mr. Pfeiffer spoke in favor of the article.

Mr. Tom Brown made an amendment to the motion.

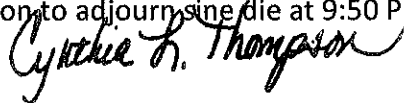
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Residents voted on the amended motion made by Mr. Brown. This authorization for the Board of Selectmen to lease property required a 2/3 vote. Vote was 19 – Yes, 25 – No. Motion failed.

Mr. Darryl Luce presented the Moderator with an amended motion. The Moderator determined the motion was beyond the scope of the main article and it was rejected.

Vote on the original motion. This article required a 2/3 vote. Vote was 43 – Yes, 2 – Motion passed.

Mr. Savage made a motion to adjourn sine die at 9:50 PM. *Passed.*



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Cynthia L. Thompson, Town Clerk