

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting – November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium. There were 43 voters in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson.

Tellers appointed were Mark Keilen, Leo Immonen and Thomas Rieger. Mr. Keilen made a motion to waive the reading of the warrant. *Motion passed.*

The Moderator explained the rules of town meeting and verified with the Town Clerk that the warrant was posted properly and the warrant articles were submitted to the Clerk's office by the noon deadline. All non-registered voters were seated in the first six rows on the left side of the auditorium and wore orange stickers.

The Moderator recognized Arthur Robison for his years served on the Finance Committee. He also thanked the Town Clerk for sending out a Nixle alert reminder about Town Meeting and was impressed with the warrant being attached to the e-mail.

The Moderator announced that he would not seek re-election in April after serving 25 years in Wrentham Town government.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Move to recognize the Town of Wrentham 2016 Volunteers of the year.

Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen presented James Mancuso and Maureen Osolnik with the 2016 Volunteer of the Year award.

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

Motion passed.

Selectman Deborah Torchia gave a Report of the Board of Selectmen on "What's Been Done" and "What's to Come".

Article 3 - Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,567.81 for the payment of unpaid bills from prior fiscal year 2016. Such funds to be distributed as follows:

- To Animal Control – Expenses - \$851.56
- To DPW – Expenses \$150.00
- To Fire Department – Expenses - \$236.38
- To Police Department – Expenses - \$199.36
- To Communications – Expenses - \$130.51

Motion passed.

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, as indicated below, the sum of \$62,100.65 to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2017 operating budgets and to be sourced and distributed as follows:

Source	Expense	Amount
Raise and Appropriate	Police Personnel	\$4,500.00
Raise and Appropriate	Recreation Expense	\$29,850.65
Raise and Appropriate	Lake Pearl Expense	\$5,000.00
Raise and Appropriate	Council on Aging Personnel	\$250.00
Raise and Appropriate	Central Services Personnel	\$6,000.00
Transfer from Council on Aging GATRA Expense	Council on Aging GATRA Personnel	\$1,000.00
Transfer from Water Retained Earnings	Water Debt Service Interest	\$1,500.00
Transfer from Finance Personnel	Central Services Personnel	\$14,000.00

Motion passed.

Article 5a – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$200,000 for Water System repairs; and from the Ambulance Fund, the sum of \$200,000 toward the replacement of a town ambulance:

Source	Item	Amount
Water Retained Earnings	Water System Repairs	\$200,000.00
Ambulance Fund	Ambulance	\$200,000.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 5b – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the Capital Stabilization fund the amount of \$152,000 to be allocated to the purchase and installation of security infrastructure for the Public Safety Building and toward the replacement of a town ambulance, as follows:

Source	Item	Amount
Capital Stabilization	Public Safety Building Camera Security System	\$61,000.00
Capital Stabilization	Ambulance	\$91,000.00

Mr. Keilan inquired about the balance of the ambulance fund - \$312,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 6 – Move that the Town indefinitely postpone Article 6.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 7 – Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 and to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$5,500 to fund the Wrentham Department of Public Works union contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 8 – Move that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$36,000 to fund the Wrentham Police Union contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 9 – Move that the Town indefinitely postpone Article 9.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 10 – Move that the Town take no action on Article 10.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 11 – Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept Chapter 40, Section 22G of Massachusetts General Laws to authorize the Town to allocate funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in the Town to the Commission on Disabilities.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 12 – Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to request the State Legislature to increase the number of alcohol licenses for the Town of Wrentham.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 13 – Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept as a public way a street identified as Oak Hill Avenue as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Motion withdrawn.

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept as public ways streets identified as Oak Hill Avenue and Summit Circle as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Motion withdrawn.

Article 13 – Move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a street identified as Oak Hill Avenue between stations 30+02.21 -58+02.21, its terminus at West Street and the Entirety of Summit Circle, Wrentham, Massachusetts, as shown on Road Acceptance Plan of Oak Hill Avenue Sta. 30+02.21 – 58+02.51 and Summit Circle in Wrentham, MA 02093, prepared by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc., dated November 19, 2015, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, MA., and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within the layout of such way, and any easements appurtenant thereto or necessary for the maintenance of such way, by voluntary conveyance.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 14 – Move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a street identified as Cranberry Lane as shown on Road Acceptance Plan of Cranberry Lane, prepared for the Town of Wrentham, prepared by Andrews Survey and Engineering, dated August 18, 2015, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, MA., and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within in the layout of such way, and any easements appurtenant thereto or necessary for the maintenance of such way, by voluntary conveyance.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 15 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham Zoning Bylaws by replacing Article 4.8.1. as presented in the Recommendation of the Planning Board.

Mr. Billian asked the residents if everyone had a copy of the Planning Board Recommendations.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 16 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws by inserting Article 6.30, Section 4 – Water Use Restriction as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator requested the Town Clerk (on behalf of the General Bylaw Committee) read Article 16 paragraph by paragraph.

Move that the Town vote to amend the **Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses** by deleting “outside the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM” in the third bullet:

Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses are:

- irrigation of public parks and recreation fields outside the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM and;
- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose outside the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM and;
- irrigation with harvested and stored stormwater runoff.

Motion passed.

Move that the Town vote to amend the section **Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses** by deleting the first bullet:

Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses are:

- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose outside the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM and;
- irrigation outside the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM with harvested and stored stormwater runoff.

Motion failed.

Move that Town vote to amend Paragraph C. as follows:

C. Applicability

All users of the public water supply system of the Town of Wrentham and private well users within the Town of Wrentham shall be subject to this bylaw. This bylaw shall be in effect year round.

Motion passed.

After much discussion, there was a motion on the floor to move that the Town indefinitely postpone this article.

Motion failed.

Move that the Town waive the reading of the rest of the warrant article

Motion passed.

Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws by inserting Article 6.30, Section 4 – Water Use Restriction as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting with amendments.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 17 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws, Article 4.10, Section 7 – Fees, Fines and Other Charges, paragraph A – Fees – to include paragraph v – Water Use Violations as follows.

ART. 4.10. SECTION 7. Fees, Fines and Other Charges

A. Fees:

- i. Flammables, original fee (ART. 5.30, SECTION 1.) \$500.00
- ii. Flammables, renewal fee (ART 5.30, SECTION 1.) \$250.00
- iii. Excavating in public ways, application fee (ART. 6.20, SECTION 2.C.) \$50.00
- iv. Test of any testable backflow prevention device (ART. 6.30, SECTION 3.) \$50.00
- v. Water use violation (ART. 6.30, SECTION 4.)
 - 1. first violation \$50.00
 - 2. second violation \$100.00
 - 3. third and subsequent violations (and termination of water service for water customers). Each day may be considered a separate offense. \$200.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 18 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws by inserting Article 7.110 – Community Preservation Committee as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Move that Town vote to amend Section 2, fifth paragraph in Paragraph D as follows:

The Community Preservation Committee shall submit a recommendation for Town Meeting approval for annual administrative and operating expenses for the Committee, in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund.

Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws by inserting Article 7.110 – Community Preservation Committee as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting with the amendment.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Billian made a motion to adjourn sine die at 9:51 PM. *Motion passed.*

A True Copy, Attest: _____
Cynthia L. Thompson, Town Clerk