

## Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – June 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Goddard at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium. There were 169 voters in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Roderick School Council Members: Grace Campbell, Jack Chisolm, EJ Crisci, Ian Knott, Alice Moore and Ryan Saenz.

Tellers appointed were Leo Immonen, Mark Keilen, Jeffrey Hall and Ray Palmer.

The Moderator introduced the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Counsel, Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk. He thanked Town and School employees, election workers and town volunteers for their time and dedication.

Senator Richard Ross and Representative Shawn Dooley were in attendance with Proclamations for outgoing Moderator Keith Billian. Mr. Billian served over 25 years on various boards/committees in town as well as Town Moderator for 18 year. Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson thanked Mr. Billian for his dedication and service and presented him with a gavel plaque.

The Annual Town Meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. Selectmen Langley made a motion to waive the reading of the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Passed.

The Moderator made his appointments and read announcements and reminders about the Town Meeting process and ended his opening remarks with a quote from Winston Churchill.

### TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Move that the Town accept the 2016 Annual Town Report.

*Passed.*

Article 2 – Move that the Town vote to 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 \$65,920.00

*Passed.*

Article 3 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 3.

*Passed.*

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 4.

*Passed unanimously.*

**Article 5** – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham’s Water Enterprise Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the sum of \$2,107,856 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee’s Recommendations under Table B-1. The appropriation will be allocated as follows:

To direct expenses the sum of	\$1,659,868
By transfer to the general fund for indirect expenses the sum of	\$447,988
<b>Said sum is to be sourced as follows:</b>	
From Water Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of	\$2,032,856
By transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Operating Capital Budget the sum of	\$75,000

Passed.

**Table B-1  
Water Enterprise**

	<b>FY 2017 Budget</b>	<b>FY2018 FinCom Recommended</b>	<b>Change \$</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Salary	694,939	708,230.00	13,291	1.91%
Expense	590,978	521,650.00	(69,328)	-11.73%
Debt Services	360,905	354,988.00	(5,917)	-1.64%
Water Oper Capital	75,000	75,000.00	--	0.00%
Total Direct	1,721,822	1,659,868	(61,954)	-3.60%
Total Indirect	418,097	447,988	29,891	7.15%
	2,139,919	2,107,856	32,063	-1.50%

**Article 6** – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2018 operating expense budget in the amount of \$41,398,215 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations "Table B-2", and to fund the budget from the following sources:

Raise and appropriate the sum of	\$39,251,951
Appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of	\$350,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of	\$20,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of	\$447,988
Appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of	\$1,328,276

The Moderator then read Table B-2 as follows:

**Table B-2**

	<b>FY18 FINCOM Recommended</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
Payroll Services	184,452
Expenses	19,200
<i>department total</i>	<u>203,652</u>
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	425
<i>department total</i>	<u>425</u>
140 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll Services	401,202
Expenses	67,400
<i>department total</i>	<u>468,602</u>
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll Services	161,959
Expenses	29,860
<i>department total</i>	<u>191,819</u>
151 LEGAL	
Expenses	95,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>95,000</u>
155 TECHNOLOGY	
Payroll Services	141,868
Expenses	196,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>338,368</u>
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll Services	126,154
Expenses	23,510
<i>department total</i>	<u>149,664</u>
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll Services	49,215
Expenses	5,477
<i>department total</i>	<u>54,692</u>
175 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll Services	116,436
Expenses	4,250
<i>department total</i>	<u>120,686</u>
180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES	
Expenses	200
<i>department total</i>	<u>200</u>

	<b>FY18 FINCOM Recommended</b>
<b>196 CENTRAL SERVICES</b>	
Payroll Services	65,701
Expenses	54,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>120,201</u>
<b>197 AQUATIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>	
Expenses	28,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>28,500</u>
 <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
<b>210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Payroll Services	2,136,827
Expenses	154,400
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,291,227</u>
<b>220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Payroll Services	2,123,498
Expenses	194,250
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,317,748</u>
<b>241 INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	
Payroll Services	230,923
Expenses	16,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>246,923</u>
<b>291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	2,400
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,400</u>
<b>292 ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	
Expenses	19,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>19,000</u>
<b>299 COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
Payroll Services	346,965
Expenses	64,700
<i>department total</i>	<u>411,665</u>
 <b>EDUCATION</b>	
<b>300 WRENTHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	
Payroll Services	9,226,326
Expenses	2,210,084
<i>department total</i>	<u>11,436,410</u>
<b>306 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL HS</b>	
Expenses	24,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>24,000</u>

	<b>FY18 FINCOM Recommended</b>
<b>307 KING PHILIP REGIONAL</b>	
Operating Expense	9,341,507
Capital Expense	77,455
Debt Service Expense	792,122
<i>department total</i>	<u>10,211,084</u>
<b>308 TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL</b>	
Operating Expense	683,711
<i>department total</i>	<u>683,711</u>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
<b>410 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Payroll Services	613,558
Expenses	299,050
<i>department total</i>	<u>912,608</u>
<b>410 SOLID and HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	735,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>735,000</u>
<b>410 STREET LIGHTING</b>	
Expenses	89,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>89,000</u>
<b>410 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE</b>	
Payroll Services	88,744
Expenses	430,260
<i>department total</i>	<u>519,004</u>
<b>410 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT</b>	
Expenses	112,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>112,000</u>
<b>423 SNOW &amp; ICE</b>	
Payroll Services	50,000
Expenses	100,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>150,000</u>
<b>424 FUEL</b>	
Expenses	92,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>92,000</u>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	
<b>522 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	
Payroll Services	151,362
Expenses	90,242
<i>department total</i>	<u>241,604</u>

	<b>FY18 FINCOM Recommended</b>
<b>541 COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Payroll Services	122,142
Expenses	12,170
<i>department total</i>	<u>134,312</u>
<b>543 VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>	
Payroll Services	5,464
Expenses	40,950
<i>department total</i>	<u>46,414</u>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	
<b>610 LIBRARY</b>	
Payroll Services	239,014
Expenses	86,700
<i>department total</i>	<u>325,714</u>
<b>630 RECREATION</b>	
Payroll Services	141,413
Expenses	11,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>152,913</u>
<b>691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	
Expenses	500
<i>department total</i>	<u>500</u>
<b>692 MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
Expenses	3,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>GF DEBT SERVICE</b>	
710 DEBT-PRINCIPAL	1,384,972
750 DEBT-INTEREST & ADMIN CHARGES	180,758
TOTAL GF DEBT SERVICE	<u>1,565,730</u>
<b>INSURANCE &amp; OTHER</b>	
910 INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,702,438
132 RESERVE FUND (Appropriated)	200,000
TOTAL INSURANCE & OTHER	<u>6,902,438</u>
<b>TOTAL GF</b>	<b>41,398,215</b>

Mr. Immonen had a question on the decrease to the Assessors Expenses and the increase to Communications Payroll Services. Mr. Ketcham explained the reasoning for both.

A hold was placed on the King Philip Regional High School budget. Mr. Hall asked if payroll was included in the line item for Operating Expenses. Mr. Billian asked how the budget cuts affected

the Elementary School. Dr. Gilson explained the KP budget cuts being made with the proposed 2% increase.

There was discussion on the percentage that Norfolk voted (4.5%), what Plainville may be voting this evening (3%) and the additional cuts that Wrentham will have to make if Plainville votes the 3%.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 7 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$19,522.00 to fund the Wrentham Municipal Clerical Employees Local 301 union contract. Such Funds to be distributed as follows:

Finance	\$2,922	Assessors	\$925
Town Clerk	\$925	Conservation	\$375
Planning & Development	\$875	Central Services	\$825
Fire	\$625	Inspections	\$475
Communications	\$5,200	Public Health	\$2,750
Council on Aging	\$1,100	Library	\$2,525

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 8 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 8.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 9 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$64,000.00 to fund the Wrentham Firefighters Union contract.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 10 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$14,000 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.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 11 - Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$70,000 and from transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$30,000 to fund OPEB.

Mr. Immonen had a question on the remaining unfunded liability.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 12A - Move that the Town vote to appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$966,500 to fund the following Capital items:

Department	Equipment	Cost
DPW	Ten Wheel Dump Truck	\$255,000
DPW	Six Wheel Dump Truck	\$225,000
DPW	Sidewalk Plow	\$146,500
DPW	Street Sweeper	\$340,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 12B - Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$352,500 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for the following Capital items:

Department	Equipment	Cost
DPW	Air Compressor (1/2)	\$17,500
DPW	SCADA Controls	\$35,000
DPW	Water System Repairs	\$300,000

and \$149,902 from unappropriated funds in the Treasury for the following Capital items:

Department	Equipment	Cost
DPW	Air Compressor (1/2)	\$17,500
Assessors	Assessing Software	\$40,000
Fire	Lease Payment for Fire Truck	\$73,072
DPW	Interest on Borrowing Repayment	\$19,330

Mr. Keilen asked when the lease for the Fire Truck was up (2019).

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 13 - Move that the Town vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 20, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 14 – Move that the Town vote to accept and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds certified at \$420,500 for FY2018.

*Passed unanimously.*



Article 15 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 15.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 16 - Move that the Town vote to authorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ subject to below stated limited on expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018:

<b>Department/Purpose/Authorization</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>FY18 Limit</b>
Police: Vehicle Revolving Fund	Chelsea GCA Premium Outlet Center for Police equipment provided at Outlet site	Police equipment replacement, including but not limited to cruisers	\$50,000
Police: Firearms Licenses	Applicants for Firearms Licensing	Expenses/fees payable to Commonwealth of Mass Firearms Bureau for permit processing	\$25,000
Recycling and Solid Waste: Revolving Accounts - Composting Program, Curbside Carts, Kitchen Scrap Buckets, Water Barrels	Sale of composting bins, curbside carts, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels	Purchase additional composting bins, curbside carts, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels for sale	\$50,000
Wrentham Cultural Council	Artist Application Fees	Wrentham Cultural Council Community Events	\$10,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 17 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Wrentham General Bylaws ARTICLE 2.20. SECTION 1. Date and Time, by:

- Replacing “on the second Monday in November. If the second Monday is an observed holiday, the meeting will be held on the following day.” as it appears in the second paragraph with “between the months of October and December inclusive on a date to be scheduled and noticed as provided in the General Laws.”

Ms. Thompson read the favorable report of the General Bylaw Review Committee.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 18 – Move that the Town amend the General Bylaws to establish departmental revolving funds under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as printed in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting with the exception of the “Turf Field Capital and Maintenance” which is deleted from the Revolving Funds and column “vi. Other Req./Reports” which was deleted and the remaining column renumbered as vi. instead of vii.

Ms. Thompson read the favorable report of the General Bylaw Review Committee.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 19 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 19.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 20 – Move that the Town vote to amend ARTICLE 4.40, SECTION 2 of the Wrentham General Bylaws as printed in Article 20 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting, and for clarification purposes, change the phrase “and may periodically” to read “and may as needed”.

Ms. Thompson read the favorable report of the General Bylaw Review Committee with the recommendation of changing the phrase “any may periodically” to “and may as needed”.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 21 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 21.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 22 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 22.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 23 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 23.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 24 – Move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a street identified as Warren Drive, between stations 0+00 and the Norfolk/Wrentham municipal boundary (station 3+50), as shown on plans entitled “Project and Roadway As Built Plans, Fox Run in Wrentham, MA, Prepared for Pulte Homes of New England, LLC, 115 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA” by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., dated March 30, 2016 and revised through June 30, 2016, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, 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, provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen is not authorized to acquire the Wastewater Treatment Facility, or any pipes, conduits, controls, ducts, plumbing, cables, equipment or other facility appurtenant thereto, or accept any maintenance obligations relative to such Wastewater Treatment Facility.

It was noted by Mr. Kassler that the date of the revision of the plans of June 30, 2016 was incorrect and should read April 28, 2017. This date is also incorrect in Articles 25 and 26.

Mr. Langley amended his motion on Article 24 to change the “revised through” date from June 30, 2016 to April 28, 2017.

*Amendment passed unanimously.*

*Article 24 motion as amended passed unanimously.*

Article 25 – Move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a street identified as Farrington Avenue, between station 0+00 and the Norfolk/Wrentham municipal boundary (station 23+80), as shown on plans entitled “Project and Roadway As Built Plans, Fox Run in Wrentham, MA, Prepared for Pulte Homes of New England, LLC, 115 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA” by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., dated March 30, 2016 and revised through April 28, 2017, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, 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, provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen is not authorized to acquire the Wastewater Treatment Facility, or any pipes, conduits, controls, ducts, plumbing, cables, equipment or other facility appurtenant thereto, or accept any maintenance obligations relative to such Wastewater Treatment Facility.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 26 – Move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a street identified as Hemmingway Place, between Warren Drive (station 0+00) and the Norfolk/Wrentham municipal boundary (station 13+50), as shown on plans entitled “Project and Roadway As Built Plans, Fox Run in Wrentham, MA, Prepared for Pulte Homes of New England, LLC, 115 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA” by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., dated March 30, 2016 and revised through April 28, 2017, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, 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, provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen is not authorized to acquire the Wastewater Treatment Facility, or any pipes, conduits, controls, ducts, plumbing, cables, equipment or other facility appurtenant thereto, or accept any maintenance obligations relative to such Wastewater Treatment Facility.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 27 – No action was taken on Article 27.

Article 28 – No action was taken on Article 28.

Article 29 – Move that the Town indefinitely postpone action on Article 29 that would amend Article 2 of the Zoning By-Laws.

*Passed unanimously.*

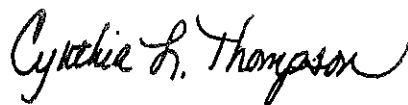
Article 30 – Move that the Town amend Article 7 of the Wrentham Zoning Bylaw by replacing the existing subsections a. through f. with subsections a. through h. as follows, and by renumbering the existing subsections g. and h. as subsections i. and j (strikethrough text indicates a deletion and underline text indicates an insertion) as follows:

- a. An original drawing of the site plan in indelible ink and ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) full-sized (24" x 36") contact prints and nine (9) copies of the plan at a size of 11"x17".
- b. Three (3) copies of Application Form 1 or Form 2. The Applicant shall state in his application the time within which the required work on the ground will be completed.
- c. Five (5) copies of the Stormwater and Drainage Report.
- d. Five (5) copies of the Traffic Study.
- e. A List of all abutters together with the address of each as determined from the most recent local tax list certified by the Board of Assessors. An abutter is any property owner within ~~three hundred (300)~~ 300 feet of the site.
- f. A location plan of the site at a scale of 1" = 200', showing all proposed USES, ways, DRIVEWAYS, BUILDINGS, parking and loading areas and their relation to one (1) or more existing STREETS.
- g. A sketch plan, acceptable to the Board, showing a prospective layout for any adjacent land owned or controlled by the owner or Applicant.
- h. ~~Five (5)~~ Ten (10) copies of the COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT report as required by Article 8.

*Passed unanimously.*

Selectman Langley made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting sine die at 9:32 PM.

*Passed.*



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