

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – June 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Goddard at 7:30 PM at the King Philip Regional High School Auditorium. There were 61 registered voters in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Counsel, George Hall.

Tellers appointed were Jeffrey Hall and Barry Kassler.

The warrant was properly posted and all motions were received in a timely fashion. Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson motioned to waive the reading of the Town Meeting Warrant.

The Moderator introduced the newest member of the Finance Committee, Michael Johns and Town Administrator, Kevin Sweet. He thanked recent Police Chief Retiree, James Anderson and upcoming Fire Chief Retiree, James McMorro for their years of service. Recognition was given to Finance Committee Chairperson, Andrea Sweed and Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson for their hard work preparing for this Town Meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Selectman Charles Farling and Fire Chief Wendall McNamara who both served the town for many years.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Move that the Town accept the 2017 Annual Town Report.

Passed.

Before entering into the Financial Articles, the Board of Selectmen gave a proclamation to Charles Kennedy for his years of service as a Selectmen and member of the Finance Committee.

The Board presented a commemorative flag and proclamation to Police Chief, James Anderson.

Brief presentations were given by Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski for King Philip High School and Dr. Allan Cameron for the Wrentham Elementary Schools. Town Administrator Kevin Sweet gave a Financial Update and Representative Shawn Dooley spoke briefly.

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:

Town Clerk	\$67,898.00
All Other Elected Officials	\$0.00

Voted unanimously.

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

Passed.

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$100,000 to snow and ice expense.

Passed unanimously.

Article 5 – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham’s Water Enterprise Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the sum of \$2,135,239 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	\$1,682,968
By transfer to the general fund for indirect expenses the sum of	\$452,271
Said sum is to be sourced as follows:	
From Water Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of	\$2,060,239
By transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Operating Capital Budget the sum of	\$75,000

Passed unanimously.

Table B-1. Water Enterprise

	FY 2018 Budget	FY2019 FinCom Recommended	Change \$	Change %
Salary	\$708,230	\$726,755	18,525	2.62%
Expense	\$521,650	\$530,330	8,680	1.66%
Debt Services	\$354,988	\$350,883	(4,105)	-1.16%
Water Operating Capital	\$75,000	\$75,000	--	0.00%
Total Direct	\$1,659,868	\$1,682,968	23,100	1.39%
Total Indirect	\$447,988	\$452,271	4,283	0.96%
	\$2,107,856	\$2,135,239	27,383	1.30%

Article 6 – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2019 operating expense budget in the amount of \$42,631,892 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	\$40,606,361
Appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of	\$380,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of	\$20,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Septic Loan Program	\$20,048
Appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of	\$452,271
Appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of	\$1,153,212

The Moderator then read Table B-2 as follows:

Table B-2.

	FY19 FINCOM Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
Payroll Services	228,167
Expenses	32,200
<i>department total</i>	<u>260,367</u>
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	400
<i>department total</i>	<u>400</u>
140 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll Services	410,558
Expenses	72,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>482,558</u>
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll Services	157,424
Expenses	26,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>183,424</u>
151 LEGAL	
Expenses	109,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>109,500</u>
155 TECHNOLOGY	
Payroll Services	144,610
Expenses	209,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>354,110</u>
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll Services	133,325
Expenses	22,890
<i>department total</i>	<u>156,215</u>
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll Services	51,678
Expenses	3,685
<i>department total</i>	<u>55,363</u>
175 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll Services	112,090
Expenses	4,750
<i>department total</i>	<u>116,840</u>
180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES	
Expenses	200
<i>department total</i>	<u>200</u>

	FY19 FINCOM Recommended
196 CENTRAL SERVICES	
Payroll Services	53,666
Expenses	55,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>109,166</u>
197 AQUATIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
Expenses	28,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>28,500</u>
 PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll Services	2,166,892
Expenses	161,900
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,328,792</u>
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll Services	2,207,100
Expenses	167,750
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,374,850</u>
241 INSPECTION SERVICES	
Payroll Services	235,826
Expenses	15,200
<i>department total</i>	<u>251,026</u>
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	2,400
<i>department total</i>	<u>2,400</u>
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Expenses	19,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>19,000</u>
299 COMUNICATIONS	
Payroll Services	270,525
Expenses	354,309
<i>department total</i>	<u>624,834</u>
 EDUCATION	
300 WRENTHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
Payroll Services	9,666,145
Expenses	2,191,125
<i>department total</i>	<u>11,857,270</u>
306 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL HS	
Expenses	16,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>16,000</u>

	FY19 FINCOM Recommended
307 KING PHILIP REGIONAL	
Operating Expense	9,502,052
Capital Expense	75,559
Debt Service Expense	745,516
<i>department total</i>	<u>10,323,127</u>
 308 TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL	
Operating Expense	846,524
<i>department total</i>	<u>846,524</u>
 PUBLIC WORKS	
410 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
Payroll Services	701,733
Expenses	273,300
<i>department total</i>	<u>975,033</u>
 410 SOLID and HAZARDOUS WASTE	
Payroll Services	
Expenses	749,079
<i>department total</i>	<u>749,079</u>
 410 STREET LIGHTING	
Expenses	89,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>89,000</u>
 410 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	
Expenses	415,020
<i>department total</i>	<u>415,020</u>
 410 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	
Expenses	102,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>102,000</u>
 423 SNOW & ICE	
Payroll Services	50,000
Expenses	100,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>150,000</u>
 424 FUEL	
Expenses	92,825
<i>department total</i>	<u>92,825</u>
 HUMAN SERVICES	
522 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
Payroll Services	171,764
Expenses	108,982
<i>department total</i>	<u>280,746</u>

	FY19 FINCOM Recommended
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	
Payroll Services	124,791
Expenses	12,850
<i>department total</i>	<u>137,641</u>
543 VETERAN AFFAIRS	
Payroll Services	5,464
Expenses	40,950
<i>department total</i>	<u>46,414</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll Services	241,514
Expenses	86,700
<i>department total</i>	<u>328,214</u>
630 RECREATION	
Payroll Services	148,050
Expenses	11,500
<i>department total</i>	<u>159,550</u>
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Expenses	250
<i>department total</i>	<u>250</u>
692 MEMORIAL DAY	
Expenses	3,000
<i>department total</i>	<u>3,000</u>
GF DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT-PRINCIPAL	1,167,972
750 DEBT-INTEREST & ADMIN CHARGES	182,615
TOTAL GF DEBT SERVICE	<u>1,350,587</u>
INSURANCE & OTHER	
910 INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7,052,068
132 RESERVE FUND (Appropriated)	200,000
TOTAL INSURANCE & OTHER	<u>7,252,068</u>
TOTAL GF	42,631,892

No holds were taken on any line items. Mr. Kassler inquired about voting on the FY19 operating budget. The handout had incorrect headings referring to "FY18 FINCOM Recommended". It was clarified that the vote was being taken on Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget.

Passed unanimously.

Article 7 – Move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$50,000 and to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$70,000 to the Town’s “Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB)” trust fund.

Passed unanimously.

Article 8A - Move that the Town vote to transfer from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$57,080 for secure indoor door locks for the Wrentham Elementary School.

Passed unanimously.

Article 8B - Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$495,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings and transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$534,393 for the following Capital items:

Department	Equipment	Cost
Recreation	Grooming Machine-Sand Pro	\$13,500
Fire	Fire Truck Lease Payment	\$73,072
Fire	SCBA (Breathing Apparatus) Replacement	\$66,000
DPW	Water Upgrade Projects	\$300,000
DPW	Mobile Vehicle Base Radio	\$50,000
DPW	SCADA Controls	\$100,000
DPW	Truck Replacement	\$70,000
Wrentham Elementary	Tech Lab Renovations	\$45,000
Wrentham Elementary	HVAC Control	\$65,000
Town Hall/Public Safety	Additional Servers	\$29,000
Building Inspection	Heating/Cooling System	\$15,000
Building Inspection	File Storage System	\$16,000
Building Inspection	On Line Permitting Software	\$29,000
Police	Three (3) Police Cruisers	\$157,821

Passed unanimously.

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

Passed unanimously.

Article 10 – Move that the Town vote to rescind the debt authorization in the amount of \$500 voted in Article 12A of the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, Section 71A for the purchase of a sidewalk plow, and to rescind the debt authorization in the amount of \$865,475 voted in Article 1 of the July 18, 2016 Special Town Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Article 11 – 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 \$419,097 for FY2019.

Passed unanimously.

Article 12 – Move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 12.

Passed unanimously.

Article 13 – Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 71F to establish a revolving account for Non-resident Student Tuition to be funded by non-resident tuition payments and state reimbursements for foster care children, and to be expended by the Wrentham School Committee without further appropriation for expenses incurred in providing education for such students in addition to funds provided from other sources.

Passed unanimously.

Article 14 – Move that the Town vote to amend the last paragraph of Article 5.20, Section 2 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham as follows:

Whoever violates the provisions of this bylaw subsection, or fails to license their dog before ~~April 1st~~ the last day in February of the licensing period, shall be subject to a fine in the amount specified in ART. 4.10, SECTION 7.B. of these bylaws. An owner, who does not register their dog by ~~June 1st~~ May 1st of the licensing period, shall be charged an additional collection fee in the amount specified in ART 4.10, SECTION 7.C. of these bylaws,

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

Passed unanimously.

Article 15 – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 3 of the Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 3.4.b in its entirety and replacing it with the text set forth under Article 15 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Article 16 – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 3.2 of the Zoning Bylaw as follows (strikethrough text indicates a deletion and underline text indicates an insertion):

3.2 ZONING MAP

Said DISTRICTS are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled "~~TOWN OF WRENTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, ZONING DISTRICTS, ZONING MAP OF WRENTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS~~" dated June 2014, and prepared by PeopleGIS, Woburn, Mass, and as most recently amended, and on file with the OFFICE of the Town Clerk. The ZONING MAP, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby made part of this By-Law.

Passed unanimously.

Article 17 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in FY2019:

Appropriations:

From FY2019 estimated revenues for committee administrative expenses: \$15,000

Reserves:


From FY2019 estimated revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve: \$30,000

From FY2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve: \$30,000

From FY2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve: \$30,000

From FY2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve: \$150,000

Passed unanimously.



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