Minutes of the Fall Town Meeting – November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Goddard at 7:45 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium. There were 326 voters in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Goddard.

Selectmen Langley made a motion to waive the reading of the warrant. Motion passed unanimously. Tellers appointed were Leo Immonen, Stephanie Duquette and Mike Maguire.

The Moderator reviewed the outline and agenda of the town meeting and verified with the Town Clerk that the warrant was posted properly and warrant articles were submitted on time. All non-registered voters were seated in the first ten rows on the left side of the auditorium and wore “non-registered voter” stickers.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Kelly Williams who resigned from the Finance Committee after 15 years. A moment of silence was held for long time School Committee/Historical Commission member C. Gordon (Gog) Woodhams.

**TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

**Article 1** – Selectmen Nolan and Selectmen McGovern recognized Mrs. Patricia Fogg as the Town of Wrentham 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

**Article 2** – Move that the Town appropriates $3,418,000 to pay costs of updating/repairing the Madison Street water main, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. This vote supersedes the vote approved at the June 3, 2019 ATM, Article 11.

The Moderator received unanimous consent to suspend the vote by secret ballot (General Bylaws, Article 2.20, Section 4, paragraph D.

*Motion passed by a 2/3 vote.*

**Article 3** – Move that the Town appropriates $634,804 to pay costs of acquiring an equipped class "A" pumper for the use of the Fire Department, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Administrator, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to obtain said amount through a lease purchase financing agreement as permitted in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §21C, or any other enabling authority; the term of such lease purchase agreement not to exceed the useful life of the fire engine as determined by the Town Administrator; that the Town Administrator, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to execute and
deliver such lease-purchase agreement and any and all other related documents which shall contain such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall approve.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 4** – Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $180,000 to pay costs of various capital equipment and projects as described below:

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*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 5** – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer the sum of $90,000 to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2020 operating budgets and to be sourced and distributed as follows:

| Ambulance Receipts Reserve to Fire Personnel | $90,000 |

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 6** – Move that the town vote to appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds in the Treasury the sum of $58,500 to fund the Wrentham Police Union Contract allocated to Police Personnel.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 21** – MOVE that the Town appropriate $445,315 to pay costs of funding the construction of a playground at the Rice Recreation Area, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. 44B, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any borrowing pursuant to M.G.L. 44B, shall be paid, in the first instance from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

*Motion withdrawn.*
Article 21 – MOVE that the Town appropriate $445,315 to pay costs of funding the construction of a playground at the Rice Recreation Area, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any borrowing pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, shall be paid, in the first instance from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and, in the absence of a sufficient balance in said account, from the Undesignated Fund Balance account of the Community Preservation Fund. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Motion passed yes – 225, no – 67.

Article 22 – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $9,900.00 from the Historic Preservation Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of funding the cleaning, restoration and preservation of nine historic paintings by Wrentham artist Joseph Cowell.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 23 – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $6,500.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of funding the updating of the Town of Wrentham’s Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 24 – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $16,000.00 from the Community Housing Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of funding the replacement of fencing at Bennett Gardens and at New Emerald Lane, and to appropriate the sum of $1,000 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of funding basketball hoops at New Emerald Lane.

Motion passed majority.

Article 25 – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $45,000.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of benthic barriers for the control of invasive Brazilian waterweed in Lake Archer, and for the implementation of suction harvesting to mitigate its propagation.

Motion passed majority.
**Article 26** – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $23,000.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding a stormwater study to determine the source of pollutants into Mirror Lake and create a plan for their control, and for the continued treatment of invasive bladderwort and water lily in Mirror Lake.

*Motion passed majority.*

**Article 27** – MOVE that the Town appropriate the sum of $83,000.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of purchasing and operating a mechanical aquatic weed harvester and trailer, and for the disposal of harvested material.

*Motion passed majority.*

**Article 7** – MOVE that the Town accept as public ways the streets identified as Badus Brook Road and High Meadow Road as printed in the warrant for this Town Meeting and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within the layout of those ways by voluntary conveyance.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 8** – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as printed under Article 8 in the warrant for this Town Meeting, except that the word “Community” in the phrase “Community, Recreation, SCHOOL and PARK District” in Sections 19.2.a.3, 19.5.a., and 19.5.b.3 should be changed to the word “Conservation”.

*Motion passed majority (2/3 vote).*

**Article 9** – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by updating subsection 3.2, Zoning Map, to reflect the revisions to the Route 1 District boundaries, as printed under Article 9 in the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 10** – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as printed under Article 10 in the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 11** – Move that the Town vote to amend the various sections of the Zoning By-Laws as printed under Article 11 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

*Motion passed unanimously.*
**Article 12** – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as printed under Article 12 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 13** – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 2.40, Section 1, paragraph B of the General Bylaws by deleting:

ii – Capital Budget Planning Committee  
iv – Technical Review Committee  
viii – Host Community Committee  
xi – Personnel Board  
xii – Energy Resources Commission  
xiv – Committee for an Attractive Wrentham  
xv – Dam Committee

and renumber the remaining list of Standing Committees accordingly.  
And further, amend the newly numbered xiii. Recreation Committee to read: xiii. Recreation Commission.

And further, delete in their entirety Article 4.70 – Capital Budget Planning Committee, Article 7.80 – Technical Review Committee, Article 7.100 – Host Community Committee, Article 3.80 - Personnel Board, Article 6.80 – Dam Committee and Article 6.90 - Energy Resources Commission and renumber all remaining sections respectively.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 14** – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 2.40, Section 3, paragraph C of the General Bylaws as follows:

C. An appointee removed under Paragraph B, above may appeal his/her removal within five (5) days of receipt of such notification by requesting a hearing in writing to the appointing authority who shall notify the appointee of the hearing date, time and location within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written appeal hearing request. The appeal hearing shall take place within thirty (30) days of the written request. The appeal shall be held in Executive Session only upon request from the appointee and a secretary shall be present to take minutes. The ruling rendered shall be final and made within fourteen (14) days of the hearing. Written notice of the ruling shall be given to the appointee, appointing authority, Town Clerk and said committee.

*Motion passed unanimously.*
**Article 15** – Move that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 4 – Non-Substantive Renumbering to Article 3.50, Town Clerk as follows:

ART. 3.50, SECTION 4. Non-Substantive Renumbering

The Town Clerk is authorized to assign appropriate numbers or letters to bylaw sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs where none are approved at Town Meeting; and if such number or lettering is approved by Town Meeting, to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the same to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering; and to make non-substantive editorial revisions to references regarding such numbering or lettering as contained within the bylaws to ensure accuracy and conformity.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 16** – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 7.70, Section 4 – Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags by replacing in its entirety with the re-codified version as printed in the November 4, 2019 warrant.

And further, amend Article 4.10, Section 7, paragraph B by adding:

- xii. Violation of Single-Use Plastic Bags (ART 7.70, SECTION 4)
  1. First violation Written Warning
  2. Second violation (if occurs within one year after warning notice issued) $50.00
  3. Third and subsequent violations $100.00

and renumber the remaining B. Fines section respectively.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Article 17** – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 5.10, Section 8, paragraph A of the General Bylaws as follows:

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 1, while on, in or upon any public way or way to which the public has access; any public park, playground or conservation area without the permission of the local licensing authority; or upon any private land or place without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof. A violation on this bylaw shall be deemed to be a breach of the peace.

*Motion passed unanimously.*
Article 18 – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 6.50, Section 1, paragraph E of the General Bylaws as follows:

Every residential owner/tenant shall place a recycling bin at the curb for collection. Yard waste may be brought to the DPW yard.

Motion withdrawn.

Move that the Town vote to amend Article 6.50, Section 1, paragraph E of the General Bylaws as follows:

Every residential owner/tenant shall place a town provided or approved recycling bin at the curb for collection. Yard waste may be brought to the DPW yard.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 19 – Move that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article 6.80 – Prohibition of Illicit Discharges to the Stormwater Drain System, the text of which is printed in the November 4, 2019 warrant.

Motion passed majority (2/3 vote).

Article 20 – Move that the Town vote to amend Article 7.100, Section 2, paragraph A of the General Bylaws as follows:

- one member of the Recreation Commission established under Article 8.30 of these bylaws, as designated by that committee

Motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen Langley made a motion to adjourn sine die at 10:15 PM. Motion passed.

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