REPORT TO THE VOTERS

for the

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Overview

This report provides a summary of the motions, recommendations and a brief explanation of the articles of business for the November 4, 2019 Town Meeting.

Presented By:

Board of Selectmen
Joseph F. Botaish, II, Stephen J. Langley
Jerome P. McGovern, Gerard Nolan, James E. Anderson

Finance Committee
Andrea Sweed, Marjorie Immonen, Dwayne Hancock, William Harrington
Paul J. Malagrifa, Frances Manchuso, Kelly Williams

General By-Law Review Committee
Dwayne Hancock, Stephen Schwarm, George Smith, Jr., Cindy Thompson

Planning Board
Michael McKnight, Robert W. Cass, James E. Lawrence, Stephen Schwarm,
Everett W. Skinner, Jr., Charles G. Woodhams, Jr., Thomas Wrynn
Articles 2 through 6 are to be Moved by the Finance Committee

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.

Discussion: This is a clerical housekeeping matter. This bond funding was approved at last spring’s town meeting. After a review by bond counsel, we are required to resubmit the article using different wording. This is the same amount of borrowing for the same purpose. This vote supersedes the vote approved at the June 3, 2019 ATM, Article 11.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 2.

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, and that the sum of $90,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the first year's payment under said lease purchase agreement.

Discussion: The annual town meeting approved $90,000 for the first payment of the class “A” pumper for the Fire Department. This article enables the town to enter into the borrowing for the full amount of the seven year lease purchase arrangement.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 3.

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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Discussion: Previous town meeting approved improvements and repairs to the Delaney School HVAC system in the amount of $65,000 and this work has been undertaken. An additional $30,000 is required to fully complete the recommended work. This work will contribute to system efficiency and help to control utility cost.

Station 2 (commonly referred to as the Sheldonville Station) requires some basic repairs and maintenance. The Fire Department intends to implement two ambulance crews a shift and will utilize Station 2 as a base of operations for one of the crews. This money will go to maintaining the building and making the facilities ready for personnel to occupy the station on a more regular basis.

**The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 4.**

**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:

- $90,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriation Account to Fire Personnel.

Discussion: The Fire Department applied for and received a $1,003,828 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The monies will be used to hire and retain six new firefighters and enable the department to run a second ambulance crew on their shifts. As part of the grant agreement, the town must cover a portion of the total incremental cost over the three year life of the grant. The grant pays 75% in the first year. The $90,000 is the town’s first portion of this responsibility.

The Finance Committee requested and received financial models showing the financial viability of acceptance of this grant particularly in the third year when the grant covers only 35% of incremental costs and then the fourth year and beyond when the grant ends. The most conservative assumption models were sufficient for the committee to believe this can be sustained once the grant period has passed.

**The Finance Committee recommends the Town vote to approve Article 5.**

**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.

Discussion: This amount represents the incremental amount of money needed to include in the FY2020 budget to cover the negotiated increase with the Wrentham Police Union. This contract was not settled in the Spring when the annual budget was approved.

**The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 6.**
**Article 7 is to be Moved by the Board of Selectmen**

**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.

*The Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 7*

**Articles 8 through Article 12 are to be Moved by the Planning Board**

**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”.

*The Planning Board recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 8.*

**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.

*The Planning Board recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 9.*

**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.

*The Planning Board recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 10.*

**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.

*The Planning Board recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 11.*

**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.

*The Planning Board recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 12.*

**Articles 13 through Article 20 are to be Moved by the General Bylaw Committee**

*The General Bylaw Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Articles 13 through 20.*
Article 21 through 27 is to be Moved by the Community Preservation Committee

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.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 21.

Article 22: Move that the Town vote to 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.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 22.

Article 23: Move that the Town vote to 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.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 23.

Article 24: Move that the Town vote to 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.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 24.
**Article 25**: Move that the Town vote to 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.

_The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 25._

**Article 26**: Move that the Town vote to 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.

_The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 26._

**Article 27**: Move that the Town vote to 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.

_The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve Article 27._