

**RESULTS OF
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 2022**

148 VOTERS ATTENDED

Moderator, Attorney Vincent McCaughey, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. More than a quorum of 25 were present. He declared that the Warrant was properly posted and returned. He explained the procedures of the meeting. Town Clerk, Laura Stockley demonstrated the new Electronic Voting System being used for the just the second time tonight. The Moderator led with the Pledge of Allegiance then the following action was taken on articles:

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ALLOW JAMES FERRERA, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADDRESS THE MEETING – PASSES.

ARTICLE 1: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to accept the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees as printed in the 2021 Annual Report.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 117 – NO 9 – TOTAL = 126 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 2: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town Officers not previously chosen by ballot.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED – YES 99 – NO 23 – TOTAL = 122 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 3: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* Section V, Paragraph A of the Personnel By-Laws, by amending the Hourly rates schedule on the Compensation Plan as set forth in the handout.

AMENDMENT - ARTICLE 3: - MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move to divide Question 3 to address the individual boxes as shown on the Revised Attachment A as dated May 10, 2022.

AMENDED - ARTICLE 3: VOTED – YES 46 – NO 87 – TOTAL = 133
MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO PASS OVER THE ARTICLE 3

ARTICLE 3: TO PASS OVER THE QUESTION: VOTED – YES 33 – NO 99
TOTAL = 132 – MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO MOVE THE QUESTION (ARTICLE 3)
2/3 REQUIRED

ARTICLE 3: TO MOVE THE QUESTION: VOTED YES 91 - NO 37 – TOTAL = 128
MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 3: (ORIGINAL MOTION) VOTED – YES 93 – NO 34 – TOTAL = 127
MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* Section V of the Personnel By-Laws to change the following Grades: PW-1 (Facilities Custodian) to BM-1; add WWTP Assistant Chief Operator Grade PW-5; add WWTP Chief Operator PW-6; to pay accordingly.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED – YES 93 – NO 38 – TOTAL = 131– MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 5: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: : I move that the Town vote to move the Council on Aging Director from Grade A-1 to Grade A-2 and to *raise and appropriate* \$10,189.00 for compensation for FY 23.

ARTICLE 5: VOTED – YES 73 – NO 55 – TOTAL = 128 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to move the Board of Health Secretary from Grade C-3 to Grade A-1 and to *raise and appropriate* \$3,763.00 for compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 6: VOTED – YES 65 – NO 59 – TOTAL = 124 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to move the Highway Secretary from Grade C-2 to Grade C-3, to increase hours from 18 hours to 19 hours, and to *raise and appropriate* \$2,908.00 for compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 7: VOTED – YES 97 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 115 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 8: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to add a new position of Highway PW-2 and to *raise and appropriate* \$46,729.44 for compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED – YES 107 – NO 20 – TOTAL = 127 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 9: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to add a new position of Highway PW-1 Part-time and to *raise and appropriate* \$11,288.00 for compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED – YES 93 – NO 30 – TOTAL = 123 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 10: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to add a new position of Facilities Maintenance Manager Grade BM-2 to the Wage Compensation Plan and to *raise and appropriate* \$50,112.00 for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 10: VOTED – YES 52 – NO 70 – TOTAL = 122
MOTION DEFEATED

ARTICLE 11: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to add a new position Council on Aging Van Driver Grade C-0 and to *raise and appropriate* \$12,480.00 for compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED – YES 76 – NO 36 – TOTAL = 112 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 12: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to add a new position of Cemetery Secretary Grade C-2 at \$16.00/hr. 10 hours/week and to *raise and appropriate* \$8,320.00 compensation for FY 2023.

ARTICLE 12: VOTED – YES 35 – NO 81 – TOTAL = 116
MOTION DEFEATED

ARTICLE 13: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to create a Communicable Disease Account and to fund said account, *raise and appropriate* the amount of \$12,500.00.

ARTICLE 13: VOTED – YES 51 – NO 67 – TOTAL = 118
MOTION DEFEATED

ARTICLE 14-1: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: **(First of Three)** I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the following sums of money to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

SELECTMEN A

Moderator	\$500.	
Selectmen's Salaries	\$15,000.	
Selectmen's Expense	\$7,000.	
Electrical Inspector Salary	\$5,000.	
Electrical Inspector Exp.	\$200.	
Alt. Electrical Inspector	\$300.	
Facilities Custodian Salary	35,705	
Selectmen's Secretary	\$3,000.	
Shepard Building Expense	\$45,000.	
Town Hall Repair/Maintenance	\$22,400.	Hold #1
Technology Annual Fees/Supplies	\$25,000.	
Computer Hardware/Software	\$5,000.	
Selectmen Matching Grant Purch. Service	\$5,000.	
Town Report	\$2,800.	
Publish Special Town Meeting	\$120.	
Memorial Day/Vet Program	\$3,000.	
Selectmen Baseball	\$500.	
Selectmen Basketball	\$500.	
Selectmen Softball	\$500.	
Selectmen Soccer	\$500.	
Selectmen Football	\$500.	
Parking Clerk Salary	\$900.	
Parking Clerk Expense	\$200.	
Parking Clerk Service Bureau Expense	\$100.	
Generator Expense	\$8,000.	
Copier Lease	\$15,000.	
Boiler Maintenance	\$8,000.	
Selectmen Secure Tax Foreclosed Prop.	\$4,000.	
Regional Dispatch	\$129,741.	
SELECTMEN A TOTAL		\$343,466.

BENEFITS

County Retirement Assess.	\$499,592.	
Medicare	\$43,019.	
Medical Insurance	\$545,000.	
Dental Insurance	\$23,000.	
Retiree Med. Ins.	\$70,000.	
Life Insurance	\$1,400.	
Unemployment Insurance	\$10,000.	
BENEFITS TOTAL		\$1,192,011.

DEBT

Debt Retirement	\$110,610.	
Interest/Short Term Debt	\$2,100.	
Principal Short Term Debt	\$50,000.	
DEBT TOTAL		\$162,710.

SELECTMEN B

Selectmen/Town Admin. Assistant	\$54,518.	HOLD #2
Selectmen/Town Admin. Assistant Exp.	\$500.	
SELECTMEN B TOTAL		\$55,018.

SELECTMEN C

Town Administrator Salary	\$90,000.	
Town Administrator Expense	\$4,000.	
SELECTMEN C TOTAL		\$94,000.

SELECTMEN D

Law Dept. Expense	\$100,000.	HOLD #3
Board of Appeals	\$500.	
Economic Development Comm.	\$100.	
Historical Commission	\$5,000.	
Cultural Council	\$2,126.	
Street Lighting	\$15,000.	
Street Light Maintenance	\$15,000.	
Hydrant Rental Prec. A	\$39,625.	
Hydrant Rental Prec. B	\$14,899.	
Regional Planning	\$1,508.	
Insurance (Liability)	\$125,050.	
Insurance (Workmen's Comp.)	\$30,750.	
SELECTMEN D TOTAL		\$349,558.

SELECTMEN TOTAL**\$2,196,763.****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Reserve Account	\$40,000.	
Finance Committee Expense	\$2,000.	
FINANCE COMMITTEE TOTAL		\$42,000.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Town Accountant Salary	\$52,500.
Chief Procurement Officer Stipend	\$3,000.

Assistant Town Account Salary	\$5,000.	
Accountant Expense	\$4,250.	
Municipal Audit	\$24,400.	
Procurement Expense	\$700.	
Actuarial Services	\$4,850.	
ACCOUNTANT TOTAL		\$94,700.

ASSESSORS

Assessors Salaries	\$9,000.	
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$48,886.	
Assessors Clerk Salary	\$16,204.	
Assessors Expense	\$12,000.	
Mapping	\$6,000.	
Revaluation Expense	\$16,000.	
Appraisal Service	\$4,000.	
ASSESSORS TOTAL		\$112,090.

TREASURER

Treasurer's Salary	\$51,500.	
Treasurer's Stipend	\$1,000.	
Treasurer's Clerk Salary	\$16,203.	
Treasurer's Expense	\$10,300.	
Tax Taking Property	\$13,310.	
Bank Charges/ Service Charges	\$1,825.	
TREASURER TOTAL		\$94,138.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Salary	\$51,500.	
Tax Collector Stipend	\$1,000.	
Tax Collector Clerical Salary	\$11,648.	
Tax Collector Expense	\$19,450.	
Collector Tax Taking Expense	\$4,000.	
TAX COLLECTOR TOTAL		\$87,598.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Salary/RAO	\$54,000.	
Town Clerk Stipend	-	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$25,665.	
Town Clerk Expense	\$2,730.	
Advertise New By-Laws	\$50.	
Registrars for Listing	\$6,000.	

Elections & Registrations	\$37,500.	
Presidential Election	-	
TOWN CLERK TOTAL		\$125,945.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Clerical Salary	\$18,000.	
Planning Board Expense	\$2,500.	
PLANNING BOARD TOTAL		\$20,500.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Conservation Comm. Clerical Salary	\$9,167.	
Conservation Commission Expense	\$6,080.	
CONSERVATION TOTAL		\$15,247.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Inspector Salary	\$14,911.	
Building Inspector Clerical Salary	\$16,000.	
Building Inspector Expense	\$2,000.	
BUILDING INSP. TOTAL		\$32,911.

FORESTER

Forester Salary	\$6,000.	
Forestry Expense	\$10,000.	
Pesticides	\$500.	
FORESTER TOTAL		\$16,500.

VETERAN'S AGENT

Veteran's Agent Salary	\$3,600.	
Veteran Expense	\$3,300.	
Veteran Benefits	\$70,000.	
VETERAN'S AGENT TOTAL		\$76,900.
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T A		\$2,915,292.

AT THIS TIME A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ALL NON-CONTESTED ITEMS

ARTICLE 14-1: (First of Three) VOTED - YES 95 – NO 20 – TOTAL = 115
MOTION CARRIES

At this time the Moderator declared we would address each held line item one at a time. There were no motions made regarding any of the held line items, they were voted on as follows:

Hold #1 – Town Hall Repair/Maintenance - \$22,400.

HOLD #1 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE. (PASSES)

Hold #2 – Selectmen/Town Administrator Assistant - \$54,518.

HOLD #2 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE. (PASSES)

Hold #3 – Law Department Expense - \$100,000.

HOLD #3 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE. (PASSES)

ARTICLE 14-2 (Second of Three): MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the following sums of money to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer Salary	\$8,000.
Animal Control Vehicle Stipend	\$1,200.
Animal Control Expense	\$6,300.

ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL	\$15,500.
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$99,132.
Police Lieutenant	-

Police Salaries	\$481,737.	
Supplemental Salaries	\$237,573.	
Police Clerk Salary	\$28,750.	
Police Expense	\$78,000.	
Police Clothing	\$15,550.	Hold #4
Police School Expense	\$23,895.	
Firearms Registration	\$500.	
Police Maintenance & Utilities	\$21,600.	
Police Rental Lease	\$79,740.	

POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$1,066,477.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief/EMT Salary	\$80,000.	
Fire Chief Stipend	\$5,000.	
FF/EMT Salary-Full-Time Positions	\$191,761.	
Overtime FF/EMT	\$17,000.	
Fire Dept. Salary – Call Positions	\$57,300.	
Fire Department Expense	\$47,000.	
Vehicle Maintenance & Expense	\$25,000.	
Training	\$5,000.	
Personal Protection Equipment	\$5,000.	
Health & Wellness	\$4,000.	
Ambulance Call Payroll	\$48,000.	
Ambulance EMS Hourly Wage	\$35,860.	
Ambulance Training Payroll	\$7,500.	
EMS Stipend	\$61,200.	
Ambulance Expense	\$30,000.	
EMS Training	\$9,000.	
Billing and Reporting	\$17,000.	
Advanced Life Support	\$40,000.	
Equipment Testing	\$5,000.	
Radio/Pager Equipment	\$5,000.	
Emergency Mgmt. Director Stipend	\$500.	
Emergency Management Expense	\$2,500.	
FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$698,621.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Surveyor Salary	\$69,463.	
Highway Salaries	\$234,629.	
Highway Secretary Salary	\$18,318.	
Overtime	\$5,000.	
Highway Expense	\$62,500.	
Machine Maintenance & Operation	\$62,500.	
Drainage	25,000.	
Resurfacing	\$45,000.	
Sidewalks	\$10,000.	
Trash Disposal	\$800.	
Beaver Removal	\$3,000.	
Signs	\$3,000.	
Snow and Ice Salaries	\$24,560.	
Snow & Ice Expense	\$110,000.	
Tree Work	\$15,000.	
HIGHWAY DEPT. TOTAL		\$688,770.

CEMETERY

Cemetery Clerk Stipend	\$1,500.
Cemetery Salaries	\$3,500.
Cemetery Supplies	\$1,500.

CEMETERY TOTAL**\$6,500.****BOARD OF HEALTH**

Health Board Salaries	\$5,400.
Health Board Secretary Salary	\$34,118.
Health Board Office Coverage	\$600.
Health Board Expense	\$5,000.
Sharps Program	\$500.
Vaccines	\$500.
Comins Pond Testing	\$300.
Town Waste and Recycle Hauling	\$11,000.
Rabies Control	\$500.
Health Agent - Visiting Nurse	\$1,000.
Health Agent – Appointed	\$8,000.
Animal Inspector	\$1,200.

BOARD OF HEALTH TOTAL**\$68,118.****COUNCIL ON AGING**

COA Salary (Director)	\$56,084.
COA Lunch Coordinator Salary	\$28,971.
COA Custodian Salary	\$13,646.
COA - PT General Helper Salary	\$13,891.
COA Expense	\$25,000.
COA Maintenance	\$3,500.
Senior Van and Transportation	\$2,000.
Elder-Bus Subsidy	\$1,000.
Tri-Valley Services	\$957.

COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL**\$145,049.****LIBRARIES**

Warren Library	\$107,788.	Hold #5
West Warren Library	\$99,704.	

LIBRARIES TOTAL**\$207,492.****PARKS**

Park Commissioners Salaries	\$4,500.
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Park Salary (Staff)	\$12,000.	
Park Expense	\$12,000.	Hold #6
Comins Pond Salary (Staff)	\$2,500.	
Comins Pond Expense	\$1,000.	
Summer Recreation	\$2,500.	
PARKS TOTAL		\$34,500.
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T B		\$2,931,027.
TOTAL GOVERNMENT		\$5,846,319.

AT THIS TIME A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ALL NON-CONTESTED ITEMS

ARTICLE 14-2: (Second of Three) VOTED - YES 92 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 109
MOTION CARRIES

At this time the Moderator declared we would address each held line item one at a time. There were no motions made regarding any of the held line items, they were voted on as follows:

Hold #4 – Police Clothing - \$15,550.

HOLD #4 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE-(PASSES)

Hold #5 – Warren Library - \$107,788.00.

HOLD #5 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE. (PASSES)

Hold #6 – Park Expense - \$12,000.

HOLD #6 - VOICE VOTE: MODERATOR DECLARED IT'S A VOTE. (PASSES)

ARTICLE 14-3 (Third of Three):MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* \$430,679.00 for the assessment for Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ALLOW ERIC DUDA, SUPERINTENDENT OF PATHFINDER, TO ADDRESS THE MEETING – PASSES.

ARTICLE 14-3 (Third of Three): VOTED – YES 88 – NO 19 – TOTAL = 107
MOTION CARRIES

At this time a motion was made from Article 27 in the Omnibus Budget handout, by a member of the Quaboag Regional District School Committee.

ARTICLE 27: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move to see if the Town will vote to *raise and appropriate* \$849,060.00 Above minimum contribution for the FY 2023 QRSD operating assessment or take any action relative thereto.

It was halted by the Moderator, who stated that a motion would need to be made to take Article 27 out of order. The following motion was made by him:

ARTICLE 27: MOTION MADE TO MOVE THE QUESTION FORWARD: I move that the Town vote to move Article 27 forward.

ARTICLE 27: TO MOVE THE QUESTION FORWARD
VOTE: YES 52 – NO 34 – TOTAL = 86 – MOTION CARRIES

At this time, it was pointed out by several residents and committee members that the Quaboag portion of the budget had not yet been voted on. That the Quaboag Budget itself should be voted on as part of Article 14-3 (Third of Three). It was also requested that the Quaboag Regional School District budget be voted on as a total assessment, as Pathfinder just was. The following motion was made to let the Superintendent, Brett Kustigian speak if he chose to do so.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO LET SUPERINTENDENT BRETT KUSTIGIAN ADDRESS THE MEETING – PASSES.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne then made the following motion:

ARTICLE 14: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* \$3,828,472.00 for the assessment for Quaboag Regional School District, as printed in the Omnibus Budget, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

VOTE: – YES 85 – NO 20 – TOTAL = 105 – MOTION CARRIES

At this time, Article 27 was brought back to the floor. After discussion on the Article, the following amended motion was made:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 27: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the motion to approve \$849,060.00, above minimum contribution, be *amended* to \$523,218.00.

ARTICLE 27: VOTE TO AMEND THE QUESTION:
VOTED: YES 55 – NO 50 – TOTAL = 105 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 27: AS AMENDED: I move to see if the Town will vote to *raise and appropriate* **\$523,218.00** Above minimum contribution for the FY2023 QRSD operating assessment or take any action relative thereto.

AMENDED ARTICLE 27:

VOTED: YES 66 – NO 41 – TOTAL = 107 – MOTION CARRIES

TOTAL PATHFINDER ASSESSMENT	430,679.
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TOTAL QUABOAG ASSESSMENT	\$4,351,690.
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TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGETS	\$4,782,369.
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TOTAL GOV. A & GOV B	\$5,846,319.
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GRAND TOTAL BUDGETS	\$10,628,688.
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ARTICLE 15: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *appropriate* the following sums of money to finance the operations of the Sanitary Landfill Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

Operations	25,200.00
Engineering	15,000.00
Monitoring Wells	32,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Leachate	12,000.00
Landfill Remove Vegetation & Stabilize	
Banking	40,000.00
TOTAL - LANDFILL	126,200.00

And that \$126,200 is raised as follows:

Post Closure to Reserve	10,000.00
Retained Earnings	50,000.00
Raised from Taxes	66,200.00
	126,200.00

ARTICLE 15: VOTED – YES 84 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 102 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 16: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *appropriate* the following sums of money to finance the Sewer Enterprise account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

Sewer Commissioners Salaries	4,500.00
Debt Service	21,293.00
Wages	283,813.25
Purchased Services	208,038.00
Purchased Supplies	85,118.00
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Total	602,762.25
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And that \$602,762.25 be raised as follows: \$405,486.25 from the Sewer Receipt Account: and \$197,276.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings account.

Total O & M	602,762.25
Estimated Indirect Cost Calculations	188,250.53
Need to raise Total	791,012.78

And that \$188,250.53 already appropriated in the General Fund be funded by the Sewer Receipt Account.

ARTICLE 16: VOTED – YES 52 – NO 21 – TOTAL = 73 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 17: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town accept accounts in trust, the income of which is to be expended for the perpetual care maintenance of burial lots at Pine Grove Cemetery for certain individuals for the 1909 Plan of said cemetery.

David G & Karen M. Merrill	Section A – Lots 183 & 184	\$600.00
Sandra L. Beaudry	Section F – Lot 5	\$1,200.00
Adam Lavoie	Section F – Lot 15	\$1,200.00
Kathleen Odiorne	Section F – Lot 3	\$1,200.00
Linda Beaudry	Section E – Lot 1052	\$1,200.00
Leo Hebert	Section F – Lot 25	\$1,200.00
Edward Leneau	Section F – Lot 4	\$1,200.00
Marjorie E. Gagnon	Section F – Lot 17	\$1,200.00
Adam Lavoie	Section F – Lot 16	\$1,200.00
Paula & David Messier	Section F – Lots 18 & 19	\$2,400.00

ARTICLE 17: VOTED – YES 71 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 77 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 18: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2023 as permitted by M.G.L. C44, §55F.

ARTICLE 18: VOTED – YES 68 – NO 5 – TOTAL = 73 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 19: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to accept funds made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway projects approved by the Mass. Department of Transportation, Highway Division.

ARTICLE 19: VOTED – YES 74 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 80 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 20: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$125,000.00 to a Capital Stabilization Fund for the first installment to purchase a 2023 Western Star 47X Single Axle Truck within a two-year period.

ARTICLE 20: VOTED – YES 61 – NO 15 – TOTAL = 76 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 21: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to take from Free Cash a sum of \$200,000.00 to be put in a Capital Stabilization Fund for a first installment to replace Engine #1 within a three-year period.

ARTICLE 21: VOTED – YES 65 – NO 11 – TOTAL = 76 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 22: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to take from Free Cash a sum of \$75,000.00 to put in a Capital Stabilization Fund for a first installment to replace SCBA packs and bottles within a two-year period.

ARTICLE 22: VOTED – YES 68 – NO 5 – TOTAL = 73 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 23: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: : I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town's Zoning By-Laws Section 3.2 Schedule of Use Chart and Section 16 Wind Energy as

ARTICLE 23: VOTED – YES 57 – NO 12 – TOTAL = 69 – MOTION CARRIES
(2/3 REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 24: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 58 to impose, as a municipal charges lien, a lien on real property for costs incurred by the Town for Commercial Wind Energy Facility Decommissioning Fees.

ARTICLE 24: VOTED – YES 58 – NO 9 – TOTAL = 67 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 25: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town's Financial Affairs Article V Section 5 Revolving Funds M.G.L. c.44 §.53E ½ General By-Laws Building Department by raising the amount authorized to be expended to \$35,000.00 with any balance in excess of \$1,000.00 remaining in said fund at close of Fiscal Year to be returned to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 25: VOTED – YES 49 – NO 11 – TOTAL = 60 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 26: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Board, Commission, Department or official with custody of the so-called Old Town Hall located at 1 Milton O. Fountain Way to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements that it deems to be in the best interest of the Town including the disposition of said property through Request for Proposals (RFP).

After lengthy discussion involving who decides what is in the best interest of the Town, the following motion to *amend* Article 26 was made:

ARTICLE 26: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS: I move that Article 26 be amended to include “after final approval of any disposition by affirmative vote at a Town Meeting.” after “(RFP).”

AMENDED ARTICLE 26:
VOTED: YES 61 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 67 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 28: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that Town vote to *amend* the Personnel By-Laws Section VIII Holidays to include the State Mandate for the Juneteenth holiday, this holiday is observed on June 19 of each year.

ARTICLE 28: VOTED – YES 50 – NO 7 – TOTAL = 57 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 29: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town of Warren General BY-LAWS Article II, Section 1. “Date and Quorum for Annual Town Meeting” the Annual Town Meeting shall be held on **any Saturday in May after the Town Annual Election** ~~from the first Tuesday of May of each year.~~ The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be twenty-five provided, however, that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. This Section shall not apply to such parts of the meeting as are devoted exclusively to the election of Town Officers. or take any action thereto. 2/3 vote required.

Following the motion, there was much discussion and even some confusion from those residents who were not present at the Special Town Meeting held on November 4, 2021; when the Town voted in favor to move the Annual Town Meeting to the 2nd Saturday in May of each year. Eventually, the following motion to *amend* Article 29 was made:


ARTICLE 29: AMENDED MOTION: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town of Warren General BY-LAWS Article II, Section 1. “Date and Quorum for Annual Town Meeting” the Annual Town Meeting shall be held on **the second Tuesday in May.** 2/3 vote required.

AMENDED ARTICLE 29:

VOTED: YES 48 – NO 11 – TOTAL = 59 – MOTION CARRIES

Business of the meeting being completed, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 4:21 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Laura J. Stockley
Town Clerk

