

**RESULTS OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2025**

**115 VOTERS ATTENDED**

Moderator, Dario Nardi, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. More than a quorum of 25 were present. The Moderator declared that the Warrant was properly posted and returned; seeing there was a public quorum, he opened the meeting. He announced a change in procedure, that he would now be reading all the motions to be voted on. The following Articles were then voted on.

**ARTICLE 1: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$9,271.14 to fund fireworks organized by the Parks and Recreation department for fiscal year 2025.

**ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 60 – NO 14 – TOTAL = 74 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 2: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$5,336.10 to pay for a prior fiscal year bill from Van Pool for transportation costs associated with an out-of-district student. **9/10 Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 2: VOTED – YES 55 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 73 – MOTION DEFEATED**

**ARTICLE 3: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Legal Expenses the sum of \$3,000.00 to Selectmen's Secretary salary line to pay for the hiring of a new executive assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator so that this person can start in this position in June.

**ARTICLE 3: VOTED – YES 42 – NO 36 – TOTAL = 78 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Legal Expenses the sum of \$3,680.61 to pay for the Town's annual website hosting fee from CivicPlus.

**ARTICLE 4: VOTED – YES 48 – NO 29 – TOTAL = 77 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 5: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *reduce* the fiscal year 2025 Quaboag Regional School District assessment by \$139,917.99 for fiscal year 2024 State Aid Transportation excess reimbursement in accordance with the vote of June 13, 2024, annual town meeting.

**ARTICLE 5: VOTED – YES 60 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 78 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$35,585.51 to fund the snow and ice deficit.

**ARTICLE 6: VOTED – YES 65 – NO 21 – TOTAL = 86 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to assist in the funding of the Advanced Life Support line within the fiscal year 2025 budget item.

**ARTICLE 7: VOTED – YES 64 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 81 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 8: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase two sets of turnout gear, helmets, and boots for

two new members of the Fire Department.

**ARTICLE 8: VOTED – YES 77 – NO 13 – TOTAL = 90 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 9: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Fire Department health and wellness line to fund two physical /drug screenings for two new on call members of the department.

**ARTICLE 9: VOTED – YES 71 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 88 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 10: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from sewer retained earnings the sum of \$44,500.00 to pay for a copper compliance reduction study from Tighe and Bond.

**ARTICLE 10: VOTE – YES 62 – NO 27 – TOTAL = 89 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 11: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from the Custodian / Van Driver line the sum of \$1,000.00 to the General Helper line to cover a shortfall due to additional hours worked by the General Helper.

**ARTICLE 11: VOTED – YES 77 – NO 14 – TOTAL = 91 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 12: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from the Custodian / Van Driver line the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Council on Aging expense line to cover a shortfall due to a few unexpected expenses.

**ARTICLE 12: VOTED – YES 75 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 92 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 13: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the town vote to *transfer* the sum of \$1,500.00 from Free Cash to the 'Sale of Cemetery Lots' receipts reserved for appropriation fund.

**ARTICLE 13: VOTED – YES 72 – NO 20 – TOTAL = 92 – MOTION CARRIES**

At this time Select Chair Rich Eichacker made a motion to **RECONSIDER ARTICLE 2.**

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 2:**  
**- PASSES (VOICE COUNT)**

**ARTICLE 2: RE-VOTED – YES 72 – NO 32 – TOTAL = 104**  
**- MOTION DEFEATED**  
**9/10 Required to pass**

Business of the meeting being completed, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 6:48 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Stockley  
Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2025**

**147 VOTERS ATTENDED**

Moderator, Dario Nardi, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. The Moderator led with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then spoke briefly about a change in procedure. The Moderator announced that he would be the one reading all the motions in an effort to make the meetings more efficient. The following Articles were then voted on.

\*Note: Most of the votes were taken using the EZ-Connect voting system, done with hand held remotes, however some votes which occur unplanned were done by Voice Count at the discretion of the Moderator.

Before the motion was read on Article 1, the Moderator asked for a vote to allow the Chief of Police, the Town Administrator and Town Counsel to address the meeting throughout the night.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ALLOW JAMES FERRERA, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, POLICE CHIEF, GERALD MILLETTE, AND TOWN COUNSEL, JEFFERY BLAKE TO ADDRESS THE MEETING – PASSES (VOICE COUNT)**

**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 2024 Annual Report.

**ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 102 – NO 9 – TOTAL = 111 – 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 86 – NO 37 – TOTAL = 123 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 3: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *amend* Section V, Paragraph A of the Personnel By-Law, Attachment A, by amending the hourly rates schedule and classifications on the compensation plan as set forth in Attachment A to this Warrant, which can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website.

**ARTICLE 3: VOTED – YES 77 – NO 33 – TOTAL = 110 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to create a new highway department payroll line for Part-Time / On Call employees and to see if the Town will vote to hire two Part-Time / On call employees at a Grade C on the wage scale to assist with new construction projects and to *raise and appropriate* the sum of \$18,833.00 for compensation for fiscal year 2026.

**ARTICLE 4: VOTED – YES 102 – NO 27 – TOTAL 129 - MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 5-1: (FIRST OF FOUR) MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate*, and to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by G.L. c.41, ss108, of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended and to *raise and appropriate* \$3,478,213.00 as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as follows:

One item was held throughout the entire omnibus budget; it is listed as **Hold 1**. A resident asked a question, however there were no requests for any changes.

**SELECTMEN A**

Moderator	\$600.	
Selectmen's Salaries	\$15,000.	
Selectmen's Expense	\$5,000.	
Electrical Inspector Salary	\$5,500.	
Electrical Inspector Exp.	\$200.	
Alt. Electrical Inspector	\$300.	
Facilities Custodian Salary	\$39,777.	
Selectmen's Secretary	\$1,500.	
Shepard Building Expense	\$53,500.	
Town Hall Repair/Maintenance	\$13,000.	
Technology Annual Fees/Supplies	\$37,500.	
Computer Hardware/Software	\$5,000.	
Selectmen Matching Grant Purch. Service	\$15,000.	
Town Report	\$3,500.	
Publish Special Town Meeting	\$120.	
Memorial Day/Vet Program	\$5,000.	
Selectmen Baseball	\$500.	
Selectmen Basketball	\$500.	
Selectmen Softball	\$500.	
Selectmen Cheerleading	\$500.	
Selectmen Football	\$500.	
Parking Clerk Salary	\$900.	
Parking Clerk Expense	\$200.	
Parking Clerk Service Bureau Expense	\$100.	
Generator Expense	\$8,000.	
Fire/Police American Tower Lease	\$29,000.	
Fire/Police SBA Tower Lease	\$21,777.	
Fire/Police Hamden Communications	\$23,400.	
Copier Lease	\$7,800.	
Boiler Maintenance	\$10,000.	
Selectmen Secure Tax Foreclosed Prop.	\$4,000.	
Municipal Financial Software	\$12,225.	
Regional Dispatch	\$174,477.	
<b>SELECTMEN A TOTAL</b>		<b>\$494,876.</b>

**BENEFITS**

County Retirement Assess.	\$713,614.	
Medicare	\$48,348.	
Medical Insurance	\$666,375.	
Dental Insurance	\$21,740.	
Retiree Med. Ins.	\$74,565.	
Life Insurance	\$1,550.	
Unemployment Insurance	\$10,000.	
<b>BENEFITS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,536,192.</b>

**DEBT**

Debt Retirement	\$110,610.	
Interest/Short Term Debt	\$11,717.	
Principal Short Term Debt	\$50,000.	
<b>DEBT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$172,327.</b>

**SELECTMEN B**

Selectmen/Town Admin. Exec. Asst.	\$57,635.	
Selectmen/Town Admin. Assistant Exp.	\$500.	
<b>SELECTMEN B TOTAL</b>		<b>\$58,135.</b>

**SELECTMEN C**

Town Administrator Salary	\$111,476.	<b>Hold#1</b>
Town Administrator Expense	\$4,000.	
Procurement Expense	\$1,500.	
<b>SELECTMEN C TOTAL</b>		<b>\$116,976.</b>

**SELECTMEN D**

Law Dept. Expense	\$80,000.	
Board of Appeals	\$500.	
Economic Development Comm.	\$100.	
Historical Commission	\$5,000.	
Cultural Council	\$3,000.	
Street Lighting	\$17,000.	
Street Light Maintenance	\$10,000.	
Hydrant Rental Prec. A	\$46,101.	
Hydrant Rental Prec. B	\$15,040.	
Regional Planning	\$1,612.	
Insurance (Liability)	\$128,000.	
Insurance (Workmen's Comp.)	\$51,000.	
<b>SELECTMEN D TOTAL</b>		<b>\$357,353.</b>

**SELECTMEN TOTAL****\$2,735,859.****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Reserve Account	\$40,000.	
Finance Committee Expense	\$1,500.	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$41,500.</b>

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Town Accountant Salary	\$64,890.	
Assistant Town Account Salary	\$5,000.	
Accountant Expense	\$4,545.	
Municipal Audit	\$40,000.	
Actuarial Services	\$800.00.	
<b>ACCOUNTANT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$115,235.</b>

**ASSESSORS**

Assessors Salaries	\$6,000.	
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$55,401.	
Assessors Assistant Salary	\$18,009.	
Assessors Expense	\$15,919.	
Mapping	\$6,750.	

Revaluation Expense	\$6,000.	
Appraisal Service	\$4,000.	
<b>ASSESSORS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$112,079.</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>		
Treasurer's Salary	\$59,410.	
Treasurer's Stipend	\$1,000.	
Treasurer's Assistant Salary	\$15,534.	
Treasurer's Expense	\$13,010.	
Tax Taking Property	\$11,000.	
Bank Charges/ Service Charges	\$1,100.	
<b>TREASURER TOTAL</b>		<b>\$101,054.</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		
Tax Collector Salary	\$59,410.	
Tax Collector Stipend	\$1,000.	
Tax Collector Assistant Salary	---	
Tax Collector Expense	\$12,000.	
Collector Tax Taking Expense	\$4,000.	
<b>TAX COLLECTOR TOTAL</b>		<b>\$76,410.</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
Town Clerk Salary/RAO	\$59,007.	
Town Clerk Stipend	---	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$29,004.	
Town Clerk Expense	\$2,730.	
Advertise New By-Laws	\$100.	
Registrars for Listing	\$6,000.	
Elections & Registrations	\$11,000.	
Presidential Election	---	
<b>TOWN CLERK TOTAL</b>		<b>\$107,841.</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>		
Planning Board Admin. Asst. Salary	\$19,829.	
Planning Board Expense	\$2,000.	
<b>PLANNING BOARD TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,829.</b>
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		
Conservation Comm. Asst. Salary	\$9,667.	
Conservation Commission Expense	\$7,308.	
<b>CONSERVATION TOTAL</b>		<b>\$16,975.</b>
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>		
Building Inspector Salary	\$15,979.	
Alternate Building Inspector Salary	\$1,000.	
Building Inspector Clerical Salary	\$18,752.	
Building Inspector Expense	\$2,000.	
<b>BUILDING INSP. TOTAL</b>		<b>\$37,731.</b>
<b>FORESTER</b>		
Forester Salary	\$6,000.	
Forestry Expense	\$11,000.	
Pesticides	\$500.	
<b>FORESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,500.</b>

**VETERAN'S AGENT**

Veteran's Agent Salary	\$4,200.	
Veteran Expense	\$2,000.	
Veteran Benefits	\$88,000.	
<b>VETERAN'S AGENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$94,200.</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T A</b>		<b>\$3,478,213.</b>

**ARTICLE 5-1: (FIRST OF FOUR) VOTED – YES 77 – NO 48 – TOTAL = 125**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 5-2: (SECOND OF FOUR)** I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the following sums of monies to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, ss108, of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

Animal Control Officer Salary	\$10,000.	
Alt. Animal Control Off. Salary	\$1,000.	
Animal Control Expense	\$4,500.	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$15,500.</b>

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Salary	\$101,124.	
Police Chief Education Stipend	\$10,113.	
Police Salaries	\$615,661.	
Supplemental Salaries	\$239,572.	
Police Admin. Asst. Salary	\$33,226.	
Police Expense	\$77,000.	
Police Clothing	\$14,950.	
Police School Expense	\$15,000.	
Firearms Registration	\$500.	
Police Maintenance & Utilities	\$24,000.	
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,131,146.</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief/EMT Salary	\$92,610.	
Fire Chief Stipend	\$5,000.	
FF/EMT Salary-Full-Time Positions	\$310,768.	
Overtime FF/EMT	\$37,000.	
Fire Dept. Salary – Call Positions	\$63,300.	
Fire Department Expense	\$49,000.	
Vehicle Maintenance & Expense	\$25,000.	
Training	\$5,000.	
Personal Protection Equipment	\$5,000.	
Health & Wellness	\$6,000.	
Ambulance Call Payroll	\$55,000.	
PT EMT Hourly/Training	\$25,460.	
Ambulance Training Payroll	\$6,000.	
EMS Stipend	\$61,200.	
Ambulance Expense	\$32,000.	
EMS Training	\$6,000.	
Billing and Reporting	\$22,000.	
Advanced Life Support	\$60,000.	

Equipment Testing	\$4,000.	
Radio/Pager Equipment	\$2,000.	
Emergency Mgmt. Director Stipend	\$1,000.	
Emergency Management Expense	\$3,000.	
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$876,338.</b>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Surveyor Salary	\$80,124.	
Highway Salaries	\$332,572.	
Highway Admin. Asst. Salary	\$20,077.	
Overtime	\$5,000.	
Highway Expense	\$75,000.	
Machine Maintenance & Operation	\$65,000.	
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	\$16,000.	
Highway Ground Maintenance Park/ Cemetery	\$5,000.	
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT. TOTAL</b>		<b>\$820,133.</b>

**CEMETERY**

Cemetery Clerk Stipend	\$1,700.	
Cemetery Supplies	\$5,500.	
<b>CEMETERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,200.</b>

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Health Board Salaries	\$7,500.	
Health Board Admin. Salary	\$33,048.	
Health Board Expense	\$5,000.	
Sharps Program	\$500.	
Vaccines	\$500.	
Comins Pond Testing	\$1,600.	
Town Waste and Recycle Hauling	\$10,000.	
Rabies Control	\$800.	
Health Agent - Visiting Nurse	\$1,400.	
Health Agent - Appointed	\$15,000.	
Animal Inspector	\$1,500.	
Landfill Operation	\$28,200.	
Landfill Engineering	\$21,000.	
Landfill Monitor Wells	\$75,150.	
Landfill Supplies	\$1,000.	
Landfill Leachate	\$5,000.	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH TOTAL</b>		<b>\$207,198.</b>

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

COA Salary (Director)	\$63,559.	
COA Lunch Coordinator Salary	\$34,265.	
COA Custodian Salary	\$13,860.	

COA - PT Program Assist. Salary	\$16,006.	
COA Expense	\$31,285.	
COA Maintenance	\$5,500.	
Senior Van and Transportation	\$2,000.	
Elder-Bus Subsidy	\$2,000.	
Tri-Valley Services	\$957.	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL</b>		<b>\$169,432.</b>

**LIBRARIES**

Warren Library	\$128,731.	
West Warren Library	\$114,276.	
<b>LIBRARIES TOTAL</b>		<b>\$243,007.</b>

**PARKS**

Park Commissioners Salaries	\$6,000.	
Park and Rec. Program Supervisor	\$14,868.	
Seasonal Park & Rec. Salary (Staff)	\$13,500.	
Park Expense	\$25,655.	
Seasonal Park & Rec. (Lifeguard)	\$19,500.	
Comins Pond Expense	\$900.	
Summer Recreation	\$1,800.	
<b>PARKS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$82,223.</b>

**TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T B** **\$3,552,177.**

**TOTAL GOVERNMENT** **\$7,030,390.**

**ARTICLE 5-2: (SECOND OF FOUR): VOTED – YES 93 – NO 32 – TOTAL = 125**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 5-3: (THIRD OF FOUR):** I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* \$446,936.00 for the assessment for the Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

**ARTICLE 5-3: (THIRD OF FOUR) VOTED – YES 107 – NO 25 – TOTAL = 132**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 5-4: (FOURTH OF FOUR):** I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the following sums for the FY2026 Quaboag Regional School District Assessment:

Warren Minimum Local Contribution	\$3,250,310.00
Above Minimum Contribution	\$ 768,919.00
Transportation	\$ 776,995.00
Debt Exclusions - WCES	\$ 21,500.00
Debt – WCES Repair	\$ 101,100.76
Debt Exclusions – QRMHS	\$10,750.00
<b>Total Quaboag Regional School District Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 4,929,574.76</b>

And further, that this appropriation shall be reduced by Warren's pro-rata share of any state aid for regional school transportation allocated to the district in excess of **\$776,995.00.**

**ARTICLE 5-4: (FOURTH OF FOUR) VOTED – YES 97 – NO 32 – TOTAL = 129**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

TOTAL QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT \$4,929,574.76

**GRAND TOTAL**

**BUDGETS: \$12,406,900.76**

Before the motion for Article 6 was read, a resident made a motion to move Article 31 forward.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO MOVE ARTICLE 31 FORWARD**  
**- PASSES (VOICE COUNT)**

The Moderator then called for a motion for Article 31. A member from the School Committee then made a motion to **INDEFINATELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 31.**

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO INDEFINATELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 31**  
**- PASSES (VOICE COUNT)**

The meeting then resumed at Article 6.

**ARTICLE 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *authorize* the Board of Selectmen to lease space on and/or near a telecommunications tower located at 1621 Southbridge Road, Warren, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, for the purpose of the installation of public safety communications and related equipment, for a period of three (3) years and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for said lease, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any documents or instruments to carry out the purposes of this article. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s Vote

**ARTICLE 6: VOTED – YES 114 – NO 12 – TOTAL = 126 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *appropriate* the sum of \$903,052.38 to finance the operations, commissioners' salaries, and debt service of the Sewer Enterprise fund.

Sewer Commissioners Salaries	\$ 4,500.00
Debt Services	\$ 21,293.00
Wages	\$338,267.70
Purchased Services	\$216,579.75
Purchased Supplies	\$113,435.32

And of that \$694,075.74 to be raised as follows: \$604,075.74 from Sewer Receipt Account and \$90,000.00 from the Sewer Retain Earnings Account.

Total O & M	\$694,075.74
Estimated Indirect Cost Calculation	<u>\$183,827.58</u>
TOTAL NEED TO RAISE	\$877,903.32

And that \$183,827.58 already appropriated in the General Fund be funded by the Sewer Receipt Account.

**ARTICLE 7: VOTED – YES 91 – NO 28 – TOTAL = 119 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 8: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from sewer retained earnings the sum of \$17,800.00 to refurbish the rotating biological contactor to operational status as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**ARTICLE 8: VOTED – YES 105 – NO 15 – TOTAL = 120 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 9: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from sewer retained earnings the sum of \$47,000.00 to purchase and install two wet end pump impellers and bearing assemblies for the primary pumps.

**ARTICLE 9: VOTED – YES 100 – NO 16 – TOTAL = 116 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 10: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 into the OPEB trust fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits).

**ARTICLE 10: VOTED – YES 88 – NO 33 – TOTAL = 121 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 11: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to continue to fund maintenance on the Town Levee system for the purpose of keeping the Town in compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mandates.

**ARTICLE 11: VOTED – YES 94 – NO 13 – TOTAL = 107 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 12: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to fund ongoing maintenance and repairs to Town buildings.

**ARTICLE 12: VOTED – YES 96 – NO 15 – TOTAL = 111 - MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 13: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that Town *raise and appropriate* the sum of \$1,000.00 to fund an annual stipend for the facilities custodian, \$300.00 for a uniform allowance and \$700.00 for the use of their personal vehicle to and from five municipal buildings.

**ARTICLE 13: VOTED – YES 91 – NO 34 – TOTAL = 125 MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 14: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to eligible veterans under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 20% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

**ARTICLE 14: VOTED – YES 46 – NO 82 – TOTAL = 128 - MOTION DEFEATED**

**ARTICLE 15: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$21,693.00 to pay for an out-of-district vocational student's tuition for the 2025-2026 school year.

**ARTICLE 15: VOTED - YES 66 – NO 49 – TOTAL = 115 - MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 16: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$49,800.00 to pay for an out-of-district vocational student's transportation for the 2025-2026 school year.

**ARTICLE 16: VOTED – YES 57 – NO 56 – TOTAL = 113 – MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO INDEFINATELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 17  
- PASSES (VOICE COUNT)**

The Article was already voted on early in the budget.

**ARTICLE 18: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to reauthorize the spending limits in the following funds.

Revolving Fund	Fiscal Year Spending Limit
Building Department	\$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
Town Clerk	\$2,000.00 with the balance in excess of \$500.00 remaining in said fund at the close of the Fiscal Year to be returned to the General Fund
Board of Health Plumbing and Gas Inspectors	One half of fees from inspections to a limit of \$7,000.00 with any balance in excess of \$1,000.00 remaining in said fund at close of the Fiscal Year to be returned to the General Fund
Board of Health	\$6,000.00 with any balance in excess of \$1,000.00 remaining in said fund at close of the Fiscal Year to be returned to the General Fund

**ARTICLE 18: VOTED – YES 104 – NO 13 – TOTAL = 117 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 19: 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.

Name:	Lot#	Amount
Lana Bautin	Section F – Lots 34 & 35	\$600.00
Magdalen & John Bish	Section F – Lot 27C & 27D	\$600.00
Andrew & Carol Vanderburg	Section F – Lot 27A & 27B	\$600.00

**ARTICLE 19: VOTED – YES 99 – NO 7 – TOTAL = 106 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 20: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *authorize* the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2026 as permitted by G.L. c. 44 s 53F.

**ARTICLE 20: VOTED – YES 90 – NO 12 – TOTAL = 102 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 21: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to cover the costs for the installation of six new gas monitoring ports at the transfer station in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection requirements.

**ARTICLE 21: VOTED – YES 94 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 116 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 22: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from the receipts reserved for appropriation - highway equipment fund, the sum of \$15,000.00 to the highway surplus and auction line-item account.

**ARTICLE 22: VOTED – YES 98 – NO 15 – TOTAL = 113 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 23: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to establish a Special Stabilization account for the replacement of the Town's current street sweeper for the highway department. **2/3rds Vote**

**ARTICLE 23: VOTED – YES 93 – NO 27 – TOTAL = 120 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 24: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000.00 to establish a Special Stabilization account for the purchase of a Class Six dump truck for the highway department. **2/3rds Vote**

**ARTICLE 24: VOTED – YES 94 – NO 34 – TOTAL = 128 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 25: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000.00 to establish a Special Stabilization account for the replacement of a police cruiser for the police department. **2/3rds Vote**

**ARTICLE 25: VOTED – YES 94 – NO 24 – TOTAL = 118 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 26: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to establish a Special Stabilization account for the replacement of Hydraulic Extrication Equipment for the fire department. **2/3rds Vote**

**ARTICLE 26: VOTED – YES 99 – NO 20 – TOTAL = 119 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 27: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$50,000.00 to establish a Special Stabilization account for the replacement of the Town's ambulance for the fire department. **2/3rds Vote**

**ARTICLE 27: VOTED – YES 101 – NO 26 – TOTAL = 127 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 28: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Fire Engine Number Two Special Stabilization account for the replacement of Engine Number Two for the fire department.

**ARTICLE 28: VOTED – YES 100 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 117 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 29: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$33,000.00 and the sum of \$7,000.00 from Capital Stabilization to the Fire Department Structural Turnout Gear Special Stabilization account for the replacement of turnout gear.

**ARTICLE 29: VOTED – YES 96 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 113 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 30: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to pay for hosting fiscal year 2026 fireworks organized by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**ARTICLE 30: VOTED – YES 90 – NO 28 – TOTAL = 118 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 31: THIS MOTION WAS INDEFINATELY POSTPONED EARLIER IN THE EVENING, AFTER ARTICLE 5**

**ARTICLE 32: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** I move that the Town vote to *appropriate* \$30,000.00 from the PEG Access and Cable Related fund as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F  $\frac{3}{4}$ , as amended, to fund PEG access programming, as well as certain other municipal cable related expenses for Fiscal Year 2026.

**ARTICLE 32: VOTED – YES 84 – NO 26 – TOTAL = 110 – MOTION CARRIES**

Business of the meeting being completed, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 8:19 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Laura J. Stockley  
Town Clerk