

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2016**

**6:30 P.M.**

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium by Town Moderator John A. Eklund. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, it was noted that a quorum was present. Town Clerk Catherine L. Heuberger read the Return of Service. Selectman Jordan Collyer made a motion to relieve the Moderator from reading the articles in their entirety, which was seconded.

**ARTICLE 1: ELECTED OFFICERS' COMPENSATION:**

Voted for the Town to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Moderator	\$ 230.00	\$ 240.00
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$ 4,284.00	\$ 4,712.00
Board of Selectmen, Members – each	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 4,224.00
Assessor – each	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 4,224.00
Town Clerk	\$55,731.00	\$ 57,282.00
Board of Health – each	\$ 470.00	\$ 517.00
Highway Surveyor	\$76,252.00	\$77,777.00
Mattapoisett School Committee – each	\$ 470.00	\$ 517.00
Water/Sewer Commissioner – each	\$ 470.00	\$ 517.00
Tree Warden	\$ 8,073.00	\$ 8,234.00
Herring Inspector	\$ 821.00	\$ 837.00

**YES 86**

**NO 0**

**ARTICLE 2: GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$ 24,696,873 to defray the charges and expenses set forth in the FY17 General Operating Budget as presented at this meeting within the Attachment A, entitled Mattapoisett FY 17 Budget, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and to meet the appropriation; raise and appropriate \$ 23,546,023, transfer \$ 165,000 from Overlay Surplus, transfer \$ 275,000 from Ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, transfer \$ 65,000 from School Assessment Stabilization Fund, transfer \$ 190,000 from SPED Costs Stabilization Fund. For indirect costs of the Enterprise Funds, transfer \$ 61,788 from revenues of the Sanitary Landfill Enterprise Fund, transfer \$ 145,995 from revenues of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, transfer \$ 200,154 from revenues of the Water Enterprise Fund, and transfer \$ 47,913 from revenues of the Waterfront Enterprise Fund. And further for Enterprise Funds, move that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money as presented at this meeting for the following:

- (1) Appropriate the sum of \$143,903 to defray the expenses of operating the Sanitary Landfill/Transfer Station Enterprise; \$90,000 from revenues of the Sanitary Landfill/Transfer Station Enterprise Fund, \$10,098 from the Sanitary Landfill/Transfer Station Retained Earnings, and \$43,805 to be raised within the levy limit; and
- (2) Appropriate the sum of \$1,819,042 to defray the expenses of the Water Department; \$1,819,042 from revenues of the Water Enterprise Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate the sum of \$2,267,728 to defray the expenses of the Sewer Department, \$1,850,000 from revenues of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and \$417,728 from Sewer Retained Earnings; and
- (4) Appropriate the sum of \$217,002 to defray the expenses of the Waterfront Department; \$129,725 from revenues of the Waterfront Enterprise Fund, transfer \$76,151 from the Municipal Waterways Fund, and \$11,126 from Waterfront Retained Earnings.

Amounts are shown in Attachment "A".

**YES 105 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 3: FUNDING & RESERVE FOR FUTURE CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$ 40,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of funding future union and non -union contract settlements for Fiscal Year 2017, and to authorize the Town Accountant to make the necessary disbursements to the respective departmental budgets to effectuate the terms and conditions of the negotiated agreements as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

**YES 102 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 4: SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Reserve for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY2017.

**YES 102 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 5: WATER RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Reserve for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY2017.

**YES 102 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE FOR OPEB LIABILITIES**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the total sum of \$429,821 to meet the Town's obligations under the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 to fund the Town's future obligations for the cost of other post-employment benefits(OPEB) identified by the GASB 45 Report; and as funding therefore, to raise \$410,000 from the Tax Levy, \$385,000 towards the Town of Mattapoisett OPEB Liability, and \$25,000 towards the Mattapoisett share of the ORR School Liability, and transfer \$3,910 from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$15,911 from Water Retained Earnings.

**YES 102 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 7: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND AUTHORIZATION**

Voted for the Town to authorize Revolving Funds for certain departments and reauthorize existing Town revolving funds that require annual reauthorization, under and pursuant to MGL c. 44 § 53 E½ for Fiscal Year 2017. Amounts to be voted are shown in Attachment "C".

**YES 101 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 8: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REPORT:**

Voted for the Town to receive the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan Report to be presented by the Capital Planning Committee.

The recommended Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is shown in Attachment “B”.

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 9: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$440,900 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund for the purpose of acquiring equipment as described below:

Mattapoisett School Building Security	\$ 77,000
Firefighting Hose Replacements	\$ 27,000
Town Department Equipment and Improvements	\$ 49,000
New Furnace Police Station	\$ 52,000
Infrared Heat Detector Cameras Fire Dept.	\$ 15,200
Furnace Replacement Town Hall Attic and Second Floor	\$ 9,700
Replace Kitchen Roof Old Hammondtown School	\$ 60,000
Police Cruiser	\$ 43,000
Town’s Share of Float at Town Wharf	\$ 18,000
Vehicle Wash-down System, Highway Yard	\$ 50,000
Highway Barn Improvements	\$ 40,000

**YES 102 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 10: PHASE VI TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING**

Voted for the Town to appropriate \$500,000 to carry out road improvement work identified as Phase VI within the Town’s Road Infrastructure Improvement Plan, including all work associated and incidental thereto; and as funding therefore, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(6) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a so-called Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion question, exempting from the limits of Proposition 2 ½ (GL c. 59, § 21C (k) the amounts necessary to repay the principal and interest on such borrowing to be placed on the ballot of the next Annual Town Election.

**YES                    104                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 11: CYCLICAL ANNUAL PROPERTY REVALUATION AND TOWN MAPPING**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Town’s Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the Department of Revenue mandated triennial cyclical evaluation of property in Mattapoisett and mapping updates.

**YES                    104                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 12: STORM HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT MATCH**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Tax Levy for a storm hazard mitigation analysis, such funds to serve as the Town’s share for a matching funding for such purposes.

**YES                    104                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 13: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND MS4 PERMITTING**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of continuing the work on implementing the use of a Geographic Information System data base for Mattapoisett, including but not limited to the purchase of equipment, software, and programs, and for labor associated with this system development and for all other necessary and related costs.

**YES                    102                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 14: ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULES**

Voted for the Town to approve amendments to various Personnel Schedules and Classifications within the Mattapoissett Personnel Bylaws, all as printed in Schedule D.

**YES                    102                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 15: SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT – Crystal Spring Road Project**

Voted for the Town to authorize the Town of Mattapoissett Board of Assessors and Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Sun E Solar XV of Sun Edison of Beltsville, Maryland for a payment in lieu of taxes ( "PILOT") pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, for both real property and personal property associated with privately owned and operated solar energy facilities located or to be located on Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoissett, for a term of up to twenty (20) years and on such other terms and conditions as said Boards deem to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize said Boards to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the vote taken hereunder.

**YES                    102                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 16: WATER SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL/SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STUDY**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of engaging services to perform a water system hydraulic modeling and an analysis of Town water supply and distribution systems, and all other incidental and related expenses.

**YES                    101                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 17: SEWER GRINDER PUMP REPLACEMENT**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the cost of replacing Sewer Grinder Pumps, including all necessary and related costs.

**YES                    101                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 18: EXISTING SEWER GRINDER PUMP REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of annual repairs, refurbishing and maintenance of the Departments sewer grinder pumps, including all necessary and related costs.

**YES                    100                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 19: WATER METER RADIO TELEMTRY READING EQUIPMENT**

Voted for the Town to appropriate \$175,000, \$87,500 from Water Retained Earnings, and \$87,500 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the cost of the next phase of the work needed to upgrade water meter reading equipment, including purchase and installation of equipment and all other necessary and related costs.

**YES                    98                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 20: VILLAGE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

Voted for the Town to appropriate \$750,000 for the purpose of acquisition and installation of new water mains, new water services, valves, fire hydrants, with appurtenances in a portion of Barstow Street, and all of Cannon and Pearl Streets, including the payment of costs incidental or 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 MGL. Chapter 44 Section 8(7c), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**YES                    96                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 21: ALLOCATION OF REVENUES COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (From Community Preservation Funds)**

Voted for the Town to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate and reserve from the Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2017 estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2017 and reserve for future appropriation from said annual revenues a sum of money for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the FY2017 budgeted reserve all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee all as printed in the warrant.



**Appropriate FY 2017 Estimated Annual Revenues**

**Administrative Expenses** \$ 1,000

**Debt Service Expense** \$ 20,910

**Transfer from FY 2016 Estimated Annual Revenues for the Following Reserve Accounts.**

**Housing** \$ 19,819

**Historical Preservation** \$ 19,819

**Open Space** \$ 19,819

**Budgeted Reserve** \$ 116,489

Motion made and seconded to amend FY 2016 to FY 2017 in Article/Motion.

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 22: PARK STREET ACQUISITION USING COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS**

Voted for the Town to authorize the Selectmen to purchase Lot 38 as shown on the Mattapoisett Assessors Map 17, property formerly known as the Holy Ghost Grounds, Park Street, for open space and recreation purposes and, as funding therefor, to transfer \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY17 Budgeted Reserves, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$400,000 pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(3), M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 11, or other enabling authority and to issue bonds for said acquisition, including associated closing costs, legal fees, and transfer expenses, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to a nonprofit organization, charitable corporation or foundation selected by the Town a conservation restriction meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33 in said property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements, execute any and all instruments, apply for and accept any funds, grants, and/or reimbursements from any and all sources, including federal, state, local or private, as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said purposes.

**YES**

**70**

**NO**

**25**

**ARTICLE 23: CPA-FUNDING-MATTAPOISETT VALLEY DRINKING WATER SUPPLY LAND ACQUISITION**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$65,000 dollars from CPA Open Space Reserve and/or the CPA Certified Undesignated Fund Balance and to be combined with funds from any and all other external non Town Sources such as, but not limited to, state, federal, and private funding sources, grants, contracts for reimbursement, gifts, bequests, and funds from other towns but not, specifically, other Town of Mattapoisett funds, for the purpose of funding the costs of acquiring the fee simple in all , or portions, of land associated with the Mattapoisett Valley Drinking Water Protection Project and described as shown on Mattapoisett Assessors Maps, as Lots 16 and 17 of Map 24, and Lot 21B of Map 25, all acquired for the purpose of drinking water supply protection,

conservation, and passive recreation purposes. Said land to be conveyed under the provisions of MGL. Chapter 40 Sections 39B and 41, and that such land shall be made available to the public for passive recreational purposes that are consistent with protection of the water supply and the provisions of 310 CMR 22.00 and shall expressly be considered conservation land protected by Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire said property by purchase gift, or eminent domain and to enter into any and all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary in the name of the Town to effectuate said purpose, and as funding therefore to raise and appropriate , transfer or borrow such additional funds as may be necessary for said acquisition including associated project costs, closing costs, legal fees, and transfer expenses, and if borrowing to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow any necessary sums pursuant to MGL.Ch. 44 Sections 7 and 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to enter into all agreements and applications deemed necessary for the receipt of funds, grants, and/or reimbursements from any and all sources including federal state local and private sources including the State Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program (Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2008, Section 2A, 2200-2017) and/or any other program in any way connected with the scope of this vote and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to grant to the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc., and/or other appropriate nonprofit land conservation organization or governmental entity a conservation restriction within the meaning of MGL., Ch. 184, Sections 31-33 in said property or take any action relative thereto. No funds to be expended pursuant to this vote until the Town has received, been allocated or otherwise secures through grants, contracts for reimbursement, gifts, contributions from other towns or other external funding, an amount equal to the acquisition costs, including related project costs, closing costs, legal fees, and transfer expenses for said property, or take any action relative thereto.

<b>YES</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>
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#### **ARTICLE 24: CPA FUNDING HISTORICAL RECORDS**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$ 22,500 from the CPA Historic Reserve for the purpose of funding the continuation of a development of a searchable data base of the historical archives of the Mattapoisett Historical Society.

<b>YES</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>1</b>
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**ARTICLE 25: CHURCH STREET ACQUISITION**

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase Lot 77 as shown on Map 9 of the Mattapoisett Assessors Maps, property located on Church Street adjacent to the Mattapoisett Police Station; that \$ 295,000 is appropriated to pay costs of such purchase, including the payment of costs incidental or 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 Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Motion made and seconded to change the Lot from 77 to 77A.

**YES                    94                    NO                    1**

**ARTICLE 26: NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION OF WATERWAYS VIOLATIONS**

Voted for the Town to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new Bylaw Section 21.2 entitled “Non-Criminal Disposition of Harbor Rules, Regulations, Violations, and Fines” as follows:

This Bylaw and any rules and regulations promulgated hereunder or otherwise by the Harbormaster, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, are hereby specifically authorized to be enforced by all means available in law, or in equity, including the Non-Criminal Disposition Process as provided for by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D .

**YES                    95                    NO                    0**

**ARTICLE 27: GOODSPEED ISLAND RECREATION DESIGN**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of designing certain improvements to the Town Beach Area located and owned by the Town on Goodspeed Island.

**YES                    94                    NO                    1**

**ARTICLE 28: ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF LAND ON TALLMAN STREET**

Voted for the Town to accept a gift of land located on Tallman Street as shown on Mattapoisett Assessors Maps as Map 17, Lot 166, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the donation of said property.

**YES                    92                    NO                    0**

A motion was made and seconded unanimously to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 9:33 pm.

Certified to be a True Record

Attest:

Catherine L. Heuberger  
Mattapoisett Town Clerk