

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John Eklund at 6:30 pm. A quorum of eighty people was noted to be present. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, a motion was made by Jordan Collyer and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant articles in their entirety and refer to them by number and title. Town Clerk Catherine L. Heuberger read the return of service.

**Article 1      Prior Year Bills**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$13,928 from Free Cash to pay prior year bills.

**YES    95                      NO    0**

**Article 2      Appropriation for Town Road Improvements**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the repair and improvements of the town roads and streets.

**YES    95                      NO    0**

**Article 3      Appropriation to Stabilization Fund**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

**YES    95                      NO    0**

**Article 4                      Authorization of Easement**

Voted for the Town to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire an easement in a portion of land shown as Assessor’s Map 9, Lot 183, for general municipal purposes, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey an easement in a portion of land shown as Assessor’s Map 9 Lot 184, all as shown generally on a sketch plan entitled, “Shipyards Park Easement Plan,” for the purposes of maintaining the current width of this Town access road.

**YES      94                      NO      1**

**Article 5                      Amendment of General Bylaws**

Voted for the Town to amend the Mattapoisett General Bylaws by adding the following:

Section 10.6.5 Parking Bans

The Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Police Chief may institute parking bans in Mattapoisett in the event of a snow emergency. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to adopt regulations to implement this bylaw. Any person not complying with instituted parking bans or the regulations adopted by the Board of Selectmen shall be subject to enforcement , including fines under Sections 10.6.2 and 1.9 of these Bylaws.

**YES      99                      NO      1**

**Article 6                      Petition for a Home Rule Amendment**

Voted for the Town to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition that would require any addition, amendment, modification, or deletion to the Mattapoisett General Bylaws to require a two thirds majority vote of Town Meeting, provided, however, that the General Court may make grammatical or editorial changes of form only to such bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**YES      50                      NO      41**

A motion to reconsider was made by Ray Andrews. Moderator declined.

**Article 7 Funding for Marion Road Water Main Re-lining**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$450,000 by borrowing for the purpose of funding the re-lining of water mains on Marion Road, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 8(7C), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor.

YES 92 NO 0

**Article 8 Rescinding of Borrowing Authorizations**

Voted for the Town to rescind the borrowing authorizations as printed in the warrant.

Town Meeting Date	Article	Authorization	Purpose	Unissued
05-10-2010	2	6,800,000	Sewer Extension	491,000
05-13-2013	20	65,000	Water Land Acq.	65,000
11-13-2013	18	337,500	Land Acquisition	337,500
11-13-2013	19	481,000	Land Acquisition	481,000
05-12-2014	27	200,000	Sewer Improvement	36,000

YES 92 NO 0

**Article 9 Appropriation to Town Reserve Fund**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Town's Reserve Fund.

YES 92 NO 0

**Article 10 FY16 Supplemental Budget Funding, Water Department**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$6,620 from Water Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund, to the Salaries line item of the Water Department FY16 Annual Budget.

YES 92 NO 0

**Article 11      FY16 Budget Transfer-Assessor's to Highway**

Voted for the Town to transfer within the FY16 Annual Budget as voted under Article 2 of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting the amount of \$15,000 from Assessors Line Item Other Professional Services to Highway Department Part-Time Salaries.

YES      92      NO      0

**Article 12      Village Road Engineering**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the design, engineering, permitting and bidding of road reconstruction work to take place during the 2016 Construction Season in the Village area of Mattapoisett.

YES      93      NO      0

**Article 13      Bridge and Culvert Design**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of performing assessment of the condition of all culvert, stream, river and water body crossings as to their condition and the development of a prioritized list with cost estimates of and repairs or remediation work that may be needed.

YES      93      NO      0

**Article 14      Water Main Grant Funding**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$78,000 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to be used as the Town's match in a grant application for the replacement of a water main transmission line that crosses the Mattapoisett River, said funds to be used only if the grant is received.

YES      93      NO      0

**Article 15      Library Roof Repairs**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$189,000 from Free Cash, for the purpose of replacing the roof system on the north and south wings of the Public Library, and further any funds received as part of a litigation settlement, or class action against the manufacturer shall, to the extent permitted by law, be used as an off-set towards the cost of the replacement.

YES    93                      NO    0

**Article 16      Replacement of Damaged Police Cruiser**

Move to withdraw this Article.

Article 16      Replacement of Damaged Police Cruiser                      MAJORITY VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the replacement of a Police Cruiser damaged in an accident, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 17      Funding Design and Engineering of Bike Path**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$17,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding work related to Phase 1B of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, involving engineering, design, and permitting.

YES    85                      NO    7

**Article 18      Bike Path Borings**

Voted for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of performing geological borings along the route of Phase 1B of the proposed bike path.

YES    82                      NO    7

Motion was made to adjourn by moderator at 8:12 pm.

Certified to be a True Record

Attest:

Catherine L. Heuberger, Mattapoisett Town Clerk

