

June 13, 2016
Special Town Meeting Minutes

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2016 Special Town Meeting to order on June 13, 2016 at 7:31 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 36 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from precinct 1 and Peter Rossetti, Jr. from precinct 2 were appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Moderator Doherty led the meeting in the salute to the flag. Moderator Doherty asked for a Moment of Silence for our servicemen and women overseas, as well as those affected by the tragedy in Orlando, FL.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent
ATTUBATO, J	P	ALLEN, P	P	BARTOLO, J.	P
BILLINGSLEY, S.	A	BRAZIS, K	P	BROWN, W.	P
CANTERBURY, M.	P	CICOLINI, J.	P	COBURN, J.	P
CONNORS, A.	A	COSTELLO, M.	P	COSTIN, J.B.	P
COTTAM, J.	A	COX, R.	P	DECAREAU, E.	P
DEVLIN, F.A.	P	DINARDO, A.	P	DIVIRGILIO, A.	A
DOHERTY, S.	P	FALASCA, T.	A	FINN, C.	P
FOWLER, J.	P	GOODWIN, P.	P	GOLDSTEIN, J.	A
GROARK, L.	P	HORLICK, S.	P	JOHNSON, P.	A
JONES, C.	P	KELLY, D.	P	LEUCI, W.	P
LOPRESTI, A.	A	MCCABE, K.	P	MCCARTHY, S.	A
MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P	MCTAGUE, J.	A	MORESCHI, C.	P
MURPHY, S.	P	PAOLINI, M.	P	POLITANO, K.	A
RING, D.	A	RODENHISER, J.	P	ROSSETTI, P.	P
SERINO, M.	P	SPENCER, B.	P	STEWART, W.	A
SULLIVAN, P.	P	SWEEZEY, S.	P	THOMPSON, R.	P
WALLACE, R.	P	WITTEN, R.	P		

37 Members present, a quorum is met.

Finance Committee Report.

At 7:37 p.m. Mr. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke on the 2 Articles concerning OPEB and his hopes the Town Meeting Members with support the Finance Committees recommendations. He stated that the 3rd Article has been withdrawn by author of the article Mr. William Stewart.

Mr. Martin Costello from precinct 10 informed the Town meeting Members that there is a scheduled Community meeting in June concerning the Wheelabrator issue on expanding the ash landfill. This is an important issue and he asks the town meeting members to review the hand out that he is having passed around.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 1 as recommend

Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20-Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund. (Town Manager)

At 7:41 p.m. Town Manager Scott Crabtree explains what the M.G. L. Chapter 32B Section 20 to Town Meeting. It is other than Pension Benefits like Healthcare cost in post employment. The town now pays as you go like other Massachusetts Communities and some have now adopted this statute. There are 2 purposes for this statute: the Elected or Appointed officials understand the liability the town has for benefits (other than pensions) and it is to inform and educate the town on post employment benefits. Tonight is about town meeting accepting this statute and having some experts come in on how to fund. This is a financially responsible thing to do for the town. He hopes town meeting will support and adopt the statute to move forward.

At 7:49 p.m. Mr. J. Brian Costin from Precinct 7 asks about CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) and if it isn't included

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend the sum of \$150,000.00 be transferred to the OPEB Trust (Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust). The source of the funding is free cash.

Seconded at 8:26 p.m.

**Hand Count Vote by Tellers to Accept: Left: 17
Right: 15
Total: 32 in favor**

**Hand Count Vote by Tellers to Oppose: Left: 0
Right: 3
Total: 3 opposed**

Article 2 passed as recommended, by hand vote at 8:26 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 3.

Seconded at 8:27 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept 2 parcels located in East Saugus deeded to the Saugus Housing Authority by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when plans for routing I95 through the Saugus marsh area was discontinued. The Parcels are sold by the Town the funds are to be distributed into an account for the Saugus Affordable Trust. (William Stewart, Town Meeting member, Precinct 3)

Mr. Stewart spoke with the Financial Committee to withdraw this article.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend Article 3 for Indefinite Postponement (IP).

Article 3 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:27p.m.

Seconded at 8:08p.m.

Moderator moves to adjourn the 2016 Special Town Meeting sine die.

Seconded at 8:27p.m.

Unanimous voice vote adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk