

# Special Town Meeting Minutes


## May 23, 2022

Call to Order: May 23, 20022 at 7:32pm in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906

Pledge of Alliance at 7:32pm

Tellers: Maureen Whitcomb Precinct 4 and Glen Davis Precinct 4 sworn in at 7:31 pm

Roll Call at 7:35pm



Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent
Arone, A.	1	A	Hickman, J.	5	P	Paolini, M.	7	P
Bartolo, J.	6	P	Jones, C.	1	P	Riley, C.	2	P
Bell, M.	1	P	Kahn, J.	8	P	Ring, D.	10	P
Berube, K.	9	P	Kelly, D.	9	P	Rossetti, Jr., P.	2	P
Brown, W.	6	A	Kramich Jr., W.	8	P	Schena, D.	3	P
Camuso Sr., R.	2	P	LeBrasseur, E.	6	P	Scuzzarella, C.	10	P
Chipouras, J.	7	P	Leuci, W.	4	P	Smith, R.	3	P
Connors, Jr., A.	3	P	Long, R.	9	A	Spencer, B.	5	P
Costello, M.	10	P	Lopresti, A.	8	A	Strasnick, R.	9	P
Cross III, W.	8	P	Manoogian Sr, P.	10	P	Tesora, A.	3	A
Currie, K.	6	P	McCarthy, S.	7	P	Thompson, R.	3	P
D'Anna, S.	7	P	Migliore, M.	5	P	Traverse, T.	8	P
Davis, G.	4	P	Moreschi, C.	2	P	Vecchione IV	2	P
Delios, P.	10	P	Northrup, R.	4	P	Wallace, R.	5	P
Doherty, S.	4	P	Palleschi, R.	7	P	Whitcomb, M.	4	P
Dunn, S.	1	P	Palomba, A.	1	P	Worthley, J.	9	P
Goodwin, P.	5	P	Panico, A.	6	P	Total Present=		45
Town Meeting:			Special Town Meeting			Absent count=		5
		Date: 5/23/2022						

Attendance Count:     Total: 44+ Moderator = 45

Making the Motion this Evening: Kevin Currie PCT 6

Moderator Comments: informs Town Meeting on those members unable to attend. Gives Town Meeting Members instructions. Minutes of the last Town Meeting accepted. Begin with the Special Town Meeting which has 2 Articles.

Finance Committee Chairman Ken DePatto speaks on the Special Warrants 2 Finance Articles and 3 for the Annual at 7:39pm and their recommendations. Article 2 has \$1.5 million deficit and using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money which is a one time use of funds. Trying to come out of the pandemic. This is a very tight budget and recommend balancing with this one time source of funding. Article 28 is a reserved fund for monies in SPED, but Town Meeting is the appropriating body, if this article was to pass it would never come in front of Town Meeting but spent how they give it to the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The Finance Committee thought it was a perfect opportunity to start a Stabilization Fund for the schools. Felt strongly the wrong venue was being used and should stay with Town Meeting. Please support all our recommendations.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Kevin Currie Precinct 6 moves Article 2 as recommended:

Seconded at 7:43pm

**Article as Written:**

**Article 2.:** To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 17 of the Warrant at May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of \$1,200,000 to pay costs of funding the Stormwater Program required under the Town’s NPDES MS4 Permit, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Town Manager speaks at 7:44pm this is a house keeping appropriated last year and bond asked to re-affirm the vote for last year.

**Article as Voted:** Voted to recommend the Town vote to ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 17 of the Warrant at May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of \$1,200,000 to pay costs of funding the Stormwater Program required under the Town's NPDES MS4 Permit, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2 passes by unanimous voice vote Yes at 7:45pm**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Kevin Currie Precinct 6 moves Article 3 as recommended:

Seconded at 7:46

**Article as Written**

**Article 3.:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding a grant match for the Asset Management Planning Grant. (Town Manager)

Town Manager speaks at 7:46pm on securing a Grant for \$250,000 from the State and \$100,000 coming from the town and it will go towards the continuing process with the GIS system. Great opportunity for the town with this GIS system. Please support the article.

**Article as Voted:** Voted to recommend the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 as a grant match for the Asset Management Planning Grant. The source of funding is \$10,000.00 from July 1, 2021 certified free cash, \$45,000.00 from July 1, 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund certified retained earnings, and \$45,000.00 from July 1, 2021 Water Enterprise Fund certified retained earnings

**Article 3 passes by unanimous voice vote Yes at 7:48pm**

Motion to adjourn the May 23, 2022 Special Town Meeting at 7:49pm

Seconded at 7:49pm

Unanimous voice vote Yes to adjourn at 7:49pm

Adjourned sine die at 7:49pm.

Sincerely

Ellen Joyce Schena, CMMC  
Saugus Town Clerk