TOWN OF SAUGUS **MASSACHUSETTS**



Report of the Finance Committee

Relative to the Warrant Articles to be presented to the

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>Article 3.</u> To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Saugus By-laws by inserting the following under Section 603 Fire Regulations

Section 6. Fire Alarm System Regulations:

4. Alarm system Regulations

Sub Section (F):

F. Private fire alarm systems may be connected to the Saugus Fire Department Municipal Radio Box fire alarm system after obtaining written permission from the Inspector of Wires and the Saugus Fire Chief. Detailed plans of the private fire alarm system must be submitted to the Saugus Fire Chief and must be approved by the Chief or his/her designee. The fee for the direct connection to the Saugus Fire Department Municipal Radio Box fire alarm system shall be \$200.00 per year (or part thereof, prorated monthly) thereafter, payable on or before July 1 of each year (or upon installation in the middle of a calendar year). Fees shall be payable to the Town of Saugus Treasurer/Collector.

(Fire Chief)

Recommendation: Voted to recommend Article 3.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$174,000.00 for the purpose of funding salaries and expenditures from the recommendations of the Public Works Department Organizational and Operational Analysis as prepared by the University of Massachusetts Collins Center for Public Management. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to transfer from the Interest on Long-Term Debt budget the amount of \$174,000.00 for the purpose of funding salaries and expenditures from the recommendations of the Public Works Department Organizational and Operational Analysis as prepared by the University of Massachusetts Collins Center for Public Management. Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to create a Stabilization Fund for Capital Budget purposes under M.G.L. Ch 40 s 5B; Ch 46 s 14 and 50 Ch 140 s 19 and 137 of the Acts of 2003 as amended from time to time. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to create a Stabilization Fund for Capital Budget purposes under M.G.L. Ch 40 s 5B; Ch 46 s 14 and 50 Ch 140 s 19 and 137 of the Acts of 2003 as amended from time to time.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000.00 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund for Capital Budget purposes. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000.00 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund for Capital Budget purposes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000.00 for the purpose of providing a supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2014 School Department appropriation. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000.00 for the purpose of providing a supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2014 School Department appropriation. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of providing a supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2014 Town Manager expense appropriation to fund the Medicaid Reimbursement Administrative Expense. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of providing a supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2014 Town Manager expense appropriation to fund the Medicaid Reimbursement Administrative Expense. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,600.00 to fund unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,600.00 to fund unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,615.00 from overlay surplus for the purpose of funding the overlay deficit in Fiscal Year 2005 overlay account. This amount has been approved by the Town of Saugus Board of Assessors in accordance with MGL Ch 59 s25. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,615.00 from overlay surplus for the purpose of funding the overlay deficit in Fiscal Year 2009 overlay account.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capital improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to appropriate by borrowing, the sum of \$2,996,000.00 for capital improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.