

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
3rd Session
June 4 , 2018

Town Moderator Steve Doherty, called the 1st Session of the Annual Town Meeting to order on May 21, 2018 at 7:32p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 46 members present. A quorum was met.

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

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll at 7:34 p.m.

Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent
BARTOLO, J.	P	BRAZIS, K	P	BROWN, W.	P
CAMUSO, R	P	CANTERBURY, M	P	CICOLINI, J.	P
COBURN, J.	A	CONNORS, A.	P	COSTELLO, M.	P
COTTAM, J.	P	CURRIE, K.	P	DEVLIN, F.A.	P
DIGIROLAMO	P	DINARDO, A.	P	DIVIRGILIO, S.	P
DOHERTY, S.	P	DUNN, S.	P	FALASCA, T.	P
FISHER, R.	P	FOWLER, J.	P	GOODWIN, P.	P
GROARK, L.	P	HORLICK, S.	P	JONES, C.	P
KELLY, D.	P	LAVOIE, R.	P	LEUCI, W.	P
LOPRESTI, A.	P	MARCHAND, W.	P	MCCABE, K.	P
MCCARTHY, S.	P	MORESCHI, C.	P	MURPHY, S.	P
PAOLINI, M.	P	POLITANO, K.	P	PRIZIO, P	A
RANDO, P	P	RODENHISER, J.	P	ROSSETTI, P.	P
SERINO, M.	P	SPENCER, B.	P	STEWART, W.	P
SWEEZEY, S.	P	THOMPSON, R	P	TRAVERSE, T.	P
TRAVERSE, T.	P	WHITCOMB, M.	P	WHYTE, C	A
WITTEN, R.	P	WORTHLEY, J.	P		

45 Members present + Moderator, a quorum is met.

Moderator Comments:
Pledge of Alliance, Acceptance of Minutes from last session at 7:37p.m. There are 4 Articles are remaining.

Committee Reports:
Chairman of the Finance Committee Ken DePatto speaks brief at 7:38pm about the remaining 4 Articles especially on Article 2, which is the budget. He speaks on the Non-Binding Resolution for the Health Benefit Analysis. Thanks the committee that worked on it. Asks for the support of the Budget which has minimal changes as received by the finance committee.

Any other committees: Al DiNardo Precinct 4 speaks at 7:41pm on the Non-Binding Resolution for the Health Benefit Analysis to study the cost of the health insurance of town employee and the retirees. He recommends that Town Meeting really looks at the numbers especially the increased costs effecting the entire State.

As a courtesy to the Town Manager, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 2 to the floor as recommended.

Seconded at 7:44.p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2019.

Town Moderator	\$1.00
Board of Selectmen	\$54,726.00
Town Manager	\$714,691.00
Finance Committee	\$105,000.00
Accounting	\$571,899.00
Assessors	\$404,717.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$386,895.00
Legal Counsel	\$351,982.00
Human Resources	\$168,350.00
Information Technology	\$325,000.00
Town Clerk	\$139,002.00

Election & Registration	\$138,870.00
Conservation Commission	\$50,373.00
Planning Board	\$40,215.00
Board of Appeals	\$28,296.00
Planning & Economic Development	\$181,996.00
Public Safety-Police Department	\$7,230,149.00
Public Safety-Fire Department	\$5,111,761.00
Code Enforcement-Building Inspection	\$171,617.00
Code Enforcement-Gas & Plumbing Inspection	\$46,068.00
Code Enforcement-Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$12,956.00
Code Enforcement-Electrical Inspection	\$46,493.00
Public Safety-Emergency Management	\$17,500.00
Public Safety-Animal Control	\$59,803.00
Harbor Master	\$0.00
Public Safety-Dispatcher	\$773,755.00
Vocational Education-Regional Schools	\$3,878,000.00
Department of Public Works	\$4,808,264.00
Engineering Department	\$87,700.00
Building Maintenance & Grounds	\$1,423,008.00
Health Department	\$214,402.00
Council on Aging	\$233,205.00
Veteran Services	\$419,099.00
Handicap Commission	\$950.00
Fair Housing Commission	\$300.00
Library	\$660,666.00
Youth & Recreation	\$133,970.00
Lobsterman Landing	\$16,793.00
Celebrations	\$2,000.00
Debt Services Principal	\$2,764,400.00
Debt Services Interest LTD	\$3,245,678.00
Debt Services Interest STD	\$15,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$22,091.364.00
Retirement Board	\$0.00
Other Insurances	\$866,327.00
School Department	\$29,075,250.00

Bill Brown Precinct 6 speaks at 7:45pm asks if we are going to go through the budget like typically done in the past? Town Moderator tells him to ask now. He has a few questions to ask regarding the 2019 Budget.

Question 1 page 37 Snow and Ice division salary why it the number dropped

Town Manager Crabtree speaks at 7:47pm indicating the new Munis System makes that line item more specific for the Snow and Ice Budget.

Question 2 page 51 expenses for the Park Division on the totals from 2015 to 2019 the numbers are down over \$600,000. Why?

Town Manager Crabtree speaks at 7:49pm again states what was labeled in the new Munis System but if you look at the totals, this year the numbers are actually up then from the past years.

Question 3 page 52 asks about the Engineering Salary.

Town Manager Crabtree responds at 7:51pm concerning not having a Town Engineer, however the town has a Part-Time Engineer that works 4 hours per week right now. The DPW Director has been handling. This is a discussion with the planning board that we need this position but have been unable to fill the with the right person and with the salary posted. Trying to find the right engineer to fill the job.

Question 4 concerning the number of the auto accidents that have been occurring around town. He will be happy to help the police department concerning this matter.

Chief DiMella speaks at 7:57pm answering the last question...speaking on Grant the police have acquired to work on the crosswalks around town. He mentions speed rate machines and hire more to watch radar.

Brenton Spencer Precinct 5 speaks at 7:58pm about the School Department Budget. He doesn't have a problem with it but feels the Superintendent should speak concerning the Budget.

Superintendent David DiRuosi speaks at 7:59pm asking for the support on the School Department budget. He appreciates the support of Finance Committee, Town Meeting and Town Manager on the schools.

Martin Costello Precinct 10 speaks at 8:00pm asks about line item posting for a Town Engineer. Does the Town have the precise posting for the Engineer and comparable to other towns? What will happen if the position is not filled?

Town Manager Crabtree responds at 8:01pm on the challenges facing Saugus is the complex duty to hire comparable people to work in Saugus. Has been reposting, in contact with different contractors that might be interested in the position and will do the best we can do to find the right person. He doesn't want to hire someone to just hire someone especially if not working out.

Matthew Canterbury Precinct 6 speaks at 8:05pm still on the Engineering topic about using a firm in the interim bases?

Town Manager Crabtree responds at 8:05pm that he has discussed this with the DPW Director and has done something similar in outsourcing but can be quite expensive.

Article as voted: Voted to recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,075,250.00 for the School Department Operating Budget and \$57,993,240.00 for the Municipal Town Department Operating Budget totaling \$87,068,490.00 for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2019. Funding to be provided from the tax levy, available funds, local aid, and estimated receipts.

Seconded at 8:08p.m.

Town Clerk takes the Roll Call vote

Town Meeting Member name	P C T	VOTE	Town Meeting Member name	P C T	VOTE	Town Meeting Member name	P C T	VOTE
BARTOLO, J	6	Y	BRAZIS, K	5	Y	BROWN, W.	6	Y
CAMUSO, R	2	Y	CANTERBURY, M	6	Y	CICOLINI, J.	8	Y
COBURN, J.	10	A	CONNORS, A.	3	Y	COSTELLO, M.	10	Y
COTTAM, J.	9	Y	CURRIE, K.	6	Y	DEVLIN, F.A.	1	Y
DIGIROLAMO, T	10	Y	DINARDO, A.	4	Y	DIVIRGILIO, S.	10	
DOHERTY, S.	4	Y	DUNN, S.	1	Y	FALASCA, T.	2	Y
FISHER, R.	9	Y	FOWLER, J.	8	Y	GOODWIN, P.	5	Y
GROARK, L.	5	Y	HORLICK, S.	8	Y	JONES, C.	1	Y
KELLY, D.	9	Y	LAVOIE, R.	7	Y	LEUCI, W.	4	Y
LOPRESTI, A.	8	Y	MARCHAND, W.	6	Y	MCCABE, K.	4	Y
MCCARTHY, S.	7	Y	MORESCHI, C.	2	Y	MURPHY, S.	3	Y
PAOLINI, M.	7	Y	POLITANO, K.	7	Y	PRIZIO, P.	7	A
RANDO, P.	3	Y	RODENHISER, J.	1	Y	ROSSETTI, P.	2	Y
SERINO, M.	10	Y	SPENCER, B.	5	Y	STEWART, W.	3	Y
SWEEZEY, S.	2	Y	THOMPSON, R.	3	Y	TRAVERSE, T.	8	Y
WALLACE, R.	5	Y	WHITCOMB, M.	4	Y	WHYTE, C.	9	A
WITTEN, R.	1	Y	WORTHLEY, J.	9	Y			

Yeas: 45
Nays: 0
Absent: 3
Abstain: 1

Article 2 passed by majority Roll Call Vote at 8:11p.m.p.m

As a courtesy to the Town Manager, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 7 to the floor as recommended

Seconded at 8:11 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 7: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2019.

Any Discussion: None

Article as voted: Voted to recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund: \$4,311,002.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue, \$893,990.00 to come from Retained Earnings for a total Fiscal Year 2019 Sewer Enterprise Fund Appropriation of \$5,204,992.00. \$568,401.00 is to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue for Indirect Costs.

Seconded at 8:12p.m.p.m.

Article 7 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 8:12p.m.

As a courtesy to the Town Manager, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 12 to the floor as recommended

Seconded at 8:12 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.

Any Discussion: None

Article as voted: Voted to recommend Indefinite Postponement.

Seconded at 8:13p.m.p.m.

Article 12 passed as recommended to indefinite postponement, by unanimous voice vote at 8:13p.m.

As a courtesy to the Town Manager, Ms. Cicolini moves Article 13 to the floor as recommended.

Seconded at 8:41p.m.

Article as written:

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for construction and reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Jean Bartolo Precinct 6 speaks at 8:14pm about what streets will be repaired? With regards to the Hamilton Street sidewalks why was asphalt used and not cement? She wants to make sure this money goes to the side street off of Hamilton?

Town Manager Crabtree responds at 8:15pm about this is Article are Bonds issues in the past. There are no streets but are to be used as clean up to get the money out of the account. He doesn't know why cement sidewalks were not used in that area.

Jean Bartolo Precinct 6 asks at 8:17pm about the street lists that Town Meeting had received each year on those streets that will be repaired. Where is this list?

Town Manager Crabtree speaks at 8:18pm doesn't know what the list is and hasn't had one for a few years, but this article is not used for repairing the streets. That is Chapter 90 money.

Jean Bartolo Precinct 6 at 8:19pm asks to maybe table this article back to the Town Manager.

Motion made to table Article 13 back to the Town Manager at 8:19p.m.

Martin Costello Precinct 10 asks at 8:20pm about the wording in the Article?

Town Manager Crabtree responds at 8:20pm that the wording in the article is standard writing. The same language that was in the original Hamilton Street project.

Calling on the question to refer the Article back to the Town Manager.

Hand Count being referred back to the Town Manager at 8:21p.m.

Yes vote to refer back

Left: 6

Right: 9

Total: 15

Opposed the Motion

Left: 17

Right: 13

Total: 30

The motion to refer back to the Town Manager has failed at 8:22p.m.

Article as voted: Voted to recommend that \$144,870.00 be appropriated for construction and reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation \$144,870.00, representing unexpended proceeds of bonds issued on March 3, 2011 for roads purposes authorized under Article 14, of the 2010 annual town meeting for which this project is complete and no liability remains, shall be transferred from the capital project fund known as Hamilton Street Reconstruction Project; that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

Hand Count Vote on the Recommendation at 8:23p.m.

Yes

Left: 19

Right: 18

Total: 37

Opposed
Left: 3
Right: 3
Total: 6

Article 13 passed by majority hand count vote at 8:24p.m.

Motion made adjourn 2018 ATM sine die

Seconded at 8:24p.m.

Unanimous voice vote yes adjourn the 2018 ATM sine die at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk