

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2017
3rd Session

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2017 Special Town Meeting to order on May 22, 2017 at 7:30p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 40 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from Precinct 1 and Peter Rossetti from Precinct 2 were appointed and sworn in as tellers at 7:31 p.m.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct
ALLEN, P	A	3	ATTUBATO, J	A	6	BARTOLO, J.	P	6
BRAZIS, K	P	5	BROWN, W.	P	6	CANTERBURY, M.	P	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	P	6	CICOLINI, J.	P	8	COBURN, J.	P	10
CONNORS, A.	A	3	COSTELLO, M.	P	10	COSTIN, J.B.	P	7
COTTAM, J.	A	9	DECAREAU, E.	P	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	P	1
DINARDO, A.	P	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	A	10	DOHERTY, S.	P	4
FALASCA, T.	P	2	FINN, C.	A	9	FOWLER, J	P	8
GOODWIN, P.	P	5	GROARK, L.	P	5	HORLICK, S.	P	8
JONES, C.	P	1	KELLY, D.	P	9	LEUCI, W.	P	4
LOPRESTI, A.	A	8	MCCABE, K.	P	2	MCCARTHY, S.	A	7
MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P	4	MCTAGUE, J.	P	9	MORESCHI, C.	P	2
MURPHY, S.	P	3	PAOLINI, M.	P	7	POLITANO, K.	P	7
PRIZIO, P	P	7	RAFTERY, S.	P	1	RING, D.	P	10
RODENHISER, J.	P	1	ROSSETTI, P.	P	2	SERINO, M.	P	10
SPENCER, B.	P	5	STEWART, W.	P	3	SULLIVAN, P.	A	9
SWEEZEY, S.	P	2	THOMPSON, R.	P	3	WALLACE, R.	P	5
WHITCOMB, M.	P	4	WITTEN, R.	P	1			

41 Members present, a quorum is met.

Acceptance of last meeting minutes.

Seconded at 7:34 p.m.

Report from the Finance Committee.

At 7:35 p.m. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks on the recommendations by the committee on tonight’s articles. There are 2 Articles for the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. And, 1 Article is to increase the water rates for 2 ½ %. Very Small Increase. The last Article is a recommendation to purchase a new Fire truck which it takes a long time to order (18 months approximately).

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 6 and 7 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to move articles out of order at 7:37 p.m.

New Motion to take Article 16 out of order before Articles 6 & 7.

Seconded at 7:38 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 16 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:38 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to increase water rates with all receipts to be held within the Water Enterprise Fund to be used exclusively for water expenses, water maintenance, water debt and interest and water improvement programs, or take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager).

No discussion

Article as voted: Recommendation: Voted to recommend a 2.5% increase in water rates with all receipts to be held within the Water Enterprise Fund to be used exclusively for water expenses, water maintenance, water debt and interest and water improvement programs.

Hand-count in favor of Financial Committees Recommendations:

Yea:	Left: 18	Opposed:	Left: 0
	Right: <u>17</u>		Right: <u>4</u>
	Total: 35		Total: 4

Article 16 passes as per majority vote at 7:40 p.m.

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 6 and 7 back in order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to move to Articles 6 & 7 at 7:41 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 6 for consideration to the floor.
Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2018. (Town Manager).

At 7:41 p.m., Bill Brown Precinct 6 asks what the indirect costs are.

At 7:42 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree states that on the website you can see what the accounting uses are. The Town had the General Funds audited and it looks at the indirect costs, projections for capital and how it changes the rates. The Town uses 10% retained earnings in the water enterprise account which is recommended... Some major factors that changes the rates if it is a wet or dry summer. The more water conserved generates less revenue for the Town.

Article as voted: Voted to recommend the sum of \$6,504,844.00 be appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Fund. The source of funds shall be \$6,504,844.00 to be funded by the Water Enterprise Fund Revenue and \$0.00 to come from Retained Earnings. \$472,509.00 is to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Water Enterprise Fund Revenue for Indirect Costs.

Seconded at 7:48 p.m.

Article 6 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:48 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 7 for consideration to the floor.
Seconded at 7:49 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 2018. (Town Manager).

No Discussion

Article as voted: Voted to recommend the sum of \$4,727,456.00 be appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The source of funds shall be \$4,001,993.00 to be funded from Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue and \$725,463.00 from Retained Earnings. \$542,398.00 is to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue for Indirect Costs.

Article 7 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:50 p.m.

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 20 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
Seconded at 7:50 p.m.

Unanimous Voice vote to take out of order at 7:50 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 20 for consideration to the floor.
Seconded at 7:51 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a fire engine for the Fire Department; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take other action thereto. (Town Manager).

At 7:52 p.m., Martin Costello Precinct 10 asks if there is a window on a possibility of getting State assistance in this purchase.

At 7:53 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree explains how the Fire Chief and his administration are trying to acquire Grant Money to reduce the amount the town is borrowing or reduce the principal. The Town is trying to proactively plan for the future.

At 7:55 p.m., Ken DePatto, Chairman Finance Committee explains although it is a borrowing Article it is built into the Operational Budget so we are bit living outside of the Towns means.

At 7:56 p.m., Bill Brown Precinct 6 states

At 7:57 p.m. Town Manager Scott Crabtree talks about the old fire truck that is over 21 years old.

At 7:59 p.m., Michael Newbury, Fire Chief for Saugus ask for the support of Town Meeting to acquire a new fire truck.

Call for the Vote

Article as voted: Voted to recommend that \$695,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of a fire engine for the Fire Department in the Town, including payments of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$695,000.00 under G.L. c44 §7(1) or any other enabling authority; that the Town Manager is individually authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the purchase; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Article 20 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:59 p.m.

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 27 & 28 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 8:00 p.m.

Unanimous Voice vote to take out of order at 8:00 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 27 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:51 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 27: To see of the Town will vote to amend the town’s Zoning Map and Zoning By-Law by Re-Zoning lost A-7, A-8 and A-9, A-10 to A-41, A-248 to A-251 inclusive and A-253 on Assessor’s Plan 2029 and A-105 and A-110 on Assessors Plan 2028 from (R-1) Single Family Residential to Business Highway Sustainable Development (BHSD) Zoning District. The properties are located between and including 42-61 Eagle Road. (Richard Magnan)

At 8:01 p.m., Richard Magnam, 194 Central Street, The attorney representing the property owners of the Article. He explains that Eagle Road was re-zoned but only the front part however, the rear was not which is residential. There are approximately 5 houses and 2 are owned by the same property owner. They are asking for the re-zoning from the Town meeting as per the article.

At 8:04 p.m., Patricia Prizio, Precinct 7 asks what do they want to do with the area. Specific Plans?

At 8:04 p.m., Richard Magnam answers that there are no specific plans. The property owners are all in agreement but without the rezoning they have no plans.

At 8:06 p.m., Peter Rossetti Jr., precinct 2 speaks that he is now speaking as the Chairman of the Planning Board. The planning board voted in favor and he explains the procedures of what happened that night at the planning board meeting. He states that the neighbors are all in agreement collectively. He is in support of the article.

At 8:07 p.m., Steve Horlick precinct 8 explains past presentations on this are and he is in support of the article.

At 8:10 p.m., William Leuci, Precinct 4 states that this area i9s in his precinct and he is against the article because it would be a lot of blasting and he wants a definite plan on what is going to happen on this land. Mr. Leuci makes a motion to table the Article tonight.

Motion to Table the Article.

Seconded at 8:12 p.m.

Hand-count in favor of Tabling Article 27:

Yea:	Left: 8	Opposed:	Left: 9
	Right: 6		Right: 16
	Total: 14		Total: 15

Motion to Table the Article fails as per majority vote at 8:14 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m., Michael Serino, Precinct 10 asks the Attorney questions regarding the street and possible developments.

At 8:16 p.m., Richard Magnan, 194 Central Street answers the last speaker’s questions on development.

At 8:17 p.m., Steve Holick, Precinct 8 speaks in support of the Article.

At 8:19 p.m., Michael Serino Precinct 10 asks about the vacant land on the map. He is not in support of the article because of not having a plan and the vacant land available.

At 8:21 p.m., Al DiNardo Precinct 4 makes a motion to defer back to the Planning Board.
Seconded at 8:21 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m., Peter Rossetti, Jr., Precinct 2 explains the Planning Board had extensive meeting on this article with all the neighbors present. If deferred back it will be the same outcome.

At 8:22 p.m., Al DiNardo, Precinct 4 says if this is defeated it could not come before Town meeting for 2 years... He amends his motion to defer back to the Articles maker.

Motion to defer back to the articles maker.
Seconded at 8:22 p.m.

Hand-count to defer Article 27 back to its maker:

Yea:	Left: 14	Opposed:	Left: 4
	Right: <u>6</u>		Right: <u>13</u>
	Total: 20		Total: 17

Article 27 is deferred back to its maker by majority hand vote at 8:24 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mrs. Goodwin moves Article 28 for consideration to the floor.
Seconded at 8:27 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 28. To see of the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the covenant which was part of the Annual Town meeting 2007 Re-Zoning of Lot 9 on the Assessor’s Plan 2035 and Lots 45 and 55 on Assessor’s Plan 3022 from I-1 light industrial to R-4 multi density residential which covenant required one residential unit of the proposed ten residential units to be sold and designated as affordable housing as defined by the Massachusetts Housing Department and Community Development. The proposed development has been revised to eliminate the single ten unit building to be toe two unit buildings and one three unit building for a total of seven units. The property is located at 2 Winston Street, Bristow and rear Bristow Street. (Richard Magnan)

At 8:27 p.m., Martin Costello, Precinct 10 states this article prosed is in his precinct. He has no real objections to it, however, there are specific drainage & drain lines that he wants to make sure the developers are not looking to the Town to get plumbing work completed. Who pays for this?

At 8:29 p.m., Town Manager, Scott Crabtree explains that the site has been vacant for over a decade. This new development will be a benefit to the community. The developer has met with the DPW Director and the Town manager on what the systems will be there for water & sewage.

At 8:30 p.m., Peter Rossetti, Jr Precinct 2 speaks as the Chairman of the Planning Board on how this came before the Planning Board many times in different capacities such as Building size and units. The Planning Board did approve this developer under the contingencies:

- 1. Drainage & sewage development.
- 2. Back taxes are paid for the area.
- 3. DPW Director approval.

At 8:32 p.m., Town manager Crabtree states the Town’s position on affordable housing and he is worried this area could remain vacant for another 12 years.

At 8:34 p.m. Michael Serino, Precinct 10 is in support of this Article.

At 8:35 p.m., Anthony Cogliano, 27 Serino Way speaks in favor of the Article.

Article as voted: Vote to approve an amendment to the covenant which was part of the Annual Town meeting 2007 Re-Zoning of Lot 9 on the Assessor’s Plan 2035 and Lots 45 and 55 on Assessor’s Plan 3022 from I-1 light industrial to R-4 multi density residential which covenant required one residential unit of the proposed ten residential units to be sold and designated as affordable housing as defined by the Massachusetts Housing Department and Community Development. The proposed development has been revised to eliminate the single ten unit building to be toe two unit buildings and one three unit building

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Article 28 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 8:37 p.m.

Motion to temporarily suspend meeting at the call of the Moderator given at 8:38pm.

Seconded at 8:38 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to suspend adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk