

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2017
4th Session

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2017 Annual Town Meeting to order on May 30, 2017 at 9:08 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 45 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	P	6	BARTOLO, J.	P	6
BRAZIS, K	A	5	BROWN, W.	A	6	CANTERBURY, M.	P	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	P	6	CICOLINI, J.	P	8	COBURN, J.	P	10
CONNORS, A.	P	3	COSTELLO, M.	P	10	COSTIN, J.B.	P	7
COTTAM, J.	P	9	DECAREAU, E.	P	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	P	1
DINARDO, A.	P	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	P	10	DOHERTY, S.	P	4
FALASCA, T.	P	2	FINN, C.	P	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.	P	8	MCCABE, K.	P	2	MCCARTHY, S.	P	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.	A	10
RODENHISER, J.	P	1	ROSSETTI, P.	P	2	SERINO, M.	P	10
SPENCER, B.	P	5	STEWART, W.	P	3	SULLIVAN, P.	P	9
SWEEZEY, S.	P	2	THOMPSON, R.	P	3	WALLACE, R.	P	5
WHITCOMB, M.	P	4	WITTEN, R.	P	1			

46 Members present, a quorum is met.

Motion by Paul Sullivan Precinct 9 to take Article 26 out of order.

Seconded at 9:11 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to take Article 26 out of order at 9:12 p.m.

Report from the Finance Committee.

At 9:13 p.m. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks on the recommendations by the Finance Committee on tonight’s articles. He specifically speaks on the Budget and the State Funding. On article 26 he explains the increase levels on the thresholds of the retirement committee. He ask for the support on all their recommendations.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Martin Costello moves Article 26 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 9:17 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 26: To see if the Town of Saugus will vote pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which amends Section 103(j) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to increase the maximum base on which the annual cost of living increase is calculated for retirees of the Saugus Retirement System to \$14,000.00. (Saugus Retirement Board).
No discussion

At 9:18 p.m., Mr. Bill Cross, 12 Pearson Street speaks with on this article details that it is a \$5.00 per month raise/increase for the retirees. He speaks in favor of the article and not for the Finance Committees recommendation.

At 9:21 p.m., Patricia Prizio, Precinct 7 states she is not in favor of the Finance Committees recommendations but is for the Article as rewritten.

At 9:22 p.m., Steve Divigilio, Precinct 10 instructed the tellers to hand out some information on the Pension plan for review by Town Meeting. He speaks in favor of the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

At 9: 34 p.m., John Coburn, Precinct 10 speaks in favor of the Article has written and not for the Finance Committees recommendations.

No objections to Steve Divigilio Precinct 10 speaking again on this Article at 9:35 p.m.

At 9:35 p.m., Steve DiVirgilio, Precinct 10 addressed the \$5.00 per month issue that was stated and it actually comes to more than that for the town to spend.

Motion for a Roll Call vote on the Finance Committee recommendation, if fails than there will be a vote on the original article as written.

Recommendation: Voted to recommend to refer Article 26 back to the Saugus Retirement Board.

Clarification: the Finance Committee recommendation is to refer back.

Substitute Motion made to vote Article 26 as submitted on the Warrant.

Seconded at 9:40 p.m.

Hand Vote:

Yea: Left: 13

Right: 21

Total: 36

Abstention: 1

Opposed:

Left: 7

Right: 1

Total: 8

Motion has passed to vote Article 26 as originally written on Warrant at 9:41 p.m.

Now before Town Meeting is to vote the original Article 26 as written on the Warrant.

Seconded at 9:41 p.m.

Article as voted: To see if the Town of Saugus will vote pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which amends Section 103(j) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to increase the maximum base on which the annual cost of living increase is calculated for retirees of the Saugus Retirement System to \$14,000.00. (Saugus Retirement Board).

No Discussion, call for the Question:

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll call vote:

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

Yea: 39

Nay: 5

Abst: 4

Abstention: 1

Article 26 as written passes by majority roll call vote at 9: 46 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Martin Costello moves Article 2 for consideration to the floor

Seconded at 9:45 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2018. (Town Manager).

At 9:47 p.m., Town Manager, Scott Crabtree speaks about the 2018 Budget.

At 9:57 p.m., Arthur Grabowski, School Committee Member addresses the School Budget that was originally voted on and was not this Finance Committee recommendations. He speaks on the current conditions of the School

Article as voted: Voted to recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,575,250.00 for the School Department Operating Budget and \$51,822,203.00 for the Municipal Town Department Operating Budget totaling \$80,397,453.00 for the Ensuing Fiscal Year 2018. Funding to be provided from the tax levy, available funds, and estimated receipts.

Town Meeting Moderator	\$1.00.00
Board of Selectmen	\$51,004.00
Town Manager	\$628,934.00
Finance Committee	\$105,000.00
Accounting	\$457,471.00
Assessors	\$355,765.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$366,762.00
Legal Counsel	\$325,249.00
Human Resources	\$155,945.00
Information Technology	\$315,027.00
Town Clerk	\$142,495.00
Election & Registration	\$122,772.00
Conservation Commission	\$48,996.00
Planning Board	\$40,757.00
Board of Appeals	\$27,579.00
Dept. of Planning & Economic Development	\$211,780.00
Police Department	\$6,730,821.00
Fire Department	\$4,567,767.00
Code Enforcement – Building Inspection	\$173,096.00
Code Enforcement – Gas & Plumbing Inspection	\$44,814.00
Code Enforcement – Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$12,612.00
Code Enforcement – Electrical Inspection	\$45,239.00
Emergency Management	\$14,192.00
Animal Control	\$58,344.00
Harbormaster	\$0.00.00
Public Safety – Dispatcher	\$756,021.00
Vocational Education – Regional Schools	\$3,635,618.00
Department of Public Works	\$4,320,815.00
Engineering Department	\$80,000.00
Building Maintenance & Grounds	\$1,301,687.00
Health Department	\$197,313.00
Council on Aging	\$233,780.00
Veterans Services	\$418,882.00
Handicap Commission	\$950.00
Fair Housing Commission	\$300.00
Library	\$641,198.00
Youth & Recreation	\$130,543.00
Lobsterman’s Landing	\$16,529.00
Celebrations	\$2,000.00
Debt Service – Principal	\$1,682,116.00
Debt Service - Interest	\$815,980.00
Employee Benefits	\$21,140,402.00
Retirement Board	\$116,204.00
Other Insurance	\$669,000.00
Saugus School Department	\$28,575,250.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$80,397,453.00

NO HOLDS.
Call for the Question on Article 2.

Seconded at 10:05 p.m.

Hand Count Vote:
Yea: Left: 21 Opposed: Left: 1
 Right: 22 Right: 2
 Total: 43 Total: 3

Article 2 passes by majority vote Yea at 10: 06 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Costello moves Article 3 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 10:07 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money

shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wished to take in the matter. (Town Manager).

No Discussion

Article as voted: Voted to recommend a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$1,157,200.00 to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The source of funds is \$700,000.00 from certified free cash and \$457,200.00 from interdepartmental transfers from the FY2017 Operating Budget.

Article 3 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 10:08 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Costello moves Article 15 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 10:08 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager).

No Discussion

Article as voted: Voted to recommend the appropriation of \$20,667.83 to fund unpaid bills of the prior fiscal year. The source of funding is Fiscal Year 2016 carryover as follows: \$13,451.18 in the general fund, \$399.25 in the sewer enterprise fund, and \$6,817.40 in the water enterprise fund.

Article 15 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 10:09 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Costello moves Article 19 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 10:09 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 19: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for purchasing various equipment for town departments, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager).

At 10:09 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree

Article as voted: Voted to recommend Article 19 for Indefinite Postponement (IP).

Article 19 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 10:10 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Costello moves Article 21 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 10:10 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund Debt Service Operating Budget to the Lincoln Ave Reconstruction capital project fund for the purpose of funding expenditures associated with the project. (Town Manager).

At 10:10 p.m., Martin Costello Precinct 10 asks the question; what are some of the details of the Lincoln Avenue Project?

At 10:11 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree answers that this was discussed at prior meetings and is more of a house cleaning article.

Call for the Questions

Article 21 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 10:12 p.m.

At 10:12 p.m., Brian Costin Precinct 7 asks how did the substitute motion over the recommendation of the motion on Article 26 take place?

At 10:15 p.m., Town Counsel John Vasapolli answers that the main motion was the recommendation of the Finance Committee and a substitute motion to accept the substitute motion over took the first motion.

No further discussion on the matter.

Motion made to adjourn the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Sine Die.

Seconded at 10:16 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 10:16 p.m Sine Die.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk