

**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2017**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2017 Special Town Meeting to order on May 8, 2017 at 7:31p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 39 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 7:32 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	A	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.	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.	A	8
JONES, C.	P	1	KELLY, D.	A	9	LEUCI, W.	P	4
LOPRESTI, A.	P	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.	A	10
RODENHISER, J.	P	1	ROSSETTI, P.	P	2	SERINO, M.	A	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			

40 Members present, a quorum is met.

Acceptance of last meeting minutes.

Seconded at 7:36 p.m.

Report from the Finance Committee.

At 7:37 p.m. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks on the recommendations by the committee on tonight’s articles.

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 4 and 5 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 7:39 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to move articles out of order at 7:40 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 4 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:40 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 6 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 wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager).

No discussion

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

**Article 4 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:40 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 5 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 7 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 wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager).

No discussion

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

**Article 5 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:41 p.m.**

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

Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

**Unanimous voice vote to move to Articles 8 & 9 at 7:42 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 8 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:42 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 8:** 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. (Town Manager).

No discussion

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

**Article 8 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:42 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 9 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:42 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 9.** 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 OPEB Trust. (Other Post-Employment Benefits). (Town Manager).

No discussion

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

**Article 9 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:42 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 10 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:43 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting recreational programs for the community. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs. (Town Manager)

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting recreational programs for the community. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs.

**Article 10 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:43 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 11 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:44 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the water system cross-connection program. Established fees will be used for operating expenses in connection with maintaining the program as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. (Town Manager)

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the water system cross-connection program. Established fees will be used for operating expenses in connection with maintaining the program as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Article 11 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:44 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 12 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:44 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting programs and activities at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs. (Town Manager)

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting programs and activities at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs.

**Article 12 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 13 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:45 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 13.** To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Senior Lunch Program at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs. (Town Manager)

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Senior Lunch Program at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs.

**Article 13 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 14 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:46 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Town of Saugus Compost Program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program. (Town Manager)

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Town of Saugus Compost Program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program.

**Article 14 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:46 p.m.**

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 15 and 16 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 7:47 p.m.

No Discussion

**Unanimous voice vote to move to Articles 15 & 16 at 7:47 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 17 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:48 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (FY 2018 Chapter 90 Highway) a sum of money for street resurfacing, handicapped ramps and sidewalks. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 90 Section 34. (Town Manager).

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$642,035.00 for street resurfacing, handicapped ramps and sidewalks. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 Section 34.

**Article 17 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:48 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 18 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:49 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow a certain amount at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to water pipelines or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager).

At 7:49 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree explains why we borrow each year for this article to those new Town Meeting Members.

At 7:50 p.m., Martin Costello Precinct 10 asks the question to the Town Manager; Is any of this money at this time being allocated for Route 1?

At 7:51 p.m., Town Manager answers that past town managers that had done work on water breaks on Route 1. There are a few pipes that need to be replaced, for example at Collins Ave., but that they will be replaced by the developers. These monies only allows us to work on particular piping by each or material.

Call for the Question.

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$662,100.00 at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to the water pipelines.

**Article 18 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 7:55 p.m.**

Moderator Doherty makes a motion to move Articles 22 through 25 out of order based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 7:55 p.m.

No Discussion

**Unanimous voice vote to move to Articles 22 through 25 at 7:55 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 22 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:56 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued to repair the Belmonte Middle School, which are the subject of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager).

At 7:56 p.m., Town manager Scott Crabtree clarifies what this is concerning long term bonds. This is more of a house-keeping article.

At 7:58 p.m., Bill Brown Precinct 6 speaks asks what the cost per household for this particular debt exclusion. He would like an update from the School Development Committee on the new school complex.

At 8:01 p.m., the Town Manager states that this article only concerns the Belmonte Middle School. What the prior Town Meeting member is asking has nothing to do with the article.

Call for the Question.

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate \$224,212.00 from the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued to repair the Belmonte Middle School, which are the subject of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount.

**Article 22 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 8:02 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 23 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 8:03 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town, upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium applied. (Town Manager).

No discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend the Town vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town, upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium applied.

**Article 23 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 8:03 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 24 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 8:04 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 24.** To see if the Saugus Town Meeting will vote to create a study committee that will evaluate the benefits and costs associated with Saugus Public Schools providing free, all day kindergarten to all those students who are eligible by age. The five person committee will consist of no less than two town meeting members.

Said committee will:

- 1) Review the findings of the Kindergarten Task Force dated January 2017
- 2) Conduct no less than two public outreach sessions.
- 3) Identify possible funding sources.
- 4) Issue a final report with recommendations by the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. (School Committee)

Motion to move article back to the School Committee.

Seconded at 8:05 p.m.

No Discussion.

**Article 24 passed as recommended to move back to the School Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:05 p.m.**

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Finn moves Article 25 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 8:06 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 25.** To see is the Saugus Town Meeting will vote to raise an appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$82,000.00 of the one-time extra-ordinary purchase of internet dependent laptops necessary to comply with statewide computer-based testing mandate established by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary education. (School Committee).

No Discussion

**Article as voted:** Voted to recommend Article 25 for Indefinite Postponement (IP).

**Article 25 passed as recommended, by unanimous voice vote at 8:07 p.m.**

At 8:08 p.m. Moderator Doherty addressed a Non-Binding Resolution that was brought to him. He states he is unsure if this can come before Town meeting since it was not on the Warrant. However, he wants to establish a policy on Resolutions. Should it be on the Warrant or not on the Warrant for Town Meeting to discussion and vote on?

Motion by Maureen Whitcomb Precinct 4 to allow the resolution.

Seconded at 8:09 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m., Martin Costello precinct 10 states that each resolution should be brought up based ion the merit of the contents

of the Resolution.

At 8:11 p.m., Town Moderator states 3 options for Non-Binding Resolutions:

- 1. To set a policy that Resolutions can be presented at any time during the meeting to be discussed, debated and voted on.
- 2. Nothing can be presented on the floor unless the Resolution was on the Warrant.
- 3. Town Meeting will handle it on a case by case basis. The Resolution will be read and Town meeting will decided if they want to move the Resolution to the floor be discussed and voted on that night.

At 8:12 p.m., Peter Rossetti, Jr. Precinct 2 thinks all Resolutions should be put on the Warrant beforehand for Town meeting to discuss and vote.

At 8:13 p.m., Al Dinardo Precinct 4 explains Roberts Rule of Order to Town meeting members with regards to Resolutions.

At 8:15 p.m., the Town Moderator explains to Town meeting Members what Roberts Rule of Order actual is and why we follow it.

Town Meeting asks for Town Counsel Opinion.

At 8:15 p.m., Town Counsel John Vasapolli address MGL Chapter 39 Section 10 and that Non-Binding resolutions have been brought to the Town in the past. This is more of an expression by members. They are not legally to act on the Resolution.

At 8:18 p.m., J. Brian Costin Precinct 7 addresses that there was no notice given, that Town Counsel likes to see it on the Warrant but it doesn’t have to be there and past practices. He believe that Town Meeting should table the question to the next meeting.

At 8:19 p.m., Al Dinardo Precinct 4 recites Town By-Laws regarding Roberts Rule of Order.

Motion to table Resolution.

Seconded at 8:21 p.m.

Hand-count to table the Resolution.

Yea: Left: 3  
Right: 14

Opposed: Left: 12  
Right: 7

Motion to table the resolution has failed at 8:23 p.m.

Motion to hear the Non-Binding Resolution.

Seconded at 8:23 p.m.

**Majority voice vote to hear article passes at 8:24 p.m.**

Teller’s had out the Non-Binding Resolution to Town meeting Members.

At 8:25 p.m., Al Dinardo Precinct 4 reads the Non-Binding Resolution to Town Meeting explaining past trends to be studied by FinCom and establish best practices for the public.

Seconded at 8:23 p.m.

At 8:29 p.m. Steve Divirgilio Precinct 10 that this Non-Binding Resolution on Town Healthcare as part of the Big Three. This Non-Binding Resolution give us an idea going forward and it needs to happen now.

Call of the Question.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll on the Non-Binding Resolution.

Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct
ALLEN, P	A	3	ATTUBATO, J	A	6	BARTOLO, J.	Y	6
BRAZIS, K	A	5	BROWN, W.	N	6	CANTERBURY, M.	Y	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	Y	6	CICOLINI, J.	Y	8	COBURN, J.	Y	10
CONNORS, A.	A	3	COSTELLO, M.	Y	10	COSTIN, J.B.	Y	7
COTTAM, J.	Y	9	DECAREAU, E.	Y	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	Y	1
DINARDO, A.	Y	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	Y	10	DOHERTY, S.		4
FALASCA, T.	Y	2	FINN, C.	Y	9	FOWLER, J	Y	8
GOODWIN, P.	Y	5	GROARK, L.	P	5	HORLICK, S.	A	8

JONES, C.	Y	1	KELLY, D.	A	9	LEUCI, W.	Y	4
LOPRESTI, A.	Y	8	MCCABE, K.	Y	2	MCCARTHY, S.	A	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.	A	10
SPENCER, B.	Y	5	STEWART, W.	Y	3	SULLIVAN, P.	A	9
SWEEZEY, S.		2	THOMPSON, R.	Y	3	WALLACE, R.	Y	5
WHITCOMB, M.	Y	4	WITTEN, R.		1			

Yea: 36  
Nay: 1

**Non-Binding Resolution passes by 36 to 1 at 8:36 p.m.**

Town Moderator explains that the Financial Committee is unable to meet this week so the next meeting with me scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017.

Motion to suspend meeting given at 8: 37pm.

Seconded at 8:38 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote at 8:39 pm to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena  
Town Clerk