

TOWN OF SAUGUS  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**Report of the  
Finance Committee**

**Relative to the  
Warrant Articles  
to be presented to the**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 6, 2019**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town of Saugus will vote to approve a new by-law by adopting a General Bylaw entitled “Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw”. The general purpose and intent of this bylaw is to protect the Town’s unique natural beauty and its water and natural resources by eliminating single use plastic check-out bags that are distributed in the Town of Saugus and to promote the use of reusable bags.  
(Ann Devlin, President, Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend Indefinite Postponement.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town of Saugus will vote to approve a new by-law by adopting a General Bylaw entitled “Polystyrene Food Container Reduction Bylaw”. The general purpose and intent of this bylaw is as follows: Polystyrene contains dangerous substances which when heated release toxic chemicals that be carcinogenic. Elimination polystyrene food and beverage containers is in the best interest of the health and welfare if the inhabitants of the Town of Saugus. Foam polystyrene food and beverage containers form a significant portion of the solid waste that adds to the tonnage being incinerated. Polystyrene is not a biodegradable or compostable, and is generally not recyclable.  
(Ann Devlin, President, Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment).

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend Indefinite Postponement.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Saugus Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purpose of funding for the paving of, Cliff Road and Anderson Way.  
(Ruth Babcock)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend Indefinite Postponement.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to reimburse the Saugus Housing Authority \$14,409.28, an expense that the Authority paid due to a water break February 2, 2017. The Town routinely absorbs the cost of water main breaks even in unapproved roads wherever they may occur. The Town decided at the time to not pay this charge and the Authority paid the bill expecting to be reimbursed by the Town.  
(Will Stewart, SHA Commissioner and Town Meeting Member Precinct 3)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend Indefinite Postponement.