

**2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
Fine and Performing Arts Center  
Natick High School  
October 22, 2015  
Second Session**

The Second Session of the 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by the Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting Members and interested parties to the Second Session of 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office. There were none. The Moderator asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving on our behalf throughout the world.

The Moderator introduced the officials present on the stage and in the well of the auditorium. The following people were present: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Paul Griesmer, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Martha White, Town Administrator; John Flynn, Town Counsel; and Charles Hughes, Chair of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator for Operations; Mr. Towne, Deputy Town Administrator for Finance and Michael Renaud, the representative from Option Technologies who will be operating the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by **Town Meeting Time**, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No person shall speak upon any article more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon.

Mr. Foss made several announcements regarding upcoming events open to the public.

There were several procedural motions. Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Freedman to consider the subject matter of Article 33 immediately after consideration of Article 19. ***This motion passed by a two-thirds vote (107-2-4).***

Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gath to consider the subject matter of Article 35 immediately after consideration of Article 22. ***This motion passed by a two-thirds vote (114-1-5).***

Moved by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Ms. Kuhn that the subject matter of Article 34 be heard as the first order of business of Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. ***This motion passed by a two-thirds vote (91-18-13).***

Moved by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Linehan to postpone consideration of Articles 22 and 35 to the second order of business on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. ***This motion passed by a two-thirds vote (107-9-6).***

**ARTICLE 9: Capital Equipment (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum of money as may be required for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By an overall vote of 11 - 2 - 0 on September 17, 2015, the Finance Committee recommends *Favorable Action* with regard to the subject matter of Article 9.

Mr. Chenard made a presentation regarding all of the motions in Article 9.

Motion A moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION A: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$314,500 to be expended under the direction of the under the direction of the Police Department for the purpose of replacing cruisers, under the direction of the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing dumpsters, purchasing a cardboard compactor, and replacing LF - 10 (wood chipper), under the direction of the Facilities Management Department to replace the Publics Works exterior lighting, under the direction of the Town Clerk for the preservation of historical records individually shown as items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in Table A below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$314,500 be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**TABLE A - MOTION A: Article 9 - Capital Equipment - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Police Department	Cruiser Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 80,000
3	Public Works	Replace Dumpsters	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 12,500
4	Public Works	Cardboard Compactor	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 37,000
5	Public Works	Replace LF-10 (Wood Chipper)	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 70,000
6	Facilities Management	Replace Public Works Exterior Lighting - LED Retrofit	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 15,000
7	Town Clerk	Preservation of Historical Records	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 100,000

**Appropriation under Article 9: MOTION A** **\$ 314,500**

*Motion A under Article 9 passed by a two-thirds vote (121-3-0).*

Motion B moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION B: (two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$245,000 to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Department for purpose of replacing H - 57 front end loader, individually shown as item 2, in Table B below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$245,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore aggregating not more than \$245,000 in principal amount and that the Town Administrator with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this program.

**TABLE B, MOTION B: Article 9 - Capital Equipment - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Public Works	Replace H-57 (Front End Loader)	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 245,000

**Appropriation under Article 9: MOTION B** **\$ 245,000**

*Motion B under Article 9 passed by a two-thirds vote (102-19-3).*

Motion C moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION C: (two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$410,000 to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Department for purpose of replacing W - 19 Vactor, individually shown as item 8, in Table C below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$410,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore aggregating not more than \$410,000 in principal amount and that the Town Administrator with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this program.

**TABLE C, MOTION C: Article 9 - Capital Equipment - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8	Water Sewer Enterprise	Replace W - 19 Vactor	W/S Borrowing	\$ 410,000

**Appropriation under Article 9: MOTION C** **\$ 410,000**

*Motion C under Article 9 passed by two-thirds vote (107-13-3).*

Motion D moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION D: (majority vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$31,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of replacing W - 2 Vehicle, individually shown as item 9 in Table D below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$31,000 be raised from Water & Sewer Retained Earnings.

**TABLE D, MOTION D: Article 9 - Capital Equipment - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9	Water Sewer Enterprise	Replace W - 2 (Vehicle)	W/S Retained Earnings \$	31,000
<b>Appropriation under Article 9: MOTION D</b>				<b>\$ 31,000</b>

**Motion D under Article 9 passed by majority vote (119-4-0).**

**ARTICLE 10: Capital Improvement (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect the physical infrastructure of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By an overall vote of 11 - 0 - 2 on September 17, 2015, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject matter of Article 10 regarding new capital expenditures. The Finance Committee was not able to hear two matters involving the reworking of previous capital appropriations voted at prior Town Meetings because the information was not available from bond counsel and Town Counsel when Article 10 was heard by the Capital Sub Committee and the entire Finance Committee.

Mr. Chenard made a presentation regarding the items in this article and Mr. Towne made a presentation regarding the funding sources for this article.

Motion A was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION A: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the sum of \$1,097,800 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing and installing portable classrooms, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which project was approved by vote of the Town under Article 22, Motion B, Item 1 of the Warrant at the April 30, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 6 of the Warrant at the February 23, 2010 Special Town Meeting to pay costs of the High School Project, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed. The amount authorized to be borrowed by the Town pursuant to Article 22, Motion B, Item 1 of the Warrant at the April 30, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, but not yet borrowed by the Town, shall be reduced to the extent of the funds transferred to this project by this vote.

**Motion A under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (114-3-1).**

Motion B was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION B: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the sum of \$583,600 is appropriated to pay costs of installing portable classrooms, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 6 of the Warrant at the February 23, 2010 Special Town Meeting to pay costs of the High School Project, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed. The amount appropriated by this motion shall be expended in addition to all other amounts appropriated by the Town for this purpose.

**Motion B under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (105-5-4).**

Motion C was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION C: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the sum of \$550,000 is appropriated to pay costs of making repairs to the Lilja Elementary School Roof, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 6 of the Warrant at the February 23, 2010 Special Town Meeting to pay costs of the High School Project, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed. The amount appropriated by this motion shall be expended in addition to all other amounts appropriated by the Town for this purpose.

**Motion C under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (110-0-1).**

Motion D was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION D: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to pay costs of making roadway and sidewalk repairs, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) \$200,000 is transferred from the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 1 of the Warrant at the February 23, 2010 Special Town Meeting to pay costs of Community Senior Center design and construction, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed, and (ii) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$100,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(6) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

***Motion D under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (108-2-0).***

Motion E was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION E: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the sum of \$120,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing and installing parking meters, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount is hereby transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 12, Motion B, Item 15 of the Warrant at the April 12, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of purchasing and installing a generator for the Community Senior Center, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed. The amount appropriated by this vote shall be applied to retire the \$120,000 outstanding bond anticipation notes of the Town issued in accordance with a vote of the Town under Article 32, Motion B, Item 2 of the Warrant at the November 6, 2014 Annual Town Meeting which authorized a total borrowing of \$170,200 to pay costs of purchasing and installing such parking meters.

***Motion E under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (101-3-1).***

Motion F was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of replacing guardrail and field renovations, under the direction of the Facilities Management Department for the purpose of replacing the Community Farm Roof and to restore HVAC Units at the Bennett Hemenway School, individually shown as items 4, 6, 8 and 11 in the Table F below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$175,000 be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**TABLE F, MOTION F: Article 10 - Capital Improvement - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4	Public Works	Guardrail	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 10,000
6	Public Works	Field Renovations	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 75,000
8	Facilities Management	Community Farm Roof	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 65,000
11	Facilities Management	Restore HVAC Units at Bennett Hemenway School	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 25,000

**Appropriation under Article 10: MOTION F**

**\$ 175,000**

***Motion F under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (98-3-1).***

Motion G was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION G: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of engineering the Charles River Bridge, individually shown as item 3 in Table G below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$250,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore aggregating not more than \$250,000 in principal amount and that the Town Administrator with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this program.

**TABLE G, MOTION G: Article 10 - Capital Improvement - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3	Public Works	Engineering Charles River Bridge	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 250,000

**Appropriation under Article 10: MOTION G**

**\$ 250,000**

***Motion G under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (98-3-0).***

Motion H was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION H: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of Water Distribution System Repairs and Upgrades, individually shown as item 9 in Table H below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$250,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore aggregating not more than \$250,000 in principal amount and that the Town Administrator with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this program.

**TABLE H, MOTION H: Article 10 - Capital Improvement - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

9	Water Sewer Enterprise	Water Distribution System Repairs and Upgrades	W/S Borrowing	\$	250,000
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**Appropriation under Article 10: MOTION H** **\$ 250,000**

*Motion H under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (100-2-0).*

Motion I was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION I: (Majority vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of the constructing a Memorial, individually shown as item 5 in Table I below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$5,000 be raised from Free Cash.

**TABLE I, MOTION I: Article 10 - Capital Improvement - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5	Public Works	DPW Memorial	Free Cash	\$ 5,000

**Appropriation under Article 10: MOTION I** **\$ 5,000**

*Motion I under Article 10 passed by majority vote (97-2-2).*

Motion J was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

**MOTION J: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the sewer collection system and upgrades, individually shown as item 10 in the Table J below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$150,000 be raised from the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Stabilization Fund.

**TABLE J, MOTION J: Article 10 - Capital Improvement - 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10	Water Sewer Enterprise	Sewer Collection System and Upgrades	I & I Stabilization Fund	\$ 150,000

**Appropriation under Article 10: MOTION J** **\$ 150,000**

*Motion J under Article 10 passed by a two-thirds vote (100-0-1).*

*Moved by Mr. Glater, seconded by Ms. Adams to adjourn. The motion to adjourn passed by a majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM until Tuesday, October 27, 2016 at 7:30 PM.*

A record of the Second Session of  
2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
October 22, 2015

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Diane Packer, Town Clerk