

**2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Natick High School
April 26, 2016
Third Session**

The Third Session of the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Third Session of 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that any recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office if they had not already done so. 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 Richard Jennett, Chair of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator for Operations; Mr. Towne, Deputy Town Administrator for Finance and a representative from Option Technologies who will be operating the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting that were accepted at the previous session of this 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.

The Moderator made several announcements regarding upcoming community events.

The Moderator announced that at the end of the last session Town Meeting completed its business through Article 15, Motion B1. The Moderator suggested that Town Meeting complete its business under Article 15 prior to moving on the Article 8. Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Jennett to postpone consideration of Article 8 until completion of Article 15. ***The motion passed by majority vote (102-7-1).***

Moved by Mr. Awkward seconded by Ms. Coughlin to postpone consideration of Article 29 until the first order of business on Thursday, May 5, 2016. ***The motion passed by majority vote (75-35-5).***

Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Munnich to postpone consideration of Article 37 until the first order of business on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. ***The motion passed by majority vote (103-11-1).***

ARTICLE 15: Capital Improvement (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, borrow 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.

Motion B2 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Griesmer.

TABLE B2, MOTION B2: Article 15 - Capital Improvement - 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting

| <u>Item #</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| 6 | Community Services | East School Field Renovation - Engineering | Tax Levy Borrowing \$ | 200,000 |
| 7 | Community Services | Navy Yard Field Renovation - Engineering | Tax Levy Borrowing \$ | 100,000 |

Appropriation under Article 15: MOTION B2 **\$ 300,000**

Motion B2 under Article 15 passed by two-thirds vote (115-2-1).

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

MOTION C: (Two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$690,000 to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Department for purpose of replacing ground water wells, and installing a re-use tank at the Springvale Water Treatment Plant, individually shown as items 18, and 19, in Table C below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$690,000 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 \$690,000 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 15 - Capital Improvement - 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting

| <u>Item #</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| 18 | Water Sewer Enterprise | Replace Ground Water Wells | W/S Borrowing \$ | 300,000 |
| 19 | Water Sewer Enterprise | Install Springvale Water Treatment Plant Re-use Tank | W/S Borrowing \$ | 390,000 |

Appropriation under Article 15: MOTION C **\$ 690,000**

Motion C under Article 15 passed by two-thirds vote (114-2-1).

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

MOTION D: (two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be expended under the direction of the Community Services Department for the purpose of replacing the irrigation pond liner, individually shown as items 20 in Table D below, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$100,000 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 \$100,000 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 D, MOTION D: Article 15 - Capital Improvement - 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting

| <u>Item #</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 20 | Golf Course Enterprise | Replace Irrigation Pond Liner | Golf Course Borrowing \$ | 100,000 |

Appropriation under Article 15: MOTION D **\$ 100,000**

Motion D under Article 15 passed by two-thirds vote (115-6-0).

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

MOTION E: (two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of Cottage Street Roadway Improvements, individually shown as item 2 in Table E below, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) \$30,000 is transferred from the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 13 Motion B of the Warrant at the April 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Eliot and South Street Intersection Improvements, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed, and (ii) \$210,000 is transferred from the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 10 Motion A of the Warrant at the October 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Oak Street Road Improvements, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed, and (iii) \$5,000 is transferred from the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 10 Motion A of the Warrant at the October 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Rt 27 Pavement Resurfacing, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$2,255,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor aggregating not more than \$2,255,000 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 E, MOTION E: Article 15 - Capital Improvement- 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting

| <u>Item #</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 2 | Public Works | Cottage Street Roadway Improvements | Reapprop/Tax Levy Borr \$ | 2,500,000 |

Appropriation under Article 15: MOTION E **\$ 2,500,000**

Motion E under Article 15 passed by two-thirds vote (111-6-1).

ARTICLE 8: Fiscal 2017 Omnibus Budget Article (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest during Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2017; or to otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance Committee made recommendations on each motion in this article. The recommendation will be listed prior to the motion.

Motion A1: Natick Public Schools

By a vote of 12 - 0 - 0 on March 30, 2016, the Finance Committee recommends *Favorable Action* with regard to the **Natick Public Schools** budget as presented in the voted recommended motion below.

Motion (requires majority vote)

Motion A1: Moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Griesmer that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the department shown below, said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Natick School Committee:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Natick Public Schools | |
| Salaries & Expenses | <u>\$57,778,570</u> |
| Total Natick Public Schools | <u>\$57,778,570</u> |

And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2017 | <u>\$57,778,570</u> |
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At this time the Ms. White, Town Administrator gave a presentation regarding the budget. Dr. Sanchioni made a presentation on the FY 2017 Natick Public Schools budget.

Ms. Collins moved seconded by Mr. Hayes to:

- A. allow the Superintendent of the Natick Public Schools to make a presentation on the FY 2017 NPS budget appropriation request, in accordance with MGL Chapter 71, section 34 and,
- B. separate, for discussion purposes only, consideration of the proposed FY17 Natick Public Schools appropriation into the following eight (8) sections:

Compensation:

- 1. District Leadership and Administration
- 2. Instructional Services
- 3. Other

Expenses:

- 4. Administration & Technology
- 5. Instructional Services
- 6. Student Services & Programs with Other Schools
- 7. Transportation
- 8. Building Operations & Maintenance

Provided that

- A) Town Meeting vote to appropriate only a Total Budget Appropriation for the purpose of operating the Natick Public Schools for fiscal year 2017,
- B) Town Meeting may consider, amend, debate and vote such Total Budget Appropriation consistent with its traditional practice and
- C) Town Meeting may only consider nonbinding monetary recommendations to increase or decrease certain items allocating such appropriation under MGL Ch. 71, section 34 after such Total Budget Appropriation is voted.

Moved by Ms. Gloff, seconded by Mr. Gath to waive the reading of the motion. *The motion to waive the reading passed unanimously. The procedural motion detailed above passed by majority vote (98-22-1).*

Debate ensued on Motion A1. The debate followed as the outlined above. ***Motion A1 under Article 8 passed by majority vote (113-7-1).***

Motion A2: South Middlesex Regional Vocational School

By a vote of 12 - 0 - 0 on March 30, 2016, the Finance Committee recommends ***Favorable Action*** with regard to the **South Middlesex Regional Technical School District** budget assessment to the Town of Natick as presented in the voted recommended motion below.

Motion (requires majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Griesmer that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the department shown below, said funds are to be expended under the direction of the School Committee:

South Middlesex Regional Vocation Technical School (Joseph P. Keefe Technical School)

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|---|--------------------|
| Expenses | <u>\$1,522.958</u> |
| Total South Middlesex Regional Vocation Technical School Expenses | <u>\$1,522.958</u> |

And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2017 | <u>\$1,522.958</u> |
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Superintendent Evans from South Middlesex Regional Vocational School made a presentation on the FY 2017 budget. Debate on this motion ensued.

Motion A2 under Article 8 passed by majority vote (109-1-0).

Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Mr. Golden to adjourn. ***The motion to adjourn passed by a majority vote (76-30-0). The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM until Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Third Session of
2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting
April 26, 2016

Diane Packer, Town Clerk