

**2019 Special Town Meeting #1
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room
Natick High School
April 23, 2019**

The First Session of the 2019 Special Town Meeting #1 was called to order at 7:40 PM by 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 First Session of 2019 Special Town Meeting #1. Mr. Foss presented the official, duly posted warrant signed by the Board of Selectmen with the officer's return thereon to the Town Clerk to be entered into the Town's official record. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office; after the oath of office 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 for the meeting: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North and Cynthia Amara, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen; John Townsend, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance will operate the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies, will operate the electronic voting system.

The Moderator announced that the same rules that are in effect for the Annual Town Meeting will be in effect for the Special Town Meeting. ***Town Meeting accepted the rules without objection.*** Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Gath to waive reading the text of all 2019 Special Town Meeting #1 warrant articles and move to waive reading the text of motions, excluding the amounts to be appropriated and sources of said amounts to be appropriated when motions are provided in the text of Recommendations of the Natick Finance Committee publications. ***The motion passed unanimously (by hand count).***

Ms. Salamoff moved, seconded by Mr. Ostroff that it be resolved that the following Dedication of the 2018 Town Report in honor of Erica and Jay Bay be read and entered into the official records of the Town of Natick.

The 2018 Natick Town Report is dedicated to Erica "Ricky" and Jay Ball for their decades of leadership, citizenship, and fellowship in their beloved community of Natick, where they have made enduring contributions to our civic and cultural life.

Ricky came to the United States as a refugee from Austria, from which her family escaped persecution during the Holocaust. She has never taken for granted our freedoms and responsibilities.

Jay is a native of New York City, having moved to the area to study at MIT, where he received both a Bachelor's and Master's in Electrical Engineering, and had a long career in the field. Ricky earned a BA at Brandeis, where her studies in sociology prepared her for her pioneering work. They married in 1958, and settled in Natick in 1959 during a time of community growth and upheaval. The Town's postwar increase in population, development of new residential neighborhoods, and growth in school population and services was often contentious.

Ricky was President of the Natick League of Women Voters from 1967-1971, when the League was instrumental in proposing zoning changes, bringing METCO to Natick, and starting the Lake Cochituate Watershed Association.

In 1975, she was the first woman elected to the Board of Selectmen, serving three terms in office. During her tenure, Natick adopted a Town Charter, hired its first Town Administrator, established a process for hiring Town Counsel, and conveyed land that would become the Community Farm. Through her initiative, many institutions were established that are part of the community's fabric, such as public Board interviews and appointments, the Neighborhood Bus (now part of MWRTA), and Natick Extended Day (now part of the Public Schools).

She was appointed by Governor Dukakis to the state's Housing Appeals Committee, and more recently has served multiple terms on the Natick Housing Authority Board. She has served in Town Meeting for over 35 years, and is a founding Board Member of the Center for Arts in Natick. Professionally, she was known as the "Luggage Lady" at Filene's and Macy's.

Jay has been a dedicated public servant, with 25 years on Town Meeting and three terms on the Board of Selectmen from 1997 to 2006. On the Recycling Committee, he helped lead the way to Pay As You Throw. He was on the team that established Natick Days as a cherished community event. His work on the Cancer Study was invaluable, and his nine years on the Grants Panel for the MetroWest Health Foundation speaks to his interest in public health.

Jay has served on the Affordable Housing Trust Board, the Advisory Boards of the Community Farm and the Historical Society, at Temple Israel on their Board and as a member of the Ark Builders, and in countless other ways has made Natick a welcoming place to live.

The Balls have generously donated to many community causes, both monetarily and through labors of love. From TCAN, to the Morse Library, to Cedar Gardens, to the Community Farm and beyond, Jay and Ricky have helped to shape and nurture this town.

Jay and Ricky raised three children in their Wethersfield home: Alan, a professional actor; Lt. Col. David Ball (USAF Ret.); and Jonathan, killed tragically in a school bus accident in 1967.

Jay and Ricky Ball have set a high standard for public service, and have always encouraged other residents to become engaged in local government and in other endeavors. In dedicating the 2018 Annual Report to Ricky and Jay Ball, the Town honors their love of community.

The motion passed unanimously (by hand count).

The Moderator announced that the meeting would begin with the Special Town Meeting #1 and then continue with the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting, remainder of Article 8, Articles 6, 18, 16, 2 and Articles 15 and 14.

Article 1: Establish Special Revenue Account for PEG Access and Cable Related Funds (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operations for fiscal year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019; or to otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

Article 1	Date Voted	Motion	Quantum of Vote
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the town accept General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53F ³/₄ which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement. The fund shall begin operation for fiscal year 2020 which begins on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Townsend, Assistant Town Administrator, Finance requested to speak about Articles 1 and 2 at the same time. ***The main motion under Article 1 passed unanimously (113-0-0).***

Article 2: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Appropriation or Transfer of Funds (Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for, the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund established pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

Article 2	Date Voted	Motion	Quantum of Vote
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to transfer: all cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement; any and all funds from the following general fund

accounts: “CMCAST 6.5 fund #2407, CMCAST 7.1 fund #2408, CMCAST 7.2 fund #2385, RCN CB 6.4 fund #2383, RCN CB 7.1 fund #2386, Verizon PEG Grant fund #0626, Wireless Comm Study fund #8167, Verizon PEG fund #8173, Cable Renew Sec 7.3 fund #2382”; and, any other funds or portion thereof from any fund designated by the Comptroller as containing funds from cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, to the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund established pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾; authorized by a vote of the 2019 Special Town Meeting under Article 1, as authorized under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾.

The main motion under Article 2 passed by majority vote (112-1-0).

Article 3: Fiscal 2019 Morse Institute Library Budget (Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Morse Institute Library, for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019); or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

Article 3	Date Voted	Motion	Quantum of Vote
	April 4, 2019	No Action	9-0-0

MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town take no action on the subject matter of Article 3.

The motion to take no action on the subject matter of Article 3 by majority vote (104-3-3).

Article 4: Fiscal 2019 Bacon Free Library Budget (Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Morse Institute Library, for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019); or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

Article 4	Date Voted	Motion	Quantum of Vote
	April 4, 2019	No Action	9-0-0

The moderator announced that as a result of an imperfection in Article 4 and the only action which will be accepted is one to take no action.

MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town take no action on the subject matter of Article 4.

The motion to take no action on the subject matter of Article 4 by majority vote (103-4-4).

Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Mr. Ostroff to dissolved Special Town Meeting #1. *The motion to dissolve passed unanimously (by hand count). 2019 Special Town Meeting #1 dissolved at 8:25PM on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.*

A record of the First Session of
2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting
April 9, 2019



Diane Packer, Town Clerk