

**2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room
Wilson Middle School
October 17, 2019, Second Session**

The Second Session of the 2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting 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 Second Session of 2019 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 for the meeting: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Linda Wollschlager, Finance Committee Vice Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen. Sean O'Brien will operate the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies, will operate the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting which had been accepted at a previous session of 2019 Fall ATM. 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 question 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.

Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett to postpone consideration of Article 7 until October 22nd. *The motion passed by majority vote (103-1-2).*

The Moderator announced that the meeting would begin with Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: Fiscal 2020 Omnibus Budget (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 operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2020, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2020 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

By a vote of 12-0-0 on Motion A, on September 26, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** with regard to the subject matter of Article 1, Motion A and by a vote of 11-0-0 on Motions B and C.

Motion A (requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager that the Town vote to increase the appropriation voted by the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 for the following budgets by the sum of \$738,588, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To supplement the Public Safety budget as voted under Article 8 Motion B1 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$15,000 to Parking Enforcement Expenses for equipment repairs and collections software maintenance.
- To supplement the Public Safety budget as voted under Article 8 Motion B1 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$3,325 to Police Salaries for management merit increases.

- To supplement the Public Safety budget as voted under Article 8 Motion B2 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$25,000 to Fire Department Expenses for contractually required assessment center.
- To supplement the Administrative Support Services budget as voted under Article 8 Motion E of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$10,077 to Finance Salaries for Finance Coordinator upgrade and merit increase for Payroll Manager.
- To supplement the Shared Expenses budget as voted under Article 8 Motion G of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$40,000 to Property and Liability Insurance for increased insurance coverage costs.
- To supplement the Administrative Support Services budget as voted under Article 8 Motion E of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$25,000 to Information Technology Expenses for system security testing.
- To supplement the Board of Selectmen's budget as voted under Article 8, Motion E of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by adding \$620,186 to Board of Selectmen Expense for CBA Settlements.

With the above Budget be raised from following sources: Free Cash for Fiscal Year 2020: \$738,588

Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett to amend Motion A, bullet point 7 by inserting after the date "2019" the word "Spring". *The motion passed unanimously (by hand count).*

The Moderator requested that without objection Town Meeting allow Ms. Malone more than ten minutes. There was an objection. The Meeting voted, by majority vote (by hand count) to allow the Town Administrator 20 minutes for a budget presentation. The Town Administrator gave a presentation to Town Meeting.

The amended main motion A under Article 1 passed by majority vote (101-7-2).

Motion B (requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager that the Town vote to increase the appropriation voted by the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 for the following budgets by the sum of \$96,000, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To supplement the Community Services and Health budget as voted under Article 8 Motion D of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$62,000 to Community Services Salaries for salaries previously covered by the rental revolving fund.
- To supplement the Community Services and Health budget as voted under Article 8 Motion D of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$24,000 to Community Services Salaries for salaries previously covered by the rental revolving fund.
- To supplement the Community Services and Health budget as voted under Article 8 Motion D of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$10,000 to the Community Service's Council on Aging to produce and mail the Sentinel Newsletter.

With the above Budget be raised from following sources:

Free Cash for Fiscal Year 2020: \$96,000

Ms. Malone spoke to this motion. *Motion B under Article 1 passed by majority vote (68-35-7).*

Motion C (requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager that the Town vote to increase the appropriation voted by the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 for the following budgets by the sum of \$2,000,000, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To supplement the Shared Expenses budget as voted under Article 8, Motion G of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$1,640,000 to Shared Expenses, Employee Fringe for buyout of the Town's liabilities to the LIUNA National (Industrial) Pension Fund.

- To supplement the Water & Sanitary Sewer Enterprise Fund budget as voted under Article 8 Motion H1 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$360,000 to Water & Sanitary Sewer, Employee Fringe Benefits for buyout of the Enterprise Fund's liabilities to the LIUNA National (Industrial) Pension Fund.

With the above total budget amendment amount be raised from following sources:

Free Cash FY 2020	\$1,640,000
Water and Sewer Retained Earning	\$ 360,000

Mr. Freedman moved, seconded by Mr. Jennett that the Town vote to amend Motion C in the 1st paragraph by deleting the amount \$2,000,000 and inserting in its place \$975,000; and move that the Town vote to amend Motion C: bullet point one by deleting the amount "\$1,640,000" and inserting in its place "\$800,000"; bullet point two by deleting the amount "\$360,000" and inserting in its place "\$175,000"; last paragraph, after the words "Free Cash FY 2020" deleting the amount "\$1,640,000" and inserting in its place "\$800,000"; and, last paragraph after the words "Water and Sewer Retained Earnings" deleting the amount "\$360,000" and inserting in its place "\$175,000".

Ms. Malone spoke to the amendment to the main motion. Discussion ensued on the amendment. ***The amendment passed by majority vote (53-45-10).*** Ms. Malone spoke to the amended main motion. Mr. Hickey, Chair of the Board of Selectmen read a statement on behalf of the Board regarding Article 1, Motion C. There was a great deal of discussion on the main motion. Mr. Ken Noonan, an employee in the Facilities Department, spoke as a representative of the Union. Discussion continued on the main motion. ***The amended Motion C under Article 1 failed (8-100-2).***

Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Mr. Griesmer to adjourn. ***The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM until Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Second Session of
2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting
October 17, 2019


Diane Packer, Town Clerk