

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 29, 2020-PROCEEDINGS**

The Moderator, Jay Byer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. He dispensed with the reading of the warrant. The meeting was immediately recessed until all voters were processed through checkout. The meeting was reconvened at 7:14pm.

Non-Residents admitted into the meeting:  
 Michelle Sanford-Town Crier  
 Joe Maruszczak-MURSD Superintendent  
 Maureen Cohen – Assistant Superintendent MURSD  
 Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick-Superintendent BVT  
 Kim Newman-Town Administrator  
 Jean Berthold-Principal Assessor  
 Cindy Amara-Town Counsel  
 Bill Kessler, Mendon Fire Chief

The Moderator went over the rules and procedures for the meeting. The Moderator led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christopher Burke, Chair of the Select Board, dispensed with reading the report of the Select Board.

Mike Merolli, Chair of Finance Committee read the Finance Committee Report. Chairman Merolli also acknowledged the passing of Sharon Cutler, a long-time Mendon resident and former Selectperson and Member of the Finance Committee and Historical Commission.

**ARTICLE 1** Voted that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting Shall be OUT OF ORDER unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item or article that will be reduced by the same amount.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2** Voted to fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town for FY21, as follows,

| Line Item | Elected Officials            | Hourly Rate | Hours   | Longevity, Stipends | FY 2021 Total |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| 510A      | Board of Health - Chairman   |             | Elected |                     | \$ 225        |
| 510A      | Board of Health - Member 2   |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 510A      | Board of Health - Member 3   |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 175A      | Planning Board - Chairman    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 225        |
| 175A      | Planning Board - Member 2    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 175A      | Planning Board - Member 3    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 175A      | Planning Board - Member 4    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 175A      | Planning Board - Member 5    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 175        |
| 122A      | Selectman - Chairman         |             | Elected |                     | \$ 2,200      |
| 122A      | Selectman - Member 2         |             | Elected |                     | \$ 2,000      |
| 122A      | Selectman - Member 3         |             | Elected |                     | \$ 2,000      |
| 141A1     | Board of Assessors - Member1 |             | Elected |                     | \$ 300        |
| 141A1     | Board of Assessors - Member2 |             | Elected |                     | \$ 250        |
| 141A1     | Board of Assessors - Member3 |             | Elected |                     | \$ 250        |
| 114A      | Moderator                    |             | Elected |                     | \$ 100        |
| 161A      | Town Clerk                   | \$28.50     | Elected | \$ 300              | \$ 47,904     |
| 294A      | Tree Warden                  |             | Elected |                     | \$ 3,500      |
| 422A2     | Highway Surveyor             | \$47.85     | Elected | \$ 3,497            | \$ 103,404    |

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3** Voted to raise and appropriate the sums of money as read under Article 3 to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing fiscal year.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4** Voted to raise and appropriate \$271,820, for the purposes of additional funding for the operational budget of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District, consistent with the vote of the June 9, 2020 election on Question 1.  
**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**Articles 5-9 were voted using a consent calendar.**

- ARTICLE 5** Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 to fund the FY21 portion of the Assessor's Cyclical Inspection Program Update.
- ARTICLE 6** Voted to raise and appropriate \$17,000 to fund the FY21 portion of the Update Valuation Account
- ARTICLE 7** Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants
- ARTICLE 8** Voted to approve the Mendon's Five-Year Land Use Program, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office.
- ARTICLE 9** Voted to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the Commonwealth pursuant to so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) for so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds allocated to the Town.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE FOR ALL CONSENT CALENDAR ARTICLES.**

- ARTICLE 10** Voted to transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Account to renew the position of the part-time Affordable Housing Coordinator for FY21.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

- ARTICLE 11** Voted to transfer up to an additional \$30,000 per year, to the current debt schedule, of CPA funds from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to pay down a portion of the additional \$1.4 million debt for the Mendon Police Station, approved at the May 3, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, to cover the additional costs for the historical rehabilitation and preservation of the old fire station located at 22 Main Street that will be part of the new Police Station.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

- ARTICLE 12** Voted to transfer \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Preservation Account and \$83,855 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the FY21 Police Station Debt Exclusion

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

- ARTICLE 13** Voted to transfer \$45,400 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Account to fund the FY21 Fino Debt Exclusion.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

- ARTICLE 14** Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning on 7/1/2020:

Salaries - \$4,302  
Contracted Services - \$11,000  
Expenses - \$12,150  
Purchase of Water - \$124,000  
Budgeted Surplus - \$8,842  
Total: \$160,294

and that \$160,294 be raised as follows:  
Department receipts \$160,294.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 15** Voted to set the limits on the Revolving Funds created in Article 28, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E1/2 as follows:

| Revolving Fund          | Limit on Spending |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Library                 | \$6,000.00        |
| Planning Board          | \$30,000.00       |
| Highway                 | \$25,000.00       |
| Conservation Commission | \$25,000.00       |
| Parks                   | \$150,000         |
| Fire Department         | \$10,000          |

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 16** Voted to amend the Mendon Zoning Bylaws, included in Section 1.02 Definitions, Section 2.03 Off Street Parking and Loading, Section 3.01 Allowable Land Uses, Section 3.04 Open Space Communities By-law and Section 4.02 Site Plan Review, to incorporate Low Impact Development techniques into the Town of Mendon MA Zoning Bylaws.

**2/3rds required**

**MODERATOR DECLARED 2/3RDS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17** Voted to amend the Mendon Zoning Bylaws, included in Section 3.03 Rate of Development, to remove the expired Rate of Development Bylaw.

**2/3rds required**

**MODERATOR DECLARED 2/3RDS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18** Voted to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund related engineering costs to the design of plans related to drainage improvements to the Town Beach Facility.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19** Voted to transfer \$1,200 from the Community Preservation Historical Preservation Account to install gutters on the historic Records Room building.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20** Voted to transfer \$5,500 from the Olney Cook House National Register Application Account that was voted at the May 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 19, back into the CPA Historical Preservation Account

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21** Voted to transfer \$440 from the Olney Cook House Window Protector Account that was voted at the November 22, 2016 Special Town Meeting, Article 21 and May 3, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Article 22, back into the CPA Historical Preservation Account

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22** Voted to transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the installation of a native pollinator meadow on 20 Milford Street in the Muddy Brook Conservation Area

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23** Voted to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Account to complete the initial phase of public water supply permitting for development of affordable homes at 52 Providence Street, Mendon, MA

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 24** Voted to transfer up to \$75,000 from the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Account for the purchase or lease of a fire pumper truck (aka fire engine).

**2/3rds vote needed**

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 25**

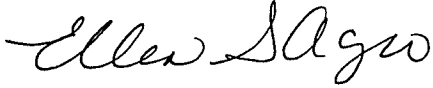
Voted to transfer \$50,000 from the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Account to fund the replacement of the Town well.

**2/3rds vote needed**

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made at 8:10pm. The tellers for the meeting were Margaret Tetreault and Nancy Fleury. The officer for the meeting was Matthew Hoar. There were 285 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:



Ellen Agro  
Town Clerk