

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 3, 2019-PROCEEDINGS

The Moderator, Jay Byer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He dispensed with the reading of the warrant.

- Non-Residents were allowed into the meeting:
 Michelle Sanford-Town Crier
 Joe Maruszczak-MURSD Superintendent
 Maureen Cohen – Ass’t Superintendent MURSD
 Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick-Superintendent BVT
 Kim Newman-Town Administrator
 Jean Berthold-Principal Assessor
 Bill McHenry- Town Employee
 Cindy Amara-Town Counsel
 Jack Byrne – Mendon Troop 1
 Sharon Postma – non-voter
 Jay Lum – Hopedale
 Russell Bogartz – non-voter
 Rose Bueno – non-voter
 Bruce Spinney – non-voter
 Andrew Jenrich – Director, Taft Library

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

Mark Reil, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, dispensed with reading the report of the Board of Selectmen.

Mike Merolli, Chairman of Finance Committee read the Finance Committee Report.

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 FY20, as follows,

Elected Officials	Hourly Rate	Weekly Hours	Annual Longevity	FY 2020 Total
Board of Health - Chairman				\$ 225
Board of Health - Member 2				\$ 175
Board of Health - Member 3				\$ 175
Planning Board - Chairman				\$ 225
Planning Board - Member 2				\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 3				\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 4				\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 5				\$ 175
Selectman - Chairman				\$ 2,200
Selectman - Member 2				\$ 2,000
Selectman - Member 3				\$ 2,000
Board of Assessors - Member1				\$ 300
Board of Assessors - Member2				\$ 250
Board of Assessors - Member3				\$ 250
Moderator				\$ -
Town Clerk	\$ 27.94	32.0		\$ 47,043
Tree Warden		*		\$ 3,494
Highway Surveyor	\$ 47.03	40.0	\$ 3,442	\$ 101,791

UNANIMOUS 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

Articles 4-8 were voted using a consent calendar.

- ARTICLE 4** Voted to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department may provide and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 type money allocated the Town.
- ARTICLE 5** Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 to fund the FY20 portion of the Assessor's Cyclical Inspection Program Update.
- ARTICLE 6** Voted to raise and appropriate \$17,000 to fund the FY20 portion of the Update Valuation Account.
- ARTICLE 7** Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for State/Federal General Matching Grants
- ARTICLE 8** Voted to approve the Mendon Land Use Committee's Five-Year Land Use Program, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE FOR ALL CONSENT CALENDAR ARTICLES.

- ARTICLE 9** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$520,000 to pay additional costs of the Police Station project, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that no funds may be expended hereunder for this purpose unless and until the Town approves a Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 10** Voted pursuant to MGL 44:53F½ to establish the Water Department as an Enterprise Fund beginning in FY20.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 11** Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019 (FY2020):

Contracted Services - \$10,500
Expenses - \$15,400
Purchase of Water - \$120,000
Budgeted Surplus - \$7,600
Total: \$153,500

and that \$153,500 be raised as follows:
Department receipts \$153,500

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 12** Defeated a motion to amend the Table of Funds Section E (Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses) to reflect any expenditure over \$5,000 will need Board of Selectmen approval.
Citizen's Petition

MAJORITY HAND COUNT Yes 48 No 65

Voted to amend the Table of Funds Section E (Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses) To reflect any expenditure over \$10,000 will need Board of Selectmen or Town Meeting approval.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Voted to: A. Establish a departmental revolving account for the Parks Commission in accordance with MGL Ch 44 § 53E ½ by amending Chapter 32 of the Town's General Bylaws, by inserting the following entry to the table of funds.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses	Requirements/Reports	Fiscal Year
Parks	Director of Parks & Recreation with approval of the Parks Commission	All fees charged to persons, organizations, or entities and received by the Mendon Parks & Recreation Department in connection with its operations, activities, programs, facilities, functions, and events.	The Parks Commission may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Parks Revolving Fund for any and all purposes related to the programs, activities, operations, maintenance, and capital costs (including the lease or purchase of equipment and/or vehicles) of the Mendon Parks & Recreation Department and Parks properties and facilities.		The Parks Department shall issue a yearly summary of account activities as part of the annual town report.	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2019.

B. to set the annual spending limit on this revolving account in accordance with MGL Ch 44 § 53E ½ to \$125,000.

C. To transfer the entire balance as of 5/3/19 of the existing Parks Department Ch 44 §53D Revolving Fund to this newly established revolving account

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13

Voted to amend the motion to remove the Board of Health Title V and Recycling funds from the table.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Voted to set the limits on the Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G L.C. 53E1/2 as follows; or take any other action in relation thereto

Revolving Fund	Limit on Spending
Library	\$6,000
Planning Board	\$30,000
Highway	\$25,000
Conservation Commission	\$25,000
Parks	\$125,000

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14 Voted to transfer \$1605.85 from Finance Committee Reserve to the Planning Board Revolving Account

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15 Voted to transfer \$3,500.00 from the Board of Assessors Salaries (Line Item 141-A1) to the Assessors Update Valuation account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16 Voted to transfer \$24,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund and \$35,000 from the Capital Expenditure fund for the purchase or lease and outfitting of an ambulance

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer \$600 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund a survey to mark the boundaries of the Meadow Brook Uplands property at 79 Millville Street near the Millville Street border.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 18** Voted to transfer \$3,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund title work and surveying to be done on 26 and 32 Pleasant Street
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 19** Voted to transfer \$3,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund title work and surveying to be done on the Blanchard property on Pleasant Street.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 20** Voted to transfer \$2,500 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund a forestry plan for wildlife habitat restoration on the Meadow Brook Woods property at 100 Park Street and 39 Asylum Street, a total of 77 acres.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 21** Voted to transfer \$2,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund maintenance on the open space properties, including signage and other work
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 22** Voted to transfer \$1,500 from Community Preservation Historic Preservation Account to purchase and install plexiglass window protectors for the 11 windows on the Olney Cook Shop
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 23** Voted to transfer \$8,702 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the shortfall of the FY19 Fino Debt Exclusion in Article 11 at the May 4, 2018 Annual Town Meeting.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 24** Voted to transfer \$1,355 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the shortfall of the FY19 Police Station Debt Exclusion in Article 22 at the May 4, 2018 Annual Town Meeting
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 25** Voted to transfer \$33,100 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and the \$65,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Account to fund the FY20 Fino Debt Exclusion
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 26** Voted to transfer \$10,505 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and the \$90,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Preservation Account to fund the FY20 Police Station Debt Exclusion
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 27** Voted to transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Account to fund the position of the part-time Affordable Housing Coordinator for FY20
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 28** Voted to amend the Scenic Roads Bylaw, Chapter XVI, Section 7, of the Town of Mendon By-laws by adding the following road to those designated as Scenic Roads: Hopedale Street.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 29** Voted to pass over this article.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 30** Voted to amend the motion to exclude Hartford Ave. East (from Cape Rd./Hopedale Line to Bellingham town line) from the Highway Business Zone.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- Defeated motion to amend the Town's Zoning Map as referenced in Section 1.03 (Delineation of Districts) of the Town's Zoning By-law in order to re-zone Cape Rd from the Hopedale Town Line to the Bellingham Town Line, and Hartford Ave East , extending east from the intersection with Cape Rd. to the Bellingham Town Line from General Business (GB) and Rural Residential (RR) to Highway Business (HB) as shown on a map entitled "Figure 2., PROPOSED ZONE MAP AMENDMENT, CAPE ROAD (RTE 140)" on file at the Town Clerk's Office
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 31** Voted to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws by deleting section 2.08, in its entirety
2/3rds vote required
2/3rds vote declared by moderator.
- ARTICLE 32** Defeated a motion to pass over this article.
MAJORITY HAND COUNT Yes 38 No 54

Voted to amend the motion to exclude Hartford Ave. East (from Cape Rd./Hopedale Line to Bellingham town line) from the Highway Business Zone
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Voted to amend the Town's Zoning Map as referenced in Section 1.03 (Delineation of Districts) of the Town's Zoning By-law in order to re-zone Cape Road from the Hopedale Town Line to Bellingham Town Line from General Business to Highway Business
2/3rds vote required
2/3rds HAND COUNT Yes 68 No 25

ARTICLE 33 Defeated motion to pass over this article.
MAJORITY VOICE COUNT

Voted to amend the article to exclude Harrington St. from the proposed zoning change.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Defeated motion to amend the article to exclude town-owned land from Muddy Brook to North Ave. from the proposed zoning change.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Defeated a motion to amend the Town's Zoning Map as referenced in Section 1.03 (Delineation of Districts) of the Town's Zoning By-law in order to re-zone a portion of Route 16, extending east from the intersection of North Ave to Hopedale Town line, and the entirety of Harrington St. from General Business to Highway Business
2/3rds vote required
HAND COUNT Yes 56 No 42

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made at 10:38pm. The tellers for the meeting were Kathryn Rich and Nancy Fleury. The officer for the meeting was Guy Kloczkowski. There were 131 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:



Ellen Agro
Town Clerk