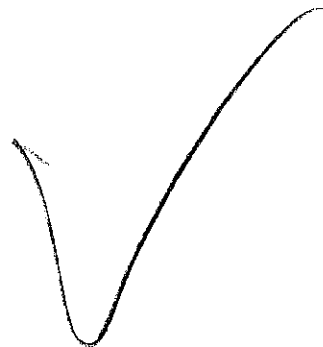


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Donald Pickard, Chairman
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Rich Lavoie
Kathleen LeGacy
Brian Lemee
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

(Commencing at 7:03 p.m.)

MODERATOR PARADY: Having reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the May 1, 2017, Special Town Meeting, I hereby call the Special Town Meeting to order.

Mr. Town Clerk, how many voters have checked into this Special Town Meeting?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Two hundred and one.

MODERATOR PARADY: He responds 201. I declare there is a quorum present.

Mr. Town Clerk, has the Special Town Meeting Warrant been duly signed and posted as required by law?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: It has.

MODERATOR PARADY: He responds that it has.

If you would, please stand and remain standing until I tell you to sit down again.

I'm going to call on Cassie Allen, high school student, who's going to sing our

1 National Anthem.

2 (National Anthem sung.)

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Very nice.

5 Thank you. The Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

7 MODERATOR PARADY: I call on

8 Reverend Edwin Smith; he's pastor of the Bay

9 Community Alliance Church in Buzzards Bay to

10 give the invocation.

11 (Invocation.)

12 THE AUDIENCE: Amen.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. You

14 may be seated. I had two requests for

15 points of personal privilege. I call on Don

16 Pickard from the Board of Selectmen.

17 MR. DONALD PICKARD: Thank you,

18 Mr. Moderator.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Microphones.

20 I think it's on. Yep.

21 MR. DONALD PICKARD: All right.

22 Thank you, Mr. Moderator. I'd like to just

23 take a couple of seconds and ask that the

24 audience join me in extending our gratitude

1 to one of my colleagues on the board,
2 Stephen Mealy, who has served, I believe,
3 since about 1976 on one variety of
4 committees or another. I've served -- of my
5 eight years on the board, I've served five
6 with him here. He's always been the voice
7 of reason even if he didn't agree with me.

8 So I'd like to ask everybody to
9 join me in a round of applause for Steve
10 Mealy for his contributions.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
13 Peter Meier from the Board of Selectmen.

14 MR. PETER MEIER: Thank you, Mr.
15 Moderator. We have one other person and
16 this will be his last Town Meeting; this is
17 John Redman from the Finance Committee.

18 Mr. Redman's been here on the
19 Finance Committee since 2007. He's also
20 serving Capital Outlay as well as the DPW
21 Working Group, the Police Studying
22 Committee, and the list can go on.

23 In this time, he's been very
24 invaluable in that his common sense approach

1 towards things has been -- we can't measure
2 it because it's been that much appreciated.
3 He's getting up there, so he wants to enjoy
4 his retirement.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: You're bad.
6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. PETER MEIER: So, I mean,
8 someday I'll be in his shoes. But I want to
9 say thank you, and I think, also, I'd ask
10 for the Town Meeting body to, please, a
11 round of applause for Mr. Redman, please.

12 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

13 MR. PETER MEIER: Thank you, Mr.
14 Moderator.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.
16 Later, I may call for a motion to recess the
17 Special Town Meeting at or about 7:30 to
18 convene the Annual Town Meeting, and then
19 we'd return to this Special Town Meeting.

20 I want to thank the Bourne TV for
21 broadcasting tonight on the government
22 Channel 15. It will replay on Channel 15
23 beginning tomorrow, and you can check the
24 schedule times at BourneTV.com. And if you

1 notice the little white things on the wall
2 replace the big cameras we used to have.
3 And, as far as I know, we're live tonight
4 so.

5 I've appointed John Fuller my
6 Deputy Moderator. John is seated down front
7 of the stage to your right. If you need
8 help with a motion or other matter, please
9 see John. And if I need to step out for a
10 moment, I'll hand John the gavel as my
11 Deputy rather than calling a recess in order
12 to keep the continuity of the meeting.

13 I designate the four rows of seats
14 on my right at the rear of the auditorium as
15 seating for nonvoters.

16 Please put your cell phones and
17 pagers on vibrate or shut them off entirely.

18 Does everyone have a Voter
19 Handbook for the Town Meeting? If not,
20 raise your hand and the tellers will try and
21 get you one.

22 I'll entertain a motion at this
23 time that this meeting dispense with the
24 reading of the Warrant and of the

1 Constable's return of service of that
2 Warrant.

3 (So moved.)

4 MODERATOR PARADY: And that the
5 Moderator not be required to read Warrant
6 Articles verbatim but may refer to them
7 instead by article number.

8 (So moved.)

9 (Seconded.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: A motion and a
11 second. All those in favor, please say
12 "Aye."

13 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
15 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
16 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
17 was a unanimous vote.

18 (Motion passed.)

19 MODERATOR PARADY: With that, Mr.
20 Town Clerk, please draw the first article.

21 **ARTICLE 1**

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 1 of
23 the Special Town Meeting. Does the Finance
24 Committee have a positive motion on Article

1 1? I recognize Rich Lavoie from the Finance
2 Committee.

3 MR. RICH LAVOIE: Yes, Mr.
4 Moderator, we do.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
6 your motion.

7 MR. RICH LAVOIE: We move that the
8 Town vote upon recommendation -- I want to
9 make sure I have the right one --
10 recommendation of the Community Preservation
11 Committee to amend the funding sources for
12 three of the Community Preservation projects
13 voted at the Annual Town Meeting in May
14 2016: the Bourne Inclusive Playground for
15 \$175,000.00 Open Space Estimated Revenues to
16 \$128,100.00 from Open Space Revenues, and
17 \$46,900.00 from Open Space Revenues -- from
18 Open Space Reserves; I'm sorry.

19 The Affording Housing Specialist
20 from \$61,380.00 Community Housing Estimated
21 Revenues to \$55,518.00 Community Housing
22 Revenues and \$5,862.00 Community Housing
23 Reserves; the Plumbing and Electrical
24 Upgrades to Code in Pocasset Community Club

1 in storage/bathroom and kitchen area from
2 43,000.00 Historic Reserve Estimated
3 Revenues to \$37,138.00 Historic Resources
4 Estimated Revenues, and \$5,862.00
5 Undesignated Fund Balances all as shown in
6 the schedule in Article 1 of the Special
7 Town Meeting.

8 (Seconded.)

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Does the
10 Community Preservation Committee support
11 this motion?

12 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: He states that
14 the Committee does. Rich, you have the
15 floor on your motion.

16 MR. RICH LAVOIE: This article
17 changes the manner in which previously voted
18 Community Preservation articles will be
19 funded from CPA Funds. The purpose is to
20 maximize utilization of CPA Funds. This is
21 not new funding and like all CPA articles
22 and funding, there is not increase impact on
23 your tax rate, and like all CPA funding,
24 there is no impact on the Town Operating

1 Budget.

2 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
3 0 to support this article.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
5 Rich. Is there any further discussion on
6 the motion of the Finance Committee on
7 Article 1? Seeing none.

8 All those in favor, please signify
9 by saying "Aye."

10 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
12 opposed, "No."

13 I declare the ayes have it. I
14 declare the motion passes. I declare it was
15 a unanimous vote.

16 (Article 1 unanimously passed.)

17 ARTICLE 2

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Going right in
19 order; Article 2. Does the Finance
20 Committee have a positive motion on Article
21 2?

22 MR. RICH LAVOIE: Yes, we do, Mr.
23 Moderator.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: I once again

1 recognize Rich Lavoie. Please state your
2 motion.

3 MR. RICH LAVOIE: We move that the
4 Town vote upon recommendation of the
5 Community Preservation Committee to
6 appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 to
7 continue the restoration of the Town-owned
8 park located on Main Street in Buzzards Bay.

9 And to meet this appropriation, to
10 transfer the sum of \$300,000.00 from the
11 Community Preservation Open Space Reserves.

12 (Seconded.)

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Does the
14 Community Preservation Committee support
15 this appropriation?

16 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

17 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.
18 Rich, you have the floor on your motion.

19 MR. RICH LAVOIE: This article
20 will allow for funding for the completion of
21 Phase I of the park reconstruction project.
22 This will complete the spaces we know the
23 park today. It will also add to the
24 pavilion over near the train station.

1 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
2 0 to support this article.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
4 discussion on the motion of the Finance
5 Committee on Article 2?

6 MR. JOHN FULLER: Left side, Bob.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes, sir. Come
8 down to the microphone, please. If you
9 intend to speak or ask a question, please
10 come down to the front first thing. Please
11 state your name for the record.

12 MR. MICHAEL VALLIERE: My name is
13 Michael Valliere, Wing Road, Pocasset. I
14 just have a question on this article because
15 it seems like they missed putting in for a
16 grant that should've been applied for and
17 funds could've been appropriated from that
18 grant.

19 I'm wondering what happened? Why
20 didn't they put in for the grant? This is
21 been in the papers for months?

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Can somebody
23 answer that?

24 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Mr. Moderator.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Barry Johnson.
2 Oh.

3 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
4 believe the reason for this change was the
5 estimated revenues from the matching funds
6 from the state. No? Linda (Indiscernible.)

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Let Barry
8 answer it. Barry Johnson, Chairman of the
9 Committee.

10 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: In regards to
11 trying to find -- to apply for grants as it
12 applies to the overall project of the
13 Buzzards Bay Park. This was basically a
14 combination of the Main Street Steering
15 Committee and a lot of people who worked
16 very hard on this, and especially the Open
17 Space Recreation Committee.

18 As part of the two grants that
19 were very possible for us, we had to
20 complete our Open Space Recreation Plan that
21 had expired. The Open Space Committee has
22 been working very diligently with the
23 Recreation Committee to resurrect that. As
24 a matter of fact, I'm very close to filing

1 it back with the state, and it had to be
2 certified.

3 The other grant that we were
4 possibly able to look for was, excuse me,
5 would have been available possibly on July
6 1. The problem with that grant was that it
7 was very heavily demographically geared
8 towards the cities versus towards small
9 towns like ourselves. So we felt at that
10 time that we certainly, A., were not going
11 to be successful in trying to get that
12 grant.

13 So the overall project for the
14 Buzzards Bay Park is now being funded
15 through the Community Preservation Funds,
16 and the committee has recommended for the
17 entire project. Thank you.

18 MR. MICHAEL VALLIERE: If you
19 don't ask, you don't get.

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Steve?

21 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Not unless
22 there's a question.

23 MODERATOR PARADY: Excuse me?

24 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Not unless

1 there's a question.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. Thank
3 you. Any further questions or comments?
4 Seeing none.

On the motion of the Finance
Committee on Article 2, all those in favor,
please signify by saying "Aye."

8 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
10 opposed, "No."

11 THE AUDIENCE: No.

12 MR. DONALD PICKARD: I declare the
13 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

14	(Article 2 passed.)
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15	ARTICLE 3
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16 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 3, the
17 only one left. Does the Finance Committee
18 have a positive motion on Article 3?

19 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Yes, we do,
20 Mr. Moderator.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize Dr.
22 William Towne from the Finance Committee.
23 You have the floor. Please state your
24 motion.

1 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Thank you. We
2 move that the Town vote to appropriate the
3 sum of \$7,784.99 for the purposes of this
4 article. And to meet this appropriation to
5 transfer the sum of \$7,784.99 from Free
6 Cash.

7 (Seconded.)

8 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
9 floor on your motion.

10 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Thank you, Mr.
11 Moderator. Please note that there is a
12 small change in this article that appears in
13 your handbook. The amount for the Healing
14 Edge Occupational Medicine bill should read
15 \$725.00, which makes the total amount
16 \$7,784.99.

17 This article is a general
18 housekeeping article that needs the approval
19 of the Town Meeting to pay the bills that
20 arrived after the Town's books were closed
21 for last fiscal year. The Town Meeting
22 approval requires an affirmative 9/10ths
23 vote for these bills to be paid.

24 The Finance Committee voted 9-0

1 and one abstention to recommend approval of
2 this article.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Any
4 further discussion/questions? Seeing none.
5 This requires a 9/10ths vote. I'm going to
6 try for a unanimous vote. If not, we'll
7 take a count.

8 All those in favor of the motion
9 of the Finance Committee on Article 3,
10 please signify by saying "Aye."

11 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
13 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
14 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
15 was a unanimous vote.

16 (Article 3 unanimously passed.)

17 MODERATOR PARADY: Is there any
18 further business to come before this Special
19 Town Meeting? Seeing none. I'll entertain
20 a motion that we dissolve this Special Town
21 Meeting.

22 THE AUDIENCE: So moved.

23 (Seconded.)

24 MODERATOR PARADY: I have a

1 motion and a second. All those in favor,
2 please signify by saying "Aye."

3 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
5 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
6 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
7 was a unanimous vote. This Special Town
8 Meeting is dissolved.

9 Relax for six minutes. I can't
10 open the Annual Town Meeting until 7:30.

11 (Whereupon, the Special
12 Town Meeting was dissolved at
13 7:24 p.m.)
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

(Commencing at 7:30 p.m.)

MODERATOR PARADY: Having reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the May 1, 2017, Annual Town Meeting, I hereby call the meeting to order.

Mr. Town Clerk, Barry Johnson, how many voters have checked into the Annual Town Meeting?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Two hundred and eighty-nine.

MODERATOR PARADY: He responds 289 registered voters. I declare there is a quorum present.

Mr. Town Clerk, has the Annual Town Meeting Warrant been duly posted as required by law?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, it has.

MODERATOR PARADY: Madam Stenographer, please note for the record that the Town Clerk responds that the Warrant has been duly posted.

And, once again, for the record, I've appointed John Fuller as my Deputy

1 Moderator. He's seated to the front stage
2 to your right. If you need any help with a
3 motion or any other matter, please see John.

4 And, once again, I designate the
5 four rows of seats on my right at the rear
6 of the auditorium as seating for nonvoters.

7 Town Meeting is governed by
8 *Robert's Rules of Order* as interpreted by
9 the book known as the *Town Meeting Time*.
10 When an article is called and you intend to
11 speak on the article or have any questions,
12 I'd ask that you please leave your seat and
13 come down to one of these front seats by the
14 microphone so that I may recognize you. And
15 this applies to any nonvoters that wish to
16 speak as well, and speak only to the motion
17 on the floor. Do not be repetitive. Be
18 concise and to the point.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: There is a
20 stenographer who is keeping an official
21 transcript of this Town Meeting.

22 If anything interferes with your
23 ability to hear, speak, or participate in
24 the Town Meeting to your satisfaction, you

1. may interrupt the meeting by declaring "A
2 point of personal privilege," and your
3 concern, hopefully, will be heard and
4 addressed.

5 If you need to speak from your
6 seat, please get the attention of either
7 John or either one of the tellers, and we'll
8 get you a portable microphone.

9 Please remember that when the main
10 motion on an article has been voted, there
11 is one hour of continuous meeting time when
12 a notice of intention to reconsider that
13 vote may be given. So if you voted on an
14 article, don't jump up and head home because
15 within the next hour that vote can be
16 brought up again.

17 I'll entertain a motion that this
18 meeting dispense with the reading of the
19 warrant and of the Constable's return of
20 service on that warrant. The Moderator not
21 be required to read resolutions or warrant
22 articles verbatim but may refer to them
23 instead by article numbers and/or page in
24 the handbook.

1 THE AUDIENCE: So moved.

2 (Seconded.)

3 MODERATOR PARADY: So moved.

4 Second. I've got a motion and a second.

5 All those in favor, please signify by saying
6 "Aye."

7 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
9 opposed? I declare the ayes have it. I
10 declare it was a unanimous vote.

11 (Motion unanimously passed.)

12 MODERATOR PARADY: I'm informed by
13 the Board of Selectmen that there is a
14 Bourne Rule Resolution. This Resolution is
15 printed in your handbook on page 91, and Mr.
16 Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, please
17 make a motion on that Resolution.

18 MR. DONALD PICKARD: Thank you,
19 Mr. Moderator. I move that the Town Meeting
20 so vote.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Is
22 there a second?

23 (Seconded.)

24 MODERATOR PARADY: I have a motion

1 and a second on the Resolution that's
2 printed on page 91 that the Town so vote.

3 All those in favor of that motion,
4 please signify by saying "Aye."

5 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
7 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
8 I declare the motion passes.

9 (Motion passed.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: At this time,
11 I'd ask the Finance Committee and the
12 Selectmen that if all of the matters that
13 are coming before this Town Meeting and all
14 state and county and federal charges have
15 been applied to the tax levy, will that tax
16 levy for the next fiscal year be to its
17 maximum?

18 MS. MICHELE FORD: Yes, Mr.
19 Moderator.

20 MR. DONALD PICKARD: Yes, Mr.
21 Moderator.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Both said yes
23 at the same time. Thank you. Are there any
24 articles in the Warrant that first require

1 action on another article? And I am
2 informed that Article 18 must be acted upon
3 before Article 19. So if Article 19 is
4 drawn in the lottery, we'll immediately
5 proceed to Article 18.

6 Mr. Chairman of the Board of
7 Selectmen, in accordance with Section 1.1.9
8 of the Town bylaws, are there any articles
9 which the Selectmen and the Finance
10 Committee have each voted are essential to
11 the exercise of the Town's corporate
12 functions?

13 MR. DONALD PICKARD: Yes, Mr.
14 Moderator. The Articles 1 through 9.

15 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: And
16 11.

17 MR. DONALD PICKARD: And 11.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: I believe and
19 11.

20 MR. DONALD PICKARD: Yes.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: He responds
22 yes, and those articles are as stated;
23 Articles 1 through 9 and Article 11. These
24 articles will be taken up in order prior to

1 articles drawn by lottery.

2 ARTICLE 1

3 MODERATOR PARADY: And with that,
4 we'll proceed to Article 1, which is on page
5 34 of your handbook. Does the Finance
6 Committee have a positive motion on Article
7 1?

8 MS. RENEE GRATIS: Yes, Mr.
9 Moderator, we do.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
11 Renee Gratis from the Finance Committee.
12 Please state your motion. Motion first.

13 MS. RENEE GRATIS: Thank you. We
14 move the Town so vote.

15 (Seconded.)

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. You
17 have the floor on that motion.

18 MS. RENEE GRATIS: This is general
19 housekeeping article that authorizes the
20 Selectmen and other officers of the town of
21 Bourne to transact and conduct the general
22 business of the Town in the coming year.

23 It specifically allows them to
24 borrow funds for equipment with terms in

1 excess of three years, and to deal with
2 various departments in the Massachusetts and
3 federal governments.

4 The Finance Committee voted
5 unanimously 11-0 to recommend approval of
6 this article.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Is
8 there any discussion? Any questions on
9 Article 1? Seeing none. On the motion of
10 the Finance Committee on Article 1, all
11 those in favor, please signify by saying
12 "Aye."

13 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
15 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
16 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
17 was a unanimous vote.

18 (Article 1 unanimously passed.)

19 **ARTICLE 2**

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 2; does
21 the Finance Committee have a positive motion
22 on Article 2?

23 MS. JUDITH CONRON: Yes, we do,
24 Mr. Moderator.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
2 Judy Conron of the Finance Committee.
3 Please state your motion.

4 MS. JUDITH CONRON: We move that
5 the Town vote to fix the salaries and
6 compensation of elected officials of the
7 Town for Fiscal Year 2018 as provided by
8 Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the
9 Massachusetts General Laws as amended as
10 follows:

11 The Moderator will receive
12 \$618.00. The Selectmen, four Selectmen will
13 receive \$3,570.00, for total of \$14,280.00.
14 The chairman of the board will receive
15 4,590, and the Town Clerk will receive
16 39,970.

17 We further move that the sum of
18 59,458 be raised and appropriated for the
19 purpose of this article.

20 (Seconded.)

21 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
22 floor on that motion.

23 MR. JUDITH CONRON: Thank you, Mr.
24 Moderator. In recognition of the reality

1 that some elected officials have jobs that
2 require more hours of work than other
3 elected officials. The Town has given those
4 with more hours of work some compensation.
5 Those elected officials are the Moderator,
6 the five Selectmen, and the Town Clerk.

7 Each year of service, they get a
8 small increase in compensation. The
9 Moderator's compensation increased by 1.5
10 from 2016. The Selectmen's compensation
11 stayed the same this year; this was at their
12 request. The Town Clerk's compensation
13 increased 1.5 percent from 2016.

14 That's it.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Any
16 further discussion on motion on Article 2?
17 Seeing none. On that motion, all those in
18 favor, please signify by saying "Aye."

19 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

20 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
21 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
22 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
23 was a unanimous vote.

24 (Article 2 unanimously passed.)

ARTICLE 3

MODERATOR PARADY: Article 3.

Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion on Article 3?

MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes, Mr. Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Chairman of the Finance Committee, please state your motion.

MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$61,995,857.00 for the regular annual expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to July 30, 2018, of which \$13,288,153.00 shall be for Salaries and Wages, and \$48,707,704.00 shall be for Expenses, all segregated to the accounts as printed in the Town Administrator's recommendations attached to this motion and incorporated herein by reference, except that amounts for Town and Regional Schools may be wholly or in part used for Salaries and Wages.

And to meet this appropriation, we

1 further move that the sum of \$153,000.00 be
2 transferred from PL874 Grant Funds for the
3 Town's school expenses the sum of
4 \$1,250,000.00 be transferred from the
5 Ambulance Fund to the Town Ambulance
6 Operation, the sum of \$30,000.00 be
7 transferred from Conservation Commission
8 Receipts reserved for appropriation for the
9 Conservation Commission. The sum of
10 \$679,954.00 be appropriated from fiscal year
11 2018 Estimated Community Preservation Fund
12 Revenues for debt expense for Open Space and
13 Recreation purposes. The sum of \$30,572.00
14 be transferred from the Community Septic
15 Management program, the sum of \$131,278.00
16 be transferred from the Waterway Improvement
17 Fund, the sum of \$795,300.00 be transferred
18 from Free Cash in the sum of \$58,925,753.00
19 be raised and appropriated.

20 (Seconded.)

21 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
22 floor on your motion.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: The
24 budget motion includes two changes to the

1 Operating Budget that is included on pages
2 55 to 71 of the Voter Handbook.

3 On page 55, Department 123, Town
4 Administrator, Salaries have been reduced
5 from \$400,688.00 to \$305,688.00, which is a
6 reduction of \$95,000.00 for an Assistant
7 Town Administrator position that has been
8 removed from the budget. This salary line
9 item pays for all of the expenses in the
10 Town Administrator's office.

11 Page 66, Department 937, Group
12 Insurance, has been reduced from
13 \$8,041,000.00 to \$8,016,000.00, which is a
14 reduction of \$25,000.00 for the benefits
15 associated with the reduction of the
16 Assistant Town Administrator position.

17 With these reductions, the total
18 budget on page 67 has been reduced
19 \$120,000.00 from \$62,115,857.00 to
20 \$61,995,857.00.

21 In a continued effort to keep the
22 Town on solid financial footing, the Finance
23 Committee has examined the budgeting trends
24 and has compared the increase in revenue to

1 the increase in expenses with the goal of
2 keeping the increases in revenues and
3 expenditures in line. We have looked at the
4 use of Free Cash for the budget this year
5 compared to last year and reviewed whether
6 the proposed budget is within financial
7 policy guidelines.

8 On the positive side, last year
9 the Snow and Ice budget was increased from
10 \$92,900.00 to \$338,000.00. This increase
11 has helped reduce deficit spending in that
12 line item this year.

13 Group Health Insurance costs are
14 stable with the 3.8 percent increase in
15 Fiscal Year '18. During Fiscal Year '16,
16 the Board of Selectmen utilized Sections 21
17 to 23 of the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 32B
18 in order to negotiate a three-year plan
19 design change to the Group Health Insurance
20 that will create savings.

21 The Town still self-insures for
22 health insurance, but these changes have
23 kept increases in group insurance lower than
24 the increases faced by many towns.

1 Of note, the SAFER Grant that has
2 provided additional firefighter paramedics
3 will terminate this year. The two-year
4 grant period ends in August of 2017, but
5 there is an extension available based on
6 remaining grant funds until December of
7 2017. This year's budget includes
8 \$114,000.00 for funding Salaries and Wages
9 to keep four of the eight SAFER Grant
10 firefighter paramedics in the budget after
11 the grant terminates.

12 The cost of Dispatch by the County
13 Sheriff Department has increased \$63,000.00
14 over the Fiscal Year '17 budgeted amount.
15 For many years, the Sheriff's Department
16 provided dispatch at no cost to the Town
17 based on an agreement when the jail was
18 built.

19 In recent years, the Sheriff's
20 Department has charged the town of Bourne
21 for this service. The budgeted amounts for
22 these fees has increased from 125,000 in
23 fiscal year '17 to 189,000 in fiscal year
24 '18. The Town is looking to bring the

1 dispatch back into Town once the new police
2 facility is built.

3 Storm water mitigation is an issue
4 facing the Town; \$50,000.00 has been added
5 to the DPW Contracted Services budget line
6 item to pay for the contracted services for
7 engineering required for this mitigation.

8 The fiscal year budget includes
9 additional work hours, personnel, and some
10 increased expenses. Without additional
11 hours and new personnel, Town department
12 salary increases would be \$232,395.00, which
13 is an increase of 1.9 percent. The
14 additions have added about 405,000 to the
15 budget, which is a 5.8 increase over last
16 year. \$56,000.00 of this increase is for
17 additional curbside trash and recycling
18 personnel that will be paid by ISWM. There
19 are no additional personnel in the School
20 Department budget.

21 Please refer to the chart in the
22 Finance Committee Report on page 11 of the
23 Voter Handbook for detailed information on
24 Town department proposed personnel and

1 changes that are included in the budget.

2 All of the proposed additions and
3 positions in the chart are included in the
4 budget motion with the exception of the
5 Assistant Town Administrator position. The
6 budget has been reduced the 95,000 for
7 salary and 25,000 for benefits for this
8 position.

9 The Board of Selectmen will most
10 likely be presenting this position for
11 consideration at the fall Special Town
12 Meeting. They feel the position is sorely
13 needed and will be meeting with the public
14 and the Finance Committee over the next few
15 months to discuss and finalize a new
16 organizational chart, job description, and
17 the duties of the proposed position.

18 They will also hold public
19 hearings required by the Charter for
20 reorganizing departments. These public
21 hearings will be an opportunity for the
22 public to ask questions and weigh in on the
23 proposal.

24 Taxpayers may ask how it is

1 financially feasible for these positions to
2 be added. Governor Baker and Lieutenant
3 Governor Polito have been very active in
4 soliciting information from cities and towns
5 on what could help them run more
6 efficiently. The result of these
7 discussions was the Municipal Modernization
8 Act that passed the state legislature last
9 fall.

10 One of the changes from this act
11 has been the calculation of Overlay Reserve
12 requirements. In the past, money had to be
13 set aside and reserved each year for
14 possible tax exemptions and abatements for
15 that specific year. Last year, \$542,215.00
16 was set aside for this purpose. Municipal
17 Modernization has allowed the Overlay
18 Reserve to be a combined fund for all years.
19 Currently the Overlay Reserve has a fund
20 balance of \$1.7 million. Based on the
21 average exemptions and abatements, no money
22 needs to be set aside for the fund this
23 year, which provided us some additional
24 revenue to spend on other expenditures.

1 While some funding may be needed
2 in future years, it will not be at the
3 previous level for some time. This change
4 has allowed the town to fund many positions
5 that are needed.

6 Included in the Voter Handbook on
7 pages 29 to 31 is the fiscal year '17 and
8 '18 Sources and Uses of Funds. This report
9 summarized the money that go into and out of
10 our government, and it is developed by our
11 Finance Director and Town Administrator.

12 Please turn to page 29. This page
13 shows the revenue sources including a
14 Section on the tax levy which is up 4.1
15 percent from last year. The next section is
16 State Aid, which is down 2.15 percent from
17 last year. Then Local Receipts, which is up
18 12.01 percent from last year. Then Other
19 Sources, such as ISWM and Sewer are up 4.99
20 percent. Then Special Revenues, ambulance
21 fees, waterways, and other revenues which is
22 down 4.81 percent. Total General Fund
23 Revenues are shown as \$66,998,952.00, which
24 is a \$2,566,776.00 increase or a 3.9 percent

1 increase over FY17.

2 Except for the Property Tax Levy
3 and the Debt Exclusion Levy, all revenues in
4 Sources and Uses are estimates. The Town
5 uses conservative estimates for revenue to
6 prevent a situation where actual revenues
7 are less than anticipated and there is not
8 enough money to pay the Town's obligations.

9 The next page, page 30, has the
10 General Fund Expenses. This show the FY18
11 increases in personnel and other expenses.
12 The first section has the Town department
13 budgets which overall have increased 6.64
14 percent. The budget for the Town
15 departments include salaries, which
16 increased 5.8 percent and expenses which
17 increased 6.9 percent.

18 The next section has Schools. The
19 Bourne School Budget increased 3 percent.
20 The Upper Cape Technical School Assessment
21 increase is down 1.71 percent based on
22 student enrollment. Shared Costs are up
23 3.72 percent. This includes public
24 utilities, which are up 9.65 percent. If

1 you recall a couple years ago, we combined
2 all of the electrical use in the Town into
3 one account and we're a participant in a
4 solar farm so we have net metering. So we
5 receive revenue on one side and have
6 expenses on the other side.

7 Other Shared Costs include Group
8 Insurance, Retirement, and General Insurance
9 and these are up 3.22 percent. The next
10 section shows debt service which increased
11 \$513,865.00 or 11.89 percent over fiscal
12 year '17. \$38,600.00 of this increase is
13 paid for with General Fund Revenues.
14 \$438,200.00 is funded with Debt Exclusion
15 Tax Increases, and about 47,000 is paid with
16 CPA Funds. A list of the projects funded
17 with debt exclusion tax levy is shown in the
18 Finance Committee Report on page 7 of the
19 Voter Handbook.

20 The total General Fund Operating
21 Budget line shows a total budget of
22 \$62,115,857.00 that is covered in this
23 article. With the budget reduction, that
24 budget is now \$61,995,867.00, which is a

1 4.35 percent increase over last year.

2 The next two sections of
3 Expenditures have general articles and off-
4 budget expenses. When these are added to
5 the Operating Budget, the total -- the grand
6 total of expenditures shown is
7 \$68,853,227.00, which is a 4.71 increase
8 over FY17. It should be noted these
9 expenditures include many transfers to
10 Reserve Funds including 180,000 be
11 transferred to the Stabilization Fund;
12 400,000 that will go to the Capital
13 Stabilization Fund; 250,000 to the OPEB
14 Trust Fund; 300,000 to the Reserve Fund, and
15 \$100,000.00 to the Special Education Reserve
16 Fund. These transfers are not expenses but
17 will increase the reserves and the financial
18 strength of the Town.

19 If you go back to page 29, you
20 will see at the bottom of the page the Use
21 of Reserves section. It shows that
22 \$915,300.00 of Free Cash will be used for
23 the Operating Budget with the \$120,000.00
24 reduction, the new total use of Free Cash

1 for the budget is \$795,000.00. This is a
2 reduction over last year. \$937,975.00 of
3 Free Cash will be used for other articles,
4 most of those are the transfers to reserves.

5 The new financial policy for Free
6 Cash implemented has two parts. To maintain
7 Free Cash balance at 5 percent of the
8 General Fund Operating Budget, the proposed
9 budget maintains cash at this policy. And
10 to appropriate no more than 50 percent of
11 Free Cash balance in excess of policy as an
12 operating revenue to balance the budget.
13 The proposed budget also meets this Free
14 Cash policy.

15 On page 15 of the Voter Handbook,
16 the Finance Committee Report shows the uses
17 of Free Cash and the estimated Free Cash
18 balance after the expenditures that is still
19 within policy.

20 The Town of Bourne has benefited
21 from prior years of fiscal prudence and
22 financial management. This budget addresses
23 some of the pressing needs for additional
24 staff in order to provide the level of

1 service needed for mandated government
2 operations and to serve the residents of the
3 Town.

4 The Town has undertaken priority-
5 based budgeting, and we'll see in the next
6 few years the results of this endeavor as we
7 try to manage the Town's revenue and
8 prioritize expenditures in order to provide
9 the level of service the Town needs.

10 The report of the Finance
11 Committee is on pages 3 to 19 of the Voter
12 Handbook. It has more detailed information
13 on the Town's finances. I would be happy to
14 answer any questions that you have.

15 The Finance Committee voted eight
16 in favor with two abstentions to recommend
17 approval of this article.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you, Mary
19 Jane. Any discussion of the motion of the
20 Finance Committee on Article 3? Yes, sir.

21 MR. GARY MALONEY: Gary Maloney,
22 Buzzards Bay. What's the level of Free Cash
23 we have right now in excess of the required
24 amount?

1 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I've
2 got to get my handbook. So, if you look,
3 Gary, if you look on page 15 -- so we
4 started this fiscal year with \$6,714,795.00
5 of Free Cash, which was 10.8 percent and was
6 \$3.6 million over policy. So this Free Cash
7 analysis shows the different uses of Free
8 Cash that were at the Special Town Meeting
9 last year, proposed uses for the budget, the
10 Capital article, the OPEB articles, the
11 Special Education Fund.

12 So after this Town Meeting is
13 done, we should still have, and I have to
14 add the 120,000 to the end; we should still
15 have \$4.5 million of Free Cash --

16 MR. GARY MALONEY: Or 7 percent?

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: --
18 available.

19 MR. GARY MALONEY: So that's about
20 7 percent as opposed to --

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: About
22 7.1 percent, yes.

23 MR. GARY MALONEY: So that's
24 about --

1 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So our
2 policy's to maintain 5 percent, but 7.1
3 percent is good. And we also have to watch
4 -- we have to watch because what we don't
5 want to do in a situation if we're using 750
6 or \$900,000.00 of Free Cash every year, then
7 we have to make sure that we leave some
8 money in Free Cash so that next year we're
9 not left with no money to spend.

10 So that's one of the things that
11 we balance as the Finance Committee, making
12 sure we leave adequate Free Cash, and making
13 sure that there will be enough Free Cash to
14 sustain the budget that we're appropriating
15 next year.

16 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you. So
17 right now we have approximately \$1.5 million
18 in excess that we could spend on other
19 matters and still be within policy?

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.
21 Well, yes.

22 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: You're
24 welcome.

1 MR. GARY MALONEY: The second
2 question for the Selectmen. Does this
3 budget fill any cracks that are being
4 currently having things fall into at Town
5 Hall, or from the Administrator's own
6 assessment of functioning at 70 percent
7 capacity? Will this budget get us any
8 closer to let's say 80 or 85 percent
9 capacity? Thank you.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize Tom
11 Guerino, the Town Administrator.

12 MR. TOM GUERINO: Thank you, Mr.
13 Moderator. To answer your question, Mr.
14 Maloney, yes. Over the past several years I
15 think the Town Meeting has seen that we have
16 had reduction at Town Hall after reduction
17 at Town Hall and in the School Department.
18 But in the Town Hall, we've been losing
19 people over the years. There may be one
20 this year or 1.5 people the next year or two
21 people the year after.

22 And we have come to a critical
23 juncture at Town Hall where many departments
24 are not functioning at 100 percent or even

1 70 percent capacity, as you said. This
2 particular budget does a lot to start us
3 back on the train of sustainability in Town
4 Hall. It replenishes a couple -- we've
5 added some administrative support staff up
6 on the second floor to free up our
7 department heads to do department head-type
8 work and professional work as opposed to
9 administrative support-type work.

10 We have added a health inspector
11 in the health -- in the Board of Health
12 office where they can now, I think, be able
13 to go forward and do a lot of reinspections
14 in a more timely manner, along with our
15 restaurants and hotels and pools and those
16 types of things.

17 We have added some people that
18 we're splitting between the Towns Clerk's
19 Office and the Department of Natural
20 Resource during peak periods. A peak period
21 at DNR, there will be an additional person
22 on the front desk to help when the permits
23 are coming in and people are renewing their
24 moorings and all those types of things, the

1 beach stickers.

2 And then at the Town Clerk's
3 Office with the new Public Records Law and
4 some other requirements that have come from
5 the Commonwealth for the Clerk, there will
6 be some additional assistance there.

7 So I think we're on the way to
8 bringing the Town Hall in its areas back up
9 to a sustainable level where we are not
10 functioning at 70 or 65 percent capacity.

11 There are still a number of
12 departments where there used to be two or
13 three people where there's now one. The
14 Assessor's Office has one administrative
15 support staff where there used to be two.
16 The upstairs in the Planning Department,
17 they use it in inspections. There used to
18 be three, there's now one. So those are the
19 types of things that we have to continue to
20 look at.

21 The addition in the fall,
22 hopefully, the Assistant Town
23 Administrator's position after the Select
24 Board and I and the Finance Committee go

1 through the public process on this, I think
2 it will be very helpful for the main office
3 in Town Hall.

4 So we're on our way, Mr. Maloney.
5 We're not 100 percent there, but we're
6 starting to make strides.

7 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Peter Fisher.

9 MR. PETER FISHER: Thank you. My
10 name is Pete Fisher. I'm from the village
11 of Cataumet. Last year, I got up and I
12 asked a question, and I'm going to repeat
13 the question and ask it again.

14 We voted to become members of the
15 Mass. Bay Transit Authority, and we are
16 assessed every year \$40,000.00 for that,
17 where I think we're on the hook now for
18 \$80,000.00 being this is our second year.
19 I've heard that we may not be getting any
20 service for another five years, which will
21 put us up around a little bit over a quarter
22 of a million dollars. I'm wondering if --
23 we've been told that we are assessed for
24 \$40,000.00 a year but we do not pay it until

1 we get service coming to the Town.

2 I'm wondering if somebody could
3 answer; does that mean when the first train
4 rolls into Buzzards Bay and that first
5 passenger gets on, do we owe \$40,000.00 for
6 how many years it is that we've been waiting
7 for this service to come?

8 Thank you.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Can you answer
10 that?

11 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
12 I think that we are paying it now. I don't
13 think it's accumulating, and I also think
14 that some of it is an offset to the Regional
15 Transit money. So I think that if we
16 weren't paying into that MBTA, we would be
17 paying some of it to the Regional Transit
18 Authority.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Tom Guerino.

20 MR. TOM GUERINO: Thank you, Mr.
21 Moderator. You'll see actually the
22 assessment's down about \$2,000.00 going into
23 FY18. There is an assessment. The Town did
24 join -- vote to join the MBTA. As our -- if

1 our Regional Transit Authority services
2 increase, our amount to the MBTA will
3 decrease.

4 I think this is a really critical
5 time for us to stay committed to the MBTA
6 assessment. There is now a study that is
7 very important, the South Coast Connector
8 that is looking to come down into the Fall
9 River/New Bedford area on the Middleborough
10 line. That also includes a spur into
11 Buzzards Bay where the tracks are already in
12 good shape.

13 We need to continue the commitment
14 that we've made to assure that when the
15 Commonwealth is looking through this study
16 that our commitment is right there in
17 dollars and cents while they start to look
18 at how they're going to make this connector
19 from Buzzards Bay happen. It's very
20 important to the economic vitality of the
21 downtown moving forward. It's important to
22 the Maritime Academy. It's important to
23 Main Street, and I really do think this is
24 important for us to continue.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Any
2 further -- yes. Richard Conron.

3 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Dick Conron
4 from Gray Gables. I've got a couple of
5 questions about the -- not about the budget
6 but about the Town. This is my 18th Town
7 Meeting. We came here in '98, and it's
8 difficult for me to look at this book and
9 all the numbers and ask some intelligent
10 questions.

11 So I wanted to ask a couple of
12 questions based on what the Town's like from
13 a more global point of view. Mr. Guerino
14 already asked -- answered the first one. My
15 big concern was what are we going to update
16 in terms of different departments that
17 really escalate the services to residents.

18 One of the questions I have is
19 about the total cost of employment. If we
20 look at this \$62 million budget, what part
21 of that 62 million is the cost of
22 employment; by the cost of employment I mean
23 salaries, overtime, and benefits?

24 One of the things you don't see

1 when you look at all these numbers here is
2 it's not just salaries; it's benefits that
3 go up every year as well. So I know I gave
4 these questions ahead to Tom and I know he's
5 done some research on them. So maybe he
6 could just tell us what the percentage of
7 the \$62 million goes to the cost of
8 employment?

9 MR. TOM GUERINO: Mr. Moderator.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes.

11 MR. TOM GUERINO: Thank you, Mr.
12 Conron. In rough percentages, about 74.8

13 percent in FY18, plus or minus, will go
14 toward employment-related services. That
15 includes both the town and the school
16 employment benefits over time. Pension and
17 all of the other things that are related.

18 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Great. Thank
19 you. The other question I never was able to
20 get an answer to, never asked either, was
21 over these 18 years is how big is the Town's
22 employment? How many people actually work
23 in the Town, full-time and part-time in all
24 the departments, including the school

1 department?

2 MR. TOM GUERINO: Thank you, Mr.
3 Moderator, if I may?

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes; yes, you
5 may.

6 MR. TOM GUERINO: Thank you.
7 There is in the FY18 budget, there is a call
8 for 192 full and part-time employees on the
9 Town-side, and my understanding on the
10 school employment end there's 284.

11 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Thank you.
12 One comment I did want to make is it would
13 be nice if we had an organization chart in
14 this booklet to show one page for the town
15 and one page for the school on how all these
16 people are distributed and what services
17 they really perform for us.

18 The last thing I wanted to talk
19 about was the new people that we're going to
20 bring on board, specifically the four
21 firefighters. I definitely support these
22 new four firefighters.

23 Back in 2013, the Board of
24 Selectmen and Mr. Pickard's name is the

1 liaison for this particular goal, was to
2 justify the dollars and prove the
3 sustainability for any recommended new
4 hires. I'd like to ask, is that part of the
5 hiring policy today?

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Mr. Guerino.

7 MR. TOM GUERINO: I'm sorry.
8 Thank you. Could you repeat that, Mr.
9 Conron?

10 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Sure. Back
11 in 2013, there was a goal that said,
12 "Justification of dollars and proof of
13 sustainability for any recommended new
14 hires." -Now I'm asking is that goal part of
15 the hiring process that we use today?

16 MR. TOM GUERINO: It is.

17 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Okay. So I
18 know for the four firefighters the way we're
19 going to keep them employed this year is
20 because we're going to use Free Cash
21 savings; is that correct?

22 MR. TOM GUERINO: There will be a
23 use of Free Cash to sustain the firefighters
24 from December to June, that's correct.

1 MR. RICHARD CONRON: So what
2 happens after June?

3 MR. TOM GUERINO: During the
4 course of the budget year, and I'll let MJ
5 come into this too; as we look at our
6 revenue forecast and our expenditure
7 forecast, we will look at what the potential
8 is for carrying these four
9 firefighter/paramedic EMS people for the
10 next year as it relates to the cost versus
11 overtime that is required, that would be
12 required if these folks are not working for
13 us and the cost of unemployment and other
14 things. So we will look annually at the
15 ability to carry these forward.

16 Based on current budget
17 projections, certainly FY19 is something
18 that the Selectmen and Finance Committee are
19 going to have to work together on.

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: If I
21 may? When we made the decision to keep the
22 firefighter -- the four firefighters in the
23 budget, the analysis that was done was what
24 was the cost of keeping the firefighters in

1 the budget and what was the cost of
2 terminating the budget -- them. Now because
3 half of the year is covered through the
4 grant, these are half-year numbers.

5 So the half-year salary number was
6 114,000. The half-year benefit number was
7 53,000 and a couple change, so the total
8 cost in this year's budget was \$165,000.00.
9 If we were to terminate those four
10 firefighters this year, it would have been
11 \$167,000.00 in the budget because there
12 would have been \$70,000.00 of potential
13 unemployment costs and then there would have
14 been a \$97,000.00 increase in overtime.

15 One of the things that happened
16 with the firefighter paramedics when they
17 were brought into the Fire Department, it
18 reduced overtime in the Fire Department. So
19 since those grants came on, we're spending
20 less in overtime than we were before. So
21 you have to balance that, and it is
22 something we will do when we look at it next
23 year. Next year -- the one thing that's
24 good about this is it's kind of incremental.

1 We're able to do it in six months and
2 another six months, and next year it will be
3 pretty much the same discussion. It will be
4 165,000 to keep them and 167,000 to let them
5 go, and we'll make a decision as to what
6 makes most sense.

7 MR. RICHARD CONRON: So is it fair
8 to say sustainability is six months?

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
10 you know, I think it's sustainable. I mean
11 if I didn't think it was sustainable, I
12 wouldn't have recommended that -- we
13 wouldn't have recommended that we did it.

14 I think we look at every year as a
15 -- we look at every year as a picture
16 because every year there's different things
17 that happen, and we have to make the
18 adjustments. This year, outside of the
19 firefighters \$114,000.00, we added
20 \$300,000.00 of other positions to the
21 budget. So if we're not adding 300,000 of
22 other positions to the budget and we get,
23 you know, tax revenue (Indiscernible) and
24 new growth increase and other things that

1 happened if we have \$2.5 million more to
2 spend, it will be sustainable.

3 If it's not, then we'll have to
4 decide by priorities what we're going to do.
5 But I think we have to do it in terms of
6 that fiscal year.

7 MR. RICHARD CONRON: So it was an
8 override off the table here?

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: For
10 this year. I don't know about next year. I
11 don't see one for next year either. I mean
12 I'm not looking to see that we have a need
13 for an override. And although the Selectmen
14 originally considered doing a targeted
15 override, I'm not, personally, in favor of
16 targeted overrides because they're only
17 targeted for that one year. They're not
18 targeted after that. So I'd rather look at
19 it -- the whole budget as a whole and
20 priorities as a whole.

21 I'm really looking forward to the
22 discussion about priority-based budgeting
23 because it allows us to look at what are the
24 services that we need; what is the priority

1 of those services; how much money do we have
2 to spend, and how are we going to spend that
3 money on our priorities? I mean it's how
4 every one of us budget's our own home, and I
5 think the Town has to do the same.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.

7 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Thank you.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
9 discussion on the motion of the Finance
10 Committee on Article 3? It requires a
11 majority vote. All those in favor, please
12 signify by saying "Aye."

13 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
15 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
16 I declare the motion passes. I declare it's
17 a unanimous vote.

18 (Article 3 unanimously passed.)

19 **ARTICLE 4**

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 4.
21 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
22 motion on Article 4? I recognize Brian
23 Lemee from the Finance Committee.

24 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: Yes, we do.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: You may state
2 your motion.

3 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: We move the sum
4 of \$981,875.00 be authorized to be expended
5 by the Sewer Commissioners for the operation
6 of the Sewer Department for fiscal year July
7 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 as follows:

8 Salary and Wages, \$192,037.00;

9 Expenses, 754,838;

10 The Reserve Fund 35,000.

11 And we further move that the sum of
12 \$124,404.00 be transferred to the General
13 Fund to offset Sewer Enterprise indirect
14 expenses. And in order to meet this
15 appropriation, we move that the sum of
16 \$1,031,279.00 be raided from Sewer
17 Enterprise Receipts and 75,000 be
18 transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings.

19 (Seconded.)

20 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
21 floor on that motion.

22 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: Excuse me. This
23 is a standard yearly article to fund the
24 sewage treatment system servicing Buzzards

1 Bay and, as such, is the mechanism to make
2 this happen. Except for minor adjustments
3 for wages, equipment, and debt service, the
4 proposed budget is essentially funded as
5 last year's level.

6 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
7 0 to recommend approval of this article.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
9 discussion on the motion of the Finance
10 Committee on Article 4? Yes, sir. Mr.
11 Malone (sic).

12 MR. GARY MALONEY: As it may be
13 related to issues later in the evening, what
14 year of the lifecycle are we in for the
15 Buzzards Bay sewer treatment as it stands
16 now? How many years have we been doing
17 that? And what's the expected lifecycle of
18 that equipment before it's going to need
19 replacement?

20 Thank you.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Tom, can you
22 answer that?

23 MR. TOM GUERINO: I certainly will
24 try, Mr. Moderator. The lifecycle of the

1 system, the system was put in in, I believe,
2 1991 and '92 in that area. There have been
3 continual upgrades to such things as the
4 pumps and the grinder pumps that are in many
5 homes in Buzzards Bay.

6 We have repair work that has had
7 to be done on various lines as corrosion and
8 time has taken through. The lines are in
9 very good shape, which is not to say that
10 they're not -- there's not the potential for
11 a break. But right now, Mr. Tribou, who ran
12 the Sewer Department for years, did a really
13 good job on keeping things clean and as up-
14 to-date as the budget would allow. Over the
15 next five to six years, I think we're going
16 to have to start looking at some capital
17 replacements, but right now that is not in
18 the scope of what needs to be done. We're
19 in pretty good shape right now.

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
21 discussion on the motion of the Finance
22 Committee on Article 4? Seeing none. It
23 requires a majority vote. All those in
24 favor, please signify by saying "Aye."

1 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
3 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
4 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
5 was a unanimous vote.

6 (Article 4 unanimously passed.)

7 ARTICLE 5

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 5.
9 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
10 motion on Article 5? Karin Meehan from the
11 Finance Committee. Please state your
12 motion.

13 MS. KARIN MEEHAN: We move that
14 the Town vote to appropriate any sums of
15 monies received or to be received from the
16 Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the
17 purpose of this article.

18 (Seconded.)

19 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
20 floor on that motion.

21 MS. KARIN MEEHAN: Each year the
22 Governor's budget appropriates Chapter 90
23 funds for distribution among the cities and
24 the towns in Massachusetts. This local aid

1 is earmarked for maintaining safety and
2 accessibility for roads and bridges within
3 the Commonwealth.

4 Because the dollar amount varies
5 from year to year, we must vote each year at
6 the Town Meeting to allow the Department of
7 Public Works to spend the appropriation.

8 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
9 0 recommending approval of this article.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: Further
11 discussion on the motion on Article 5?
12 Seeing none. It requires a majority vote.
13 All those in favor, please say "Aye."

14 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
16 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
17 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
18 was a unanimous vote.

19 (Article 5 unanimously passed.)

20 **ARTICLE 6**

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 6.
22 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
23 motion?

24 MS. MICHELE FORD: Yes, Mr.

1 Moderator.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Michele Ford
3 from the Finance Committee. Please state
4 your motion.

5 MS. MICHELE FORD: We move that
6 the Town vote to raise and appropriate the
7 sum of \$300,000.00 for the purposes of this
8 article.

9 (Seconded.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
11 floor.

12 MS. MICHELE FORD: Each year we
13 establish a Reserve Fund that can be used at
14 the discretion of the Finance Committee to
15 cover unforeseen or emergency expenses that
16 may arise during the fiscal year.

17 Transfers from the Reserve Fund
18 and into individual budgets are authorized
19 only after all other available funds have
20 been exhausted. This is the second year the
21 Reserve Fund is determined by the change to
22 the Town's financial policy.

23 The policy now calls for the
24 Reserve Fund to be set at .5 percent, one-

1 half of 1 percent, of the General Fund
2 Operating Budget or \$300,000.00 for fiscal
3 year '18, an increase of \$10,000.00 over
4 last year.

5 The Finance Committee unanimously
6 approved the article by a vote of 10 to 0.

7 MS. CYNTHIA BARRY: Can you just
8 explain to me the difference between that
9 and Free Cash? And why it says, "Any other
10 action in relation thereto" under this
11 article? Is that intentionally vague?
12 (Inaudible.)

13 MODERATOR PARADY: They all say --
14 no. Every article says that or similar
15 wording. So, otherwise, you can't amend it.
16 So that's why that language is there.

17 Do you want to answer a question
18 about Free Cash and the Reserve Fund?

19 MS. MICHELE FORD: Sure. I'll
20 start with the Reserve Fund. The Reserve
21 Fund is -- think of it as a rainy day
22 savings account. We know that there may be
23 emergencies that we don't plan for in our
24 budget.

1 The Finance Committee has brought
2 the information about the Reserve Fund, and
3 we can approve or disapprove this. A good
4 example will be a couple of instances where
5 we've had insurance claims where a piece of
6 equipment, a school bus recently, was
7 burned. Well, we need to replace the bus
8 right away. We can't wait for insurance
9 proceeds of the next fiscal year. So we
10 authorize the expenditure of the money out
11 of the Reserve Fund.

12 Free Cash is, if you think of it
13 on a personal level, it's everything that's
14 left over after you've said I'm going to
15 spend \$100.00 on a certain something and you
16 only end up spending \$98.00. Well, you've
17 got two bucks that is, if you will, Free
18 Cash.

19 So Free Cash is that accumulation
20 of places where we either didn't spend
21 something that was appropriated or we found
22 other savings within the budget. That's
23 then certified by the state and is carried
24 over and used in the future.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
2 discussion? This requires a majority vote.
3 All those in favor of the motion of the
4 Finance Committee on Article 6, please
5 signify by saying "Aye."

6 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
8 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
9 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
10 was a unanimous vote.

11 (Article 6 unanimously passed.)

12 ARTICLE 7

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 7. I
14 recognize John Redman from the Finance
15 Committee. Do you have a positive motion?

16 MR. JOHN REDMAN: Yes, we do, Mr.
17 Moderator.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Please read
19 your motion.

20 MR. JOHN REDMAN: We move that the
21 sum of \$8,922,643.00 be authorized to be
22 expended for the operation of the Integrated
23 Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund for
24 fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018,

1 as follows:

2 Salaries and Wages 2,040,534;

3 Expenses 5,882,109;

4 Reserve Fund, \$200,000.00;

5 Host Community Fee, \$800,000.00.

6 And we further move that the sum
7 of \$2,016,778.00 be transferred to the
8 General Fund to offset the ISWM Enterprise
9 Fund indirect expenses. And in order to
10 meet this appropriation, we further move the
11 sum of \$10,939,421.00 be raised from
12 receipts from the ISWM Enterprise Fund for
13 the purpose of this article.

14 (Seconded.)

15 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
16 floor on your motion.

17 MR. JOHN REDMAN: Thank you, Mr.
18 Moderator. This article approves the
19 operating budget of ISWM for the upcoming
20 year. The FY18 ISWM proposed operating
21 revenues and expenditures appropriation of
22 10,939,421 is an increase of 272,516 from
23 the FY17 budget; 10,666,905 after
24 adjustments approved last May.

1 There are contractual agreements
2 for salary and wages of 10,010,722 -- 10,222
3 and increases in expenses of \$272,516.00.
4 The Reserve Fund is level funded at
5 \$200,000.00. The Host Community Fee paid to
6 the Town was increased last year by 200,000
7 from 600,000 to 800,000 and remains at
8 \$800,000.00.

9 The General Fund administrative
10 fees paid to the Town has increased
11 \$94,034.00 from 1,922,774 to 2,016,778 in
12 FY18. These fees cover the cost associated
13 with ISWM employee benefits as well as the
14 curbside trash pickup and curbside
15 recycling.

16 Voters should be aware that ISWM
17 operates as an Enterprise Fund, which
18 separates ISWM finances from the rest of the
19 Town's finances. ISWM does not rely on
20 taxes to fund its budget.

21 The Finance Committee voted
22 unanimously 11 to 0 to recommend approval of
23 this Article.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further

1 discussion? Dick Conron.

2 MR. DONALD CONRON: Dick Conron
3 from Gray Gables. This is a for-profit
4 business. So what's the estimated profit
5 margin for this year? If people don't know
6 what profit margin is, it's an expression in
7 percentage that says for every dollar we
8 take in, we put so many cents in our pocket.

9 MR. JOHN REDMAN: I don't know; I
10 could give you the profit, Mr. Conron, but I
11 can tell you that the ISWM funds the entire
12 cost of the residential pick up MSW and
13 recycling. They also contribute \$800,000.00
14 to the Town. So they're giving us well over
15 \$3 million. How much they have left over at
16 the end of the year? I don't know. I know
17 that they were making money last year with
18 the C&B because we had to give them more
19 money in order to raise the amount of money
20 that they were raising for their expenses.
21 But I'm not sure what the bottom line is as
22 far as what they make. But they do not cost
23 the Town a dime in their operating expenses.
24 They cover all their cost.

1 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Do you know
2 how much they had in earnings?

3 MODERATOR PARADY: Anyone know the
4 answer to that question?

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
6 think retained earnings are approximately
7 \$10 million at this time.

8 MR. RICHARD CONRON: So we have --

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: And
10 remember that they have to pay for their
11 postclosure and their closure fees, all that
12 comes out of their profit. So when they
13 have profit, they have to make those
14 transfers. They're not an expense that
15 comes out of their profit.

16 MR. RICHARD CONRON: Okay. All
17 right. So, Tom, do you know what their
18 estimated profit margin is for this year?

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Dan Barrett is
20 Operations Manager at ISWM. Did I give him
21 the right title? Too big of a title?

22 MR. RICHARD CONRON: I know you
23 know.

24 MR. DANIEL BARRETT: Too big of a

1 title. (Laughter.) Good evening. Dan
2 Barrett, General Manager at ISWM. To answer
3 Mr. Conron's first question regarding our
4 projected revenue, over the last six years
5 the average payment back to retained
6 earnings, which would be profit, has
7 averaged around 2.4 million.

8 But as you said, we are a
9 business. We're susceptible to changes in
10 fluctuation within the business. So, you
11 know, we don't count on that but it's pretty
12 safe to say we're going to get there, I
13 think, this year.

14 How much do we have in retained
15 earning? Linda? I think we have roughly
16 7.2 million in nonrestricted retained
17 earnings and 6.6 million in restricted.

18 MR. DICK CONRON: Thank you.

19 MR. DANIEL BARRETT: No problem.

20 MR. RICHARD CONRON: This is my
21 last question to the Board of Selectmen is
22 why are we paying money for stickers?

23 THE AUDIENCE: Good question.

24 (Applause.)

1 MODERATOR PARADY: That is a
2 question if you care to answer it.

3 (Laughter.) I don't see anybody running to
4 the microphone. Are you going to answer it
5 or not?

6 MR. TOM GUERINO: Sure.

7 MR. DANIEL BARRETT: Would you
8 like me to take a stab, sir?

9 MR. TOM GUERINO: Yeah.

10 MR. DANIEL BARRETT: To be honest
11 with you, I know Mr. Conron's heart's in the
12 right place; we've had this conversation
13 several times. On average, the intake at
14 the gate receipt or receipts from stickers
15 is around \$180,000.00 a year. It costs a
16 little over a million dollars a year to run
17 that facility. It doesn't sound like much;
18 it sounds like pocket change. But you also
19 have to remember that we're funding curbside
20 collection. We bought two new packers this
21 year for a half a million dollars; 180,000
22 might not sound like a lot, but we need to,
23 you know, we're doing well. We're doing
24 fine, everything's fine, but we can

1 certainly use the additional funds.

2 The other side of it too is, and
3 this may get me some flak, but the cost of a
4 sticker adds validity to it, I guess if you
5 will. It's a method of tracking. We like
6 to think that we keep the price down to
7 \$30.00/\$20.00 for seniors. If you look at
8 Plymouth, it's like \$200.00. Look at
9 Sandwich, it's like 180 to 190.

10 So don't lose track or we don't
11 lose track of the fact that we're here to
12 serve the people. We do the best we can,
13 and we try to do it as profitably and as --
14 we try to turn as much money back to the
15 Town as we can.

16 So \$30.00 for a sticker, number
17 one, for tracking and, number two, it does
18 count, every dollar counts. So that's my
19 justification of it, but Mr. Guerino might
20 have something else.

21 MR. TOM GUERINO: (Inaudible.)

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
24 discussion of the motion on Article 7?

1 Seeing none. It requires a majority vote.
2 All those in favor, please signify by saying
3 "Aye."

4 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
6 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
7 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
8 was a unanimous vote.

9 (Article 7 unanimously passed.)

10 ARTICLE 8

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 8.
12 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
13 motion on Article 8?

14 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We do, Mr.
15 Moderator.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Kathleen LeGacy
17 from the Finance Committee. Please state
18 your motion.

19 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We move that
20 the Town vote under the authority under
21 Mass. General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E-
22 1/2 to establish Revolving Funds to be
23 entitled herein and to authorize the
24 spending limits for the Recreation Programs

1 Fund in the amount of \$130,000.00; the
2 Shellfish Propagation Fund in the amount of
3 \$30,000.00; the School Transportation Fund
4 in the amount of \$50,000.00; the Public
5 Library Book Fund in the amount of
6 \$20,000.00; the Council on Aging Supportive
7 Day Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00; the
8 Council on Aging Programs Fund in the amount
9 of \$100,000.00; the Bourne Veteran's
10 Community Building Rental Fund in the amount
11 of \$10,000.00, and the Tax Title Collection
12 Fund of \$60,000.00.

13 (Seconded.)

14 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
15 floor on your motion.

16 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Please note
17 a correction under the Community Building
18 Rental Fund authorized to spend column. It
19 is no longer the Community Building
20 Director. It is the Recreation Director who
21 is authorized to spend with the approval of
22 the Town Administrator.

23 Revolving Funds are created to
24 allow certain departments to raise specific

1 funds to be appropriated without further
2 Town Meeting action. State law requires
3 that these funds be reauthorized every year.

4 The advantage of these funds is
5 that temporary activities can be paid for as
6 they happen rather than having vendors and
7 temporary employees wait until Town Meeting
8 appropriates money for them.

9 The danger in these funds is that
10 there is less accountability once the fund
11 is authorized. For this reason, we are very
12 careful as to which departments and
13 activities are appropriate for this type of
14 account. And the law also provides for
15 safeguards as well.

16 The Revolving Funds are described
17 in the table on pages 37 and 38 of the Voter
18 Handbook. Spending limits remain the same
19 as last fiscal year for a total of
20 \$500,000.00 for all eight Revolving Funds.
21 For voter information and in keeping with
22 state law, the required fiscal activity
23 reports have been provided on page 83 of the
24 Voter Handbook.

1 The Finance Committee voted 10 to
2 0 with one abstention to recommend approval
3 of this article.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Any discussion
5 on the motion on Article 8? Yes, Mr.
6 Maloney.

7 MR. GARY MALONEY: For these
8 Revolving Funds, at the end of the fiscal
9 year, what happens to those funds that are
10 not expended? Do they revolve again into it
11 creating a situation? For instance, with
12 the Recreation Department, I think there's
13 still about \$40,000.00 left. So is that
14 going to be a fund that goes up, up, up
15 every year or is it --

16 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: No. No, no.
17 They get voted a certain dollar amount for
18 the year.

19 MR. GARY MALONEY: Authorized to
20 spend.

21 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Authorized
22 to spend, correct.

23 MR. GARY MALONEY: And what
24 happens -- would they take in excess money

1 or have money in excess money?

2 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: That reverts
3 back into the General Fund.

4 MR. GARY MALONEY: General Fund.
5 Thank you, very much.

6 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: No. I'm
7 sorry. I misspoke.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Linda Marzelli,
9 Finance Director.

10 MS. LINDA MARZELLI: Gary, the
11 revolving funds stay each year, so it
12 continues on. If they happen to have a
13 little bit of extra at the end-of-the-year
14 that they have not spent and it moves over,
15 and we've only appropriated for them to
16 spend say 40,000 but they have 60 in there,
17 we have to get approval from the Finance
18 Committee and the Selectmen to expend that
19 to increase the authorization.

20 MR. GARY MALONEY: So the money
21 just says right --

22 MS. LINDA MARZELLI: The money
23 stays.

24 MR. GARY MALONEY: Unspendable

1 money.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
3 discussion on Article 8? Seeing none. It
4 requires a majority vote.

5 On that motion, all those in
6 favor, please signify by saying "Aye."

7 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
9 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
10 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
11 was a unanimous vote.

12 (Article 8 unanimously passed.)

13 ARTICLE 9

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 9.
15 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
16 motion on Article 9?

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes,
18 Mr. Moderator, we do.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
20 Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Chairman of the
21 Finance Committee. Please state your
22 motion.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We
24 move that the Town vote to appropriate

1 \$6,757,803.00 to pay the costs of the
2 capital outlay projects listed in the
3 Voter's Handbook on pages 80 to 81. And to
4 meet this appropriation, we move to transfer
5 the sum of \$145,913.73 from General Fund
6 articles; 68,000 from Sewer Retained
7 Earnings; \$142,000.00 from ISWM Retained
8 Earnings; \$205,000.00 from the Waterways
9 Improvement Fund, and \$349,836.27 from Free
10 Cash.

11 We further move to authorize the
12 Town Treasurer with the approval of the
13 Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of
14 \$5,847,053.00 under and pursuant to Chapter
15 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws as
16 amended and supplanted, or any other
17 enabling authority, and to issue bonds or
18 notes on the Town, therefore.

19 Any premium received by the Town
20 upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved
21 by this vote, less any such premium applied
22 to the payment of the cost of issuance of
23 such bonds or notes may be applied to the
24 payment of costs approved by this vote in

1 accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of
2 the General Laws. Thereby, reducing the
3 amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such
4 costs by a like amount.

5 (Seconded.)

6 MODERATOR PARADY: For the benefit
7 of the stenographer, that's amended and
8 supplemented.

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO:
10 Supplemented.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Not supplanted.

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO:
13 Supplemented. Supplemented.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Supplemented.
15 You have the floor on your motion.

16 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: This
17 article requests the funding for the fiscal
18 year '18 capital improvement budget
19 recommendations of the Capital Outlay
20 Committee. The items recommended in this
21 article are those which have been deemed to
22 have the highest priority.

23 The fiscal '18 Capital Improvement
24 Budget recommendations and funding sources

1 is listed in Appendix B on pages 80 to 81 of
2 the Voter Handbook. The five year Capital
3 Outlay Program is on pages 73 to 77, and a
4 new breakout of the current year capital
5 plan expenditures can be found on pages 78
6 and 79.

7 The breakout shows the categories
8 of recommended capital expenditures this
9 year as either planning, infrastructure,
10 transportation, technology, or equipment.

11 This year's Capital Improvement
12 Recommended Expenditures are \$8,187,803.00.
13 The Town and Town Committee capital requests
14 are \$3,615,803.00 of which \$1,430,000.00
15 would be covered under CPA requests in the
16 Town Meeting. And \$2,285,803.00 is covered
17 in this article.

18 School Department Capital requests
19 are \$502,000.00. ISWM Capital Improvements
20 are \$4,002,000.00 which will be paid for by
21 ISWM. Sewer Capital Improvements are
22 \$68,000.00, which will be paid by the sewer
23 rate payers.

24 The Capital Outlay Committee has

1 worked with department heads to identify
2 priorities and establish a replacement
3 schedule for equipment. We would like to
4 commend our department heads for their
5 ongoing efforts to seek grant funding and
6 reduce cost to the Town. I'd be happy to
7 answer any questions you may have.

8 The Finance Committee voted
9 unanimously 10 to 0 to recommend approval of
10 this article.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: My question is
12 to Linda Marzelli, our Finance Director, as
13 to the articles which have balances which
14 are being used to fund all or portions of
15 these projects, have the purposes of those
16 articles been accomplished?

17 MS. LINDA MARZELLI: Yes, they
18 have.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: She states,
20 "Yes, they have."

21 Okay. Any further discussion? On
22 the motion of the Finance Committee on
23 Article 9, this requires a two-thirds vote.
24 Go ahead.

1 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.
2 Ian Rubinstein over in Sagamore. Quick
3 question, and forgive me for not seeing how
4 this works, and I'm glad you went into the
5 fact that ISWM's \$4 million wish list is
6 being funded by their own monies that are
7 raised.

8 You're asking the Town to approve
9 \$5,847,000.00 in borrowing monies, and I'm
10 trying to see from your wish list where
11 those expenditures --

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Are
13 you on the page that is Planning
14 Infrastructure?

15 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Eighty and 81
16 as you pointed out. That's your wish list,
17 correct?

18 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Wish
19 list.

20 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Sorry. It
21 just seems that way.

22 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Eight
23 to 81 in the Voter Handbook, right.

24 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Yes.

1 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So
2 there should be a column that says, "General
3 Debt."

4 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Yes.

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
6 So if you go down General Debt, it will show
7 each of the things that are being borrowed.
8 And so if you get to the bottom, it will
9 have that total. On the second page.

10 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: I see 1.98.

11 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Plus 4
12 million. So the total amount of borrowing
13 whether it's ISWM borrowing or Town
14 borrowing is included in the borrowing
15 authorization. Okay. So you're not
16 actually asking the Town to approve a \$5.8
17 million bond or a bond?

18 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
19 it's under the name of the Town, the \$4
20 million, you know, ISWM borrowing will be
21 paid from ISWM, not from the General Fund
22 revenues.

23 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Okay. So, in
24 essence, it's that 1 point whatever you're

1 asking us to approve tonight?

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.

3 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: ISWM is
4 funding their own.

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: And
6 its General Fund borrowing, correct.

7 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: And is that
8 going to result in a Prop 2-1/2 override to
9 pay for that new bond or that new borrowing
10 money?

11 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No.

12 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Where's that
13 money coming from?

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: It's
15 coming from the General Fund.

16 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Yes.

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So
18 when I was going through the budget, there
19 was a debt service --

20 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Yes.

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: -- and
22 that's where it would be coming from.

23 MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.

24 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: You're

1 welcome.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
3 discussion of the motion of the Finance
4 Committee? Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. JANICE MARKS: My name is
6 Janice Marks and I live in Bourne near Clay
7 Pond. I'm speaking totally in my own self-
8 interest here, and I would like information
9 and perhaps a budget item.

10 As I cross the Bourne Bridge, I am
11 continually alarmed at how many people speed
12 on the bridge. And I know there's a 40 mile
13 an hour speed limit, which I try to adhere
14 to but that means that everybody wants to
15 pass me.

16 So what I'm concerned about is
17 this is a great potential for loss of life,
18 accidents that people go into the rotary as
19 we've had in the past. And my suggestion is
20 is that, which raised a good part of this
21 wish list, is that we put some kind of
22 electronic signage there. It could be that
23 that's the state's responsibility. I'm not
24 sure.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: State highway.

2 MS. JANICE MARKS: State highway.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: State highway.

4 MS. JANICE MARKS: But it should
5 say you're exceeding the speed limit. And
6 since there is law-enforcement at the end of
7 the bridge, then perhaps they could do
8 something about it. How can we interact
9 with the state to make sure something is
10 done there?

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
12 discussion? Gary.

13 MR. GARY MALONEY: On Page 40,
14 Item No. 24 for Buzzards Bay Wastewater
15 Treatment Facility -- Buzzards Bay
16 Wastewater Facility. What's that
17 \$335,000.00 buy us?

18 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
19 Good question.

20 MR. GARY MALONEY: Easy.

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So as
22 you all may know, we've been working -- the
23 Wastewater Advisory Committee has been
24 working on a wastewater project at Queen.

1 Sewell Park to bring a facility that would
2 provide 100,000 gallons a day of sewage
3 disposal, which would allow us to have
4 further development in Buzzards Bay.

5 At this point in time, the Sewer
6 Disposal Capacity Agreement that Bourne has
7 with the Wareham facility has reach
8 capacity. So we do need to do something,
9 and we've been ~~working on it for a couple~~
10 years.

11 What this \$335,000.00 is we are in
12 the process of permitting the wastewater
13 facility and, originally, it was thought
14 that we would maybe be able to come with the
15 full cost of the project at this Town
16 Meeting, but we have deferred that until we
17 can continue to get the design and
18 permitting complete.

19 So the \$335,000.00 will provide
20 \$100,000.00 for an Owner's Project Manager.
21 This is a professional who manages the
22 process of design and later construction to
23 make sure everything is done appropriately.
24 ~~\$63,000.00 is for a load test to~~

1 determine how many leeching fields will be
2 required. Currently based on the initial
3 permit they got from groundwater discharge,
4 two leeching fields would be required. They
5 cost about \$300,000.00 each.

6 If we do the \$63,000.00 load test,
7 we may be able to have only one leeching
8 field included in our permitting.

9 \$150,000.00 is for design engineering by
10 Weston and Sampson, who is the engineering
11 firm that's working on the wastewater plant,
12 which could be submitted to the Mass. DEP in
13 a series of permit applications.

14 \$8,000 is for the wastewater
15 project coordinator through October 7, 2017,
16 as he coordinates and changes over with OPM.
17 Four thousand is for advertising for the OPM
18 and other incidental expenses, and 5 to
19 7,000 is for engineering to qualify for a
20 state revolving loan fund application that
21 would allow us to apply for that program.

22 The goal of this money is so that
23 when we come to the Town Meeting to talk
24 about funding the entire facility which will

1 cost about \$5 million, we have all the
2 permits that we need in hand. We have the
3 discharge permit; we have the plan -- we
4 have all the permits in hand so we know we
5 can have good accurate costs, good design of
6 what's going to be needed and also have
7 better answers on the financing what loans
8 and grants will be available.

9 So that is the purpose of this.
10 It's good planning and it's the practice of
11 the Capital Outlay Committee to ask for
12 those planning funds in advance.

13 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you. And
14 with \$1.3 million in our pocket, why do we
15 borrow \$335,000.00? We talked about it that
16 one time; the benefit of keeping a certain
17 amount as far as the books but --

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Speak into the
19 microphone please. This isn't a personal
20 conversation.

21 MR. GARY MALONEY: We talked about
22 it in the past where having a certain amount
23 of money, our policy is to do one thing. My
24 question is then why are we so far in excess

1 of our own policy, 1.X million dollars yet
2 we're asking to borrow money?

3 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: One
4 point four million dollars is not a lot in
5 excess policy. In 2015, when we had the
6 override request, the reason that we had the
7 override request is we had a bad winter,
8 which cost \$600,000.00, a deficit in Snow
9 and Ice. And then we had additional
10 expenses, unexpected expenses because we had
11 a large number of students that went up to
12 Upper Cape which caused a budget impact.
13 And then we had a Group Insurance situation;
14 it was another 700,000.

15 So immediately, all the Free Cash
16 that we had was gone, and we had to cut the
17 budget by a million dollars. We keep an
18 adequate amount of Free Cash. We also have
19 debt service guidelines that the Town will
20 budget 3 to 5 percent of its General Fund
21 into a budget as debt service.

22 So all the borrowing and the Free
23 Cash, it's all, you know, measured and
24 monitored and handled in a way that keeps

1 the Town financially stable.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MR. GARY MALONEY: Is 5 percent
4 the right amount then or we could raise that
5 amount?

6 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: What,
7 for Free Cash?

8 MR. GARY MALONEY: For Free Cash.

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No, I
10 think 5 percent is good, and especially
11 since one of the really important things
12 that we did was we made the Free Cash policy
13 that only 50 percent of the excess Free Cash
14 could be used towards the budget.

15 So the other 50 percent of Free
16 Cash can be used for capital projects;
17 349,000 we're trying to keep that as a
18 steady amount. If we have a police station
19 or a fire station, we can take some of that
20 Free Cash and we can use it towards capital
21 projects, which is really what we should be
22 earmarking our Free Cash for is budgetary by
23 one-time expenditures. Like Free Cash, one
24 and done.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Julie Keene.

2 MS. JULIE KEENE: Julie Keene from
3 Sagamore Beach. I'm not opposed to
4 replacing the fire engine that we're going
5 to try to replace out of this money, but the
6 question that I have for the Town is down in
7 Sagamore Beach fire station is a hook and
8 ladder, and I'm just curious as to how much
9 money the hook and ladder is assessed at at
10 this year. We got it back when the bridge
11 was put through on the flyover project, and
12 I don't know how all that went through; it
13 was something to do with the state, I think.

14 But at any rate, at 695,000 for a
15 new fire engine, is there any way that maybe
16 we should think about selling off our hook
17 and ladder to a Town like maybe Quincy that
18 has three-story buildings and higher or the
19 city and maybe get some money back to help
20 us purchase that versus having this big hook
21 and ladder in our Town? I don't know how
22 much use it gets, but I've see it
23 occasionally out blowing water out of its
24 hoses. Aside from that, anybody needs their

1 gutters cleaned, maybe; I don't know. I'm
2 not a hundred percent backing that one.

3 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
4 Well, I will tell you that the hook -- the
5 ladder truck 126 is a 2006. My, how time
6 flies. American LaFrance. So what we'll
7 probably have to be doing is the fire trucks
8 are pretty much on a 20-year cycle for
9 replacement, so that the fire engine that
10 we're replacing now is a 1995 International.

11 So point taken but I think at this
12 point in time, we just put some money into
13 refurbishing it to extend that ladder
14 truck's life so.

15 MS. JULIE KEENE: Thank you.

16 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: You're
17 welcome.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
19 discussion? Jim Mulvey.

20 MR. JAMES MULVEY: Seeing this
21 particular issue having been raised, I heard
22 we're talking 24 wastewater and rather
23 oppose that particular item tonight,
24 although I have serious questions on it, the

1 place that should've been dealt with is in
2 the capital expense, meaning that the
3 general public doesn't attend, and I think
4 they're held early in the morning, which I
5 don't agree with or the Wastewater
6 Committee.

7 Now, the thing here is I hear
8 goals mentioned in justification for this.
9 I see no goal and that is my problem. This
10 committee and this project is continually
11 coming back for funding, funding, funding,
12 and I see no end point.

13 Let me carry it ahead for just a
14 moment. The Town precedes and gets a
15 packaged treatment plant up on the top of
16 Queen Sewell, big money. The Town develops
17 an infiltration to accommodate the plant,
18 then the Town builds a force main all the
19 way from Queen Sewell to the back of the
20 Community Building. When it reaches the
21 back of the Community Building, it's
22 necessary to build a pump station to pump
23 the sewerage up to the new treatment plant.

24 ~~This is where I get hung up. Main~~

1 Street is currently sewered. It's aging;
2 it's insufficient for growth, but it is an
3 Enterprise Fund and all the people from the
4 Canal to the bypass are already in that
5 Enterprise Fund.

6 We go ahead and build this whole
7 system, I can't get a straight answer as
8 what part of that Enterprise Fund and how it
9 would be done transfer those people and
10 those members of the Enterprise Fund into
11 the new system. There is a question here of
12 what portion of Main Street, what portion of
13 the people that are presently sewered would
14 now be transferred to a say \$5 million
15 system.

16 It's the endpoint that bothers me
17 and the continual funding of the project.
18 Thank you.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you, Jim.
21 Oh, sorry.

22 Ms. ZUERN: Linda Zuern from
23 Monument Beach. I'm also opposed to that
24 line item 24 regarding the wastewater. I

1 think it should've been, excuse me, my
2 throat's dry; it should've been a separate
3 article. I will vote against this whole
4 article if this is not amended and taken
5 out, the Capital Outlay expenses.

6 I'd like to ask a few questions.
7 How much money has already been spent in the
8 past for research and planning and whatever
9 else expenses are included in that?

10 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: And
11 this is my best memory, okay, I believe that
12 the original amount that the Capital Outlay
13 Committee recommended for the
14 hydrogeological study was \$168,000.00. That
15 is the only money that has, before this,
16 come through the capital, you know, until
17 this piece of money that has come to the
18 Capital Outlay Committee. There have been
19 other monies expended through Cape Cod
20 Commission Mitigation Funds by the Board of
21 Sewer Commissioners. So I have not been
22 involved in that, but out of taxpayers it's
23 the 168,000.

24 I want to talk about -- I'd like

1 to talk a little bit about why it's
2 important that we spend this money. We are
3 considering \$5 million for a treatment
4 facility plan, and it is important in order
5 before asking for that \$5 million that we
6 have the appropriate permits, the
7 appropriate design, and we have all the
8 questions answered. Sometimes it's asked,
9 you know, why are the general taxpayers
10 paying for this? You know, why isn't it the
11 sewer people that are paying for it? Why
12 isn't it the people that live in Buzzards
13 Bay?

14 This is an issue for the entire
15 Town. Buzzards Bay, the area of Buzzards
16 Bay can have no new development until the
17 wastewater treatment capacity is expanded.
18 If the Town -- we're planning on getting
19 about at least half of the project paid for
20 by grants. And if we could do that, suppose
21 we were left with \$2.5 million that the Town
22 had to pay for, which includes this 335? So
23 if you borrowed over 25 years, it's
24 \$100,000.00 of principal every year.

1 At this tax rate, current tax
2 rate, you need \$10 million of development to
3 pay for that. Well, let's talk about what
4 development we've had recently in Town.
5 We've had the Keystone Project, which is
6 assessed a \$13 million and pays \$136,000 in
7 taxes.

8 We have developers that who are
9 waiting -- who have been waiting for two
10 years to build projects in Buzzards Bay and
11 the Sewer Commissioners cannot give them
12 capacity because there is no capacity to
13 give.

14 We have a hotel that's going up
15 that a similar hotel or a smaller hotel
16 actually in another town that's estimated at
17 \$5 million. This is the way to get tax
18 revenue and development into Buzzards Bay,
19 and these buildings are worth it, and they
20 will help pay for not just the sewer,
21 because the ongoing cost of the sewer and
22 probably some of the capital costs of the
23 sewer is going to be paid by the people that
24 use it.

1 But if we don't invest in this
2 wastewater project, we are not going to be
3 able to improve Buzzards Bay. It's going to
4 sit the way it is, and we'll be struggling
5 for new growth tax revenue to help cover the
6 other expenses of the Town.

7 This is the future of Bourne. It
8 is needed, and we need to invest in
9 ourselves, and it's a very important
10 investment in infrastructure and planning
11 for the good of this Town.

12 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

13 MS. LINDA ZUERN: I'd just like to
14 make a couple of comments. There isn't that
15 much room in Buzzards Bay to be doing
16 building. It's mostly on Main Street.
17 There are a couple of companies who would
18 like to come in and put up three/four-story
19 buildings. Most of that benefit goes to a
20 couple or maybe a few companies who would
21 like to come into Buzzards Bay.

22 When we started talking about this
23 originally because I was on the Wastewater
24 Advisory Committee, it was we're going to

1 have, you know, a private government
2 partnership. We're going to try to get the
3 businesses to pay for it. If these
4 businesses were building anywhere else in
5 Bourne, they would have to put in their own
6 sewerage system. So I think it's unfair to
7 ask the taxpayers to pay for this money when
8 it benefits a few companies who are coming
9 into Town. And it would cost -- it would
10 take quite a few years at \$100,000.00 a year
11 to pay \$5 million. By the time we pay that
12 off, we're doing the maintenance on the
13 system.

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We're
15 not planning on paying 5 million. I mean
16 there is a MassWorks grant that we should be
17 able to qualify for 1.5 million. Currently,
18 there is a federal program that would
19 provide half of the cost of the facility. I
20 mean we passed the federal budget now, and
21 they haven't made some of the cuts that they
22 were going to make. But if we can get that
23 money, if we can get 2-1/2 million paid by
24 the federal government who's encouraging

1 this wastewater development; we can get 1.5
2 million paid by MassWorks, but we have to
3 have the planning, and the plans, and the
4 permits in order to get that money. So this
5 is the important expenditure, the 335,000.

6 I don't think anyone has
7 eliminated the possibility of public-private
8 partnerships or having some of the people
9 that are developing contribute to the
10 capital of the plan. I don't think that's
11 off the table, but I don't think we're --
12 that's why we're not coming for a \$5 million
13 project at this meeting because we're not
14 ready to make those -- we're not ready to do
15 that kind of stuff.

16 MS. LINDA ZUERN: I'd like to make
17 one last comment. If we're getting money
18 from the state or the federal government,
19 that's still our money.

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.

21 MS. LINDA ZUERN: Thank you.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes, sir.

23 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Hi. My

24 name is John Butterworth. I live on Shore

1 Road in Bourne. I have a question for Mary
2 Jane Mastrangelo. I'm a little confused
3 here by the things for Article 9. Maybe she
4 can explain one thing; this is probably a
5 pimple on a nasty hynie in the grand scheme
6 of things, but Line Item No. 7 it says,
7 "Barlows Landing dingy dock."

8 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.

9 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: \$100,000.00.

10 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.

11 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: And on page
12 73, it shows a Barlows Landing dingy dock
13 for \$195,000.00.

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.

15 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Which is
16 it?

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.
18 So the total cost is 195,000. A hundred
19 thousand dollars was paid from Community
20 Preservation Funds in another article. And
21 \$95,000.00 is being paid from the Waterways
22 Fund. And the Waterways Fund is money that
23 we get from moorings and other -- and boat
24 ~~excise that we can spend on the waterways.~~

1 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Thank you.
2 That was one of my follow up questions is to
3 Community Preservation Act money go to some
4 of these things so.

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.

6 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: So
7 \$195,000.00 for a dinghy dock; doesn't that
8 sound like a lot?

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.
10 We're putting in permanent pilings.

11 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Pardon?

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We're
13 putting in permanent pilings instead of a 3
14 inch galvanized pipe that has been there now
15 that will be much better and will save a lot
16 of labor.

17 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Is that
18 similar as to the one they did over in Hen's
19 Cove?

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
21 believe so, yes.

22 MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH: Okay. The
23 one that if the Mass. Maritime Academy needs
24 another place to dock the Kennedy, they can

1 put it over there?--Thank you.

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: You're
3 welcome.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Karen Girouard.

5 KAREN GIROUARD: Karen Girouard,
6 Treasurer for the Town of Bourne. I want to
7 speak as it relates to the sticking point in
8 this article -- the wastewater -- the funds
9 needed for the wastewater treatment plant.

10 As your Treasurer who goes and
11 does the borrowing for any of the debt on
12 your capital projects or any other
13 authorizations in which I borrow, the
14 finance director and myself have to have a
15 phone call with Standard & Poor's. They're
16 our rating agency who rates the Towns' bond
17 rating. That bond rating is very important
18 for the cost of debt; what it costs you guys
19 in interest to borrow.

20 One of the questions that they ask
21 revolves around the Town's and the
22 taxpayer's willingness to agree to borrow
23 for necessary projects in order to move the
24 Town forward as far as development.

1 The Wastewater Treatment Plant was
2 part of the discussion in our last bond sale
3 that I just had in April as it relates to
4 continuing growth of the Buzzards Bay area.
5 Standard & Poor's looks at the Town's
6 willingness to do what it needs to to
7 promote growth throughout the Town, whether
8 it's on the other side, this side of the
9 bridge or in Buzzards Bay.

10 And failure to do such projects as
11 this tends to give Standard & Poor's -- they
12 don't look at us very favorably for that,
13 and it would give them room to downgrade our
14 bond rating. So we don't try to do anything
15 to make that get worse than what it is.
16 Right now the Town's bond rating is the best
17 that it's ever been. The cost of borrowing
18 is the lowest that it's ever been in these
19 last few years. Because we have such a
20 great bond rating, there are things that
21 could make that bond rating go down, and
22 definitely not promoting projects that will
23 develop areas in Buzzards Bay and other
24 parts of the Town. It's going to be one of

1 those factors that Standard & Poor's will
2 look to downgrade us.

3 So it's just my point as the
4 treasurer. I see this as a positive thing.
5 It's a small amount of money to pay for
6 something that probably would develop an
7 area that really is in need of development.
8 Thank you.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Any
10 further discussion? This requires a two-
11 thirds vote; so, tellers, please come
12 forward.

13 (Tellers coming forward.)

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those in
15 favor of the motion of the Finance Committee
16 on Article 9, please stand. Tellers, take a
17 count.

18 (Tellers counting.)

19 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
20 opposed to the motion of the Finance
21 Committee on Article 9, please stand.
22 Tellers, take a count.

23 (Tellers counting.)

24 MODERATOR PARADY: A hundred and

1 eighty-five positive votes were required for
2 a two-thirds vote. You have voted yes 264;
3 no 14. I declare the motion passes. I
4 declare it passed by more than a two-thirds
5 vote.

6 (Article 10 passed.)

7 ARTICLE 11

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 11. I
9 recognize John Redman. Do you have a
10 positive motion?

11 MR. JOHN REDMAN: Yes, we do, Mr.
12 Moderator.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
14 your motion on Article 11.

15 MR. JOHN REDMAN: We move that the
16 Town vote to appropriate the sum of
17 \$353,591.04 for the purpose of accepting
18 proceeds from the Insurance Recovery Fund
19 for a loss at ISWM. And to transfer
20 353,591.04 from the Insurance Recovery Fund
21 to ISWM expenses.

22 (Seconded.)

23 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
24 floor on your motion.

1 MR. JOHN REDMAN: Thank you. This
2 article relates to the insurance money paid
3 to the town to cover the damage done to the
4 Construction and Demolition, C&D, Transfer
5 Station as a result of the August 10, 2016,
6 fire. The insurance company has provided
7 initial funding in the form of a check to
8 cover expenses associated with repairing
9 fire damages to the building.

10 ISWM has awarded a contract and
11 expects work to commence with the next few
12 weeks.

13 Yet to be resolved is the amount
14 of the insurance reimbursement for revenue
15 lost while the transfer station was off-line
16 due to damage. The operation was back in
17 running on November 15, 2017.

18 The Finance Committee voted 11-0
19 to approve this article.

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Any discussion
21 on the motion of the Finance Committee on
22 Article 11? Seeing none. It requires a
23 majority vote.

24 ~~All those in favor, please signify~~

1 by saying "Aye."

2 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
4 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
5 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
6 was a unanimous vote.

7 (Article 11 unanimously passed.)

8 ARTICLE 18

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. That
10 takes care of the essential articles, and
11 now we will turn to the lottery for the
12 balance of the articles.

13 Article 19 is on page 44 of your
14 handbook. Oh, I'm sorry; that's right.
15 Okay. Article 18. Remember earlier this
16 evening, Article 18 has to be acted upon
17 before Article 19. So we will now go to
18 Article 18.

19 Does the Finance Committee have a
20 positive motion on Article 18?

21 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Yes, we do,
22 Mr. Moderator:

23 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize Dr.
24 Bill Towne. Please state your motion.

1 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: We move the
2 Town vote to accept the Massachusetts
3 General Law Chapter 70, Section 13E,
4 relative to the establishment of a Special
5 Education Reserve Fund.

6 I said, oh, I have to correct
7 that. Chapter 40, I apologize.

8 (Seconded.)

9 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Glasses.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: Its Chapter 40,
11 Section 13E. So we're being asked to accept
12 a section of the General Laws. You have the
13 floor on that motion.

14 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: This article
15 would establish a Special Education Reserve
16 Fund that would help fund unexpected Special
17 Education costs that come up during the
18 school year. This is a new Reserve Fund
19 allowed under the Massachusetts -- under the
20 Municipal Modernization Act.

21 Expenditures from the fund are
22 authorized by a vote of the School Committee
23 and the Board of Selectmen. The text of the
24 law is included in Appendix C on page 84 of

1 the Voter Handbook.

2 The Finance Committee voted
3 unanimously 11-0 to recommend approval of
4 this article.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Any discussion
6 on that motion on Article 18? It requires a
7 majority vote.

8 All those in favor, please signify
9 by saying "Aye."

10 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
12 opposed, "No." The ayes have it. I declare
13 the ayes have it. The motion passes. It
14 was a unanimous vote.

15 (Article 18 unanimously passed.)

16 **ARTICLE 19**

17 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 19. Do
18 you have a positive motion on Article 19?

19 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Yes, we do,
20 Mr. Moderator.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
22 your motion.

23 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: We move the
24 ~~Town vote to appropriate the sum of~~

1 \$100,000.00 for the purpose of funding a
2 Special Education Reserve Fund, and to meet
3 this appropriation to transfer the sum of
4 \$100,000.00 from Free Cash.

5 (Seconded.)

6 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
7 floor on that motion.

8 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE:--This article
9 provides \$100,000.00 of initial funding for
10 the new Special Education Reserve Fund
11 established at this Town Meeting.

12 Expenditures from the fund are authorized by
13 a vote of the School Committee and the Board
14 of Selectmen.

15 The Finance Committee voted
16 unanimously 11-0 to recommend approval of
17 this article.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
19 discussion on that motion on Article 19?
20 Seeing none. It requires a majority vote.
21 All those in favor, please say "Aye."

22 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

23 MODERATOR PARADY: All those

24 ~~opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.~~

1 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
2 was a unanimous vote.

3 (Article 19 unanimously passed.)

4 ARTICLE 26

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 26 on
6 page 50 of your handbook. I recognize Rich
7 Lavoie from the Finance Committee. Does the
8 Finance Committee have a positive motion?

9 MR. RICH LAVOIE: Yes, we do, Mr.
10 Moderator.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
12 your motion.

13 MR. RICH LAVOIE: We move that the
14 Town vote upon the recommendation of the
15 Community Preservation Committee to raise
16 and appropriate and reserve the sum of
17 \$1,103,003.00 for the Community Preservation
18 Fund Projects and Special Purposes Reserves
19 listed in the Community Preservation Fund
20 Committee report as printed and amended on
21 Lines M and O.

22 And to meet this appropriation and
23 reserve, to appropriate the sum of

24 ~~\$880,102.00 from the Fiscal Year 2018~~

1 Estimated CPA Revenues; transfer \$155,000.00
2 from Open Space Reserves; transfer
3 \$19,893.00 from Community Housing Reserves
4 and transfer the sum of \$48,001.00 from
5 Community Preservation Fund Undesignated
6 Fund Balance.

7 (Seconded.)

8 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
9 floor on that motion. Let me ask first,
10 does the Community Preservation Committee
11 recommend this article -- this
12 appropriation?

13 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

14 MODERATOR PARADY:-- Okay. Thank
15 you. Go ahead, Rich.

16 MR. RICH LAVOIE: This is a
17 consolidated funding request for many of the
18 Community Preservation Committee articles.
19 A reminder, the CPA funding allows for
20 funding for Town improvements in four areas:
21 Open Space, Historic Preservation,
22 Affordable Housing, and Recreation. These
23 funds do not impact the Town Operating
24 Budget or your individual tax bill, other

1 than the 3 percent surcharge on your bill
2 that is already allowed by the law.

3 The 3 percent is assessed
4 regardless of approval or not of these
5 specific proposals. The motion includes
6 changes to Item M that is printed on page 51
7 of the Voter Handbook; 34,415 is changed to
8 38,965 for the new total of \$1,103,003.00
9 instead of \$1,097,440.00.

10 The Finance Committee voted 10 in
11 favor, zero opposed, and one abstention.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
13 discussion on the motion of the Finance
14 Committee on Article 26? It requires a
15 majority vote.

16 All those in favor, please signify
17 by saying "Aye."

18 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
20 opposed, "No."

21 THE AUDIENCE: No.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: I declare the
23 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

24 ~~(Article 26 passed.)~~

ARTICLE 14

MODERATOR PARADY: Article 14 on page 41 of your handbook. Again, I recognize Rich Lavoie from the Finance Committee. Do you have a positive motion?

MR. RICH LAVOIE: Yes, we do, Mr. Moderator.

MODERATOR PARADY: Please state that motion.

MR. RICH LAVOIE: We move the Town vote, upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to close out articles as printed in the schedule in Article 14 in the Annual Town Warrant.

And to transfer the balances as follows: \$47,381.25 to Historic Resources Reserves, \$21,211.30 to Community Housing Reserves, and \$207,740.09 to the Undesignated Fund Balance.

(Seconded.)

MODERATOR PARADY: You have the floor on that motion.

MR. RICH LAVOIE: This will allow the Community Preservation Committee to

1 recapture funds from previously approved
2 projects that are completed or where CPA
3 funding has been rescinded as in the case
4 previously of the Hoxie Center or funds that
5 are no longer needed for their intended
6 purpose.

7 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
8 0 to support this article.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Does the
10 Community Preservation Committee recommend
11 this article?

12 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: And are these
14 balances of the articles previously voted be
15 either completed or have been rescinded?
16 Linda Marzelli, Finance Director, says "yes"
17 to that question.

18 Any further discussion on the
19 motion on Article 14? It requires a
20 majority vote.

21 All those in favor, please signify
22 by saying "Aye."

23 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: All those

1 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
2 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
3 was a unanimous vote.

4 (Article 14 unanimously passed.)

5 ARTICLE 13

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 13,
7 page 41. Thirteen; 1-3. I recognize
8 Michele Ford from the Finance Committee.
9 Does the Finance Committee have a positive
10 motion?

11 MS. MICHELE FORD: Yes, Mr.
12 Moderator.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
14 your motion.

15 MS. MICHELE FORD: We move the
16 Town vote to appropriate the sum of
17 \$250,000.00 for the purpose of funding the
18 Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits
19 Liability. OPEB.

20 And to meet this appropriation to
21 transfer the sum of \$250,000.00 from Free
22 Cash.

23 (Seconded.)

24 MODERATOR PARADY: ~~You have the~~

1 floor on your motion.

2 MS. MICHELE FORD: Other Post-
3 Employment Benefits is a liability the Town
4 needs to fund on an annual basis in order to
5 provide for their future health insurance
6 costs for retired employees. We currently
7 meet this obligation on a pay-as-you-go
8 basis as part of our group health insurance.

9 With the \$250,000.00 proposed in
10 this article, our fund will have slightly
11 more than \$1 million set aside to meet this
12 obligation.

13 The Finance Committee voted
14 unanimously 10-0 to recommend approval of
15 this article.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
17 discussion on the motion on Article 13?
18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. GARY MALONEY: What's the
20 current level of our obligation? Is this a
21 large amount towards payment of that, or is
22 this a very small number in comparison to
23 our current outstanding balance?

24 MS. MICHELE FORD: In comparison

1 to the actuarial tables and the
2 calculations, it small. I should note this
3 is a requirement of the folks that govern
4 accounting principles, and we are one of the
5 few towns in the state that is continuously
6 putting money into the fund to offset the
7 obligation.

8 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So the
9 actuarial calculation is about \$76 million.
10 It's not what we owe now, and it's the
11 calculation of what we will have to pay over
12 the next 30 years. We currently pay our
13 Other Post-Employment Benefits which is
14 basically retiree health insurance on a pay-
15 as-you-go basis.

16 So we are working on it, but I
17 have to say we started setting money aside
18 and this will bring us up to close to a
19 million dollars, just over a million
20 dollars, so we're making progress.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
22 discussion on the motion on Article 13?
23 Seeing none. It requires a majority vote.

24 All those in favor, please say,

1 "Aye."

2 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
4 opposed, "No." I declare the ayes have it.
5 I declare the motion passes. I declare it
6 was a unanimous vote.

7 (Article 13 unanimously passed.)

8 ARTICLE 22

9 MODERATOR PARADY: --Article 22 on
10 page 45. Kathy Legacy from the Finance
11 Committee, does the Finance Committee have a
12 positive motion on Article 22?

13 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: No, Mr.
14 Moderator, we do not.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: -Is there a
16 positive motion from the floor? ---

17 CHIEF DENNIS WOODSIDE: Yes.

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Chief Dennis
19 Woodside, please state your motion.

20 CHIEF DENNIS WOODSIDE: I move the
21 Town so vote on this article. . . .

22 MR. JOHN FULLER: Second.

23 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
24 floor on that motion.

1 CHIEF DENNIS WOODSIDE: Okay.
2 This bylaw was a long process to try an
3 offer an alternative or a solution to some
4 problems that have been going down to
5 Barlows Landing Beach on the access road.
6 Me and Director Tim Mullen met with the
7 commercial boat haulers and several
8 residents of the area. This bylaw was
9 crafted in order to alleviate some problems
10 that have been going on as far as congestion
11 use of the ramp.

12 If nothing else, it's an option
13 for the Town to consider whether you -- if
14 anyone else speaks on it to just take a look
15 at this bylaw, see what it does offer, and I
16 do assume that at least one of the residents
17 from that area will explain in detail why
18 this started.

19 So at a meeting with the Board of
20 Selectmen, I took this on to just come up
21 with an option for Town Meeting to consider
22 to take a look at this bylaw. -- So that's all
23 I'm going to ask you to do. But I would
24 like you to vote on it.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. I'll go
2 back to the Finance Committee first. What
3 is the recommendation of the Finance
4 Committee?

5 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance
6 Committee moves to indefinitely postpone the
7 article.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: I've already
9 got a motion on the floor.

10 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Oh, sorry.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Why is the
12 Finance Committee not supporting this
13 article?

14 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Upon review
15 of the comments by the Shore and Harbor
16 Committee, the Finance Committee recommends
17 to postpone the article after learning that
18 the Shore and Harbor Committee voted at the
19 January 30 meeting to not support the bylaw
20 as written citing a preference of allowing
21 commercial boat launching two hours before
22 and two hours after high tide instead of the
23 proposed timeframe which restricts such
24 launching from taking place between the

1 hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any
2 day.

3 Since this bylaw cannot be enacted
4 in time for this boating season, the Finance
5 Committee would like adequate time to meet
6 with both the Shore and Harbor Committee and
7 the Bylaw Committee to review and approve a
8 bylaw which would be acceptable to both
9 committees but also addresses the concerns
10 of the residents of this neighborhood.

11 The Finance Committee voted 9 to 1
12 with one abstaining to indefinitely postpone
13 this Article.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. Thank
15 you. Yes, sir.

16 MR. BOB DWYER: Thank you, Mr.
17 Moderator. My name is Bob Dwyer, and I live
18 on Kenwood Road, which is adjacent to
19 Barlows Landing. We've lived there about 10
20 years.

21 This was an issue that was brought
22 up based on complaints that came to us in
23 the Pocasset Village Association, and my
24 neighbor John Johnson will speak to that.

1 But a few of us have gotten periodic
2 complaints from people coming into our --
3 asking us to solve some of the congestion
4 problems that had existed down there.

5 And this bylaw really boils down
6 to the issue of courtesy, of kind of mutual
7 respect among all the users of Barlows
8 Landing, and I'm one. I'm a boat owner, a
9 boat launcher; I've got a boat on the dinghy
10 dock. I'm user of the beach, and I've got
11 my grandkids who are down on the beach at
12 times.

13 And the issue is that it's one of
14 mutual respect that's needed among all of
15 these stakeholders, if you will, in this
16 resource that's heavily overused. And there
17 are a few times when it's heavily used, and
18 I think the Finance Committee and the Shore
19 and Harbor Committee recognize that the
20 times of high tide are very popular times.

21 They're also very popular times
22 for people to use the beach. And the issue
23 is one of not only mutual respect but
24 awareness. And I think the chief has done a

1 great job in crafting a bylaw with what he
2 calls a permit system. It really is an
3 appointment system to go through Mr.
4 Mullen's operation and DNR and just schedule
5 a very simple appointment to launch your
6 boat. And when too many people want to
7 launch their boats at exactly the same time,
8 DNR will move them around. And this was
9 discussed pretty much with most of the boat
10 launchers, the commercial operations who are
11 going to be affected by this, and people
12 like me who just tow a boat down on a
13 trailer and launch it won't be affected at
14 all by this bylaw if you read it carefully.

15 But the idea was just to put an
16 appointment system into place at times when
17 it was going to be heavily used. And the
18 commercial launchers have all said they can
19 live with it. They'll figure out how to
20 schedule everybody so that they can get into
21 the water at the times they need to get into
22 the water, and for times for people who have
23 really big boats, people can ask Director
24 Mullen for a waiver so that they can get in

1 there at a time of a spring tide when they
2 actually need very deep water to launch say
3 a seven foot draft boat.

4 But again, it's a very good
5 attempt by Director Mullen to come up with a
6 good compromise. It was revised seven or
7 eight times, as I recall, many in
8 consultation with the commercial launchers
9 who are the ones that are going to be
10 affected by it.

11 So I don't think it's going to be
12 a really imposition on anybody in terms of
13 their ability to get a boat in when they
14 want to get a boat in. They have to
15 schedule it with their launcher before
16 handing in a case. That will continue and
17 the launcher just needs to coordinate that
18 with DNR so too many launchers aren't going
19 down there at the same time.

20 Thank you.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. Any
22 further discussion? Yes, John. John
23 Johnson.

24 MR. JOHN JOHNSON: Good evening.

1 My name is John Johnson, and I live in
2 Pocasset. The bylaw under consideration
3 arose after a hearing before the Selectmen
4 in October, in which various members of the
5 Pocasset Village Association and people who
6 were not members of the association but who
7 lived in the vicinity of Barlows Landing
8 Road.

9 And the problem was down at the
10 beach it was being turned into a mini boat
11 yard. The photograph that we had at that
12 particular hearing that I think was most
13 impressive showed two huge, huge boats
14 filling up Barlows Landing Beach with trucks
15 equipped with derricks because these are
16 sail boats, so they had huge sails or huge
17 masts, and they fill up the entire beach
18 area, the parking area, everything, and they
19 were there for the day.

20 This was their little extension of
21 their boat yard. They turned it into a boat
22 yard. And when the Selectmen saw these
23 pictures and the various other people who
24 were at the meeting, they realized something

1 should be done.

2 I mean we have heard continuously,
3 at least I have heard continuously, Bourne
4 is a boating community. We agree it's a
5 boating community, but a lot of other people
6 live in Bourne, live in Pocasset that have
7 boats but still use the beach, and that
8 there has to be some sort of balance between
9 the people in the area and the boat haulers.

10 Now, we have -- no boat hauler has
11 come forward to say we object to this bylaw.
12 It's going to put us out of business; it's
13 going to affect our business. None of them
14 have said that. No boat owner at any of the
15 hearings, and we've been before the Bylaw
16 Committee and before -- well, we've talked
17 to the chief maybe 5, 6, 7 times. In all of
18 these meetings, no boat owner has come
19 forward and said, "I am not going to be able
20 to get my boat into the water; what am I
21 going to do? The summer season has come and
22 I can't get my boat in." That isn't going
23 to happen. April, May, and June, 90 days
24 they have to get their boat into the water,

1 and that's assuming that they're a -- their
2 boat is put into the water or taken out of
3 the water by a commercial hauler.

4 Now, most of you I am sure did not
5 go to Town Hall and pick up this Warrant a
6 week ago or 10 days ago to read and see
7 exactly what the article says. The article
8 defines what is a commercial hauler, and it
9 is based upon how do you get the boat in or
10 out of the water; if you use hydraulic or
11 electric stabilizer?

12 So if you own a hydraulic and
13 electric stabilizer to get your boat into
14 the water, the bylaw applies to you. If you
15 don't, if you don't, you can bring your boat
16 into the water anytime. The exceptions are
17 June, July, August, and September do not
18 apply unless you have that type of
19 equipment.

20 So, all the people that have the
21 own little trailers, they haul their boats
22 down during that period of time from July
23 through Labor Day, bring your boat in
24 whenever you want, whatever the tide is.

1 That's why when I spoke said this is a
2 reasonable attempt to balance interest.

3 One of the comments too that
4 occurred is, oh, we don't need a bylaw. We
5 don't need a bylaw. People don't like rules
6 and regulations. We all know that. I
7 suspect that some of the Israelites when
8 Moses came down from the mountain with the
9 10 Commandments they said, "Gee, we don't
10 like those," and that is not a reason to
11 vote against this particular bylaw.

12 Now there are people here who came
13 to the meeting, I know, to vote in support
14 of it. There probably are people who came
15 to vote against it. But there are some of
16 you here who came with an open mind. You
17 really didn't know anything about Article
18 22. You didn't make the trip down to get to
19 read it early.

20 So as I say, it does not apply to
21 the ordinary boat hauler, boat person. And
22 it does provide -- I have mentioned I've
23 gotten phone calls, two I remember, two
24 grandmothers, and some of the -- they didn't

1 think that was very worthy, through two
2 grandmothers, that two grandmothers have
3 called me up and said, "John, we're not
4 going to bring the kids to the beach. We're
5 not going to bring them down there to the
6 beach when at any time one of these giant
7 boats arrive along with the crew and the
8 trailers and the riggers and put up the
9 boats; you can't let them do that."

10 MODERATOR PARADY: John. John.

11 MR. JOHN JOHNSON: Yep, enough
12 time.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Another minute.

14 MR. JOHN JOHNSON: Another minute.
15 Okay. Simple, simple, simple. I'm saying
16 ~~it doesn't apply to 99 percent of the people~~
17 who are launching. The percentage that use
18 these stabilizers, they haven't made a
19 complaint. They know they can get the boats
20 in. They know they can get the boots in,
21 and we need to have people who live there,
22 ~~people who rent there, people who use the~~
23 beach and little kids and grandmothers can
24 ~~go down there in June, July, and August.~~

1 And if you have a difficulty, Tim Mullen
2 will give you an exemption.

3 So, as I say, it's reasonable.
4 You might not like rules and regulations but
5 we need one because without it they're
6 turning that beach into an auxiliary boat
7 yard.

8 Thank you.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.

10 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Yes.

11 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Good evening.

12 My name is Elmer Clegg. I live in the Town
13 of Bourne. I guess, to me, it's incidental
14 that I reside in the village of Pocasset.
15 We've been asked tonight to consider voting
16 for or against articles in the Warrant that
17 maybe don't affect the community that we
18 live in.

19 I happen to live in Pocasset. I
20 happen to be a user of the Barlows Landing
21 Beach, and I do some minor boating. But I'm
22 also the vice chair of the Bylaw Committee.
23 I want to emphasize two things that were
24 covered by John and Bob earlier. The Bylaw

1 Committee held two meetings. We also had
2 private sessions with the chief. The result
3 of those two meetings in the private
4 sessions were probably seven or eight
5 iterations of this bylaw before it came into
6 existence as it appears in the Warrant.

7 At the two open meetings that the
8 Bylaw Committee held, the first meeting we
9 failed to have a quorum so it was limited to
10 an information exchange meeting.

11 The second meeting we did have a
12 quorum. We had an information exchange and
13 then a vote, and it was a vote of 4 to 0 to
14 support this bylaw as crafted by Chief
15 Woodside.

16 I want you to know that we gave it
17 very thorough consideration, and it's our
18 recommendation and a request you that you
19 support this article as written tonight in
20 your vote.

21 Thank you, very much.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you, Mr.
23 Clegg.

24 This gentleman.

1 MR. MICHAEL O'MALLEY: Mike
2 O'Malley from Pocasset. Chief Woodside, you
3 did a great job drafting this bylaw. But I
4 think what this does is this opens up future
5 regulations on limiting commercial haulers
6 to that boat yard.

7 Barlows Landing is one of the few
8 boat landings that allows and has the
9 capability of launching deep draft boats.
10 I, myself, have used Barlows Landing for 25
11 years. I've had to use a commercial hauler.
12 The commercial haulers that I've used are
13 very respectful of people's rights in that
14 area. I don't think they infringe on
15 anybody. They don't leave waste. They
16 don't leave a mess, and they are very
17 respectful.

18 But I think this bylaw opens up
19 future rules and regulations prohibiting
20 commercial haulers at this boat landing, and
21 it's going to affect anybody who owns a
22 large draft boat or is limited by tide
23 restrictions. I'm really not for it. So
24 thank you.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. RACHEL GREENFIELD: Good
3 evening. My name is Rachel Greenfield, and
4 I'm a resident of Pocasset, and I heard
5 about what's going on with Barlows Landing.

6 I'm a sailor. I've sailed around
7 the world. I've sailed on large boats, and
8 I currently own with my boyfriend a 29-and-
9 half-foot boat. We do not have a huge boat.
10 We have a 4-and-a-half-foot draft boat, and
11 we have to hire a commercial launcher to
12 launch our boat or we have to go into a
13 private boat yard and pay at least double
14 the price.

15 I totally support what everybody
16 is saying here, but I think we have to be
17 reasonable. This is a public ramp. It's
18 just like when people purchase homes by a
19 motel on the water where weddings happen;
20 there's going to be noise when there's a
21 wedding. If everybody is reasonable and
22 doesn't harm the environment, harm the
23 people around them, leave waste, we should
24 be allowed to use public ramps for public

1 purposes whether I'm hiring a private person
2 to launch my boat because I don't own a
3 truck large enough to accommodate that size
4 boat.

5 It sounds like indefinitely --
6 postponing this is to come up with a
7 reasonable solution, so a public ramp that
8 can accommodate at least a four-and-a-half
9 draft boat or a little bit larger, which is
10 not a large boat by any standard that I've
11 ever seen, would be a reasonable idea to
12 indefinitely postpone it until something
13 more reasonable is discussed.

14 The times between is it July 1 and
15 Labor Day, is a very busy time to launch a
16 boat. Some of us work and don't have the
17 chance to launch our boat earlier than that.
18 And I would respectfully ask that people be
19 reasonable about this when they're
20 considering limiting use of a public ramp.

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. We
22 have about 10 minutes left before we have to
23 close the Town Meeting for this evening.
24 Yes, sir.

1 MR. MATTHEW SCHMIDT: Thank you.
2 Matthew Schmidt; I live on County Road in
3 Bourne. This bylaw clearly does two things.
4 It restricts access to a public -- public
5 ramp, and it's a resource that is, by some
6 people, overused. But there is a limited
7 amount of time that people can use it, and
8 it's also a tide restriction.

9 The situation at Bourne is
10 actually a boating community. All we have
11 to do is look at other towns that do the
12 same thing. They don't stay there all day
13 to launch a boat. It takes essentially
14 about 20 to 25 minutes to rig a boat if
15 they're going to rig a mast. They're
16 following OSHA guidelines.

17 The chief's recommendation has
18 nothing to do with safety. There's no
19 safety concerns; there's no violations, and
20 there are laws in place. We have Chapter
21 89; we have Chapter 90; we also have the 700
22 Section of CMRs, which followed this about
23 using commercial drivers. They're using
24 hoists that are far below what the hoist

1 capability is. They pick up a mast that is
2 long but it's not very heavy.

3 And the situation is that once we
4 start this restriction based upon a draft,
5 where does it stop? It's a situation -- if
6 you look at the town of Marion, they do it
7 with the beach much closer at Island Wharf,
8 and to their ramp they don't have a problem.
9 Mattapoissett does it. They also do it down
10 in Hyannis right on Sea Street.

11 So this is a situation; this is
12 nothing out of the ordinary. If we live
13 here and we do boating things for the
14 accommodation for the few months should be
15 done. The other thing is that this is not
16 mutually exclusive. - Think about the parking
17 area. The beach is to one side, and the
18 launch area where they set up is far away.
19 This doesn't have to do with anything that
20 is mutually exclusive.

21 So if we have some grandmothers
22 that think that they cannot have their
23 children there, it's not rational. It's
24 really not.

1 (Moderator turned gavel over to

2 John Fuller at 9:51 p.m.)

3 I'm the president of Buzzards
4 Sailing School. We're a nonprofit community
5 sailing organization. We've been in
6 existence for 51 years. We're trying to
7 increase participation of the ordinary
8 person on the water. And in doing so, we
9 also try to have what we call a big boat
10 sale. We want larger boats to be out there
11 so that our students can get out there and
12 sail on larger boats. The last thing we
13 need is another restriction.

14 It is, actually, there has not
15 been any compelling argument made tonight
16 why this needs to be put in place. It's a
17 situation that for a short period of time
18 there are going to be trucks going down the
19 road that have sailboats. So I ask you not
20 to adopt this.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 DEPUTY MODERATOR JOHN FULLER: Mr.
23 Barlow.

24 MR. SKIP BARLOW: Thank you. I'm

1 Skip Barlow. There's a balance here, guys.
2 All this really asks for -- but what's
3 happened to Barlows Landing is you get two
4 operations going on there at once and it
5 gets all plugged up. You can get two boat
6 haulers there.

7 They're asking boat haulers just
8 to make an appointment with the DNR so you
9 get one rig there at a time. That's what it
10 is.

11 When you get two there, sometimes
12 there's even three there, three tractor-
13 trailers and a couple of cranes, it gets to
14 be a mess and nobody can move. So they're
15 asking that they call the DNR, let them know
16 when they're going to be there. It will
17 actually make it better for them because
18 they'll get in and out quicker because
19 there's not going to be three tractor-
20 trailers there at a time. That's what this
21 is all about. Just organizing it and making
22 it move smoothly. ~~And the people that live~~
23 there, you know, it's got to be tough, you
24 know. I'm fishing in Pocasset in the

1 summertime, I'm going to Barlows Landing
2 because that's where the commercial haulers
3 have to haul out if you're not a boat yard,
4 you know, you're at Hen's Cove or someplace
5 like that with a small boat. You know, you
6 can go over to Parker's on that little tiny
7 ramp.

8 But think about it; this is really
9 needed. It's just -- I'm not going to say,
10 "scheme," but I said it. It's a plan so
11 that everybody can use the ramp so that all
12 these commercial boat haulers -- everybody
13 wants to get their boat in; everybody wants
14 to get their boat out. It's the hauler call
15 and make an appointment, let them know, so
16 you're not going to have three tractor-
17 trailers sitting here and no residents can
18 use the beach.

19 I think this is a good plan. If
20 it doesn't work out, you can always change
21 it. But I'm going to support the chief's
22 plan. I know him and Tim-Mullen's really
23 worked hard on this, and I think the Bylaw
24 Committee really looked at it good, so let's

1 give it a shot.

2 Thank you.

3 DEPUTY MODERATOR JOHN FULLER: Mr.
4 Mealy.

5 (Gavel turned back over to
6 Moderator Parady at 9:54 p.m.)

7 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you, Mr.
8 Moderator. Steven Mealy, former Chairman of
9 the Shore and Harbor Committee. I was torn
10 when this first came before the Board of
11 Selectmen. I ultimately support what
12 they're trying to do and for all the
13 reasons, particularly Mr. Barlow's
14 statements, about balance.

15 We're looking to schedule the same
16 vehicles that are now mismatched showing up
17 at the same time, getting in each other's
18 way.

19 I've been at Barlows Landing. I
20 used to keep a boat at Barlows Landing. The
21 speakers have talked about the problems.
22 There's four spaces for trailers at Barlows
23 Landing; four, that's it. If these big rigs
24 get in the way, you can get to the parking

1 lot for the trailers. You can't use the
2 landing because it's prohibited parking to a
3 lot of safety vehicles out there, and yet
4 they'll get clogged up with people with
5 cranes.

6 We're trying to put in place a way
7 of controlling and accommodating everyone in
8 an orderly fashion; that's all. I'd like to
9 remind you all that several years ago,
10 perhaps 10, the Shore and Harbor Committee
11 tried to do the same thing by putting out a
12 permit to all the professional -- these big
13 hydraulic carriers or the haulers. It
14 didn't work out well, and we all agreed to
15 try to like accommodate each other and have
16 the understanding about trying to make sure
17 that everybody gets a fair shot. Well that
18 lasted for several years, and now we're back
19 to where we were before.

20 So I'm asking everyone to think
21 about this and support this and let's give
22 ~~this a shot. Because it's not going to~~
23 affect, I don't think, my understanding and
24 ~~my experiences to the extent that we believe~~

1 it is because we're going to make things
2 easier for the very people that want access
3 to the water. And, yes, it's a public ramp.
4 But right now, it's being overrun and
5 periods of time where the public can't get
6 to it.

7 Thank you.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.
10 There's only four minutes left, so if we
11 want to go to a vote.

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Could
13 I make a comment from the --

14 MODERATOR PARADY: This lady
15 wanted to speak. You've got about a minute.

16 MS. PENNY MCGEE: Okay. My name
17 is Penny McGee, and I've been keeping a boat
18 for, I believe, down in Pocasset park,
19 excuse me, Barlows Landing for about 30
20 years; 13 years as a resident. I have yet
21 to see a commercial hauler leave a mess
22 there ever. I've seen more of a mess from
23 beachgoers and boaters leaving trash. I've
24 never seen it congested. A couple times

1 that picture that we saw was, I think, an
2 anomaly. I've really seen it congested.
3 I've been down -- I drive down that road
4 continually. I was quite surprised to see
5 this actually come up.

6 My questions are I agree with
7 FinCom on the time. I don't understand why
8 we can't look at it from the tide
9 perspective. I know that it's really
10 respecting, but at the same time if you have
11 an issue and had to get your boat out in
12 July, I think --

13 MODERATOR PARADY: (Inaudible).

14 MS. PENNY MCGEE: -- we talk about
15 the DNR being overtaxed as it is to try to
16 make appointments with the DNR seems like
17 we're putting more on them as you said.

18 And my other question to the
19 police department is how many accidents have
20 we had there on the beach. I've had my
21 children there for years, and I've had
22 grandchildren and nieces and nephews running
23 around that boat ramp while we've launched
24 and while others have launched. I've never

1 had a problem with people respecting each
2 other. I'm curious how many accidents have
3 we had and why is this a safety issue?

4 MODERATOR PARADY: It's time for a
5 vote. We have three minutes. So, this
6 requires -- this is a regular Town bylaw, so
7 it requires a majority vote. So we'll try a
8 voice vote, and if it's close, we'll take a
9 count.

10 All those in favor of the motion
11 by the Police Chief, please signify by
12 saying, "Aye."

13 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
15 opposed, "No."

16 THE AUDIENCE: No.

17 MODERATOR PARADY: Too close.
18 Tellers, please come forward.

19 (Tellers coming forward.)

20 MODERATOR PARADY: All those in
21 favor of the motion to adopt the bylaw,
22 please stand. Tellers, take a count.

23 (Tellers counting.)

24 MODERATOR PARADY: All those who

1 are opposed to the motion that the Town so
2 vote, please stand: Tellers, ~~take a count.~~

3 (Tellers counting.)

4 MODERATOR PARADY: On the motion
5 that the Town so vote -- that the Town so
6 vote, you have voted yes 157; no 62. I
7 declare the motion passes. I declare it
8 passed by a majority vote.

9 (Article 22 passed.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: I will
11 entertain a motion at this time that we
12 recess this Town Meeting until tomorrow
13 evening at 7:00 p.m. at this auditorium.

14 (So moved.)

15 (Seconded.)

16 MODERATOR PARADY: We have a
17 motion and a second. All those in favor
18 please say, "Aye."

19 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

20 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
21 opposed, "No."

22 THE AUDIENCE: No.

23 MODERATOR PARADY: We stand in
24 ~~recess till tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.~~

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(Whereupon, the first
night of Town Meeting
recessed at 10:02; continued
to Tuesday night, May 2, at
7:00 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE, SS

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Meeting, which was held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at the
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Date

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