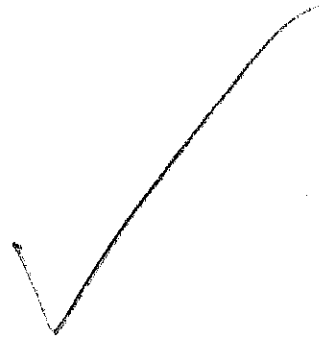


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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

(Gavel struck.)

MODERATOR PARADY: Having reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the October 30, 2017, Special Town Meeting, I hereby call the meeting to order.

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

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: One hundred and twenty-seven.

MODERATOR PARADY: He responds a hundred and twenty-seven. I declare there is a quorum present.

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

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: It has.

MODERATOR PARADY: He responds that it has. If you would please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MODERATOR PARADY: You may be seated.

1 I've appointed John Fuller my
2 Deputy Moderator. John is seated down front
3 of the stage to your right. If you need
4 help with a motion or any other matter,
5 please see John.

6 I designate the -- I believe they
7 told me six rows at the back of the
8 auditorium on my right for seating for
9 nonvoters.

10 Put your cell phones, pages, and
11 any other devices that make noise, put them
12 so they don't make noise, please.

13 Does everyone have a voter
14 handbook for the Special Town Meeting? If
15 not, please raise your hand and tellers will
16 bring you one. Looks like everybody does.

17 Town Meeting is governed by
18 Robert's Rules of Order as interpreted by
19 the book *Town Meeting Time*. When an Article
20 is called and you intend to speak on the
21 article, please leave your seat and come
22 down to the front and sit near one of the
23 two microphones in the front so we don't
24 have back-and-forth traffic. Then I can

1 recognize you and this applies to nonvoters
2 as well who are here to speak on any
3 particular article.

4 And speak only to the motion on
5 the floor. Don't be repetitive, be concise,
6 to the point. If anything interferes with
7 your ability to hear, speak, or participate
8 in the Town Meeting to your satisfaction,
9 you may interrupt the meeting by declaring a
10 point of personal privilege, and your
11 concern will be heard and, hopefully,
12 addressed.

13 If you need to speak from your
14 seat, please let us know, and we can have
15 one of the tellers bring you a handheld
16 microphone.

17 I'll entertain a motion at this
18 point that the meeting dispense with the
19 reading of the Warrant and of the
20 Constable's return of service, and that the
21 Moderator not be required to read
22 ~~resolutions or warrant articles verbatim but~~
23 may refer to them instead by article number
24 ~~or subject matter.~~

1 MR. JOHN FULLER: So moved.

2 (Seconded.)

3 MODERATOR PARADY: All those in
4 favor, please say, "Aye."

5 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
7 opposed, no.

8 THE AUDIENCE: No.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: I declare the
10 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

11 (Motion passed.)

12 MODERATOR PARADY: With that, I'm
13 informed by the Board of Selectmen that
14 there is a Bourne Rule Resolution, and it's
15 printed in your handbook on page 10. And
16 I'll entertain a motion from the Chairman of
17 the Board of Selectmen that the voters adopt
18 the Proposition 2-1/2 Resolution as printed
19 in the Warrant on page 10.

20 MR. GEORGE SLADE: So moved.

21 (Seconded.)

22 MODERATOR PARADY: A motion and a
23 second. Any discussion on that motion?

24 Seeing none. All those in favor, please

1 signify by saying "Aye."

2 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

3 MODERATOR HORGAN: All those
4 opposed, "No."

5 THE AUDIENCE: No.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: I declare the
7 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

8 (Motion passed.)

9 MODERATOR PARADY: With that, I
10 think we can proceed to the Warrant, to the
11 lottery.

12 Mr. Town Clerk, you may draw the

13 first article.

14 Thank you.

15 ARTICLE 6

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 6.

17 Article 6 is on page 13 in your handbook.

18 It's regarding Sewer Retained Earnings for
19 financial review.

20 I recognize Michele Ford from the
21 Finance Committee. Does the Finance
22 Committee have a positive motion on Article
23 6?

24 MS. MICHELE FORD: Yes, Mr.

1 Moderator, we do.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
3 your motion.

4 MS. MICHELE FORD: We move that
5 the Town vote to appropriate the sum of
6 \$45,000.00 for the purpose of this article,
7 and to meet this appropriation to transfer
8 the sum of \$45,000.00 from Sewer Retained
9 Earnings.

10 (Seconded.)

11 MODERATOR PARADY: I have a motion
12 and a second. You have the floor on that
13 motion.

14 MS. MICHELE FORD: Our
15 Intermunicipal Agreement, or IMA, with
16 Wareham defines how Bourne will pay for
17 sewer service provided by Wareham. It
18 defines reports Bourne should receive. Our
19 Town Hall staff have audited the available
20 information, and they've uncovered some
21 issues. This Article, if approved, proposes
22 hiring professional audit services to review
23 billing under the IMA.

24 The Article authorizes the

1 \$45,000.00 to be spent from Sewer Retained
2 Earnings for the auditor.

3 The vote of the Finance Committee
4 was unanimous, 11 to 0, to approve this
5 article.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
7 Michele. Is there any further discussion on
8 the motion of the Finance Committee on
9 Article 6? It requires a majority vote.
10 Seeing none.

11 All those in favor of that motion,
12 please signify by saying, "Aye."

13 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: All those
15 opposed, no.

16 THE AUDIENCE: No.

17 MODERATOR PARADY: I declare the
18 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

19 (Article 6 passed.)

20 ARTICLE 1

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 1.
22 It's on page 11 of your handbook; unpaid
23 bills. I recognize Renee Gratis from the
24 Finance Committee. Do you have a positive

1 motion, Renee?

2 MS. RENEE GRATIS: Yes, we do, Mr.
3 Moderator.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Please signify,
5 yeah, signify, please read the motion.

6 MS. RENEE GRATIS: We move that
7 the Town vote to appropriate the sum of
8 \$2,450.00 for the purposes of this article,
9 and to meet its appropriation to transfer
10 the sum of \$2,450.00 from Free Cash.

11 (Seconded.)

12 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
13 floor on that motion.

14 MS. RENEE GRATIS: This article is
15 brought before the Special Town Meeting to
16 provide funding for payments of bills that
17 arrived after the close of the previous
18 fiscal year.

19 The Finance Committee voted
20 unanimously, 9 to 0, to recommend approval
21 of this article.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
23 Renee. Any further discussion of the motion
24 of the Finance Committee on Article 1? This

1 requires a 9/10ths vote at a Special Town
2 Meeting. So I'm going to try for a
3 unanimous voice vote first, then we won't
4 have to take a count.

5 All those in favor of the motion
6 of the Finance Committee on Article 1,
7 please signify by saying, "Aye."

8 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

13 (Article 1 passed unanimously.)

14 **ARTICLE 4**

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 4 is on
16 page 12 of your handbook. It involves
17 supplemental operating budget
18 appropriations.

19 I recognize Mary Jane Mastrangelo,
20 Chairman of the Finance Committee, you have
21 the floor.

22 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We
23 move that the Town vote to appropriate the
24 sum of \$204,500.00 for the purposes of this

1 article, and to meet this appropriation to
2 transfer the sum of \$204,500.00 from Free
3 Cash.

4 (Seconded.)

5 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
6 floor on your motion.

7 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: This
8 article supplements the budget approved at
9 the Annual Town Meeting. The additional
10 positions added are \$55,000.00 for an
11 Assistant Town Administrator and \$45,000.00
12 for an Assistant Fire Chief.

13 Adding these positions in the
14 midyear cycle has allowed both positions
15 that are priorities for the Town
16 Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to
17 be added incrementally to the budget.

18 The Assistant Town Administrator
19 position is a goal of the Board of
20 Selectmen. It has been discussed for
21 several years and was deferred at the Annual
22 Town Meeting for further clarification of
23 the job description and organization chart.
24 The job description that has been developed

1 focuses on procurement, capital projects and
2 planning, and assistance with human resource
3 functions. These functions all need
4 additional focused attention and there are
5 cost savings that can be realized as well as
6 more efficiency if the position is added.

7 The \$2,000.00 addition to the Town
8 Administrator expenses budget is for
9 supplies and other expenses for the new
10 position.

11 The Assistant Fire Chief position
12 will be an administrative position working
13 the day shift and covering the days the
14 chief is off. The position has been
15 recommended since 2008. The chief currently
16 has oversight of all members of the Fire
17 Department. This position will assist the
18 chief in the oversight of personnel and all
19 civil service and human resource functions
20 involving the Fire Department. The
21 Assistant Chief will also assist with
22 emergency medical services reporting,
23 training, approval of building plans,
24 inspections, permits, and follow-up with

1 residents and businesses during regular
2 business hours.

3 Other additions to the budget
4 include \$40,000.00 for the Town Planner
5 budget to start work on the update of the
6 Local Comprehensive Plan. The last plan was
7 approved in 2007. It needs to be updated
8 every 10 years and plays an important part
9 in planning for the Town.

10 \$5,000.00 software license
11 renewals for the Town Engineer;

12 \$6,000.00 for mileage
13 reimbursement for inspections;

14 \$1,500.00 mileage reimbursements
15 for Health Department.

16 \$50,000.00 for OPEB, which is
17 Other than pension Post-Employment Benefits.
18 Under state law, the Town pays a portion of
19 the health insurance cost for retired
20 employees. The current year costs are paid
21 on an ongoing basis, but the Town needs to
22 set aside additional funds for future
23 liabilities in the Health Insurance Trust
24 Fund.

1 The bond rating agencies are
2 looking for a budget line item for this
3 liability when they evaluate the Town's
4 financial strength. Starting an annual
5 contribution in the budget will help
6 maintain our bond rating.

7 There is another article that will
8 make an additional \$250,000.00 contribution
9 to the Health Insurance Trust Fund for this
10 liability.

11 The Finance Committee voted to
12 recommend approval of the article with nine
13 in favor, none opposed, and one abstention.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you, Mary
15 Jane. Any further discussion of that motion
16 of the Finance Committee on Article 4? Yes,
17 sir.

18 MR. GARY MALONEY: Gary Maloney,
19 Buzzards Bay. At the Annual Town Meeting,
20 we talked about the level of efficiencies
21 that were being achieved in Town Hall under
22 the current policies that we have. Mr.
23 Guerino gave me a number of about 60
24 percent, I believe.

1 What will this new hire at town
2 hall bring us up to, and what specific
3 duties will be accomplished in the very near
4 term?

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Who wishes to
6 answer that; Mary Jane?

7 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
8 think Tom's going to get up.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Oh yeah, Tom
10 Guerino, Town Administrator.

11 MR. TOM GUERINO: Mr. Moderator,
12 thank you. There are a number of things
13 that we're going to be looking at for this
14 position to undertake that's going to help,
15 I think, in the efficiencies and as well as
16 professionalism within our departments.

17 First of all, we're going to be
18 looking for someone with great procurement
19 expertise, as we are looking to have people
20 that will be retiring out. We will need to
21 be bringing someone in that has procurement
22 expertise. A lot of towns our size right
23 now have chief procurement officers that are
24 full-time positions. We're looking for the

1 Assistant Town Administrator to help out in
2 that and be ready for the transition in.

3 One of the other pieces that we
4 were looking to have this person do is to
5 really help oversee some of the departments.
6 The Town Administrator's office right now,
7 no matter who's sitting in there, has a
8 direct report of about 17 or 18 people.

9 There's no way you can spend a
10 sufficient amount of time in project work
11 and give good guidance when you're having 17
12 or 18 people come to you on a weekly basis
13 or a biweekly basis. This will offer better
14 oversight. It will offer better personnel
15 review of department leaders, which we
16 really don't have time to do right now, and
17 it will give the department some place where
18 they can go and really work on projects that
19 are good for their department and in the end
20 with the Town. It would provide
21 efficiencies in how we spend our money
22 because there will be better oversight on
23 some of these areas as well.

24 And the third thing that I think

1 is probably the most important is to help us
2 out in the HR function in the Town. As you
3 know, due to budgetary issues a couple years
4 ago, eliminated the HR department. That did
5 not eliminate the need for HR service.

6 Where we have a couple of people that Nancy
7 Sundman, for one, and the Town Treasurer do
8 really good work in a number of areas,
9 workers' comp and FMLA and our benefits
10 package; we are not doing the appropriate
11 training and some of the other things that
12 really need to be done to be sure that the
13 Town is in compliance with all federal and
14 state guidelines, and to help us from going
15 into areas that may cause grievances or
16 other things. This person is going to be
17 absolutely imperative for that.

18 And third, and the last thing, I
19 think, that's going to be important is the
20 help on both the capital projects that we
21 have going and working with Capital Outlay
22 Committee as well as helping with the
23 facilities, looking at our facilities and
24 working with the facilities manager on a

1 daily and weekly basis to better plan our
2 facilities improvements and our capital
3 projects.

4 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you. I
6 forgot, if when you're speaking, Tom, and
7 everybody else, avoid abbreviations so that
8 people know. I don't know if people know
9 what HR is so.

10 MR. TOM GUERINO: My apologies,
11 Mr. Moderator.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: So just where
13 you can for our voters. All set?

14 MR. GARY MALONEY: One more
15 question for the finance side.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay.

17 MR. GARY MALONEY: Do those
18 salaries include employee benefits or is
19 that just a straight salary and it's 40 to
20 50 percent more?

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: That's
22 just the salary position of the cost.

23 MR. GARY MALONEY: Okay. So it's
24 an additional approximately 40 percent for

1 the benefits?

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yeah,
3 so we usually figure about 35 percent for
4 the benefits, yes.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. SALLY HOLMES: I'm Sally
7 Holmes; I'm from Bournedale. I believe that
8 the Chairman of the Finance Committee said
9 that these positions were being suggested in
10 order to bring these positions on
11 incrementally, meaning that, I'm guessing,
12 that because we're only paying for them for
13 part of this year, we would not pay 12-
14 months-worth of salary that allows them to
15 be affordable for us.

16 If that's the case, then I'm
17 wondering whether the board and the Finance
18 Committee have plans for next year because I
19 assume these positions will carry over into
20 next year, and they would need to be funded
21 with benefits at a 12-month rate and not a
22 partial year rate.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
24 think Mr. Slade's going to address that.

1 MR. GEORGE SLADE: These will be
2 ongoing positions you're getting as early as
3 March of 2018, but the intention is to carry
4 this over and make it a permanent position.

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: They
6 are going to be permanent positions, and the
7 question you're asking is are we going to be
8 able to afford to continue these positions
9 next year as well as for firefighters.

10 When the Finance Committee
11 reviewed this, one of the points of our
12 discussion of a big part of our discussion
13 was that we added a number of people this
14 year to try to overcome some of the problems
15 that we were having after that override of a
16 million dollars that we cut. We have said
17 that we would like to have no other position
18 other than these positions that are
19 currently incrementally added next year, and
20 to have the Board of Selectmen continue
21 their work on the priority-based budgeting
22 before they bring any further positions to
23 the Finance Committee for adding to the
24 budget.

1 We have had a trend in recent
2 years of about \$500,000.00 of new growth
3 every year, and what that new growth from an
4 additional tax revenue allows is it allows
5 us to add these positions without increasing
6 our reliance on Free Cash, which is a thing
7 that we have to be really careful of and
8 that's kind of the issue we had a couple
9 years ago.

10 So these positions, along with all
11 the current positions that would be in the
12 budget, looking at the long-term plan, and
13 the projection for new growth should be fine
14 in the budget next year and not cause a
15 problem.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.

17 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: Jerry
18 Silvestri from Sagamore Beach. Mary Jane,
19 you said that the gentleman that would be
20 Tom's assistant would be making a \$45,000.00
21 a year salary. With his benefits off the
22 top of my head, you said 35 percent, that's
23 roughly \$65,000.00 a year; am I correct?

24 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: You

1 are correct. So it's \$55,000.00 for about a
2 half a year, so I think the budget is in the
3 105-\$110,000.00 range. If you plan
4 \$38,500.00 for benefits next year, which
5 they don't really kick in in the first year.
6 It's kind of -- they don't get figured in to
7 the pension and everything the first year
8 because it's always a backwards.

9 The other thing I want to start
10 looking at is adding the OPEB liability to
11 start paying that, you know, for each
12 person. So, yes, a full-year Assistant Town
13 Administrator job is about 156 to
14 \$158,000.00 with benefits and OPEB.

15 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: That's a lot
16 of money.

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
18 think though you have to realize, and I'm
19 going to say this as Chair of the Capital
20 Outlay Committee and Chair of the Finance
21 Committee and having been involved in a lot
22 of projects and planning projects in this
23 Town; our Town is a \$65 million operation
24 every year and more. We operate a landfill;

1 we operate marinas. We have buildings being
2 built for police and for education. We have
3 a new fire station on the south side that
4 we're going to have to start looking on.

5 There are not enough hours in the
6 day for one Town Administrator to do all
7 that work. And the problem is if you don't
8 have the Assistant Town Administrator there,
9 then things are going to fall through the
10 cracks.

11 And as a person that's been on the
12 Capital Outlay Committee for a long time,
13 it's a really great committee, and Tom
14 relies on us to do a lot of work, but I
15 would really like to have the Assistant Town
16 Administrator sitting in on our meetings so
17 that we can talk about debt service and we
18 can talk about long-term planning.

19 And so we deferred this last
20 spring, and we deferred it because the
21 vision for what we were going to do and how
22 that person was going to really benefit the
23 Town was not clear. But I can tell you that
24 we spent a lot of time this summer; we met

1 with other towns. We talked about how it
2 could be, and I highly recommend this
3 position. I think it's really needed in the
4 Town, and I think it's going to be well
5 worth the money that we spend.

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further --
7 yes, sir. John.

8 MR. JOHN YORK: John York from
9 Cataumet. I have a question for the
10 Selectmen that has to do with sort of
11 ancillary responsibilities of the Town
12 Administrator.

13 So the Town Administrator holds
14 several positions which are appointed by the
15 Selectmen. They're typically positions
16 which represent the Town to entities outside
17 of the Town. There may be others.

18 So have the Selectmen considered
19 that part of his workload when considering
20 hiring a new Town Administrator or an
21 Assistant Town Administrator? How did the
22 Selectmen feel about that part of this Town
23 Administrator's duties which aren't
24 specifically called out in the Charter and

1 are appointed by the Selectmen when in many
2 cases they could appoint other people from
3 the Town to hold those positions?

4 So I'm asking the Selectmen
5 specifically how they view that and how they
6 weigh that when they appoint those
7 positions?

8 MR. GEORGE SLADE: Well, I'll have
9 the Town Administrator explain the finer
10 points of that. Part of this has to do with
11 accountability and having the Town
12 Administrator be spread so thin among the
13 committees that he may have a seat on a
14 committee but it may be an ex officio
15 member.

16 But he has difficulty attending
17 all of those obligations because he just
18 does not have the time. He's spread too
19 thin. He has approximately 17 people who
20 report directly to him. That's too much.
21 Simply, (Inaudible). When you get that
22 broad a span of control, things get missed,
23 and it's unfortunate, but we have to do
24 something about that to tighten it up, and

1 we see this as a solution to this.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.

3 MR. TOM GUERINO: I'd like to add
4 to that, Mr. Moderator. I just want to
5 speak a little bit to that. There were
6 really only two outside organizations that
7 the current Town Administrator deals with on
8 a regular basis. One is the Metropolitan
9 Planning Organization as it relates to
10 transportation programs on Cape, including
11 Bourne, including the rotaries, including
12 the bypass, including all of those types of
13 things, and as a member of the Regional
14 Transit Authority, where I currently serve
15 as Chair.

16 There are a number of other things
17 that I should be attending on a more regular
18 basis but I'm not able to because I need to
19 be in Town Hall. There's been a lot of
20 meetings recently on the proposed
21 recreational marijuana as one. The Mass.
22 Municipal Association has some things I'm
23 not able to attend. I don't attend a lot of
24 them.

1 Those two things that I do ask the
2 board to appoint me to, because I have some
3 experience in transportation as well as
4 transit, are the only two things right now
5 that are taking me out of the office on a
6 regular basis. There aren't a lot of
7 ancillary positions. There should be more
8 but time doesn't allow for more of those to
9 happen.

10 MR. JOHN YORK: Okay. Thank you.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Thanks, John.
12 Thank you. Yes, sir.

13 MR. JACK MULKEEN: Jack Mulkeen
14 from Bourne Village. I'm thinking we'd hear
15 some comments from the guys or the fire
16 chief about the rationale for the increase
17 in -- or the addition of the Assistant Fire
18 Chief.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
20 Chief Sylvester.

21 CHIEF NORMAN SYLVESTER: Chief
22 Sylvester, Bourne Fire. In relationship to
23 the Assistant Fire Chief, in 2015 when I
24 took over for the Town of Bourne as the Fire

1 Chief, one of my first purviews was to
2 evaluate the entire department. That
3 entailed operationally how we were doing,
4 what needed to be fixed fairly quickly in
5 regards to how we handle inspections, just
6 the overall operation from stem to stern.

7 The first year when I met with the
8 deputies, I found out their weaknesses, from
9 their opinion, the officers of the
10 department. Second year, we implemented a
11 lot of change, something as simple as moving
12 to Sagamore and making it more ADA compliant
13 trying to keep the cost down.

14 Now, we're coming into year three.
15 With that, in the three years since I became
16 chief, you're starting to see a significant
17 amount of growth going on in this Town.
18 Businesses are coming in, there's a ton of
19 work that's going on behind the scenes that
20 we still have to try to manage.

21 With that being said, like the
22 Town Administrator, my days are getting
23 thinner. Case in point, I've been up since
24 2:30 this morning, still trying to be a Fire

1 Chief to managing, taking care of the
2 emergencies that went on. Still worked the
3 day shift and deal with the everyday common
4 effects that we have to do, payroll, HR
5 stuff, and then coming to meeting tonight.

6 This person would be able to
7 assist me in this type of situation. He or
8 she could take some of the HR stuff that
9 goes on during the regular daytime. The
10 deputies, the officers, the firefighters
11 have been phenomenal.

12 When people ask, we've been
13 almost, I'm going to say, 80 to 90 percent
14 efficiency. Why? They're still doing
15 emergency calls. They've taken on more
16 responsibility because I put more
17 responsibility on them.

18 Now we're getting to the breaking
19 point where they're still trying to manage
20 their shifts, their groups, their manpower.
21 They're still trying to provide the service
22 for inspections. They're still trying to do
23 the public education component.

24 Like a lot of them, you hear the

1 Town Administrator, I have a 65 to 1 ratio
2 that will be in place by June. I have 40
3 full-timers, and I'm going to have anywhere
4 from 20 to 25 call people that I have to
5 oversee to one, just me.

6 This position will alleviate and
7 literally be a succession plan. He or she
8 will learn what I do. I have a four-page
9 job description which went to the Board of
10 Selectmen as well as the Finance. I won't
11 get into everything he or she will do, but
12 it will take some of the stress off so that
13 I can focus on moving forward.

14 You're hearing about the south
15 side station. You're starting to hear about
16 all the other projects that are going to be
17 built in this community, hopefully, once the
18 sewer comes in; hotels, schools. Somebody
19 has to do all that type of work. I have
20 certain deputies who are extremely good at
21 that, and they're going to help me; they've
22 been my left and my right but now the shifts
23 are suffering because of that, meaning if
24 they're with me doing inspections and we're

1 all leaving and trying to manage, well, that
2 means these guys are out doing calls or
3 nobody's there to oversee what's going on
4 back at the house.

5 I'm trying to make it as simple as
6 I can about this position.

7 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: You have
8 people --

9 MODERATOR PARADY: No, no. No
10 private discussions, please. He's got the
11 floor. Will you yield the floor, chief?

12 CHIEF NORMAN SYLVESTER: Yes, I
13 will.

14 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: Chief, my
15 question to you is --

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Talk into the
17 microphone, please. Identify yourself.

18 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: I've never
19 been accused of being quiet. Basically, my
20 question to you is you have all these people
21 in place; would it not be more efficient to
22 take somebody that is completely
23 knowledgeable to make them your assistant?
24 I yield to the chief.

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Chief.

2 CHIEF NORMAN SYLVESTER: Chief
3 Sylvester. That's part of the plan.
4 Hopefully, we'll have an internal process.
5 I've already discussed this with the union
6 so that these internal candidates will get
7 first opportunity to move up. They are
8 learning. They got it.

9 I feel more than confident that I
10 have qualified candidates in the town of
11 Bourne Fire Department right now who could
12 be an Assistant Chief. Understand one
13 thing, this is a nonunion position, which is
14 unusual. Everybody in the Fire Department
15 is union or a call firefighter. I'm the
16 only nonunion. This will be a position that
17 I can bounce ideas off of, that we can work
18 together. He or she will have the same
19 rights and responsibilities whether I'm
20 there or not. I hope I answered that.

21 MR. JERRY SILVESTRI: Yes.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
23 Chief. Is there any further discussion on
24 the motion of the Finance Committee on

1 Article 4? Seeing none. It requires a
2 majority 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."

8 THE AUDIENCE: No.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: I declare the
10 ayes have it. I declare the motion passes.

11 (Article 4 passed.)

12 **ARTICLE 2**

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 2 on
14 page 11 of your handbook. I recognize Mary
15 Jane Mastrangelo, Chairman of the Finance
16 Committee. Do you have a positive motion on
17 Article 2?

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

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
21 that motion.

22 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We
23 move that the sum of \$6,558,000.00 is
24 appropriated to make various wastewater

1 system and wastewater treatment improvements
2 for the protection of human and
3 environmental health and to enhance the
4 economic development in Bourne, such funds
5 to be used for planning, constructing,
6 originally equipping and furnishing a
7 wastewater treatment facility and ancillary
8 space on Town-owned land, including the
9 payment of all costs incidental and related
10 thereto.

11 And to meet this appropriation,
12 the Treasurer, with the approval of the
13 Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said
14 amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44,
15 Section 8(14) of the General Laws, or
16 pursuant to any other enabling authority,
17 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town
18 therefore.

19 Provided, however, that no sum
20 shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to
21 this motion unless and until the Selectmen
22 shall have determined that sewer rates and
23 charges have been established to pay all
24 costs of operating and maintaining the

1 Town's Sewer Enterprise, including the cost
2 of any existing debt service currently
3 payable from the Sewer Enterprise, and that
4 sewer rates have been so established as to
5 provide for the full payment in each year of
6 debt service on \$2,400,000.00 of bonds or
7 notes issued pursuant to this vote.

8 The amount authorized to be
9 borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to
10 the extent of any grants received by the
11 Town on account of this project. Any
12 premium received shall be -- any premium
13 received upon the sale of any bonds or notes
14 approved by this vote, less any such premium
15 applied to the payment of the cost of
16 issuance of such bonds or notes may be
17 applied to the payment of costs approved by
18 this vote in accordance with Chapter 44,
19 Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby
20 reducing the amount authorized to be
21 borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

22 (Seconded.)

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

1 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Thank
2 you. I just have to have a drink. First of
3 all, I have to say that this project is not
4 a wastewater project. It is an economic
5 development project. All of the grant money
6 that has been requested or rewarded is for
7 economic development.

8 This article is the culmination of
9 over 10 years of work which started with the
10 2007 Local Comprehensive Plan, commonly
11 known as the LCP. The high priority issue
12 section of that plan stated,

13 "While developing this plan, the
14 LCP Committee identified two issues
15 that affect several of the planning
16 subject areas covered in this report
17 and that need immediate action by the
18 Town officials in order to avoid severe
19 problems in the future. These are the
20 pressing challenge of wastewater
21 disposal and a comprehensive revision
22 of the Zoning Bylaw.

23 How the Town deals with the
24 problem of wastewater disposal will

1 influence not only our land use and
2 development patterns but also our
3 coastal and freshwater resources.

4 The potentially high cost of
5 solutions will also affect Bourne's
6 budget and tax rate. Its ability to
7 provide other needed capital facilities
8 and its economic development potential.

9 Revitalization of Buzzards
10 Bay is now limited by a cap on
11 wastewater disposal under the current
12 agreement with Wareham. Without
13 additional wastewater disposal
14 capacity, Buzzards Bay cannot
15 accommodate the new commercial
16 development it needs to once again
17 because a thriving downtown."

18 That statement from the LCP
19 summarizes the decision we are faced with
20 tonight. Put in real numbers, what it means
21 now is that we can send a maximum of 200,000
22 gallons of sewage to Wareham each day.

23 With the current users current
24 daily use of 103,000 gallons and the

1 required reserves for peak flow in July and
2 users who have paid betterments, that
3 constitutes another 36,000 gallons, and the
4 55,000 gallons per day that have been
5 allocated for three projects that are in the
6 planning process. We have only 7,000
7 gallons per day to allocate to new projects.
8 I will repeat that. We currently have only
9 7,000 gallons per day to allocate to new
10 projects.

11 There is an assisted living
12 project proposed for Wagner Way that has
13 been waiting for an allocation of 17,000
14 gallons per day for two years. There is not
15 enough sewer allocation to grant to that
16 project so that project cannot go forward.

17 There is a mixed-use
18 retail/restaurant/housing project next to
19 the hotel that can't go forward because
20 there's no sewer allocation available.

21 So what has been done since the
22 LCP in 2007? In 2008, the Town Meeting
23 appropriated \$22,000 for the initial
24 wastewater study. That study resulted in a

1 capital request for \$65,000.00 in 2009 to
2 identify appropriate locations for a
3 facility and a wastewater management
4 planning study for Bourne's downtown, which
5 was completed in 2012 by the Cape Cod
6 Commission and the engineering firm CH2M
7 Hill which resulted in a Special Town
8 Meeting request in 2012 for \$145,000.00 that
9 provided the funding to the hydrogeologic
10 testing of the preferred sites.

11 Since then, the Cape Cod
12 Commission has provided about a hundred
13 thousand dollars in mitigation funds for
14 design and engineering, and the Town Meeting
15 has provided additional funding for the
16 project manager. This spring, the Town
17 Meeting approved \$335,000.00 to continue the
18 project to get us to this point.

19 This summer the Wastewater
20 Facility Design and Building Committee was
21 appointed in August. It includes myself as
22 Chair, Brian Lemee from the Finance
23 Committee; Stanley Andrews, who serves on
24 the Board of Health and several building

1 committees; William "Dusty" Meier who serves
2 on several building committees; Elmer Clegg
3 from the Planning Board; Michael Blanton
4 from the Board of Sewer Commissioners and
5 Board of Selectmen, and Nolan LeRoy who is a
6 wastewater professional. Wes Ewell has
7 continued as the project coordinator to
8 transition the project into the construction
9 phase. He has been guiding the project
10 since 2013 through various studies and
11 working with the DEP and MEPA in the
12 permitting process.

13 And Owner's Program Manager,
14 Daedalus Projects, Inc., has been hired to
15 oversee the project on the Town's behalf,
16 which will help keep the project and the
17 budget on schedule.

18 Weston & Sampson has been
19 contracted to continue the engineering and
20 design of the project. Two members of the
21 Wastewater Building Committee also serve on
22 the Police Facility Building Committee, and
23 both those professional firms are also
24 involved in the police facility project,

1 which helps facilitate coordination in the
2 two projects that will both be on the Queen
3 Sewell site.

4 Appendix 1 on page 16 in the
5 handbook has an overview of the project cost
6 and how it will be paid for.

7 After the 335,000 funding at the
8 Annual Town Meeting this spring, the
9 estimated project cost that is in this
10 article is \$6,558,000.00. The project cost
11 estimate has been reviewed and revised by
12 the owner's project manager who reviewed and
13 updated the initial cost projections that
14 had been developed by Weston & Sampson.

15 The Town has been awarded a
16 \$1,500,000.00 MassWorks Economic Development
17 Infrastructure Grant. This is an extremely
18 competitive grant program. Over 90 projects
19 applied for grant funding this year and only
20 half were awarded grants. Bourne was
21 awarded the full grant requested, which is
22 an indication of how important the
23 Commonwealth views this economic development
24 project.

1 The Town has also applied for a
2 federal economic development plan for over
3 \$2.6 million. The Cape Cod Commission is
4 assisting with that grant application
5 process.

6 The Sewer Enterprise Fund will pay
7 \$2.4 million of the project cost. The new
8 users coming into the Enterprise Fund will
9 bring in enough revenue to cover the
10 operating cost and the debt service for the
11 2.4 million. Sewer rates will not increase
12 due to this project and in the long-term
13 adding additional users to the Sewer
14 Enterprise Fund will help stabilize the
15 sewer user rates.

16 If the full federal grant is
17 received, the cost of the general fund
18 budget will be zero. However, if the
19 federal grant is less than applied for or if
20 the grant -- or is not received, the General
21 Fund budget will need to cover some of the
22 debt service.

23 The estimated amount of debt
24 service (Indiscernible), Appendix 2 on page

1 17 in the handbook answers many of the
2 frequently asked questions. The three main
3 questions that I heard about the project
4 are, first, why should the Town pay? Why
5 shouldn't the sewer users who will benefit
6 from the project pay?

7 The developments that this project
8 will allow are going to bring an investment
9 of over \$100 million into the Town of
10 Bourne. Once constructed, these projects
11 will pay over \$1 million in additional tax
12 revenue to the Town each year, as well as
13 the ongoing cost of the wastewater plant
14 operation. The Town and all the taxpayers
15 will benefit economically from the project.
16 But just as important, we need to create a
17 vibrant, economic downtown where businesses
18 can thrive.

19 There was a recent newspaper
20 article about a retail store leaving
21 Buzzards Bay for Onset because the foot
22 traffic is better there. For a business to
23 be successful, you need customers.
24 Customers come from people who live, work,

1 and play in the area. We need to bring that
2 synergy to Buzzards Bay.

3 The second question is how much
4 will it cost the taxpayers? If the full
5 federal economic development grant is
6 received, there will be no impact on the
7 annual debt service budget. If the grant is
8 not received, the annual debt service budget
9 will pay some of the cost. The estimated
10 annual debt service cost for 20 years of
11 borrowing with no federal grant is about
12 \$240,000.00 per year. This can be included
13 in the ongoing debt service budget without
14 an override.

15 The two projects that are
16 currently before the Planning Board and that
17 will be under construction soon will provide
18 about \$463,000.00 of new annual tax revenue,
19 which will more than cover the cost of the
20 debt service for this project. The projects
21 that come after will provide the Town with
22 additional new revenue that can be used to
23 maintain services or reduce property taxes
24 in the future.

1 The third question is what type of
2 developments are proposed? The process from
3 the Local Comprehensive Plan approved in
4 2007 included a lot of input from residents
5 in Town to create a vision for each village.
6 The vision for Buzzards Bay included better
7 design standards and the design review
8 procedures that improve the visual quality
9 of developments and support planned
10 development and improvements on Main Street
11 in Buzzards Bay as warrants government and
12 downtown commercial form.

13 We now have an Architectural
14 Design Standards and Guidelines that were
15 approved by Town Meeting in 2012 and a
16 Design Review Committee that reviews all
17 designs.

18 Let's talk about the projects in
19 the works. First, the projects that have
20 been allocated to a capacity and have taken
21 up what was left available. A canal-front
22 hotel project on Perry Avenue that is
23 approved by the Planning Board, and it's in
24 the process of applying for a building

1 permit. This waterfront hotel will help
2 make Buzzards Bay a destination. The 120-
3 unit 55-plus rental unit complex on Perry
4 Ave. will include 12 units of affordable
5 housing and a walking path access to Main
6 Street. This project will bring customers
7 to the downtown. A mixed-use hotel retail/
8 restaurant/housing project for 100 Main
9 Street. This project will bring customers
10 and retail options to downtown.

11 Now the projects that wants sewer
12 capacity but none is available, an assisted
13 living facility on Wagner Way, a mixed-use
14 retail/restaurant/housing project next to
15 the hotel on Perry Ave. and other projects
16 yet to be determined.

17 All of these projects fit into the
18 vision that has been approved by Town
19 Meeting through the Local Comprehensive Plan
20 and the Growth Incentive Zone. We are on a
21 path to achieving the vision that came out
22 of the Local Comprehensive Plan that we
23 developed 10 years ago. All the projects
24 are subject to review by the Design Review

1 Committee to make sure they fit in the
2 guidelines that had been developed.

3 I need to say that many of our
4 volunteers have worked many hours in many
5 years to bring this project to the Town
6 Meeting. It is the fulfillment of the
7 vision of residents who care about the Town
8 and who have worked more than 10 years to
9 get to this point. I sincerely hope that
10 you will support their work and their vision
11 and approve this project.

12 How can we summarize the project
13 benefits? It provides increased tax
14 revenue, increased growth, and economic
15 vitality in Buzzards Bay, limited impact on
16 taxpayers and sewer ratepayers, potential
17 for revitalization of downtown Buzzards Bay.
18 More than likely, long-term success for
19 current projects being proposed because
20 there will be a synergy, and they will work
21 together for success. And it protects our
22 coastal and freshwater resources which is
23 better for our environment.

24 There are more details I can

1 present that would keep us here until
2 tomorrow night, but instead I would be happy
3 to answer any questions that you have.

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

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
8 discussion of the motion of the Finance
9 Committee on Article 2?

10 MR. GARY MALONEY: Gary Maloney,
11 Buzzards Bay. I understand the economic
12 benefit very well. I think it's been very
13 well thought out and stated. But what's the
14 environmental benefit of putting the sewage,
15 even though it's been treated for nitrogen
16 to a state-mandated level, what's the
17 benefit of increasing that into the ground
18 today versus not having it at all? You've
19 made the argument, I guess; it's an economic
20 plan, not an environmental plan.

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
22 I think this is a state-of-the-art facility
23 that treats the wastewater to the point
24 where it is highly almost drinkable water

1 and it's going into leaching fields that are
2 going to be in the ground like any, you
3 know, so it's treated water going into the
4 ground which will then seep through the
5 layers of ground and be dispersed into the
6 groundwater. It is the most environmentally
7 responsible way of handling what we have to
8 do.

9 MR. GARY MALONEY: This is
10 increasing growth. Does it meet the
11 guidelines of the 208 Plan to try to
12 minimize growth with environmental
13 pollution? Does it get us any closer to a
14 Town-wide Comprehensive Waste Management
15 Policy for wastewater or do we not have it?

16 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: It is
17 the first step in that plan.

18 MR. GARY MALONEY: The first step
19 in the plan is to build a facility?

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.

21 MR. GARY MALONEY: I had another
22 question.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: The
24 second part in the 208 Plan is the Regional

1 Long-Term Plan.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: One more.

3 MR. GARY MALONEY: Okay.

4 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: The
5 second part of it is the Regional Long-Term
6 Plan which is most likely going to be an
7 expansion of the Wareham plant in
8 cooperation with Plymouth and Wareham and
9 Bourne because there's parts of Plymouth
10 that need to get involved in that. The
11 permitting process for that is based over 10
12 years. So, I mean, we've been permitting
13 this plan since, you know, for five years.
14 And so that's a much more extensive and it's
15 a larger permit and a higher thing. So it's
16 our first step.

17 MR. GARY MALONEY: Yep. My last
18 question, I guess, is where's the freshwater
19 coming from that we're going to use for
20 this? During the summer this year and years
21 past, I've seen mandatory and voluntary
22 water usage during those peak seasons;
23 where's that extra 100,000 gallons a day
24 going to come from so that we don't have

1 that sign during December and January as
2 opposed to just July and August?

3 Thank you.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes, Linda.

5 MS. LINDA ZUERN: Linda Zuern from
6 Monument Beach. I have a few concerns and
7 just want to make a couple of comments about
8 the LCP. Originally, that was stated in the
9 LCP to keep the character of each village,
10 and I don't believe that putting up
11 three/four-story buildings the size that
12 we're doing right now is really keeping in
13 the character of Buzzards Bay.

14 It's also producing a lot more
15 traffic. We have parking problems now.
16 With growth, you also have problems.

17 So when I was on the Wastewater
18 Advisory Committee, they were talking about
19 hooking up residential properties to be able
20 to pay for this cost. And so my first
21 question is would that be mandated or --

22 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: There
23 is no -- there was talk about mitigation
24 that was part of the initial -- when we were

1 looking at the Queen Sewell location as
2 handling 335,000 gallons per day, part of
3 the gallonage was going to go into the --
4 not -- what's happening with the hundred
5 thousand gallons per day is it's going into
6 the leeching fields to the groundwater
7 towards the Canal. And the Canal each tide
8 20 billion gallons of water go back-and-
9 forth. So water that comes filtered through
10 the ground into the Canal is not going to
11 have a negative impact. The issue was that
12 if you were going to go the other way into
13 Buttermilk Bay, which would be necessary to
14 use more of that site, that was going to
15 create the need for mitigation. So that was
16 one of the reasons that it was decided for
17 the long-term plan rather than to take that
18 site, which was approved for 335 gallons per
19 day but to limit it to 100,000 gallons per
20 day and to not go into the Buttermilk
21 watershed -- Buttermilk Bay watershed and
22 that avoided the mitigation.

23 So when MEPA -- when we filed the
24 amended environmental notification adding

1 the police facility to the site, MEPA gave
2 us a letter this July that stated no
3 mitigation was required for this project for
4 the hundred thousand gallons as proposed.

5 MS. LINDA ZUERN: So that means
6 that nobody is mandated to hook up to --

7 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO:
8 Correct.

9 MS. LINDA ZUERN: -- the sewer if
10 they're in residential --

11 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO:
12 Correct. There's no mandated hooking up for
13 those residents.

14 MS. LINDA ZUERN: Okay. And
15 they're not fined if they don't or anything
16 like that?

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No.

18 MS. LINDA ZUERN: Okay. And,
19 also, her statement was that you only have
20 7,000 gallons per day now. The Sewer
21 Commissioners knew how much gallonage we had
22 10-12 years ago to use. So they knew that
23 when they put up these other facilities that
24 that was going to use up most of the

1 gallorage that we had.

2 I would also -- I'd just like to
3 ask the sewer rates are just for the people
4 that are coming in new and hooking up?
5 They're --

6 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO:

7 There's one sewer system, Linda. There's
8 one Enterprise Fund. Everyone's going to be
9 in the same Enterprise Fund. If you looked
10 at the board that was out at the front, when
11 this plan comes online, some of the people
12 in the east end of Town are going to be
13 going to that facility. And then the west
14 end will end up going to Wareham, but
15 there's -- I've learned so much about sewer,
16 let me tell you. There's like a flat, you
17 know, where you can, like, say it's going
18 this way or it's going that way. So if, per
19 se, something happened where this plant
20 couldn't be accessed for some reason, there
21 was a storm and there was a tree across or
22 whatever, like the road to my house today;
23 we could shift it temporarily to Wareham,
24 you know, as an emergency access.

1 So it's very flexible. When we
2 looked at the sewer rates, what you have to
3 look at is the operational costs, which for
4 this plant are about \$250,000.00 a year.
5 The debt service based for the 2.4 million
6 is estimated about \$177,000.00 a year. That
7 falls in with the number of users that are
8 coming in within the same current rates that
9 everyone's paying. And as a matter of fact
10 in the long-term, because one of the
11 problems we have in this, our sewer system,
12 is there's only a little over a thousand
13 users. And so when you have fixed costs for
14 a system and only a thousand users, it's,
15 you know, you have to pay the fixed cost.
16 So when you bring in more users, it will
17 actually help stabilize the rate so that,
18 you know, hopefully in the long-term, we
19 might be able to bring it down a little bit.

20 MS. LINDA ZUERN: My question was
21 actually that the users are the ones that
22 are going to be paying the sewer rates.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Oh
24 yes.

1 MS. LINDA ZUERN: Okay. And then
2 I would also like to ask for a secret
3 ballot.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. It
5 requires 15 registered voters, I believe.
6 If you will stand. Wait. Where are you
7 going? Sit down.

8 MR. GARY MALONEY: Was there an
9 answer to my question about the freshwater?
10 I didn't hear one.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: We've gone
12 through another --

13 MR. GARY MALONEY: Nobody from the
14 Finance Committee?

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Gary, we've
16 gone through another entire speaker.

17 Secret ballot, who's in favor of a
18 secret ballot? Two? Stand, please, unless
19 you cannot.

20 MR. PHIL METIO (PHONETIC): Can
21 you explain that to me, please, what you're
22 asking?

23 MODERATOR PARADY: I only see 9,
24 11, let me count. Keep standing. There's

1 people who are up and down. Let me see if
2 I've got one first. I think there's just
3 barely 15 of you. Do you count 15?

4 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: I count 15.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. You've
6 got 15; you may be seated. Somebody asked
7 about a secret ballot? Anybody have a
8 question on the secret ballot? What was
9 your question, sir?

10 MR. PHIL METIO (PHONETIC): Well,
11 I was asking what I was going to stand for,
12 but I do have a question if I could come up
13 to the mic?

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Well, no. No
15 name. Come up front if you want to speak.
16 John, you've already spoken, what's new?

17 MR. JOHN YORK: This is a
18 different article.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Huh?

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: He
21 said, "Not this article."

22 MR. JOHN YORK: It's a different
23 article. I haven't spoken on this article.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Oh, okay. I'm

1 sorry, John. You may speak. You may sit
2 down until I recognize you.

3 MR. JOHN YORK: This is a very
4 general question for, I guess, for the
5 Finance Committee and maybe even broader
6 than that; I'll wait until she's done.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Go ahead.

8 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I'm
9 sorry; I missed the question.

10 MR. JOHN YORK: So my question
11 goes to a very big picture.

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.

13 MR. JOHN YORK: So you gave the
14 accounting of this project, its costs
15 relative to the tax revenues that some of
16 these projects will be generating. So when
17 these projects come forward, there are other
18 costs that they will incur. So the only
19 costs incurred, by adding this development,
20 isn't this one treatment plant.

21 So I've never been able to
22 convince myself what the balance for the
23 Town is if you really take the biggest
24 picture you can and look at all of the

1 increased costs incurred by our Town for
2 these projects that we're doing each of
3 these individual things in order to promote
4 the projects and look at how that helps our
5 Town out financially.

6 So I'm not asking for an answer to
7 that question right now because it's much
8 bigger than this article, but it does impact
9 how I vote for this article. That's -- I
10 haven't gotten to my question yet.

11 The question is will either the
12 Finance Committee, the Main Street Steering
13 Committee, whoever might feel that it's in
14 their purview be tallying that big picture
15 tally and reporting back to us on a regular
16 basis on how this development -- how the
17 revitalization of Main Street is doing on a
18 bottom-line basis for our Town?

19 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: We
20 could do that. We could do that. One of
21 the things is -- there's a mechanism called
22 a "tax incentive financing" where you
23 actually designate -- we have this Growth
24 Incentive Zone, and it's a downtown Buzzards

1 Bay area which has -- it created zoning so
2 that it can quickly move through -- it
3 doesn't need Cape Cod Commission approval.
4 Those things are -- it's kind of preapproved
5 things that if you meet within these
6 guidelines, you can just do the development,
7 which was a big thing to do for Buzzards Bay
8 because who are we in competition, you know?
9 We're in competition with Plymouth and
10 Wareham and, you know, Buzzards Bay is
11 really in competition with them, and they
12 don't really have a Cape Cod Commission. So
13 the business is going to look to come in, so
14 that was one of the pieces.

15 This wastewater is another piece.
16 We could look at that. I think the question
17 is, I don't know, do you want Buzzards Bay
18 to look the way it looks now?

19 THE AUDIENCE: Huh.

20 MR. JOHN YORK: I don't think that
21 question -- that's not the question I'm
22 asking.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
24 So are we going to incur more services? I

1 will tell you one of the reasons we are
2 looking at an Assistant Fire Chief is if we
3 had -- we've had the Coady School project,
4 that the Fire Chief has to review all those
5 plans, sign off on all the fire suppression,
6 sign off on all the smoke detectors, sign
7 off on all that. That's more work for the
8 Fire Chief.

9 Are there more calls now that we
10 have Keystone? Are there more calls to the
11 EMS service because we have people in
12 assisted living? Yes, we do. Is it a huge
13 impact? I don't think it's a huge impact.

14 So, in balance, is all of that
15 million dollars in tax revenue we're going
16 to get, is that only going to be able to go
17 for new, you know, for things that we want
18 to do to reduce the tax rate? No. There
19 will be a balance. There will be some
20 additional charges. They'll be additional
21 things that we have to do.

22 But overall, I think it will help
23 and there's a synergy. These things aren't
24 like by themselves. You need -- I was so

1 sad to read about the retail store that left
2 and went to Onset because we had a couple of
3 really great stores in downtown Buzzards Bay
4 that have really tried to make an impact and
5 really tried to be a place, and there just
6 isn't enough foot traffic there. There's
7 not enough people to keep that business a
8 viable, profitable business.

9 And if that's what we want, then
10 we should vote for this project. If you do
11 want that, then don't vote for the project.
12 I mean it's really what are we trying to
13 accomplish here? I think that we had a lot
14 of people working for years to have
15 something happen in this village. And,
16 certainly, we don't want to have all four or
17 five-story hotels but that's not what we're
18 all talking about. The 55 rental, you know,
19 the over 55 rental unit apartments, it's
20 going to be a little like a two or three-
21 story building and it's going to really fit
22 into that whole area.

23 MR. JOHN YORK: So, Mary --

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Yeah, I was

1 going to say, you know, his question
2 required a yes or no answer.

3 MR. JOHN YORK: I had a specific
4 question.

5 MODERATOR PARADY: That's all.

6 MR. JOHN YORK: Okay. So, let me
7 just elucidate the question just a tiny
8 little bit, and then maybe you can give me a
9 yes or no answer.

10 So, I'm one of the people who has
11 put an awful lot of my time into Buzzards
12 Bay and other parts of Town but specifically
13 Buzzards Bay and activities in Buzzards Bay.

14 People might not think that; why
15 is he saying that, maybe they haven't been
16 around the Town long enough to have seen
17 that. But I'm asking because, as a
18 participant, I really want to know the
19 answer to that question of how does -- I
20 would -- it would be a tremendous service to
21 me as a resident of the Town and as a
22 participant and supporter of all these
23 activities if that accounting was done going
24 forward. Because we're a Town; we're in the

1 middle of the human endeavor experiment that
2 all towns are in right now; it's how do we
3 survive in the current environment? And
4 we're, as we take on these project, we're
5 casting our vote in a certain direction and
6 putting our faith in that direction.

7 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Right.

8 MR. JOHN YORK: And I think it's
9 incumbent upon us, and especially to me as a
10 participant now, I want to know did it work
11 and how did it work? I'm an engineer so I
12 want to know a little more detail about how
13 it works.

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So if
15 you're asking me --

16 MR. JOHN YORK: So going
17 forward --

18 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: -- if
19 you're asking me --

20 MODERATOR PARADY: Wait a minute.

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: --
22 would the Finance --

23 MODERATOR PARADY: Is there a
24 question here?

1 MR. JOHN YORK: Yes, so the
2 question is, going forward, will we be
3 actually doing accounting, finding the time
4 to put together the outcome looking back,
5 we'll be hindcasting, "How did it work?"

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes or no.

7 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
8 would say it is something that -- it's not
9 necessarily the function of the Finance
10 Committee because the function of the
11 Finance Committee is to advise Town Meeting.
12 So we might be able to look at that in terms
13 of our budget and our forecasting and to see
14 what trends we've had, and I think that's a
15 really good idea, and I would look at trying
16 to do that.

17 I'm not exactly sure, other than
18 that, who could really tell you that other
19 than looking at these developments came in
20 this year, and we should have to track that,
21 and this is how much, and how did it affect
22 our budget? Were we required to have
23 additional public safety personnel, for
24 example?

1 So those financial trend
2 monitoring is something I am very interested
3 in. It's something that's done by the Town
4 of Northborough, and I think it would be an
5 excellent thing for us to get involved in.

6 MR. JOHN YORK: Thanks. Sorry,
7 Town -- Bob for taking, maybe diverted a
8 little bit and I apologize.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: No problem.

10 MR. JOHN YORK: I did get the
11 answer to my question. Thank you, very
12 much.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Thanks, John.
14 Yes, sir. You're next. No, face the
15 audience.

16 MR. PHIL METIO (PHONETIC): Good
17 evening. Thank you for an opportunity to
18 speak. Phil Metio (phonetic) from Sagamore.
19 I had a few questions concerning this. I'm
20 a taxpayer. I had a tax bill due on the 1st
21 of November. My taxes are going up 3
22 percent every year. It's gone up 25 percent
23 in the last 10 years from what I was paying.

24 I know we have a lot of services

1 which we need to pay for, but every time
2 we're looking at something that's going to
3 cost a little bit more, a little bit more, a
4 little bit more, it takes more out of my
5 work there. I've got to work more. I'm
6 working six days a week.

7 We've got elderly living next door
8 that can't get out of the house. They can't
9 work. They're on a fixed income. All these
10 little things add up. We're talking about
11 Buzzards Bay and building it up. I see a
12 big parking issue there. You want to add
13 sewer; you're going to put merchant shops,
14 housing, all this different stuff. Have we
15 studied how many more police we're going to
16 have to pay for? How many more fire? How
17 many more kids going to school? Is what
18 they're going to pay for taxes living up
19 above a retail store going to be enough to
20 cover the demand they're going to put on the
21 services?

22 I know the Finance Committee works
23 really hard to do what it needs to
24 accomplish; I appreciate that. I just want

1 you folks to understand that when you hire
2 people, you're hiring them for a lifetime.
3 It's going to cost us their lifetime that
4 they're there that we're paying out. And it
5 really takes a lot out of the residents.

6 In my neighborhood of Sagamore,
7 most of the people are old. They can't get
8 out there and work the sixth and the seventh
9 day to make up the difference.

10 Thank you.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Just to
12 clarify, by state law, local property tax
13 levy of the Town may not increase by more
14 than 2-1/2 percent each year unless there is
15 an override. So there is a cap on your
16 taxes.

17 MR. PHIL METIO (PHONETIC): I was
18 close. I was close.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Yeah. Right,
20 you said so many years.

21 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Mr. Moderator.

22 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes.

23 THE AUDIENCE: Mr. Johnson.

24 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: I want to

1 speak on this article just for a second as
2 an individual in no official capacity as the
3 Clerk or anything else.

4 This is a very interesting
5 discussion tonight because 35 years ago,
6 believe it or not, I stood on the stage as
7 Chairman of the Wastewater Advisory
8 Committee. I held up two jobs. One was
9 untreated sewage, one was treated sewage. I
10 should've dropped the untreated sewage
11 (Indiscernible) and I might've had a chance
12 but it didn't happen.

13 And I want to give you a little
14 bit of history of what actually happened 35
15 years ago very quickly. We actually had
16 applied and had 90 percent funding for the
17 entire Town to be sewerred, the entire Town,
18 but it was voted down because we had limited
19 options at that time for the treatment of
20 the sewerage and how it was going to affect
21 our Town.

22 The option that was the main
23 option we all wanted was to go to Wareham
24 where the deal was Wareham would build a

1 plant for \$1.8 million. The Town of Bourne
2 would vote our share. We'd meet them at the
3 Cohasset Narrows bridge, and we would have
4 had Buzzards Bay sewerred, and then we would
5 have proceeded throughout the rest of the
6 community.

7 Well, it didn't happen, and the
8 reason it didn't happen is because DEP at
9 that time, the state agency, came to us at
10 the last minute and said, "To Wareham, oh
11 no, you're not going to go down Cranberry
12 Highway and meet the Town of Bourne. You're
13 going to go out to White Beach," which was
14 their worst area in their community and they
15 had to sewer that first, and that's why we
16 lost that option.

17 I rise tonight really in support
18 of this because it's so important to the
19 future of the community of our Town. You've
20 heard all the arguments. You've heard
21 everyone has done a tremendous amount of
22 work, and it isn't just for Buzzards Bay.
23 It's for the whole community because the
24 whole community will benefit from a viable

1 Town for all of us to visit and to shop and
2 to finally attract people to our Town,
3 nowhere else.

4 We just appropriated \$1,500,000.00
5 of Community Preservation Funds to establish
6 a beautiful downtown park and that is, in
7 itself, is going to be an attraction. This
8 option of what we have is, like Mary Jane
9 and others have been saying, there is no
10 impact on the local tax rate and to finally
11 have Buzzards Bay discovered.

12 If you recall many, many years
13 ago, we tried to make, as the Open Space
14 Committee, an option to the Byron property
15 so the Town could purchase it for open space
16 and keep it an open space. I look at it
17 today as Chairman of that committee many,
18 many years ago, and to be honest with you,
19 I'm glad we didn't purchase it because look
20 at the economic development and the vitality
21 that will possibly come to this Town because
22 of the major projects that all of a sudden
23 are going to happen.

24 So I just wanted to let you know

1 the history of this and after 35 years, we
2 have finally come to a point tonight where
3 if we vote this positively, and I hope you
4 do, that we will have made a turning point
5 in the history of this community and will
6 achieve the benefit of everyone.

7 Thank you.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Mr. Barlow.

10 MR. SKIP BARLOW: I can't add
11 anything too much new to this. The
12 environmental impact, you know, there's not
13 a scientist in the world that could predict
14 the environmental impact of this. There
15 just isn't. There's nutrients coming into
16 our coastal habitat from the sky, let alone
17 our lawns and additional sewerage. That's
18 not the issue.

19 This was brought forward for
20 economic reasons. There's an opportunity --
21 I've lived in Buzzards Bay my whole life
22 guys, you know. I've watched it go from
23 what was a pretty vibrant down to almost
24 nothing, almost nothing. This is the only

1 way it's going to come back. We need to do
2 this.

3 They've got the numbers so it's
4 really not going to affect your taxes.
5 They're going to take it from the Sewer Fund
6 that's already there. They've got a grant.
7 This is really not going to be a burden on
8 the taxpayer. It really isn't. This is
9 going to be an asset to the Town. We're
10 going to have a lot of new businesses in
11 Buzzards Bay, different from what we had.
12 Buzzards Bay was, when I was a kid, was
13 barrooms and gas stations, it really was,
14 you know, that's what it was. There was a
15 roller rink, ice cream shops, but it was
16 really barrooms up and down the street
17 everywhere. There was like 13 in there at
18 one time.

19 This is an opportunity for my
20 children and my grandchildren to live in a
21 Town that's actually coming back. What the
22 hell? I hope you guys get behind this; I
23 really do. I know that people in Town don't
24 want to support any other village than their

1 own because we're all separate villages.
2 But this thing is going to kind of take care
3 of itself. It really is.

4 You look at the numbers. You look
5 what's already come in from what they've
6 done there for additional building and
7 rebuilding of the businesses in Buzzards
8 Bay; it's coming back. And this project's
9 going to pay for itself. I'm on sewage
10 already. I'm in Hideaway. I'm already on
11 sewage; I pay that money. So I know what it
12 costs. But the benefit is going to be huge
13 for the Town, huge.

14 Please support it.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.
16 This gentleman and then you.

17 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: Hi. John
18 MacLachlan, Buzzards Bay. I'm already on
19 sewage too, but I've got to say to vote
20 against this project. Ninety-eight percent
21 of the Town does not benefit from this
22 project. If I lived on the other side of
23 the bridge than this side of the bridge, the
24 good side, I wouldn't want to be paying for

1 this thing if it's only going to benefit
2 about a dozen private companies. It's not
3 going to benefit everybody.

4 As for sewage on Main Street, if
5 somebody could clarify, I've only been here
6 12 years and we've been on sewage, how long
7 has sewage been on Main Street?

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Nineteen what,
9 80's?

10 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: 1990.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Ninety.

12 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: How many new
13 businesses were built because sewage was
14 already on Main Street? What economic
15 development has occurred with sewage already
16 on Main Street?

17 MALE VOICE: (Inaudible.)

18 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: That's not
19 the question. There was capacity, so none.

20 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: There
21 was capacity.

22 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: Zero.

23 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: There
24 was capacity and then --

1 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: That's not
2 the question. The question is what
3 businesses have come to Main Street since
4 you already had sewage?

5 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Mr.
6 Clegg.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
8 Elmer Clegg.

9 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Thank you, Mr.
10 Moderator. I'm Elmer Clegg from Pocasset.

11 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: I'm not done
12 yet either.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: You don't think
14 so.

15 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: I know so.
16 I know so.

17 MR. ELMER CLEGG: I think I'm in
18 the middle of one of those barroom fights.
19 (Laughter.) I have the pleasure and
20 privilege of chairing your Planning Board
21 this year. I've served on the Planning
22 Board for five years. I served on the
23 Wastewater Advisory Committee for the last
24 three years. And like Mary Jane, I've

1 learned an awful lot about wastewater.

2 I am currently serving on the
3 Wastewater Facility Design and Construction
4 Committee working with her on the financing
5 that you've heard tonight for the new
6 facility.

7 I want to address the gentleman
8 who talked about people in this Town who are
9 scraping by and having difficulty when they
10 look at the tax bill and see that it's gone
11 up. I want to address the issue of a
12 resident here in Buzzards Bay who, by the
13 way, his property abuts the new 55-and-over
14 apartment complex that is planned in
15 Buzzards Bay and was talked about earlier
16 tonight. So I think he has perhaps some
17 unique bias or perspective on the situation.

18 I live on the other side of the
19 Canal. I stood up at Town Meeting last May
20 when we were being asked to vote to
21 contribute about another million dollars to
22 complete the park in Buzzards Bay. And I
23 said, "You know, if somebody wanted to give
24 me a million dollars as a resident of the

1 Town of Bourne, I'd probably vote to invest
2 it in a library or something of that
3 nature."

4 But I then said, "This Town voted
5 through its Local Comprehensive Plan with
6 citizen involvement back in 2006-2007; we
7 went -- we voted to have the village of
8 Buzzards Bay be the downtown part of our
9 Town. By downtown, that means commercial.

10 I was approached recently by a
11 Bourne resident who said, "Why are my taxes
12 on my meager house higher than my friend who
13 lives in Falmouth and has a better lot than
14 I do and a better house?" And the reason is
15 simply we don't have commercial development
16 in this Town. If you compare our situation
17 to Falmouth, they have a much higher ratio
18 of commercial to residential tax base. Ours
19 is almost totally residential, one of the
20 lowest on the Cape when it comes to
21 commercial development.

22 What we're doing in the village of
23 Buzzards Bay is we have people who have
24 lined up to invest a hundred million dollars

1 in our downtown, Buzzards Bay Village. If
2 we capitalize on that, and we can only
3 capitalize on it, if we vote in favor of
4 this wastewater facility, but if we
5 capitalize on that, it will be paid for by
6 the initial two or three development
7 segments that are currently on the table,
8 not a bad hundred million dollars
9 investment.

10 If we don't spur on and sponsor
11 commercial development in this Town, we will
12 go down; your residential tax rate will go
13 up. This is a way of turning the corner,
14 achieving some balance, and significantly
15 advancing the lifestyle of this Town through
16 the redevelopment of a downtown commercial
17 segment of our Town from which we will all
18 benefit regardless of where we live.

19 I urge you to vote for it. It's
20 the right thing to do. If you are a current
21 user of the sewer system in Buzzards Bay,
22 your rates don't go up as a result of this.
23 If you're a taxpayer and you live on the
24 other side of the Canal, you're not being

1 asked to approve an override or a set-aside
2 of any sort. This will be paid for by the
3 development that occurs as a result of the
4 facility.

5 I thank you if you vote yes.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: I've got to
8 go back to my original question; so the
9 answer was there was no business that ever
10 started because sewer went into Buzzards
11 Bay?

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
13 I can't answer that because I wasn't here
14 (Inaudible) --

15 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: Well,
16 (Inaudible) --

17 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: -- and
18 I wasn't here in 1990 and a lot of
19 businesses left, a lot of businesses left in
20 recent years because it wasn't viable
21 anymore.

22 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: That wasn't
23 the question. That was just a matter of did
24 anybody come into Town because sewer was in

1 Town?

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I'm
3 sure they did.

4 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: The answer
5 was, "No."

6 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No, I
7 didn't answer that. I said, "I think people
8 did come in." If they didn't come in, they
9 would've been able to come in at all.

10 MS. PRISCILLA KOLESHIS: Keystone.

11 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: I'm saying
12 there was no big development and no big
13 project, no nothing.

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: When?

15 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: I don't
16 know. I've been here for 12 years; I
17 haven't seen anything done.

18 MS. PRISCILLA KOLESHIS: Let's
19 move it.

20 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: Anyhow --

21 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
22 so one of the things I talked about --

23 MODERATOR PARADY: Is someone
24 going to answer the gentleman's question?

1 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: Yeah, I have
2 one other question and then that's it. The
3 other question --

4 MODERATOR PARADY: I want somebody
5 to answer your first question.

6 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: So
7 your question is whether since 1990 --

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes or no.

9 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: --
10 have any businesses come into town
11 (Inaudible)?

12 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes or no.
13 Simple answer.

14 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes.

15 MR. ELMER CLEGG: May I answer
16 with one sentence?

17 MODERATOR PARADY: All right.
18 I'll give you one sentence.

19 MR. ELMER CLEGG: People,
20 businesses do not come to town because you
21 have sewer. Businesses come to town because
22 they see an opportunity to run a successful
23 business. That's the reason they come.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: That's three

1 sentences.

2 MR. ELMER CLEGG: We have
3 identified -- we have people lined up
4 waiting and crying to open businesses in the
5 village of Buzzards Bay. We need this
6 facility in order for them to be able to do
7 that.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Roger Laporte
10 is the building inspector. He may be able
11 to answer it; yes or no.

12 MR. ROGER LAPORTE: My name is
13 Roger Laporte; I'm the building inspector,
14 and we issued a permit for Keystone, which
15 was a big project behind the post office.
16 That's just one of them. There's several
17 small ones.

18 Thank you.

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Next question.

20 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: The other
21 question is what happens to our relationship
22 with Wareham and our allocation to fund them
23 and --

24 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: This

1 has no effect on that. We have an
2 allocation. We have an Intermunicipal
3 Agreement for 200,000 gallons -- up to
4 200,000 gallons per day. This will not
5 change that because we were going to be
6 using that soon.

7 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: That's it.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.

9 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN:

10 (Indiscernible.)

11 MODERATOR PARADY: I've got this
12 young lady here.

13 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Hi, I'm Leona
14 Bombaci from Pocasset. I'm not sure how I
15 feel about this proposition primarily from
16 the point of view of the fact that you said
17 that the sewage treatment plant is needed
18 for the economic development. And I say the
19 economic development certainly is important
20 in this Town; it will bring tax revenue.

21 However, I don't get how a hotel
22 and an over 55 residence is going to meet
23 that goal in the quaint little village of
24 Buzzards Bay when we have MacArthur

1 Boulevard that certainly has a lot of
2 opportunity for economic development and for
3 such businesses to be on MacArthur
4 Boulevard.

5 My concern is the character of
6 Buzzards Bay. I shop there. I counted, I
7 think, seven gas stations from one end to
8 the other. I like the fact that there's the
9 mom-and-pop businesses there. I like the
10 fact that it's more community centered with
11 the Marine Life Center, and now you have the
12 park, and you have a lot of little shops
13 that are there for us, the people who live
14 here. I do live over the bridge. It's very
15 difficult to go into that area on the
16 weekend.

17 So my question then is the
18 economic development factor is important,
19 but do we really want to have a high-rise
20 hotel and an over 55 unit that we're
21 expecting is going to bring people for the
22 economic development in the Town when there
23 are other places in the Town that could be
24 looked at; MacArthur Boulevard, namely, for

1 economic development.

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,
3 you can't really have a retail district on
4 MacArthur Boulevard. Someone walking
5 down --

6 MODERATOR PARADY: You don't need
7 to --

8 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: No. I'm not
9 saying retail.

10 MODERATOR PARADY: Please.

11 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: I'm saying the
12 location of the hotel and --

13 MODERATOR PARADY: The gavel's
14 going to -- in one second.

15 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: -- I mean has
16 Keystone -- has Keystone brought -- the
17 people that live at Keystone, I mean is
18 there any proof that the people living there
19 have brought more economic development to
20 Buzzards Bay versus the people who, like me,
21 go to Buzzards Bay and shop and get my gas
22 and stop at the little convenience stores?
23 I'm wondering --

24 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Well,

1 people that live at Keystone have family
2 that come to visit them, and family that
3 comes to visit them can go to places in
4 Buzzards Bay. The concept of live, work,
5 and play is the planning concept that is
6 central to this whole idea.

7 But if you have 120 units of over
8 55 apartments that have one or two people
9 living in them, and they have to walk to
10 downtown, and they can walk to Stomping
11 Grounds, and they could walk to the coffee
12 shop, and they can walk here, and they can
13 walk there, then you don't increase traffic
14 and you create a community.

15 I mean have you ever been to
16 downtown Falmouth on a Saturday night? It's
17 awesome. The stores are open; people are
18 walking on the streets. It's a great
19 community, and it's a wonderful atmosphere.

20 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Yeah, but they
21 don't -- they stopped a big hotel from being
22 developed --

23 MODERATOR PARADY: Excuse me.

24 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: (Inaudible).

1 MODERATOR PARADY: Excuse me;
2 you're out of order.

3 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: I'm sorry.

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Do not -- this
5 isn't a private conversation between you
6 two.

7 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Are you done,
9 Mary Jane?

10 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: I
11 would just say that this hotel could come in
12 whether or not the wastewater comes. The
13 hotel has its wastewater. It's what do you
14 want to have around it? Do you want to have
15 retail? Do you want to have a -- mixed-use
16 developments are the ones that are mostly
17 going to come from this project. And the
18 mixed-use developments are the ones that are
19 little retail stores and restaurants and
20 mixed uses that come into a little area next
21 to the 120 units so those people have
22 different places to go and different places
23 to be. And that's how you have a downtown
24 area thrive.

1 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Well, I --

2 MODERATOR PARADY: That's --

3 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay. Well, I
4 hope that's the case (Inaudible).

5 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
6 Steve Mealy. Steve.

7 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you, Mr.
8 Moderator. Stephen Mealy from the village
9 of Sagamore Beach. We have family in
10 Keystone. We pay several -- \$7,000 a month
11 for keeping our family there. Keystone has
12 50 employees. That's your economic
13 development. There's 50 jobs that weren't
14 there three or four years ago. The hotels
15 going to bring jobs.

16 And the other assisted living is
17 going to bring jobs. The over 55 will bring
18 jobs. All of these things will bring new
19 people in the Town that weren't there
20 before.

21 My biggest claim to economic
22 development is let's do something with the
23 Mass. Maritime. There's no place in Town to
24 stay if you visit the Mass. Maritime.

1 There's no place to take for a nice dinner
2 except for two or three small restaurants,
3 Mezza Luna as well, to take people to go to
4 dinner if you come down and visit people at
5 the Mass. Maritime or any place else.

6 Once you start to bring the
7 infrastructure, and this is infrastructure;
8 we're talking about a wastewater treatment
9 plant here folks. We're talking about
10 something to be done within the budget
11 that's not going to affect the ratepayers;
12 it's not going to affect the taxpayers.
13 It's going to be paid for by the very people
14 that are going to tie into it.

15 There's something else that we
16 should also talk about and that is you've
17 heard tonight about the 208 Plan. Well, the
18 208 Plan is a plan developed by the Cape Cod
19 Commission several years ago as a result of
20 a lawsuit brought against every town on Cape
21 Cod by the Conservation Law Foundation. And
22 we all agreed, all the towns agreed that we
23 would start to take steps to clean up
24 wastewater. This is our first step. You've

1 heard it tonight.

2 The next step after this is in the
3 development plan with Wareham to develop a
4 direct discharge to the Cape Cod Canal of
5 Wareham through a long pipeline and get out
6 of the Agawam River, which is now starving,
7 the capability of what the Wareham
8 wastewater treatment plant can handle.

9 When that happens in about 10
10 years, this plant will become a subsidiary
11 of that plant's work for overloads and will
12 serve -- it's not just the Town of Bourne
13 and the Town of Wareham; it's going to go
14 all the way down to Marion. This is a huge
15 problem that we all on Cape Cod have.

16 If you have septic right now, all
17 you're doing is putting everything into the
18 ground. This particular plant and the
19 Wareham plant will take that and turn it
20 into an almost drinkable water with a very,
21 very low .05 percent nitrogen and put it
22 into a 90 billion gallon an hour flushing
23 system called the Cape Cod Canal. We're not
24 doing anything different that hasn't been

1 already done for many years by Mass.
2 Maritime. It's been done by the Joint Base
3 Cape Cod.

4 We need to do this to clean up our
5 act, not just for Buzzards Bay, but for the
6 whole Town because the amount of nitrogen
7 we're taking out in Buzzards Bay is going to
8 be deducted from the nitrogen that we all
9 are putting in everyplace else that isn't
10 sewerred.

11 And then you've got small pockets.
12 You had -- a gentleman who did a development
13 over in Cataumet with a pocket wastewater
14 treatment plant, that's going to be the
15 future. And this is our first step to get
16 on that and take care of this problem once
17 and for all. And the economic development
18 will follow.

19 You've heard about \$100 million
20 dollar investment. We can't be sitting here
21 talking about turning our faces away from
22 the opportunity to bring jobs and economic
23 development into the Town of Bourne.

24 I ask you to support this tonight.

1 Thank you.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MODERATOR PARADY: I find you a
4 little repetitive on the same issues, so
5 unless you've got something new, Jim. Come
6 forward. I recognize you, Jim Mulvey.

7 MR. JAMES MULVEY: There goes my
8 firm resolution to be quiet this evening.
9 (Laughter.) But there are a couple of
10 things --

11 THE AUDIENCE: Mic, mic, mic.

12 MR. JAMES MULVEY: -- that must be
13 answered.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: Talk into the
15 microphone, Jim.

16 MR. JAMES MULVEY: Is that better?
17 Thank you. There are a couple of issues
18 that were brought forth here that require
19 explanation. The first thing is growth,
20 yes, we can't stop it, that it is necessary.
21 But assisted living, hotels, senior housing
22 does not bring dollars into the village or
23 the Town. Somewhere somebody has to take
24 and decide what businesses can exist on Main

1 Street and bring in money. And at this
2 point, I haven't a clue of what those
3 businesses can be that can sustain
4 themselves in a village that is between two
5 major highways and severely traffic-
6 impacted. That's one issue.

7 The other issue, well, there is
8 another one that I'm rather unhappy with
9 these major financial articles coming before
10 a fall Special Town Meeting with 127 people
11 here originally when we have, what, 11,000
12 registered voters? Shame on the public of
13 the Town, and I don't want to hear any
14 complaints about your real estate taxes with
15 this type of representation, and it is my
16 thanks to the people that are here tonight.

17 The other issue is the
18 environmental issue. A hundred thousand
19 gallons of treated effluent into the Canal
20 and the low nitrogen is a major factor.
21 That has been in the past a huge factor was
22 nitrogen in the environment. It is greatly
23 reduced by these new treatment plants. But
24 those new treatment plants do not remove all

1 the hormone supplements that the public
2 takes, all the medications, all the heavy
3 metals, all that is still in that effluent
4 going into the Canal.

5 It's my understanding, of course,
6 that the plant is designed at this point for
7 a hundred thousand gallons, but it's my
8 understanding the Town is going to apply to
9 the state for a discharge of 300,000 because
10 eventually they're considering using the
11 other half of Queen Sewell Park only when
12 half of it is now planned to be used it will
13 drain into the Canal near the Academy. If
14 they expand that beyond the hundred
15 thousand, then it becomes necessary to use
16 the other half of Queen Sewell Park and the
17 hydrology there is into Buttermilk and
18 Little Buttermilk.

19 If you want to get into a really
20 long-term plan that's been broached is to
21 expand greatly the Wareham plant and have
22 their total effluent come down the railroad
23 tracks and into the Canal at the railroad
24 bridge. You already have a complete

1 discharge from the Mass. Military
2 Reservation going into the Canal, as well as
3 the Mass. Maritime. The Canal is becoming a
4 sewer for the total watershed and must be
5 considered in the long-range.

6 Thank you for your attention.

7 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

8 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Mr.
9 Moderator, can I respond to one of his
10 questions, one of his statements?

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Yes.

12 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
13 So there was a statement about coming in the
14 fall with this, the grant award process for
15 the MassWorks Grant is that you apply in
16 August and they grant it in October. And
17 then you have to start construction -- you
18 have to accept the grant and start
19 construction.

20 So, last year, we could not accept
21 the grant because we were not ready to start
22 construction. And if we didn't accept the
23 grant this time, we would not be able to --
24 we're going to lose that grant. So it was

1 really part of the timing and also to get it
2 with the police facility.

3 The other thing I want to talk
4 about is the 300,000 gallons per day. We
5 are not planning on using the 300,000
6 gallons per day that could be done on that
7 site because of the issues of the Buttermilk
8 Bay. The alternative plan and the regional
9 plan with Wareham is what was determined to
10 be the future expansion if it's necessary
11 for sewerage the rest of the area under the
12 208 Plan. It is not a plan to do an
13 expansion of this plant to the 300,000
14 gallons.

15 MODERATOR PARADY: Go ahead.
16 Thank you. I'm sorry; I just thought you
17 were standing there.

18 MS. ADELAIDE CARRARA: Addy
19 Carrara, Buzzards Bay, Taylors Point. I've
20 been in Buzzards Bay for 30 years and I've
21 seen the Town go down. I've seen the
22 buildings actually fall down while the
23 business is supposed to be making
24 hamburgers. I've seen just the desolate

1 area.

2 My friends will come down and
3 they'll say, "What is this with this Town?"
4 It's embarrassing. It's becoming a parking
5 lot for the Mass. Maritime students.

6 It would be nice to see it vibrant
7 as Mr. Mealy, Mr. Johnson, MJ have said.
8 It's time. We need it. Everything is
9 starting to just disintegrate, and if you
10 wait any longer, we'll be really, really a
11 destroyed Town.

12 Thank you.

13 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you.
14 Okay. This requires a two -- Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. KAREN MACLACHLAN: Karen
16 MacLachlan, unfortunate abutter of the
17 oversized projects going into my backyard in
18 the Perry Ave. complex.

19 My question is regarding page 19
20 about the other grant money for 2.6 million
21 that's pending review. Is there a reason we
22 can't wait for a review to come to its
23 completion before we vote on the project to
24 have a better understanding of what we're

1 paying for?

2 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Yes,
3 there is. This project is on the site with
4 the police facility and for the most cost-
5 effective process, it is better for us to
6 move forward with this and get the leeching
7 fields under the parking lots before the
8 parking lots are built and be able to have
9 the police facility tap into this wastewater
10 treatment plant and not have to build its
11 own septic systems.

12 MS. KAREN MACLACHLAN: Do you know
13 how long this pending review will last? Can
14 we just hold off a little bit on the second
15 project?

16 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No.

17 MS. KAREN MACLACHLAN: We don't
18 know how long it would be --

19 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No.

20 MR. JOHN MACLACHLAN: -- until we
21 find out we get the funds?

22 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: No.
23 And I -- it's possible that we'll get \$2.6
24 million from the federal grant. I don't

1 think we'll get the whole thing. I think we
2 may get some of it. But if I felt that it
3 didn't fit into the capital planning debt
4 service, I mean our debt service this year,
5 that debt service that the Town's paying in
6 the annual budget is \$4.8 million of which
7 about a little under \$2 million is exempt
8 debt, which means the debt that you have
9 agreed to pay and it overrides the debt
10 exclusions on your taxes so it's additional.

11 It's \$2.8 million of debt service
12 that we pay as a percentage. It tends to be
13 between 3 and 5 percent of our budget that
14 we pay in annual debt service. Most of our
15 bonding is like in the 5 to 10 year range.

16 So what we're proposing if we do
17 not get the federal grant of \$240,000.00, it
18 fits into our debt service budget. It fits
19 into our capital budget. It's something
20 that the Town can afford to do, and it's
21 something that we're going to gain in the
22 Town. We're going to gain a better Buzzards
23 Bay.

24 I live in Cataumet. I support

1 this project. I don't mind paying for this
2 project because I think it's going to make
3 Buzzards Bay better, and I think it's what
4 we've been trying to do. You know, we've
5 been thinking about this. If someone asks
6 like why can't the developers -- why can't
7 they just build their own treatment plants
8 on the site? Well, the problem is that a
9 developer if they want to come into Buzzards
10 Bay, they want to put 10,000 gallons per day
11 into the groundwater, they have to go
12 through the same permitting process that
13 we're going through with DEP. They have to
14 file a \$13,000 fee, and they have to go
15 through three years of hydrogeologic study,
16 and they have to file a DEP groundwater
17 discharge permit, and they have to do all
18 this that, you know, send them to -- they're
19 going to go to Wareham. They're not going
20 to come here.

21 So this is practical. It's
22 practical; it's visionary. It provides us
23 the option to allow businesses to come to
24 Buzzards Bay.

1 So what happens if we don't pass
2 it? What happens to the development, mixed-
3 use hotel, retail, housing development in
4 Buzzards Bay -- that's proposed for Buzzards
5 Bay? It will be like 20 to \$50 million to
6 invest in it to Buzzards Bay.

7 So what happens if we don't pass
8 this tonight?

9 MALE VOICE IN AUDIENCE:

10 (Inaudible).

11 MS. MARY JANE MASTRANGELO: Okay.
12 He doesn't -- he can't -- he doesn't put his
13 building up. There's nothing else to go
14 around him, so what's he going to do? He
15 owns a lot of property in Buzzards Bay; who
16 can he sell it to? Who would like to buy
17 some property in Buzzards Bay that would be
18 no tax benefit for the Town?

19 MODERATOR PARADY: Priscilla
20 Koleshis.

21 MS. PRISCILLA KOLESHIS: Hello,
22 I'm Priscilla Koleshis, Monument Beach. I
23 also serve on the Board of Assessors, the
24 Rec Committee, and the Youth Council. I've

1 been working on Main Street for 30 years.
2 I've seen it go downhill. I've seen people
3 for the last 30 years try to work on
4 revitalizing this area that is a shameful
5 place to look at right now.

6 Buildings torn down, falling down,
7 landlords that don't take care of buildings;
8 I am sick and tired of going to Wareham to
9 buy a card to mail to somebody. I can't go
10 -- we do have a pharmacy now at the end of
11 the rotary on the east end. We can't go to
12 -- we don't have restaurants. We don't have
13 all these facilities. We don't have a
14 grocery store.

15 I mean it's time for change to
16 happen and this is step one. Thirty years
17 we've been working on it. There's a lot of
18 you that have volunteered a lot of time and
19 effort to get this done. Let's do it. It's
20 not going to increase our taxes. It's going
21 to make them go down, I guarantee this to
22 you.

23 THE AUDIENCE: Put it in writing.
24 (Laughter.)

1 MS. PRISCILLA KOLESHIS: It's
2 going to go down.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: Barbara.

4 MS. PRISCILLA KOLESHIS:
5 (Inaudible) more economic development and
6 more resident and more commercial payment,
7 less burden for the residents. That's the
8 way it works.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: Barbara.

11 THE AUDIENCE: Move the question.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: After this
13 speaker, we're going to take the vote.

14 MS. BARBARA LAWRENCE: I probably
15 need a step-stool.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: She needs a
17 stool, I think.

18 MS. BARBARA LAWRENCE: I'm sorry.
19 God's shrinking me up here. But, anyhow, I
20 only have to say something happy because in
21 response to the man who lives in Buzzards
22 Bay and just came here not too many years
23 ago, to us you're a newcomer. Barry and I
24 were on that Sewer Committee 35 years ago.

1 But I do want to tell you, because
2 I was in real estate, I can guarantee you
3 that new things did happen after the sewer.
4 The Bevilacqua girls were over the bridge
5 with their beauty salon. It's the little
6 place on Main Street.

7 We have two East Wind Lobster --
8 not lobster, the East Wind Restaurants, one
9 at each rotary because there was sewer. We
10 have the new Cumberland Farms building.
11 Also, at the beginning of Main Street right
12 across the street from the railroad station,
13 there was a hardware store and now there's a
14 number of little shops and over it there are
15 condos. And then we have a couple of ice
16 cream parlors that came in down behind the
17 jewelry store to complement Betty Ann's.

18 So, yes, there was -- these things
19 I know, personally, came in only because
20 there was sewer because I was involved. And
21 if the sewer wasn't there, they couldn't
22 have a hairdressing salon because they
23 couldn't run the water. They couldn't get
24 their permits.

1 So sewer does help, and by 100
2 percent for this situation, I don't like
3 where it's going. I don't like it going up
4 besides your house. I think it's too close
5 to the pond.

6 Will I vote for it? Probably
7 because I have devoted too many years to
8 trying to get Main Street going.

9 So, good luck with your conscience
10 and do know that sewer does help.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: This Article
12 requires a two-thirds vote. We're going to
13 have a secret ballot. John Fuller, my
14 deputy, is going to supervise it. So pay
15 attention to what he has to say.

16 If you want to leave, you can
17 leave now but you can't come in once the
18 vote is started. And if you leave after you
19 vote, you can't come back in until the vote
20 is concluded.

21 John.

22 MR. JOHN FULLER: Okay. First
23 thing, remember we always start -- secret
24 ballots start from the back and the voters

1 at the back cast their votes first and it
2 works its way forward. The people that are
3 sitting in the front are the last ones to
4 vote.

5 What you do is let's start with
6 the section here on my left over here, you
7 folks, starting at the back, there's a
8 teller back there in each of those places to
9 get you started. You come out; you come
10 down this aisle right here; you'll be handed
11 a ticket. On the ticket there's a "Yes" and
12 a "No." If you're in favor of this article,
13 you tear off the "Yes" and you drop it in
14 the box and put that "No" in your pocket.

15 If you want to vote "No" on it,
16 you tear off the "No" and you drop the "No"
17 in the box and it's as simple as that. And
18 then you continue across the aisle you're
19 sitting -- I mean, pardon me, the section
20 you're sitting in, you go back up the
21 outside and return to your row and have a
22 seat.

23 At the same time in the center
24 section, you're also starting at the back.

1 You come down the same aisle so you're
2 walking side-by-side with the people over
3 here. You come down, you cut across the
4 front, you'll be handed a ticket saying
5 "Yes" or "No." You make your decision, cast
6 your vote, cut back across the front. You
7 go up that center aisle on that side and
8 return to your row and have a seat.

9 Folks on the far -- my far right
10 hand side, you're going to come down the
11 outside. You come all the way down and,
12 once again, you get your ticket, tear off,
13 cast your vote. You're going to be going up
14 alongside the same folks who are up that
15 center aisle, return to your seat and you're
16 all set.

17 If you need assistance and it's a
18 long walk for some folks and you don't want
19 to make that walk, just stay in your seat.
20 When we get all done and everyone's had a
21 chance to vote, I'll ask if anyone has not
22 had an opportunity to vote, and we'll send a
23 teller or one of the checkers here up to
24 your area with a box and you can cast your

1 vote from your seat. So if you really can't
2 get down here, don't kill yourself trying,
3 just relax and we'll bring the box to you.

4 After everybody in the audience
5 has voted, then we vote the people up on the
6 stage and we're done, and it goes that
7 quickly.

8 So one thing, and I want to remind
9 you, is all the photographers that are
10 floating around, put the cameras away. Get
11 yourself back far away and you don't take
12 pictures of people casting votes. You're
13 allowed to take pictures, but I don't want
14 to see -- there better not be any that show
15 up with any votes on them. So make sure
16 you're -- be respectful. I mean we don't
17 allow people to take pictures while the
18 people are casting votes.

19 Does anybody have any last minute
20 question? Can we get started? Okay.

21 So the tellers are in the back.
22 We start -- remember, all sections start
23 from the back so please let's start with the
24 vote down these two aisles and, again, for

1 the folks out back on that side, we start
2 down that side.

3 (Secret ballot voting.)

4 MR. JOHN FULLER: Okay, folks. It
5 appears as though everybody down here and up
6 on the stage has now cast their votes.

7 Is there anybody else out there
8 that did not have an opportunity to cast a
9 vote that we need to bring a ballot box up
10 to? Please raise your hand.

11 Okay. I think we're all set.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: Has the voting
13 concluded?

14 MR. JOHN FULLER: Bob, you can
15 unseal the doors now.

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay.
17 Doorkeepers, you can unseal the doors.

18 I hereby designate Linda Marzelli
19 and Nancy Sundman to count these ballots.

20 (Counting ballots.)

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. While
22 they are counting, we will proceed. I have
23 been informed by the Board of Selectmen and
24 the Finance Committee pursuant to Section

1 1.1.9 of the Town bylaws that there is one
2 article which the Selectmen and the Finance
3 Committee have each voted are essential to
4 the exercise of the Town's corporate
5 functions.

6 A lot of time -- well, most of the
7 time we do this at the beginning of the
8 meeting, but the bylaw doesn't say that
9 we're constrained; you have to do it at the
10 beginning.

11 And they inform me that Article 8
12 is imperative to the essential for the
13 exercise of the Town's corporate functions.

14 **ARTICLE 8**

15 MODERATOR PARADY: So, we're
16 taking Article 8 out of the lottery, and
17 we're proceeding to Article 8 right now.
18 And that's on page 14 of your handbook.

19 I recognize Michele Ford of the
20 Finance Committee. Do you have a positive
21 motion on Article 8?

22 MS. MICHELE FORD: Yes, Mr.
23 Moderator, we do.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state

1 your motion.

2 MS. MICHELE FORD: We move that
3 the Town vote to ratify the contact
4 negotiated between the Town and the
5 International Association of Firefighters,
6 Massachusetts Local 1717, and to appropriate
7 the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of
8 funding wage and salary adjustments
9 authorized by a memorandum of understanding
10 executed by the Town, said appropriation to
11 be expended under the direction of the Town
12 Administrator in accordance with all
13 requirements of law.

14 And, further, to meet this
15 appropriation to transfer the sum of
16 \$35,000.00 from Free Cash.

17 (Seconded.)

18 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
19 floor on your motion.

20 MS. MICHELE FORD: The Town has
21 successfully concluded negotiations with the
22 Town's Municipal Fire Department Bargaining
23 Unit lasting through June of 2020.

24 This agreement was negotiated by

1 the Fire Chief and Town Administrator and
2 agreed to by the Board of Selectmen. The
3 agreement was ratified by the union members
4 on Sunday night, last night.

5 This Article will fund the
6 \$35,000.00 of raises negotiated for
7 retroactive pay necessary to pay the money
8 to our firefighters.

9 The Finance Committee voted 11 to
10 0 to approve this article.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
12 Michele. Is there any further discussion of
13 the motion of the Finance Committee on
14 Article 8? Seeing none.

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

17 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

20 I declare the ayes have it. I
21 declare the motion passes. I declare it was
22 a unanimous vote.

23 (Article 8 passed unanimously.)
24

ARTICLE 3

MODERATOR PARADY: Okay. Back to the lottery again. Article 3. I recognize Dr. William Towne from the Finance Committee.

Dr. Towne, does the Finance Committee have a positive motion on this article?

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

MODERATOR PARADY: Please state your motion.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$108,900.00 for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of \$108,900.00 from Free Cash.

(Seconded.)

MODERATOR PARADY: You have the floor on your motion.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: This involves money that was transferred out earlier this summer on emergency purposes due to the need to repair the North Sagamore (Inaudible.)

1 And that's what this article is about is
2 replenishing that money that was taken from
3 the Reserve Fund at that point in the
4 emergency situation.

5 And the committee voted 10 to 0 to
6 recommend approval of this article.

7 MODERATOR PARADY: Is there any
8 further discussion on the motion of the
9 Finance Committee on Article 3? Seeing
10 none.

11 On that motion, it requires a
12 majority vote. All those in favor, please
13 signify by 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 3 unanimously passed.)

20 **ARTICLE 5**

21 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 5.
22 It's on page 13. I recognize Kathleen
23 Legacy from the Finance Committee. Do you
24 have a positive motion on Article 5?

1 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, we do,
2 Mr. Moderator.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
4 your motion.

5 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We move that
6 the Town vote to appropriate the sum of
7 \$250,000.00 for the purposes of this
8 article, and to meet this appropriation to
9 transfer the sum of \$250,000.00 from Free
10 Cash.

11 (Seconded.)

12 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
13 floor on your motion.

14 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Other Post-
15 Employment Benefits are benefits excluding
16 pensions that the Town provides to their
17 retired employees. These benefits are
18 primarily healthcare benefits. The Town
19 currently meets this obligation on a pay-as-
20 you-go basis.

21 This article is requesting that we
22 transfer \$250,000.00 from Free Cash to the
23 Health Insurance Trust Fund for the OPEB
24 liability to provide for the future health

1 insurance costs for retired employees.

2 With the money proposed in this
3 article and the funding from the FY18 budget
4 that supplements the article, the Health
5 Insurance Trust Fund will have approximately
6 1,340,005, yeah, 1,340,538.00 set aside to
7 meet our future obligations.

8 The Finance Committee voted
9 unanimously 11 to 0 to recommend approval of
10 this article.

11 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
12 discussion of that motion of the Finance
13 Committee on Article 5? Seeing none.

14 It requires a majority vote. All
15 those in favor, please signify by saying,
16 "Aye."

17 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

22 (Article 5 unanimously passed.)

23 **ARTICLE 9**

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 9 on

1 page 14. I recognize Rich Lavoie from the
2 Finance Committee. Do you have a positive
3 motion?

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

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
7 that motion.

8 MR. RICH LAVOIE: We move that the
9 Town vote upon the recommendation of the
10 Community Preservation Committee to raise
11 and appropriate, reserve or transfer from
12 available funds the sum of \$57,000.00 for
13 the Community Preservation Fund projects
14 listed in Article 9, and to meet this
15 appropriation and reserve to transfer
16 \$17,000.00 from Open Space Revenues Reserve
17 and 40,000 from Historic Reserves.

18 (Seconded.)

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

21 MR. RICH LAVOIE: This article
22 would provide funding for three very
23 worthwhile projects as you can see described
24 on page 15. Seventeen thousand would be

1 provided -- will provide handicap access to
2 the Electric Avenue beach, which presently
3 lacks that type of access and is required to
4 have access by the American Disabilities
5 Act, and is something that is a long time in
6 planning and will be very useful to people
7 that use that beach in that section of town.

8 The second section is \$20,000.00
9 from Historic Reserves for use of the
10 continuation of the Town-wide survey of
11 hysterical -- historical properties. There
12 are many older properties in town that the
13 Town would like to preserve for many years
14 to come, and this will allow for a register
15 to be developed to improve on what's already
16 been identified to date and to identify more
17 potentially historical properties.

18 The third section is 20,000 from
19 Historic Reserves for the continuation of
20 the binding and rebinding of Town records in
21 the Clerk's office. And this project will
22 allow for the continuation of an ongoing
23 effort to preserve our valuable Town records
24 that are essential that over years started

1 to deteriorate for a variety of reasons.
2 And this money would allow them to be
3 preserved and protected and bound in a way
4 that will provide a permanent record for
5 future generations to come.

6 The Finance Committee voted to
7 approve this Article 10 to nothing on
8 October 23, 2017.

9 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
10 Rich. Does the Community Preservation
11 Committee recommend these projects and
12 appropriations?

13 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

14 MODERATOR PARADY: You heard the
15 answer. Okay. It requires a majority vote.
16 Any further discussion on Article 9?

17 With that, all those in favor,
18 please signify by saying, "Aye."

19 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

22 THE AUDIENCE: No.

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

1 (Article 9 passed.)

2 **ARTICLE 2**

3 **SECRET BALLOT RESULTS**

4 MODERATOR PARADY: Let me give you
5 the results of the vote on Article 2, the
6 secret ballot, Article 2.

7 A hundred and four "Yes" votes
8 were required to exceed the two-thirds
9 requirement. You have voted "Yes" 132; "No"
10 24 and there was one blank.

11 I declare that the motion passes.
12 I declare it was more than a two-thirds
13 vote.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 (Article 2 passed.)

16 **ARTICLE 10**

17 MODERATOR PARADY: Article 10,
18 which is on page 15. I recognize George
19 Smith from the Finance Committee. George,
20 does the Finance Committee have a positive
21 motion on this article?

22 MR. GEORGE SMITH: Yes, Mr.
23 Moderator, we do.

24 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state

1 that motion.

2 MR. GEORGE SMITH: We move the
3 Town to so vote.

4 (Seconded.)

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

7 MR. GEORGE SMITH: This article
8 allows boards and committees to report to
9 the Town Meeting.

10 The Finance Committee unanimously
11 recommends approval of this article.

12 MODERATOR PARADY: Any further
13 discussion of the motion of the Finance
14 Committee on this article? Seeing none. It
15 requires a majority vote.

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

18 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

21 I declare the ayes have it. I
22 declare the motion passes. I declare it was
23 a unanimous vote.

24 (Article 10 unanimously passed.)

1 REPORT ON

2 POLICE FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

3 MODERATOR PARADY: I recognize
4 Charlie Noyes. Oh, they took your
5 microphone and everything. Oh, going over
6 to that one.

7 MR. CHARLIE NOYES: Good evening.

8 MODERATOR PARADY: It's on.

9 MR. CHARLIE NOYES: Okay. Thank
10 you. Good evening, everyone. My name is
11 Charles Noyes; I serve as Chair of the
12 Police Facility Building Committee.

13 The Police Facility Building
14 Committee continues its work to build the
15 best possible police facility to serve you,
16 the residents, of the Town of Bourne. Well
17 aware of the fiscal limits of our budget of
18 \$17.6 million, the committee has worked to
19 adjust and tweak the floor plan within the
20 building.

21 Countless hours have been spent to
22 seek out the most efficient and practical
23 design that allows all the functions that
24 operate with a modern police facility.

1 Members of the committee
2 especially Chief Woodside, Lieutenant Esip,
3 and Detective Sergeant Stowe have viewed and
4 toured other police facilities to see what
5 works well and what can be improved upon in
6 order to finalize the best interior design
7 for Bourne.

8 The committee has worked with the
9 Mass. Department of Transportation to seek
10 approval for access to the facility from the
11 Buzzards Bay bypass. This process is still
12 ongoing.

13 We have and continue to work with
14 other Town departments and agencies to
15 explore ways to contain site development
16 cost for both the police facility and
17 improve, yes, the wastewater facility
18 proposed to be located adjacent to the
19 police facility.

20 Our owner's project manager,
21 Daedalus Projects have produced initial
22 estimate that is well within our budget.
23 The estimate will be reviewed for errors and
24 omissions.

1 Our schedule calls for the project
2 to go out for bid in February of 2018 with a
3 project completion date during the fall of
4 2019. The committee consisting of Stanley
5 Andrews, Donald Ellis, Martin Greene,
6 William Meier, John O'Brien, Donald Pickard,
7 John Redman, Richard White, the Town
8 Administrator Thomas Guerino, Police Chief
9 Woodside, Lieutenant Esip, Detective
10 Sergeant, and myself.

11 The committee thanks the community
12 for your continued support of this project,
13 and we will continue to work with the best
14 possible police facility to serve you, the
15 residents, of the Town of Bourne.

16 Thank you.

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
19 Charlie. Any further reports? Yes, sir.

20 **REPORT OF**

21 **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

22 MR. JAMES POTTER: Thank you, Mr.
23 Moderator. Fellow Town Meeting attendees
24 and voters, I am Jim Potter, Chairman of the

1 School Building Committee.

2 On behalf of the Committee, I'm
3 excited to report to this Town Meeting about
4 the progress of the new Peebles School that
5 we're tracking on-time and on-budget.

6 Plans for architects began with
7 construction documents after the Special
8 Town Meeting approval last December. They
9 received feedback and direction from our
10 committee, the Mass. School Building
11 Authority, Bourne Public Schools, and the
12 community to further refine the drawings.

13 The Mass. School Building
14 Authority required both separate 60 percent
15 and 90 percent construction document
16 submission packages to them for review and
17 comment during the past spring and summer.
18 These submissions also required tracking of
19 construction estimates as they related to
20 the refining of those same drawings. And we
21 made sure that the project was still within
22 the proposed estimated budget.

23 Our committee created both an
24 Interior Design and Finishes Committee and a

1 Prequalification Subcommittee that
2 prequalified both subcontractors and general
3 contractors interested in the project.

4 The Interiors Committee maximized
5 their efforts on what the interior build
6 environment of the school would become along
7 with colors and finishes all reflected in
8 the final drawings. The Prequalification
9 Subcommittee ensured that the Town of Bourne
10 would receive Mass. qualified bidding
11 proposals for the many file bid
12 subcontractor trades and the overall general
13 contractor trade.

14 The hundred percent CD set was
15 released for public bid this past October
16 10. Filed subcontractor bids are going to
17 arrive next week, November 7, and filed
18 general contractor bids should come on
19 November 21.

20 Reviewing both, our School
21 Building Committee will be ready to award
22 the contracts at our November 30 meeting.
23 Within the first couple of weeks into
24 December, the community will most likely

1 begin to see the Peebles construction site
2 fenced off and earth work beginning.
3 Construction will follow on the new building
4 into 2019. Demolition of the existing
5 Peebles School will take place during the
6 summer of 2019 and into the fall of that
7 season as well. The new Peebles School,
8 grades 3 through 5 in its new location will
9 be open for the fall of 2019. So the 2019-
10 2020 school year.

11 I'd like to, and I think we all
12 should thank all of the School Building
13 Committee members, SMMA who's our owner
14 project manager, Flansburg Architects that
15 design the building, several sub committees
16 that we've had, and the Mass. School
17 Building Authority for all the work that
18 they've put into this great project thus
19 far.

20 Most of our meetings are still
21 televised, and all of our meeting
22 discussions and materials can be found on
23 the Town website under the School Building
24 Committee. As always, I'll keep you up-to-

1 date on the timeline and progress of this
2 important and exciting town project.

3 And just to note Town Meeting
4 organized and is the author of the School
5 Building Committee. So Town Meeting creates
6 the School Building Committee, and I feel
7 compelled that I report back to you about
8 the progress of what we voted for and how we
9 work as a committee really for you and for
10 the Town.

11 So, thank you, again, and I'll be
12 able to address everyone at the next Town
13 Meeting. But right here this upcoming
14 December, you're going to start to see the
15 earthwork beginning.

16 Thank you.

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MODERATOR PARADY: Thanks, Jim.

19 ARTICLE 7

20 MODERATOR PARADY: There's one
21 article left, Article 7, page 14. I
22 recognize Brian LeMee. Brian, does the
23 Finance Committee have a positive motion?

24 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: Yes, Mr.

1 Moderator, we do.

2 MODERATOR PARADY: Please state
3 your motion.

4 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: We move that the
5 Town vote to accept the provisions of
6 Massachusetts General Law 40, Section 5B,
7 for the establishment of a Sewer Capital
8 Stabilization Account.

9 (Seconded.)

10 MODERATOR PARADY: You have the
11 floor on that motion.

12 MR. BRIAN LEMEE: This article
13 would create a new Sewer Capital
14 Stabilization Account in the Sewer
15 Enterprise Fund. The fund will be used to
16 create a Reserve Fund to be used for large
17 equipment needs or projects to be needed in
18 the future.

19 In the short term, it may be used
20 to pay initial debt service anticipation tax
21 and sewer revenues -- anticipated tax. Tax
22 and sewer revenues are realized on the new
23 wastewater treatment facility.

24 Funding for this fund will come

1 from future revenues and unrestrictive fund
2 balance, also known as retained earnings, of
3 the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

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

6 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
7 Brian. Any further discussion on the Motion
8 of the Finance Committee on Article 7?
9 Seeing none.

10 It requires a majority vote. 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 7 passed unanimously.)

19 MODERATOR PARADY: I want to thank
20 you, all, for attending. It was a small
21 group but as Jim Mulvey said, "A hundred and
22 thirty-two people decided the whole Buzzards
23 Bay sewer issue tonight out of 14,000
24 registered voters."

1 Thank you. Oh, motion --

2 THE AUDIENCE: Motion to adjourn.

3 MODERATOR PARADY: I have a motion
4 -- I'll entertain a motion to dissolve the
5 Town's Special Town Meeting.

6 THE AUDIENCE: So moved.

7 (Seconded.)

8 MODERATOR PARADY: Motion and a
9 second. All those in favor, please signify
10 by saying "Aye."

11 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

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

15 (Motion passed.)

16 MODERATOR PARADY: Thank you,
17 again, for your attendance.

18 (WHEREUPON, the Special Town
19 Meeting concluded at 9:49 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE, SS

I, Linda L. Wesson, a Certified Verbatim Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that the foregoing volume is a true and accurate transcript, prepared to the best of my ability, of the Special Town Meeting, which was held on Monday, October 30, 2017, at the Beth Bourne High School Auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Road, Bourne, Massachusetts.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 3, 2022

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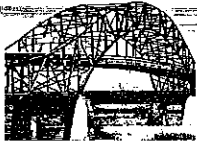
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