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**TOWN OF BOURNE**

**TRANSCRIPT of a  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING and  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

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TOWN MEETING** held before Amy Kullar, Moderator, taken  
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75 Waterhouse Road, Bourne, Massachusetts, commencing  
at 7:00 p.m.

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Mary Jane Mastrangelo

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Thomas Joyce

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1                                   **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

2                                   (Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.)

3                                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Good  
4                                   evening, Bourne.   Having reached the date  
5                                   and hour designated in the Warrant for the  
6                                   May 1, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, I, hereby,  
7                                   call the meeting to order.   My name is Amy  
8                                   Kullar, and I am the Bourne Town Meeting  
9                                   Moderator.

10                                  Mr. Town Clerk, Barry Johnson, how  
11                                  many voters have been checked into the Town  
12                                  Meeting?

13                                  CLERK BARRY JOHNSON:   Two hundred  
14                                  and seventy-six.

15                                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   He responds  
16                                  276 registered voters.   I declare there is a  
17                                  quorum present.

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

21                                  CLERK BARRY JOHNSON:   It has.

22                                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   He responds  
23                                  in the affirmative.   Madam Stenographer,  
24                                  please note for the record that the Town

1 Clerk responds that the Warrant has been  
2 duly posted.

3 Please, everyone, silence your  
4 cell phones. And at this time, I'd ask you  
5 to stand and remain standing until I ask you  
6 to resume your seats and join me in reciting  
7 the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 (Pledge Of Allegiance.)

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Let us  
10 offer a special moment of silence to those  
11 brave men and women who serve our nation in  
12 the public safety, military, and  
13 intelligence services at home and abroad,  
14 and for those town employees who have passed  
15 away since the last Town Meeting.

16 (Moment of silence.)

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
18 You may be seated.

19 I recognize Peter Meier.

20 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
21 Madam Moderator, I recognize -- Madam  
22 Moderator, I introduce you -- let's start  
23 again. Point of personal privilege, Madam  
24 Moderator.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Welcome.

2 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

3 Thank you. Madam Moderator, I want to  
4 introduce you and the Town Meeting to the  
5 newly elected Sheriff of Barnstable County.  
6 Sheriff Donna Buckley is here with us  
7 tonight. She is at the podium to say hello  
8 to the Town Meeting.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Welcome,  
10 Sheriff Buckley to the Bourne Annual Town  
11 Meeting.

12 SHERIFF DONNA BUCKLEY: Thank you,  
13 Madam Moderator. Thank you to the Bourne  
14 Town Meeting. This is still an exercise in  
15 democracy in its purest form. I am excited  
16 to be here. I just want to take a minute to  
17 introduce myself and let you know that even  
18 though I live in Falmouth, I work in Bourne,  
19 the home of our Barnstable County Sheriff's  
20 office.

21 In addition to running our  
22 correctional facility and doing the work to  
23 keep all of Barnstable County safe, our  
24 sheriff's office works closely with your

1 Bourne Fire Department, with regard to  
2 emergency communication service. We work  
3 closely with the Bourne Police Department as  
4 part of the Cape Cod Regional Law  
5 Enforcement Council, and we are also your  
6 partners in the Upper Cape Regional Water  
7 Supply Cooperative.

8 With about 300 employees, we are  
9 keenly aware of the traffic challenges that  
10 are presented by the bridges, and I want you  
11 to know from me that we will be partners  
12 with the Town of Bourne as we advocate for  
13 the best way to handle the new bridge  
14 construction.

15 So, please, consider us at the  
16 Sheriff's office as your neighbors. You're  
17 welcome any time to come visit and have a  
18 great Town Meeting. Thank you.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
20 Sheriff Buckley.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes, Peter.

23 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
24 Yes, I have one more point of personal



1 privilege with your permission.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You may go  
3 ahead.

4 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

5 Thank you. This evening will be Judith  
6 Froman's last Town Meeting as a member of  
7 the Select Board. Judith's been an  
8 excellent member and a mentor and a friend  
9 for six-plus years on this Board and also  
10 serving on the School Committee.

11 Judith also has been an Upper-Cape  
12 CCMPO rep, and she advocates for the  
13 residents of this community. It's a happy  
14 day but a sad day because, you know, she's  
15 leaving on her own. It was her decision not  
16 to run again, but she will surely -- sorely  
17 be missed. And I just feel that we should  
18 recognize her here at Town Meeting for all  
19 the great work she's done over her time here  
20 with the Town of Bourne.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
22 Peter. Thank you, Judith. Thank you, Judy.

23 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And I also

1           have a point of personal privilege. I would  
2           like to recognize Dr. William Towne. This  
3           is his last Town Meeting as a member of the  
4           Finance Committee, and I would like to thank  
5           him for his many years of service to the  
6           Town of Bourne.

7                     THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

8                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
9           So we made it through that part. What's  
10          going to happen now is I'm going to talk for  
11          quite a few more minutes. I'm going to  
12          provide you lots of information. We're  
13          going to go over some housekeeping matters  
14          and vote on two motions that will move Town  
15          Meeting business along more smoothly.

16                    You, all, should have electronic  
17          voting devices. These votes that we are  
18          going to take before we get to the articles  
19          are going to be voice votes, okay? That's  
20          how straightforward they are. So, please,  
21          bear with me and don't make me count your  
22          votes during the next couple of minutes.  
23          Thank you. All right.

24                    So, moving forward with the

1 business of this Town Meeting. Later on, in  
2 about 20 minutes, I'm going to call for a  
3 motion to recess the Annual Town Meeting  
4 approximately as close to 7:30 as we can  
5 get. And we will then convene the Special  
6 Town Meeting. After the Special Town  
7 Meeting business is concluded, we will  
8 return to the Annual Town Meeting. Okay.  
9 All right.

10 I have appointed Wendy Weston as  
11 my Deputy Moderator. Wendy is seated down  
12 in front of the stage right to my left and  
13 your right. If you need help with a motion  
14 or any other matter, please see Wendy.  
15 Okay.

16 Seated in front of you on the  
17 stage on my right, your left, facing the  
18 stage, we have the Finance Committee; we  
19 have the Deputy Town Clerk, the Town Clerk,  
20 Town Counsel, the Board of Selectmen; the  
21 Town Administrator is behind me, and the  
22 person that brings us the electronic voting  
23 is next to her. Everyone else that might  
24 speak tonight, I have the Town staff are

1 sitting in seats that have been reserved for  
2 them to my left in the first few rows.  
3 Okay.

4 Does everyone have a Voter  
5 Handbook?

6 THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: If not,  
8 please raise your hand and a teller will  
9 bring you one.

10 Now, does every registered voter  
11 have an electronic voting device? If not,  
12 please raise your hand and a teller will  
13 bring you one. We're going to take two  
14 minutes to go over the electronic voting  
15 system.

16 So when you were checked in, you  
17 were given a handset, that handset is for  
18 voting, and it is issued to you and only  
19 you. Using a handset issued to someone else  
20 is strictly forbidden.

21 Before each vote, I will name the  
22 article by number, and you will know which  
23 page in your handbook to turn to. I will  
24 tell you which page it's on. I'll then

1 announce the beginning of a 30-second  
2 interval during which you will vote on your  
3 handset. To vote "Yes," you will press the  
4 green button. To vote "No," you will press  
5 the red button. If you accidentally push  
6 the wrong button, you can switch your vote  
7 by pushing the correct button. If you don't  
8 want to participate in a vote, don't push  
9 any buttons. When the 30-second voting  
10 interval is over, I will announce that  
11 voting is complete. Shortly thereafter, I  
12 will announce the results of the vote.

13 Now, if you temporarily leave your  
14 seat and exit the auditorium, please leave  
15 your handset with the exit desk staff at the  
16 rear of the auditorium. They will label  
17 your handset with your name and reissue it  
18 when you return to the auditorium. When  
19 leaving the auditorium at the conclusion of  
20 business this evening, please make sure to  
21 place your handset in one of the bins at the  
22 exit desk. Okay.

23 Now, we're going to do a practice  
24 vote to make sure that everyone here is

1 comfortable with operating their handset.  
2 Remember, it's green for "Yes" and red for  
3 "No."

4 The first question tonight is an  
5 easy question. I'm going to ask the Town of  
6 Bourne will the Celtics win the NBA  
7 championship this season? I was going to do  
8 Bruins, but we know how that worked out.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
11 So, you can begin voting now. Green for  
12 "Yes"; red for "No."

13 (Voting in progress.)

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
15 Voting is closed.

16 I declare that the Celtics will  
17 win the championship with 266 votes.

18 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
20 We're off to a good start.

21 Okay. I am informed by the Board  
22 of Selectmen that if this Town Meeting does  
23 not conclude this evening, that it is their  
24 intention to move that it recess and

1 reconvene tomorrow evening here at 7 p.m.  
2 We'll do our best.

3 The Town Meeting is governed by  
4 Robert's Rules of Order as interpreted by  
5 the book *Town Meeting Time*. I will not be  
6 reading all of the Moderator's rules which  
7 are detailed beginning on page 4 in your  
8 Voter Handbook. I will address  
9 parliamentary matters as they arise during  
10 the course of the meeting.

11 When an article is called, and you  
12 intend to speak on that article, please  
13 leave your seat and come down to the front  
14 if there's any seats available and sit near  
15 one of the two microphones so that I may  
16 recognize you.

17 Generally, you will have up to  
18 three-and-a-half minutes to speak. I  
19 reserve the right to change the amount of  
20 time allotted if we have a lot of interest  
21 in speaking on certain articles so that  
22 everyone can be heard. Okay. My deputy is  
23 keeping time for me.

24 One thing I do not tolerate during

1 Town Meeting are personal attacks or any  
2 other kind of behavior in that nature from a  
3 Speaker. You will be declared out of order.  
4 And in accordance with Massachusetts law,  
5 you may be removed from the meeting by the  
6 Sergeant at arms and confined until the  
7 conclusion of the session. Please speak  
8 only to the motion on the floor. Do not be  
9 repetitive, be concise, and to the point.

10 This meeting is being videotaped  
11 for televising on the local Comcast cable  
12 access channel. As a matter of long-time  
13 custom and usage within the Town of Bourne,  
14 it is solely within the Moderator's  
15 discretion to allow nonvoters to address the  
16 Town Meeting. If anything tonight  
17 interferes with your ability to hear, speak,  
18 or participate in the Town Meeting to your  
19 satisfaction, you may interrupt the meeting  
20 by declaring a point of personal privilege,  
21 and your concern will be heard and  
22 addressed. If you need to speak from your  
23 seat, please get my attention or Wendy's  
24 attention, and we will try to get a portable



1 microphone over to you. Okay?

2 Now we're going to conduct two  
3 votes by voice. All right. So, I will  
4 entertain a motion now that this meeting  
5 dispense with the reading of the Warrant and  
6 of the Constable's return of service of that  
7 warrant, and that the Moderator not be  
8 required to read Resolutions or Warrant  
9 articles verbatim but may, instead, refer to  
10 them by article number and/or page in the  
11 handbook.

12 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
13 So moved.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
15 motion from Peter Meier.

16 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Second.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
18 second from Melissa Ferretti.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
20 All those in favor, Town Meeting, of  
21 dispensing with the reading of the Warrant,  
22 please indicate by saying "Aye."

23 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those

1           opposed? Thank you. I declare the vote is  
2           unanimous.

3                               (Motion carried.)

4                       MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I am  
5           informed by the Board of Selectmen that  
6           there is a Bourne Rule Resolution. This  
7           Resolution is printed in your handbook. Mr.  
8           Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, please  
9           make a motion on the Proposition 2-1/2  
10          resolution.

11                       SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
12          Motion to waive the reading of the Bourne  
13          Rule.

14                       MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Motion to  
15          waive the reading of the Bourne Rule.

16                       SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
17          Second.

18                       MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
19          second from Jared MacDonald. All those in  
20          favor of waiving the reading of the Bourne  
21          Rule, please say, "Aye."

22                       THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

23                       MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Opposed? I  
24          declare it is unanimous.

1 (Motion carried.)

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: This next  
3 question is directed at the Finance  
4 Committee chair and Board of Selectmen  
5 chair, if all of the recommended articles in  
6 the Annual Town Meeting that require raising  
7 and appropriating of funds are passed, will  
8 the Town be at their maximum levy limit?

9 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
10 Yes.

11 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They  
13 respond in the affirmative. Okay. Lastly,  
14 I am informed by the Town Administrator in  
15 accordance with Section 1.1.9 of the Town  
16 Bylaws that there are articles which the  
17 Selectmen and the Finance Committee have  
18 each voted are essential to the exercise of  
19 the Town's corporate functions. These  
20 Article are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 12.  
21 All other articles of this Annual Town  
22 Meeting will be drawn by lottery after we go  
23 through those articles in order.

24 And with that, we will now move to

1 Article 1.

2 **ARTICLE 1**

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 1  
4 on page 25 of your handbook requires a  
5 majority vote. Does the Select Board have a  
6 positive motion Article 1?

7 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
8 Yes, we do.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
10 Peter Meier.

11 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
12 Yes. We move that the Town vote to approve  
13 the use of the consent agenda including each  
14 of the articles set forth in the Warrant in  
15 Article 1, and, further, that the Town vote  
16 to approve Article 1 as set forth in the  
17 Warrant, and further that (A) With respect  
18 to Article 1-4 to raise and appropriate the  
19 sum of \$350,000 for the Finance Committee  
20 Reserve Fund, and (B) With respect to  
21 Article 1-6 to transfer 100,000 from Free  
22 Cash to fund costs related to payments for  
23 accrued Contractual Compensated Absences.

24 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:

1 Second.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Meier,  
3 you have the floor.

4 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
5 The items listed in the consent agenda  
6 reoccur annually and are housekeeping in  
7 nature.

8 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
9 the motion would approve all the consent  
10 articles at one time and authorize a cost-  
11 of-living allowance, COLA, increase of 2-1/2  
12 percent for the Town Clerk. All other  
13 salaries for Elected Officials, the Reserve  
14 Fund, Revolving Fund Spending Limits, and  
15 funding for Accrued Contractual Compensated  
16 Absences will remain the same as the prior  
17 fiscal year.

18 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
19 the motion would mean that Town Meeting  
20 would vote on the items individually.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
22 And does the Finance Committee have a  
23 recommendation on this article?

24 MR. TOM JOYCE: We do.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
2 Thomas Joyce.

3 MR. THOMAS JOYCE: The Finance  
4 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
5 recommend approval of this article. This is  
6 a standard annual article that committee  
7 members understand the mechanics of and no  
8 questions or concerns were raised during  
9 discussion.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
11 Is there any further discussion on Article  
12 1? Seeing none. We will move to a vote on  
13 Article 1. This vote requires a majority  
14 vote. Does everyone have their handheld  
15 devices? When I say, "Voting is open," you  
16 will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
17 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
18 begin voting now.

19 (Voting in progress.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
21 now closed.

22 I declare the motion of the Select  
23 Board has passed with 367 in favor and 37 in  
24 opposition.

(Article 1 passed.)

**ARTICLE 2**

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We'll move to Article 2. Article 2 on page 28 of your handbook requires a two-thirds majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?

MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Mary Jane Mastrangelo.

MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: We move that the sum of \$77,187,218 be hereby appropriated from the funding sources listed below to defray the expenses of the Municipal Town Departments in the chart entitled, "These Amounts are to be Voted" as shown below for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023, to and including June 30, 2024. Funding sources:

Raise and Appropriate from  
the FY24 Tax Levy and other General  
Revenues from the Town, \$73,999,657;  
PL Grant Funds, \$100,000;  
Ambulance Fund \$1,500,000;

1 Conservation Commission  
2 Receipts Reserved for Appropriation,  
3 \$30,000;  
4 Community Preservation Fund  
5 Revenues for Debt Expense, \$271,025;  
6 Community Septic Management  
7 Program \$19,455;  
8 Waterway Improvement Fund,  
9 \$140,000;  
10 Capital Stabilization for  
11 Debt Expense, \$1,120,000;  
12 TNC Rideshare Fund \$7,081,  
13 Total \$77,187,218.  
14 These amounts are to be  
15 voted:  
16 General Government,  
17 \$4,471,061;  
18 Public Safety, \$12,702,109;  
19 Public Works, \$3,437,693;  
20 Health and Human Services  
21 \$998,207;  
22 Culture and Recreation,  
23 \$1,039,050;  
24 Bourne Public Schools,



1                   \$25,818,363;  
2                               Upper Cape Cod Regional  
3               Technical High School, \$3,624,750;  
4                               Shared Costs, \$18,261,539;  
5                               Debt Service, \$6,834,500,  
6               Total \$77,187,218.

7                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

8               Second.

9                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10               We have a second from Peter Meier. Does the  
11               Finance Committee have a positive  
12               recommendation on this -- oh no. Sorry.  
13               You have the floor.

14                   MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Can I do an  
15               explanation?

16                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I  
17               apologize.

18                   SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

19               MASTRANGELO: That's okay.

20                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: New method.

21                   SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

22               MASTRANGELO: Okay. Before I start the  
23               explanation on the budget, if you've  
24               noticed, we're doing Town Meeting a little

1 bit different this year. So the Finance  
2 Committee voted in February that they did  
3 not want to make the motions for the  
4 articles anymore or the explanations. They  
5 just wanted to give their explanation. So  
6 the Select Board has taken over the role of  
7 making the motions and the explanations.  
8 And after the Select Board motion and  
9 explanation, the Finance Committee will be  
10 giving their recommendation.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
12 MJ.

13 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE  
14 MASTRANGELO: This is the annual article  
15 funding the Operating Budget of the Town and  
16 Schools. The estimated General Fund  
17 Revenues available for the Operating Budget  
18 increased 3.33 percent. The proposed budget  
19 is shown in Appendix B on pages 77 to 89 of  
20 the Voter Handbook.

21 This is a level-service budget  
22 that maintains the services provided in the  
23 current budget. The total bottom line  
24 increase of the proposed General Fund

1           Operating Budget is 4.55 percent over the  
2           current Operating Budget.

3                   There are no new staff positions  
4           or additional personnel in the proposed  
5           budget. Most of the increase is due to  
6           contractual increases for both employees and  
7           contracted services. There are two new  
8           initiatives proposed, a small library of  
9           things included in the Library budget, and a  
10          migration of all employee email and  
11          Microsoft Office licenses to the Cloud and  
12          Office 365 service.

13                   Appendix B on page 73 shows the  
14          Sources of Funds, and page 74 shows the  
15          Expenditures. It is worth noting that there  
16          is no Free Cash used to balance the budget,  
17          and our reserves are maintained in  
18          accordance with our financial policy.

19                   The Capital Stabilization Reserve  
20          Fund which is utilized as a revenue source  
21          to pay about \$1.1 million of the Debt  
22          Service expense is being maintained at a  
23          level to cover 3 to 5 years of debt service.  
24          The long-term plan projections are in

1 Appendix B on pages 96 to 97 of the Voter  
2 Handbook. Based on the Estimated Revenue  
3 and Expenditures, total Reserves are  
4 maintained at 14 to 17 percent of the budget  
5 over the next five years. And based on the  
6 proposed budget and current service levels,  
7 there should not be a need for an override  
8 for at least five years. These projections  
9 could change if economic conditions change,  
10 and the continued monitoring of the long-  
11 term plan is important.

12 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
13 the motion would approve the General Fund  
14 Operating Budget for FY24 from July 1, 2023,  
15 through June 30, 2024.

16 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
17 the motion would mean that there would be no  
18 approved Operating Budget for FY24, and the  
19 Town could not function properly.

20 The Select Board voted unanimously  
21 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23 Does the Finance Committee have a  
24 recommendation?

1 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We do,  
2 Madam Moderator. The Finance Committee  
3 voted unanimously 9-0-0 to recommend  
4 approval of this article. The committee  
5 examined individual department budgets as  
6 part of our annual process budget review.  
7 Nothing alarming was proposed, and all  
8 salary increases were contractual with no  
9 positions added this coming fiscal year.  
10 The Department heads and the Town  
11 Administrator adequately answered all  
12 questions and provided clarifications.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
14 Is there any further discussion on Article  
15 2? Seeing none. We'll move to a vote on  
16 Article 2. Now, this vote requires a two-  
17 thirds majority vote. So, we're going to do  
18 math. All right. Does everyone have their  
19 handheld device?

20 THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: When I tell  
22 you, you will have 30 seconds to cast your  
23 vote. Green for "Yes"; red for "No."  
24 Article 2, two-thirds majority. You may

1           begin voting now.

2                           (Voting in progress.)

3                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Voting is  
4           now closed.

5                   I declare the motion of the Select  
6           Board is passed with 414 in favor and 29  
7           opposed.

8                           (Article 2 passed.)

9                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   We're just  
10          two minutes outside of 7:30, and we're going  
11          to head over to the Special Town Meeting.  
12          So, I would entertain a motion at this time  
13          to recess the Annual Town Meeting.

14                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
15          So moved.

16                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   I have a  
17          motion.

18                   SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
19          Second.

20                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   And a  
21          second. This is a voice vote. All those in  
22          favor of recessing the Annual Town Meeting,  
23          please indicate by saying "Aye."

24                   THE AUDIENCE:   Aye.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Anyone  
2 opposed? No. Good.  
3 (Annual Town Meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m.)  
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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Having reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the May 1, 2023, Special Town Meeting, I hereby call that meeting to order. We're waiting on voters.

CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Four forty-two.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Town Clerk, how many voters have checked into this Special Town Meeting?

CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Four hundred and forty-two.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds 442. I declare there is a quorum present.

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

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: It has.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds that it has.

Wendy Weston is still my Deputy Moderator. Wendy is seated down front of



1 the stage; she will help you with a motion  
2 or other matter. I designated the library  
3 as seating for nonvoters. Please make sure  
4 your cell phones are silent. Does everyone  
5 have a Voter Handbook for the Special Town  
6 Meeting? If not, please raise your hand and  
7 the tellers will bring you one.

8 I'll entertain a motion at this  
9 time that this meeting dispense with the  
10 reading of the Warrant and of the  
11 Constable's Return of Service of that  
12 Warrant, and that the Moderator not be  
13 required to read Warrant articles verbatim  
14 but may refer to them instead by article  
15 number.

16 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
17 So moved.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
19 motion from Peter Meier.

20 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
21 Second.

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Second,  
23 Jared MacDonald. All those in favor of  
24 dispensing with the reading of the Warrant,

1 please indicate by saying "Aye." This is a  
2 voice vote. Please vote.

3 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those  
5 opposed? Thank you.

6 (Motion carried.)

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We will  
8 proceed to the articles in the Special Town  
9 Meeting. Article 3 is the only essential  
10 article. So we will begin with Article 3  
11 and then proceed to the lottery.

12 **ARTICLE 3**

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 3  
14 on page 11 of your handbook requires a  
15 simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  
16 have a positive motion?

17 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We do.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
19 Jared MacDonald.

20 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD: We  
21 move that the Town vote to appropriate  
22 961,820 to pay costs of the Capital Outlay  
23 projects listed in the schedule printed  
24 below and to meet this appropriation,

1 transfer the sum of 961,820 from Free Cash.

2 The list below reads:

3 Department 1, Police, 391,820  
4 from Free Cash;

5 Department 2, Town Clerk,  
6 150,000 from Free Cash.

7 Department 3, Facilities,  
8 150,000 from Free Cash;

9 Department 4, Facilities,  
10 100,000 from Free Cash, and

11 Department 5, the Schools,  
12 170,000 from Free Cash;

13 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

14 Second.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.

16 MacDonald, you have the floor.

17 MR. JARED MACDONALD: A "Yes" or  
18 "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would  
19 approve the capital expenditures recommended  
20 by the Capital Outlay Committee for Phase 2  
21 of FY23.

22 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
23 the motion would mean that the capital  
24 expenditures recommended by the Capital

1 Outlay Committee would not be funded and  
2 these needs would not be addressed in FY23.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
4 Does the Finance Committee have a  
5 recommendation on this article?

6 MR. JIM SULLIVAN: Yes, we do,  
7 Madam Moderator.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
9 Jim Sullivan.

10 MR. JIM SULLIVAN: The Finance  
11 Committee voted unanimously 9-0 to recommend  
12 approval of this article. There were no  
13 concerns about the capital projects  
14 presented, and the committee believes this  
15 article should be brought before a Special  
16 Town Meeting to release funds sooner so that  
17 better pricing options could be obtained and  
18 to get vehicles replaced sooner in  
19 anticipation of supply chain issues.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21 Is there any further discussion on Article  
22 3? Seeing none. We'll move to a vote on  
23 Article 3. This vote requires a simple  
24 majority. Everyone, please take your

1 handheld device. When I tell you, you will  
2 have 30 seconds to cast your vote. Green  
3 for "Yes"; red for "No." You may begin  
4 voting now.

5 (Voting in progress.)

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
7 now closed.

8 I declare the motion of the Select  
9 Board has passed with 414 in favor and 34  
10 opposed.

11 (Article 3 passed.)

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're now  
13 going to move to the lottery.

14 **ARTICLE 4**

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 4  
16 on page 12 of your handbook requires a  
17 simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  
18 have a positive motion?

19 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
21 Melissa Ferretti.

22 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
23 that the Town vote upon the recommendation  
24 of the Community Preservation Committee to

1           raise and appropriate and reserve the sum of  
2           \$45,000 for Community Preservation Fund  
3           project listed in -- sorry, the Community  
4           Preservation Fund project listed in the  
5           Community Preservation Fund Committee Report  
6           as printed below and to meet this  
7           appropriation and reserve, transfer 45,000  
8           from Historic Preservation Reserves.

9                       SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

10          Second.

11                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
12          Peter for the second. Ms. Ferretti, you  
13          have the floor.

14                      MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: With  
15          origins dating to 1690, the Keene house had  
16          a demolition delay placed by the Historical  
17          Commission to expire May 10 --

18                      THE AUDIENCE: No, no.

19                      MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Am I on the  
20          wrong? Sorry.

21                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's the  
22          Chamber information booth.

23                      MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Oh, sorry  
24          about that.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No worries.

2 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Sorry.

3 Sorry about that.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going  
5 to start over.

6 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Start over.  
7 Ready? Apologies.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No worries.  
9 Go right ahead, please.

10 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: All right.  
11 Sorry. Currently located at the Cumberland  
12 Farms property at the Bourne Rotary, an  
13 eight-month demolition delay was placed on  
14 the 1929 structure in January 2023 by the  
15 Historic Commission.

16 Since then, the VFW expressed  
17 interest in the ownership of the structure  
18 and filed a Community Preservation  
19 Application to fund, 1., The relocation to a  
20 privately-owned parcel located at 180 Shore  
21 Road; and 2., The necessary historical  
22 renovations needed to use the facility as a  
23 nonprofit thrift shop.

24 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of

1           this motion would allow CPA funds to be used  
2           to move the structure to 180 Shore Road, and  
3           to make necessary repairs and renovations  
4           for use as a nonprofit associated thrift  
5           shop.

6                     A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
7           the motion would provide no CPA funds to  
8           relocate the structure before the demolition  
9           delay expires.

10                    The Select Board voted unanimously  
11           5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

12                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
13           Does the Finance Committee have a  
14           recommendation on this article?

15                   MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
16           Madam Moderator.

17                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
18           Rich Lavoie.

19                   MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
20           Company (sic) voted unanimously 9 to 0 to  
21           recommend approval of this article.

22                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23           And does the Community Preservation  
24           Committee have anything to say on this



1 article?

2 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: We recommend  
3 it.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Johnson  
5 states that they recommend this article.  
6 Thank you.

7 Now, is there any discussion on  
8 Article 4? Please step to the podium and  
9 identify yourself.

10 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: My name is  
11 Bill Doherty; I live in Cataumet. I'm  
12 opposed to this article for the following  
13 reasons. When they describe the amount of  
14 work that had to be done in order to make it  
15 suitable for a thrift shop, it seemed to me  
16 that instead of spending \$45,000 to move  
17 this shack over to the VFW, they could build  
18 or put a shed -- it would probably cost them  
19 between six and \$10,000 to do the very same  
20 thing. I would point out that the Supported  
21 Veterans in this area is covered by two  
22 things. There is a food pantry, which I  
23 participate in down in Falmouth at the  
24 AMVETS; there's, also, at the old Sandwich

1           Police Station essentially a surplus food  
2           outlet that is designed to help veterans  
3           with both food insecurity issues and also to  
4           help younger veterans and younger soldiers  
5           with things that they need like baby diapers  
6           and things like that.

7                       Because of the presence of what I  
8           would consider an adequate support for these  
9           kinds of issues, I believe that spending  
10          \$45,000 to move it to the VFW, and they've  
11          already said the amount of work that has to  
12          be done would, essentially, make it a new  
13          place anyway.

14                      So with that in mind, I think  
15          that, you know, we'll talk about the Keene  
16          House later, which I think is worthy of  
17          support, but this I don't believe is. Thank  
18          you.

19                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
20          Mr. Doherty. Is there any further  
21          discussion on Article 4? If you'd like to  
22          be heard, please come to the podium.

23                      MR. CHUCK ROTH: My name is Chuck  
24          Roth, 73 Lake Drive. I'm here to propose

1 approval of this motion for a few reasons.  
2 One is the amount of work to renovate a  
3 historical structure, yes, sometimes can be  
4 costly and time-consuming; however, it is a  
5 historical structure. It's been pretty much  
6 deemed so by the Historical Commission.

7 And we at the VFW -- I'm the post  
8 commander there, by the way, we, at the VFW,  
9 are seeking to expand our community  
10 outreach, our community engagement, and this  
11 is one of the measures that we have chosen  
12 to do so. We have many events at the post,  
13 and we have a lot of veterans that need  
14 things other than food, and this is not  
15 going to have food. This is going to be a  
16 thrift shop where veterans can come in, and  
17 whatever they need as far as clothing,  
18 whatever items we have in the shop, will be  
19 theirs for the taking. Everybody else will  
20 pay a nominal fee.

21 We are seeking this booth to also  
22 enhance our own property, and because we  
23 don't have the money to build a new shed, as  
24 you call it. It's not a shed; it's an

1 information booth. It was 40, 50, 60-years  
2 ago, 70-years ago and it still is. It's a  
3 very sound building. The interior just  
4 needs updating on the electrical. The  
5 exterior needs a few shingles here and  
6 there. The move is the big thing, and we  
7 would like to keep our presence in the  
8 community on a positive note and not a  
9 negative one. There's a lot of people that  
10 have not a very good opinion of the VFW or  
11 any military organization like that. So we  
12 want to make something a little more  
13 positive for the people of Bourne. Thank  
14 you.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

16 MR. GARY MALONEY: Madam  
17 Moderator, Gary Maloney in Buzzards Bay.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes.

19 MR. GARY MALONEY: Mine is just a  
20 procedural question.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Sure.

22 MR. GARY MALONEY: As far as the  
23 meeting rules, 13 and 14, I believe, for  
24 reconsideration, do those one-hour periods

1 carryover from a Special Town Meeting  
2 reconsideration for --

3 MALE VOICE: No.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Shh.

5 MR. GARY MALONEY: -- these  
6 articles or at the conclusion of Special  
7 Town Meeting is all reconsideration no  
8 longer allowed?

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Once a  
10 meeting has been dissolved, we can't reopen  
11 it.

12 MR. GARY MALONEY: Okay. So that  
13 would mean any one of these eight articles,  
14 if people leave, that can't be revoted on  
15 again later tonight.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Correct.

17 MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you, very  
18 much, for that clarification.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You're  
20 welcome. Okay. So, that was a point of  
21 order. Is there any discussion on Article  
22 4? Seeing none. We'll move to a vote on  
23 Article 4.

24 Article 4 is on page 12 of your

1 handbook. This vote requires a simple  
2 majority. When I tell you, you will have  
3 30 seconds to cast your vote. Green for  
4 "Yes"; red for "No." You may begin voting  
5 now.

6 (Voting in progress.)

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
8 now closed.

9 I declare the motion of the Select  
10 Board is passed with 272 votes in favor and  
11 198 in opposition.

12 (Article 4 passed.)

13 **ARTICLE 6**

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 6.  
15 Article 6 on page 14 of your handbook  
16 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
17 Board have a positive motion?

18 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
19 Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
21 Peter Meier.

22 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
23 We move that the Town vote to appropriate  
24 the sum of \$1,137 for the purposes of this

1 article and to meet this appropriation  
2 transfer the sum of \$1,137 from Free Cash.

3 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:

4 Second.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

6 Second, Jared. And then, Mr. Meier, you  
7 have the floor.

8 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

9 Thank you. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor  
10 of the motion will allow the Town to pay for  
11 the bike racks that have been installed  
12 after the grant deadline.

13 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
14 the motion would not allow the Town to cover  
15 the costs that were incurred after the close  
16 of the grant.

17 The Select Board voted unanimously  
18 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Meier. Does the Finance Committee have  
21 a recommendation on this article?

22 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: Yes, we  
23 do, Madam Moderator.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

1 Steven Solbo.

2 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: The  
3 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
4 recommend approval of this article. The  
5 committee asked for clarification on use of  
6 funds, and who would be installing the bike  
7 racks. Upon receiving that information, the  
8 community moved forward in support of the  
9 article.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
11 Is there any further discussion on Article  
12 6? Seeing none. We will now move to a vote  
13 on Article 6. This vote requires a majority  
14 vote. When I tell you, you will have 30  
15 seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
16 red for "No." You may begin voting now.

17 (Voting in progress.)

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
19 now closed.

20 I declare the motion of the Select  
21 Board is passed with 406 in favor and 52  
22 opposed.

23 (Article 6 passed.)

24 **ARTICLE 1**



1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 1.  
2 Article 1 on page 9 of your handbook  
3 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
4 Board have a positive motion?

5 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Yes,  
6 we do.

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
8 Judith Froman.

9 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
10 you. The motion: we move that the Town  
11 vote to amend the Town of Bourne Bylaws:

12 (1) strike the text "Board of  
13 Selectmen," irrespective of  
14 capitalization, wherever it may appear  
15 and replace said text with the text  
16 "Select Board;" and, further,

17 (2) strike the text "Selectmen,"  
18 irrespective of capitalization,  
19 wherever it may appear and replace said  
20 text with "Select Board members"; and,  
21 further,

22 (3) strike the text "Selectmen's,"  
23 irrespective of capitalization,

1                   wherever it may appear and replace said  
2                   text with "Select Board members," and  
3                   provided further that no textual  
4                   revision shall be made to the sections'  
5                   appearance at the end of said Bylaws  
6                   entitled, "Acts of the Legislature  
7                   Accepted by the Town" and "Special  
8                   Legislation."

9                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

10                  Second.

11                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms. Froman,  
12                  you have the floor.

13                  MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
14                  you. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the  
15                  motion will update the text of the General  
16                  Bylaws to be consistent with the newly  
17                  amended House Rule Charter and will change  
18                  all references from Board of Selectmen to  
19                  Select Board.

20                  A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
21                  the motion will not update the General  
22                  Bylaws and all references to Selectmen shall  
23                  remain.

1                   The Select Board voted 5-0-0 to  
2                   recommend approval of this article.

3                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
4                   Does the Finance Committee have a  
5                   recommendation on this article?

6                   MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam  
7                   Moderator.

8                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
9                   Thomas Joyce.

10                  MR. THOMAS JOYCE: The Finance  
11                  Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to  
12                  recommend approval of this article.

13                  The change is straightforward, and  
14                  no concerns or objections were raised during  
15                  discussions.

16                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
17                  Is there any further discussion on Article  
18                  1? Seeing none. We will move to vote on  
19                  Article 1. This vote requires a simple  
20                  majority.

21                  When I tell you, you will have 30  
22                  seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
23                  red for "No." You may begin voting now.

24                               (Voting in progress.)

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
2 now closed.

3 I declare the motion of the Select  
4 Board is passed with 375 in favor and 91  
5 opposed.

6 (Article 1 passed.)

7 **ARTICLE 7**

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 7.  
9 We're going to keep decorum during this  
10 article too, please. Please. Thank you.

11 Article 7 on page 15 of your  
12 handbook requires a simple majority vote.  
13 Does the Select Board have a positive  
14 motion?

15 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
16 No, Madam Chair.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Select  
18 Board does not have a positive motion.

19 Does the Finance Committee have a  
20 recommendation on this article?

21 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We do,  
22 but we don't have a positive motion.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.  
24 Thank you.

1 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: You're  
2 welcome.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Does anyone  
4 have a positive motion to make on Article 7?

5 MR. STEPHEN STROJNY: I do.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
7 Stephen Strojny.

8 MR. STEPHEN STROJNY: We move that  
9 the Town vote to approve this article as set  
10 forth in the Warrant.

11 MALE VOICE: Second.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
13 I see a second. Thank you. Mr. Strojny,  
14 you have the floor.

15 MR. STEPHEN STROJNY: Thank you,  
16 very much. Folks, I'm Steve Strojny. I'm a  
17 former member of the Planning Board, and I  
18 was chairman for a number of years. I'm  
19 here advocating for the repeal of the ban of  
20 cannabis in the Town of Bourne.

21 Sales of cannabis in the state of  
22 Massachusetts, since it went legal, have  
23 exceeded \$4 billion. They're fast  
24 approaching \$5 billion. Taxes for cannabis

1           that sold through legal dispensaries is 20  
2           percent, 3 percent of that goes to the local  
3           community, 17 percent of that goes to the  
4           state. So we are fast approaching \$1  
5           billion in tax revenue from legal marijuana  
6           here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
7           That's one point.

8                     And I understand that this is an  
9           issue that there's a lot of interest in, but  
10          what I think we can all agree on is there  
11          are a couple of things that really matter  
12          here. One of them is children. We want to  
13          make sure that children don't get this  
14          product. And what I want to do is explain  
15          to you how the dispensary system works.  
16          When you go to buy a marijuana product, from  
17          the time that product is a seed to grow into  
18          a plant, it's processed into a product, ends  
19          up in the dispensary, it is tracked on that  
20          whole process. It is independently tested  
21          for purity and content.

22                    When a person goes to a  
23          dispensary, they have to give their driver's  
24          license; they have to identify themselves.

1           They're allowed to buy a certain amount of  
2           product on a daily basis. That product is  
3           scanned in. Now if that product gets  
4           diverted to a child, they're going to know  
5           exactly where that product was bought and  
6           who it was sold to. It's going to help  
7           avoid the diversion of this product.

8                     The other thing that's really  
9           important to me is the black market. The  
10          black-market, when cannabis became legal in  
11          the Commonwealth of Mass., was about a  
12          fourth the cost. In other words, if you  
13          went to a dispensary, you were going to pay  
14          four times as much in the dispensary as you  
15          would in the black-market. So the black  
16          market was still thriving initially. Well,  
17          because there's so much more product that  
18          has come online in Massachusetts from  
19          Massachusetts farms and growers, the price  
20          of black-market marijuana and dispensary  
21          marijuana is just about neck and neck at  
22          this point. The black-market has to bring  
23          it in from Mexico or California. They have  
24          to ship it across the country illegally.

1 And of that \$4 billion of sales that has  
2 happened in Massachusetts, the vast majority  
3 of that would've went to the black-market,  
4 and there would've been no benefit to the  
5 community. The people who are in the black  
6 market are drug dealers, they're criminals,  
7 and we need to put them out of business, and  
8 this is a step in that direction.

9 Massachusetts has heavily  
10 regulated cannabis, and they've done it  
11 right. They've learned from the mistakes  
12 out in California and Colorado and, most  
13 recently, in New York, and it's a very  
14 highly regulated industry, and the black  
15 market cannot thrive. People say, well,  
16 teenagers will still buy it on the black  
17 market; won't they? The black market cannot  
18 thrive and survive on teenagers. It's just  
19 not going to happen. To me, it's why we  
20 don't have a black-market in alcohol because  
21 it can't survive.

22 Folks, I've heard a lot of things  
23 about people abusing cannabis, and people  
24 will abuse it. There are some people that



1 will abuse it, just like there are some  
2 people that will abuse alcohol. There are  
3 some people that are compulsive gamblers.  
4 There are people, like, that eat too much.  
5 So they will abuse it.

6 But I think you need to know that  
7 the vast majority of cannabis uses, many of  
8 them are in this room tonight, the vast  
9 majority use it in a very responsible way,  
10 and they use it for their therapeutic  
11 values.

12 One of the turning points in my  
13 whole thought process on this was a number  
14 of years ago, a very dear friend of mine,  
15 his son was injured in Iraq, and he was near  
16 an IED and it exploded. Well, he went to  
17 the Army doctors to treat these migraines  
18 and insomnia, and when he got back here --

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
20 Strojny, you're at five minutes.

21 MR. STEPHEN STROJNY: Okay. Well,  
22 I'll finish with this. Folks, tonight, just  
23 vote the facts. Don't vote the scare  
24 tactics. Listen to what people have to say,

1           and however you vote this evening, however  
2           anybody votes, please respect the vote and  
3           the person.

4                     Thank you, very much.

5                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
6           So, we're going to -- no. We're going to  
7           have some discussion on this article. I'm  
8           interested in hearing alternating between  
9           the folks in favor and folks against. Mr.  
10          Strojny, as the motion maker, is, obviously,  
11          in favor. I'm going to ask you, are you in  
12          favor?

13                    MR. GEORGE SEAVER: No. I'm  
14          opposed.

15                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
16          Please go ahead. Please identify yourself.  
17          I'm limiting the comments on this since we  
18          have double-digit people in line to two  
19          minutes per speaker. Thank you.

20                    MR. GEORGE SEAVER: I'm George  
21          Seaver; I'm from Cataumet. And by the way  
22          on my way into this meeting, I saw a big  
23          sign that says, "Don't smoke anywhere near  
24          here," and I'm in favor of that.

1                   But what I really want to say is  
2                   that in a recent story in the Enterprise,  
3                   the former DA and former Sheriff, and Dr.  
4                   Bosco from Cape Cod Hospital Emergency Room  
5                   stated that their experience in their job  
6                   showed that marijuana was a gateway drug to  
7                   heroin. These are professional people, and  
8                   they weren't giving their opinion; they were  
9                   giving what they observed on their job.

10                  Thank you.

11                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
12                  Please.

13                  MS. LORI HOUGH: Good evening.  
14                  Lori Hough, Monument Beach. I have been a  
15                  resident of Bourne for 30 years since I  
16                  married my husband, Kevin. For those of you  
17                  who know me, you would know that my family  
18                  and community are two things that are very  
19                  important to me. In those 30 years, I have  
20                  raised a son, Griffin, and helped out with  
21                  many extracurricular activities around the  
22                  Town that comes with raising a teenager. I  
23                  also started several businesses that are  
24                  located here in Bourne and have been in

1 operation for over 20 years.

2 I, recently, opened Capeway  
3 Cannabis with my sister-in-law Michelle. We  
4 operate a retail store in Carver,  
5 Massachusetts. I am, also, one of the  
6 petitioners of this article. I can tell  
7 that if I thought there was any negative  
8 effects with the sale of cannabis, I  
9 would've never brought it to our Town.

10 While recently renewing our  
11 license with the state, we received a letter  
12 from the Carver Town Administrator stating  
13 that no outstanding issues or cost to the  
14 Town of Carver has been related to the  
15 operation of our business. While working in  
16 our Carver store, I do see a good amount of  
17 Bourne residents, many of which are there to  
18 get help with ailments, whether it's with  
19 sleep or pain. Our store has brought over  
20 25 good jobs with benefits to Carver with  
21 many of those jobs going to the residents of  
22 Carver.

23 With the proposed three stores in  
24 Bourne, that could mean 50 to 75 good paying

1 jobs. In Carver, we work with the local  
2 food pantry and many other charitable groups  
3 making donations and volunteering. We are a  
4 company that cares about the communities we  
5 work in and in giving back, and we'd  
6 certainly continue down this path with  
7 Bourne.

8 I believe there are many financial  
9 reasons that are good for the Town of  
10 Bourne, but most of all, I believe the sale  
11 of cannabis is not detrimental to our  
12 community.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
14 That's two minutes. Thank you, very much.

15 MS. LORI HOUGH: Thank you.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

17 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Thank you, Madam  
18 Moderator. Good evening. I'm Elmer Clegg,  
19 and I live in Pocasset. I'm not a marijuana  
20 user, but I am tolerant of friends who  
21 choose to use it.

22 I oppose Article 7 for one  
23 important reason. The only way to protect  
24 this Town and provide a safe environment for

1           our families is to vote no on 7 and here's  
2           why.

3                     The proposed Zoning Bylaw, Article  
4           8, is a 100 percent win for developers.  
5           Article 8 would make our town all in --

6                     MR. STEPHEN STROJNY:   We're not  
7           on Article 8.

8                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Hey, you're  
9           out of order.   Thank you.   Nope.

10                    MR. STEPHEN STROJNY:   Point of  
11           order.   We're not talking about Article 8;  
12           we're on Article 7.

13                    MR. ELMER CLEGG:   I'm talking  
14           about article -- I'm voting against Article  
15           7 because of the construct of Article 8.

16                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   I will  
17           allow it.

18                    MR. ELMER CLEGG:   I hope that  
19           doesn't count against my time, Madam  
20           Moderator?

21                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   It does  
22           not.

23                    MR. ELMER CLEGG:   Thank you, very  
24           much.   The proposed Zoning Bylaw, Article 8,

1 is a 100 percent win for developers.  
2 Article 8 would make our Town all in on  
3 marijuana, much like Wareham. Bourne sits  
4 in a unique position. We're bounded on the  
5 south by Falmouth, which has a complete ban  
6 on marijuana. We're bounded to the west by  
7 Wareham which welcomes all types of  
8 marijuana, and we're bounded off to the east  
9 by Sandwich. Sandwich has tightly  
10 controlled Bylaws limiting marijuana to one  
11 medical dispensary with a co-located  
12 recreational marijuana retail outlet.  
13 Sandwich limits the location of that single  
14 operation to a small overlay zone within the  
15 medical district, and they ban all other  
16 types of marijuana establishments. Sandwich  
17 did it right. One step at a time.

18 If you're in favor of marijuana  
19 sales in Bourne, you should still vote no on  
20 number seven. The petitioner aims to get  
21 your vote to repeal our ban. He then  
22 presents you with a lose-lose proposition in  
23 the Zoning Bylaw. If you approve Article 8,  
24 marijuana is essentially unrestricted in any

1 business district.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Clegg.

4 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Thank you.

5 MR. KEVIN HOUGH: Thank you.  
6 Kevin Hough, Shore Road. Four years ago,  
7 when we were at Town Meeting discussing the  
8 same topic, we were told that the sale of  
9 marijuana in Bourne would cause our property  
10 values to go down. We were told marijuana  
11 causes schizophrenia. We were told the sale  
12 of marijuana will lead to dereliction  
13 throughout our Town. We were told we had to  
14 stop this for our children.

15 In the four years that have  
16 passed, our surrounding communities have  
17 allowed cannabis businesses to open in their  
18 Towns and have shown all of those things to  
19 be untrue.

20 The opponents of this article know  
21 these things are untrue. So, this year,  
22 they will tell you something different,  
23 which will also be untrue. Our neighboring  
24 communities have allowed these businesses to



1 open, bring jobs to their towns, bring tax  
2 money to their towns with no negative  
3 repercussions. When businesses open up in  
4 towns, their signage and advertising is so  
5 regulated that most people don't even know  
6 they're there, unless they're specifically  
7 looking for them.

8 In Wareham, there is a commercial  
9 building next to Advanced Auto on Cranberry  
10 Highway that houses Pizza Boy and a Chinese  
11 restaurant. Also in that building is a  
12 cannabis manufacturing company that occupies  
13 10,000 square feet employing over 20  
14 employees. Most of you have driven by that  
15 building a hundred times and didn't even  
16 know it was there. These businesses are so  
17 different -- are no different from coffee  
18 shops, restaurants, gas stations, liquor  
19 stores, doctors' offices, or gyms. If it's  
20 not your cup of tea, don't go in.

21 The opponents will tell you about  
22 unlimited cultivation and manufacturing. In  
23 the communities on the Cape that allow  
24 marijuana sales and cultivation, do you know

1 of any large-scale grows or manufacturing?  
2 There are none. Fiscally, it is not a  
3 feasible way to do business. Spend millions  
4 of dollars on a piece of property in Bourne  
5 when you could by the same piece of property  
6 for a quarter of the cost 20 miles away off-  
7 Cape.

8 Tonight, I ask you to vote yes on  
9 these articles. It's time we caught up with  
10 our neighboring towns.

11 Thank you.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

13 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

15 We're not going to have any applause.

16 Sorry.

17 Sir, are you in favor or against  
18 this?

19 MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD: Against.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.

21 Please go ahead.

22 MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD: Thank  
23 you, Madam Moderator. My name is Doug  
24 Oesterheld; I'm from Monument Beach. I

1           appeal to those of us who act as shepherds  
2           for Bourne youth. The CDC reports that the  
3           average age a child experiences marijuana is  
4           between 11 and 14 years. One in nine of  
5           these children will become regular users;  
6           one in six people who started using  
7           marijuana in their teens will become  
8           addicted.

9                       What are the health consequences?  
10          According to the National Institute on Drug  
11          Abuse, long-term marijuana use reduces  
12          motivation, causes difficulty in  
13          concentration, and harms brain development.  
14          Forty-five percent of teens reported that  
15          the marijuana they used came from a legal  
16          pot shop diverted to them by means of a  
17          friend, a parent's stash, a black-market  
18          resale.

19                      Yes, Massachusetts does prohibit  
20          marijuana sales to persons under 21 and,  
21          yes, Massachusetts does prohibit the use of  
22          toxic additives. And yet, the leading cause  
23          of death for 19- to 43-year-olds is through  
24          fentanyl placed into marijuana. A virtual,

1 undetectable additive to generic marijuana.  
2 Black-market sellers use additives like  
3 fentanyl to produce a higher high. Two  
4 grains of fentanyl powder pressed into a  
5 generic marijuana product can be deadly.

6 For youth, who are naturally  
7 adventurous and curious, the presence of pot  
8 shops normalizes the use of marijuana. The  
9 practical effect is to increase youth access  
10 and use and risks. And, meanwhile, black-  
11 market sellers target these youth to  
12 increase their customer base and addictive  
13 dependency.

14 Beyond concerns about societal  
15 costs, neighborhood costs, and resource  
16 costs, your vote reflects a moral choice.  
17 Will you vote to reduce the health and  
18 safety risks to Bourne youth? Will you  
19 accept responsibility as parents --

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21 Please wrap it up.

22 MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD: -- as  
23 grandparents, as friends, as citizens to  
24 help shepherd Bourne youth from harms. I

1           urge you to vote no to keep pot shops out of  
2           Bourne.

3                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Thank you.

4                   MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD:    The  
5           choice is yours.

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Thank you.  
7           Thank you, very much.   Are you --

8                   MR. TOM GELSTHORPE:   Opposed.

9                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Anyone in  
10          favor in this line?   Anyone in favor over  
11          here?   You go ahead, sir, in favor.

12                  MR. EDWARD DOW:   Hello.   My name  
13          is Edward Dow from Buzzards Bay.

14                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Thank you.

15                  MR. EDWARD DOW:   I grew up in  
16          Bourne.   I'm raising my two small, young  
17          children in Bourne, going to Bourne schools.  
18          My wife is a dance teacher also in this  
19          Town.   I also can speak as an authority on  
20          the cannabis face.   I've been involved with  
21          cannabis in Massachusetts for about five  
22          years, actually close to six now.   I was in  
23          the first wave of medicinal licenses in  
24          Massachusetts from early on.   My company is

1           Solar Cannabis Co., operates throughout the  
2           South Coast; Dartmouth, Seekonk, Somerset,  
3           and we are also in Rhode Island now, and,  
4           hopefully, going to be in Bourne soon.

5                   I approached Bourne a number of  
6           years ago about this back when the marijuana  
7           craze was real. People were worried about  
8           fentanyl, and marijuana was the devil and  
9           everything -- or the devil's lettuce and  
10          everything else.

11                   I can speak to what some of the  
12          earlier speakers talked about with it being  
13          an endangerment to our children. I have  
14          never seen that in the near six years I've  
15          been involved. I haven't seen any community  
16          that's been impacted by us negatively. In  
17          fact, the Cannabis Control in Massachusetts  
18          just definitively said we no longer have to  
19          pay what was called, "Host Community  
20          Agreements" for our impact. That was an  
21          impact we created on the community albeit  
22          from the Fire Department, Police Department,  
23          any of the municipalities' resources that we  
24          strained, we had to pay a nominal fee for or

1 a substantial fee, which has now been  
2 removed from Massachusetts in totality. And  
3 that's because they couldn't find any extra  
4 fee or drug impact that we imposed on any of  
5 the towns that we've been in.

6 So, I just want to say, quite  
7 simply, it's everywhere from the retail  
8 perspective. It's not in Bourne. It would  
9 be a financial boom for Bourne. It makes a  
10 lot of sense in the geographical location we  
11 are. I also agree that cultivation would  
12 not make any sense in Bourne. Being in a  
13 watershed district and the resources on  
14 Bourne and the cost down here, it would make  
15 no sense. I do operate a facility about 20  
16 miles from here.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

18 MR. EDWARD DOW: And I'll conclude  
19 with I don't see any negative impact for  
20 Bourne, and Cannabis Control is no longer  
21 allowing cultivation to expand in  
22 Massachusetts. They've currently put a temp  
23 on that so.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,

1                   very much.

2                               MR. EDWARD DOW: All right. Thank  
3                   you.

4                               MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead,  
5                   sir.

6                               MR. TOM GELSTHORPE: Tom  
7                   Gelsthorpe, Cataumet. I've lived in four  
8                   different towns on Cape Cod over the last 60  
9                   years, and I like Bourne the best. I think  
10                  it's undignified for this nice a Town to  
11                  promote marijuana sales as a source of tax  
12                  revenue.

13                              In the long run, I think  
14                  municipalities all over the country might  
15                  regret promoting marijuana sales as much as  
16                  we regret now promoting tobacco a hundred  
17                  years ago.

18                              I advise you vote no on number 7  
19                  to keep the ban in place.

20                              MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21                  Is there anyone else in favor of this  
22                  article that would like to be heard? Go  
23                  ahead, sir.

24                              MR. DAN CHAUVIN: Hi. My name is



1 Dan Chauvin, 9 Fabyan Way. I've lived in  
2 Bourne pretty much my whole natural life. I  
3 graduated from Bourne High School in 1982.  
4 I married my wife, Karen; met her here in  
5 Bourne when I was 12. So we lived in one  
6 community on Cape Cod.

7 My role in all this is I do  
8 integrated security. I've provided systems,  
9 engineered them, delivered them, implemented  
10 them. Prisons, public safety facilities,  
11 this school and numerous other facilities  
12 including a bunch of marijuana facilities.

13 And with my experience, I can say  
14 to you that these facilities are the most  
15 secure facilities you'll ever see. You  
16 can't get within, you know, 200 yards of  
17 them without being identified, or the access  
18 in and out is strictly controlled and  
19 monitored.

20 I am for the fiscal aspect of it.  
21 I think it makes sense for this community.  
22 I don't think it promotes anything. If  
23 you're trying to eliminate somebody putting  
24 fentanyl in a drug, I would argue you should

1 control it. I think that's the safest thing  
2 for our community.

3 I coach football, Pop Warner, for  
4 12 years, and I work with a lot of young  
5 youths, young people, and I think it's a  
6 good thing for them to make sure that, A.,  
7 they don't get involved with it, and if they  
8 did, at least we'd know about it, and that's  
9 really what I have to say.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
11 So we've heard from eight voters so far.  
12 I'm asking everyone to make sure that  
13 they're adding new information and facts to  
14 the debate as we move forward.

15 So, go ahead, Mr. Mealy. I  
16 recognize you.

17 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
18 Madam Moderator. Stephen Mealy from  
19 Sagamore Beach, former member and chairman  
20 of the Bourne Planning Board and Select  
21 Board.

22 On July 28, 2022, the state's  
23 Supreme Judicial Court upheld a Barnstable  
24 Superior Court ruling that the Town of

1 Bourne Bylaw that was passed in 2018's  
2 Special Town Meeting in Bourne prohibiting  
3 non-medical marijuana sale was valid. The  
4 July 28th decision was the first in the  
5 state that sided with the Town for a  
6 nonmedical marijuana ban.

7 The discussion has been going on  
8 for eight years since 2016 when the Town of  
9 Bourne voted against the legalization of  
10 recreational cannabis in Massachusetts when  
11 it was first put to voters in a statewide  
12 ballot. At each juncture, the Town has won  
13 legal challenges of being able to ban  
14 marijuana sales, and the amount of legal  
15 costs have been approved by the Select Board  
16 every time, every year. The Town has  
17 invested tens of thousands of dollars  
18 following the directions of the Select Board  
19 and the vote of this Town Meeting to protect  
20 our Bylaw. Bourne is one of the few towns  
21 having a Bylaw with an outright ban on all  
22 pot sales, distribution, and cultivation in  
23 the Commonwealth.

24 After years of supporting

1 unanimous votes, the Bourne Selectmen, I  
2 think we should continue to defend our  
3 Bylaw. Why are we here this evening? It's  
4 one word; it's money. The argument is we're  
5 not collecting tax dollars from pot sales.  
6 The Town will not financially benefit from  
7 the money collected from pot sales. It will  
8 not be used to lower taxes. The financial  
9 benefits being suggested tonight are not  
10 guaranteed, nor do they reflect what is  
11 happening within the industry today. We  
12 will incur other offsetting costs for public  
13 safety, additional school personnel to  
14 address increased marijuana availability to  
15 be used by our children, and Health  
16 Department, and administrative costs.

17 The benefit of allowing marijuana  
18 sales in Bourne is one of the owners of the  
19 shops and not the taxpayers of Bourne. They  
20 have shops in other towns, and Bourne has  
21 been continuously been denying them. Let us  
22 continue to deny them this evening. I  
23 ask --

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
2 Madam Moderator.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Mealy.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please  
7 don't clap. He is a very good speaker.  
8 (Laughter.) Thank you. But, no.

9 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
10 Madam Moderator.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I need  
12 someone in favor. Anyone else in favor?  
13 Yes, sir.

14 MR. JARED DARDANO: Hi, folks.  
15 Jared Dardano; I live in Pocasset. I'm not  
16 a strong public speaker, so forget the --

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
18 Please do your best.

19 MR. JARED DARDANO: Yep. Whether  
20 you're against this or for it, I want to be  
21 realistic about what happens after this  
22 vote. Whether this motion passes or fails,  
23 the same amount of people are going to use  
24 pretty much the same amount of marijuana in

1           pretty much the same locations that they  
2           intended to do it.

3                       Cannabis is legal in the state.  
4           There are plenty of dispensaries around  
5           nearby. You're not going to change that  
6           either way depending on how you vote. This  
7           is solely about affording small businesses  
8           the opportunity to open in the Town and  
9           collect some extra tax revenue. It's not a  
10          moral vote. It's not a health vote. It's a  
11          pragmatic decision of letting some stores  
12          open. That's it. That's all we're doing.  
13          It will be fine. We're wasting energy  
14          thinking about this; we're wasting literal  
15          resources according to the last speaker on  
16          enforcing this prohibition.

17                      So, thank you.

18                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
19           Please go ahead.

20                      MR. THOMAS SPENCE: Thomas Spence,  
21           Monument Beach. What we have before us  
22           tonight is a question and one, really, the  
23           main question. And what are we teaching our  
24           children about power and money? This Town

1           voted and has spent a lot of money to  
2           maintain the ban on marijuana sales.

3                     Now that we're going to come --  
4           well, we need the money; we need the money.  
5           That isn't a good thing to teach young  
6           people or any person. If it was right then  
7           for those reasons, then it's right now. The  
8           other stuff they can get anywhere. But this  
9           is something that's important for teaching  
10          children and other people like that.

11                    Thank you.

12                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
13          All right. We've heard from 11 voters now;  
14          six against, five in favor. Are you in  
15          favor?

16                    MS. CATHERINE WALTON: I,  
17          actually, have a clarifying question. I'm  
18          not for or against.

19                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: A point of  
20          order, or a point of clarification?

21                    MS. CATHERINE WALTON: A point of  
22          clarification, I guess.

23                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'll allow  
24          it. You can approach the podium.

1 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Hi. I'm  
2 Catherine Walton from Monument Beach, and  
3 please excuse me, I'm not familiar with all  
4 the rules. So please feel free to correct  
5 me if needed.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.

7 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: So, as I'm  
8 learning about this article, and, again, I'm  
9 new at this, and a lot of people are  
10 approaching me and asking me about it -- I'm  
11 running for Planning Board, so I've been  
12 diving into it and trying to understand it.

13 So my question is beyond retail,  
14 the Town could get 3 percent, correct, for  
15 retail establishments; is that correct?

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm not the  
17 one to answer that question. It would be  
18 the petitioner.

19 MR. STEPHEN STROJNY: The Town  
20 would get 3 percent of gross sales.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He says the  
22 Town would get -- we're not going to have a  
23 debate though, Mr. Strojny, from -- we're  
24 not going to --



1 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Okay. So,  
2 that's okay. So how about for cultivation  
3 and manufacturing? I think that's where I  
4 received the most questions, and I couldn't  
5 find an answer.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't  
7 know that this Town Meeting is going to  
8 answer those questions.

9 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Okay. So --

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Because  
11 this is not an article that is coming from  
12 the Town. It is a private citizen's  
13 petition, so we can't ask the Town to  
14 explain it.

15 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Could I ask  
16 the petitioner to explain it? And I'm only  
17 -- and it's okay if not. I'm just, again,  
18 just --

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'd rather  
20 that we use the debate that we've already  
21 experienced tonight --

22 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Okay.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: -- so that  
24 we could move this meeting forward. And if

1 anyone can provide new facts to answer your  
2 questions, I would allow it. But we're not  
3 going to go into a back-and-forth with the  
4 petitioner. We're going to move forward so  
5 we can, hopefully, get to a vote on this  
6 tonight.

7 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Okay.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

9 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: All right.  
10 Thank you.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
12 Maloney.

13 MR. GARY MALONEY: Madam  
14 Moderator, I'll yield my time to Mr. Strojny  
15 if he would like to explain to us the  
16 numbers that he has as the petitioner.

17 THE AUDIENCE: No. No.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't  
19 know that that's going to happen --

20 MR. GARY MALONEY: Then I'd like  
21 to make a motion to move --

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please  
23 don't yell from the --

24 MR. GARY MALONEY: -- motion to

1 move the vote.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Yelling.)

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You can't  
4 move the question because you just spoke.

5 MR. GARY MALONEY: But I did not  
6 speak in favor -- either way.

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You didn't  
8 speak to the article.

9 MR. GARY MALONEY: I told you I  
10 would yield, and you did not let me yield or  
11 maintain my status. You did not make a  
12 ruling on that.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
14 So we have someone who has moved the  
15 previous question, which means that he would  
16 like to end all debate and go to a vote.

17 MR. GARY MALONEY: Correct.

18 THE AUDIENCE: Second. Second.  
19 Second.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have  
21 several seconds, so we will vote whether or  
22 not we will vote on Article 7 now.

23 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Point of  
24 order, Madam Moderator.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't see  
2 anyone.

3 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: It's me.  
4 Sorry.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Oh yeah.

6 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: So we're  
7 supposed to advise Town Meeting, should we  
8 read that now before we officially take a  
9 vote?

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're not  
11 -- we're just voting on moving the question  
12 right now.

13 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Sorry.  
14 Thank you.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So we're  
16 going to vote on moving the question now.  
17 It's a two-thirds majority. Okay? So we're  
18 going to do this electronically.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
21 Order, please. We're going to go to a vote  
22 now on whether or not we're going to move  
23 the question. So this is a two-thirds --

24 THE AUDIENCE: What does that

1 mean?

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That is a  
3 great question. So moving the question  
4 means that we end all debate on the article,  
5 and we vote on the article. So we are  
6 deciding now as a body if this Town would  
7 like to continue debating or not, or if you  
8 would like to go to a vote on Article 7?

9 So, if you would like to stop  
10 debating this article, you would vote "Yes"  
11 on this next question. If you would like to  
12 continue debate, you will vote "No." Does  
13 that make sense?

14 THE AUDIENCE: Yes. Yes.

15 MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD: Point of  
16 order.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Point of  
18 order.

19 MR. DOUGLAS OESTERHELD: This is  
20 debate. There's no debate here (Inaudible.)

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Excuse me.  
22 What happens at Town Meeting hearing from  
23 speakers is called debate. That's what  
24 we're doing right now is debating the

1 article. So I feel like everyone here has  
2 been very respectful tonight, so it hasn't  
3 seemed debatie (sic), but we're going to go  
4 ahead and vote on this right now. Thank  
5 you.

6 All right. We will now move to a  
7 vote on moving the question. This vote  
8 requires a two-thirds majority. If you  
9 would like to stop debate on this article,  
10 please vote "Yes" and press green. If you  
11 would like to continue debate, please use  
12 red for "No." You may begin voting now.

13 (Voting in progress.)

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
15 now closed. This meeting has voted in favor  
16 of ending debate on Article 7 with 420 in  
17 favor, and 81 against.

18 (Motion carried.)

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm  
21 serious. (Laughter.) That's funny. That  
22 was just whether or not we were going to  
23 stop debating. So, we do have -- this was a  
24 citizen's petition, so we do have some

1 people who still need to talk on the stage.

2 Does the Finance Committee have a  
3 recommendation on Article 7?

4 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We do,  
5 Madam Moderator. The Finance Committee  
6 voted six in favor, three opposed, and zero  
7 abstentions to take no action. By taking no  
8 action, the committee shows that neither  
9 supports nor opposes allowing marijuana  
10 dispensaries in Town, thus, putting the  
11 deciding power onto the voters at Town  
12 Meeting.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
14 Does the Select Board have a recommendation  
15 to make on this article?

16 MR. JARED MACDONALD: The Select  
17 Board voted unanimously to take no position.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
19 Mr. MacDonald. All right.

20 THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)

21 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
22 It's up to the voters.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So, debate  
24 is over. I'm going to ask everyone to just

1           quiet down for one more time here, and we're  
2           going to move to a vote on Article 7. Okay.  
3           So, this vote, Article 7 requires a simple  
4           majority. Does everyone have their handheld  
5           device? When I tell you, you will have 30  
6           seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
7           red for "No." You may begin voting now.

8                           (Voting in progress.)

9                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
10           now closed.

11                   I declare the motion has failed  
12           with yes -- no votes 249, yes 248.

13                   THE AUDIENCE: No. No.

14                   (Mumbling.)

15                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And one  
16           abstention.

17                   THE AUDIENCE: Really?

18                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm  
19           serious. I'm sorry.

20                   (Article 7 failed.)

21                   **ARTICLE 8**

22                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
23           article is Article 8. Quiet, please.  
24           Quiet, please. We still have business to



1           conduct tonight. Thank you. Article 8 on  
2           page 16 of your handbook requires a two-  
3           thirds majority vote.

4                     Does the Select Board have a  
5           positive motion on this article?

6                     SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

7           MASTRANGELO: No.

8                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
9           MJ Mastrangelo.

10                    MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: So, are you  
11           going to ask if there's a positive motion  
12           from the floor? You want me to explain  
13           first? So, the position of the Board of  
14           Selectmen was that if Article 7, the repeal  
15           of the ban, did not pass, the Board of  
16           Selectmen recommends that we vote to  
17           indefinitely postpone this article, which is  
18           not a positive motion so.

19                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
20           Does anyone have a positive motion to make  
21           on Article 8? Seeing none. I would  
22           entertain your motion.

23                    MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: We move the  
24           Town vote to indefinitely postpone this

1 article.

2 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Second.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
4 second. You have the floor.

5 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Okay.  
6 Thank you. Since Article 7 has failed, and  
7 the general Bylaw ban on nonmedical  
8 marijuana establishments remains in place,  
9 the Select Board recommends that Article 8  
10 be indefinitely postponed.

11 With the General Bylaw ban in  
12 place, zoning regulations are not necessary  
13 as nonmedical Marijuana Establishments are  
14 not allowed to locate within the Town.

15 A "Yes" vote in favor of the  
16 motion to indefinitely postpone the article  
17 would maintain the status quo and the zoning  
18 Bylaw would not be amended.

19 A "No" vote opposed to the motion  
20 to indefinitely postpone would require  
21 another motion to be made on Article 8 to  
22 discuss and vote on the proposed private  
23 petition amendment to the zoning Bylaw.

24 The Select Board voted unanimously

1           5 to 0 to recommend indefinite postponement  
2           of this article if the motion on Article 7  
3           failed, and the ban on nonmedical marijuana  
4           establishments remains in place.

5           MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
6           Does the Finance Committee have a  
7           recommendation on Article 8?

8           MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We do.  
9           It is also not a positive motion.

10          MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.  
11          Please give your recommendation.

12          MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The  
13          Finance Committee voted 8-0-0 to recommend  
14          indefinite postponement of this article.

15          MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
16          Is there any further discussion on Article  
17          8? Seeing none, we will move to a vote on  
18          Article --

19          THE AUDIENCE: We've got one.

20          MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please  
21          approach the podium if you'd like to speak.

22          MALE VOICE: I guess I'm a novice  
23          to these proceedings. I'm not quite sure  
24          what an indefinite postponement means for

1 the article that was before us. Does it  
2 mean that it can be brought up at any time  
3 without further discussion, or does it mean  
4 it is sort of at the will of the Select  
5 Board to bring it up when they want?

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So the  
7 Select Board didn't bring this article up.  
8 It was a citizen's petition, and indefinite  
9 postponement means that we're not going to  
10 be voting on Article 8 tonight.

11 MALE VOICE: Then will it be  
12 brought up again as a citizen petition?

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't  
14 say. I'm not a citizen that would bring it  
15 forward, but any citizen in Bourne can bring  
16 it forward at any time, yes. We voted on  
17 this before at this meeting.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay. Then I  
19 recommend against this proposal so that we  
20 can actually vote on Article 8.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.  
22 Thank you. We're going to move ahead now to  
23 a vote on Article 8, which is the Select  
24 Board's motion is indefinite postponement.

1           Okay?

2                       If you vote "Yes," we're going to  
3           vote in favor of -- the electronic voting  
4           technology has to catch up with the  
5           indefinite postponement. So, just one  
6           moment, please. All right.

7                       We're ready to move to a vote now.  
8           This vote requires a simple majority. Does  
9           everyone have their handheld device? When I  
10          tell you, you will have 30 seconds to cast  
11          your vote. Green is "Yes" for indefinite  
12          postponement; red is "No" to not  
13          indefinitely postpone Article 8. You may  
14          begin voting now.

15                      (Voting in progress.)

16                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
17          now closed.

18                      I declare the Select Board's  
19          motion is passed, 343 in favor of indefinite  
20          postponement, 76 in opposition.

21                      (Article 8 passed.)

22                      **ARTICLE 5**

23                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 5.  
24          Please keep it down as you're exiting the

1 auditorium, so that we can continue  
2 conducting business. Thank you, very much.

3 Article 5 on page 13 of your  
4 handbook requires a simple majority vote.  
5 Does the Select Board have a positive  
6 motion?

7 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
9 Mary Jane Mastrangelo.

10 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: We move  
11 that the Town vote upon the recommendation  
12 of the Community Preservation Committee to  
13 raise and appropriate and reserve the sum of  
14 \$250,000 for the Community Preservation Fund  
15 project listed in the Community Preservation  
16 Fund Committee Report as printed below and  
17 to meet this appropriation and reserve  
18 transfer \$250,000 from Historic Preservation  
19 Reserves.

20 Item A, Sponsor Historical  
21 Commission, project description moving the  
22 Keene House from 9 Sandwich Road and costs  
23 incidental and related thereto to property  
24 currently owned by or transferred to the

1 future -- in the future to the Bourne  
2 Historical Society, Inc; the CPA purpose is  
3 Historical Preservation, and 250,000 from  
4 Historic Preservation Reserves is the total  
5 request.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can I have  
7 a second?

8 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
9 Second.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
11 Mastrangelo, you have the floor.

12 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Thank you.  
13 With origins dating back to 1690, the Keene  
14 House has a demolition delay placed by the  
15 Historical Commission that will expire May  
16 10, 2023. The Bourne Historical Society has  
17 expressed interest in ownership of the  
18 structure and filed a Community Preservation  
19 application to refund relocation of the  
20 structure.

21 The preferred relocation parcel is  
22 owned by the Historical Society at Aptucxet;  
23 however, if that parcel is not viable for  
24 the permanent placement of the structure,

1 Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting will  
2 consider the authorization to convey Town-  
3 owned parcel at 0 Sandwich Road to the  
4 Bourne Historic Society for the structure to  
5 be placed there.

6 Funding will also cover costs  
7 incidental and related to the relocation and  
8 renovations needed to preserve the house  
9 including project management site work and  
10 repairs from the move.

11 The requested amount of up to  
12 \$250,000 is based on estimates on similar  
13 projects. There are costs that can't be  
14 determined until Town Meeting approves the  
15 funding, and the funding is secured, and the  
16 move is completed.

17 A "Yes" vote in favor of the  
18 motion would allow CPA funds to be used for  
19 the cost associated with relocating the  
20 Keene house which was built in 1690 from  
21 privately-owned land at 9 Sandwich Road to  
22 property currently owned or to be owned in  
23 the future by the Bourne Historical Society,  
24 Inc., and the preservation of this historic



1 building.

2 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
3 the motion would provide no CPA funds  
4 towards the relocation or preservation of  
5 the house.

6 The Select Board voted unanimously  
7 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
9 MJ. Does the Finance Committee have a  
10 recommendation to make on this article?

11 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
12 Madam Moderator.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
14 Rich Lavoie.

15 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
16 Committee voted unanimously 8 to 0 to  
17 recommend approval of this article.  
18 Concerns were raised at the total cost and  
19 scope of the project were still unknown at  
20 the time of the meeting. Ultimately, the  
21 committee decided and recognized the value  
22 of preserving this historic building and  
23 felt that it was appropriate to use  
24 Community Preservation Funds.

1                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
2                   Does the Community Preservation Committee  
3                   have a recommendation to make?

4                   MR. BARRY JOHNSON: We recommend  
5                   it.

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
7                   Johnson, the chair of the Community  
8                   Preservation Committee states they recommend  
9                   it.

10                  Is there any further discussion on  
11                  Article 5? Hearing none. We will now move  
12                  to a vote on Article 5. This vote requires  
13                  a simple majority. When I tell you, you  
14                  will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
15                  Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
16                  begin voting now.

17                  (Voting in progress.)

18                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
19                  now closed.

20                  I declare the motion of the Select  
21                  Board is passed with 249 in favor and 109  
22                  opposed.

23                  (Article 5 passed.)

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**ARTICLE 2**

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 2.

MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: I'm going  
to try this without my glasses this time.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 2  
on page 10 of your handbook requires a  
simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  
have a positive motion?

MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
Melissa Ferretti.

MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of  
167,316.77 for the purposes of this article  
and to meet this appropriation transfer the  
sum of 167,316.77 from Free Cash.

SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have  
the floor, Ms. Ferretti.

MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: The Town of  
Bourne has received settlement funds in  
conjunction with a class action lawsuit  
filed against the pharmaceutical companies

1 and pharmacies in how prescription opioid  
2 drugs were distributed and contributed to an  
3 addiction epidemic among Massachusetts  
4 residents. These funds may only be used for  
5 the purpose of creating programs to reduce  
6 harm, prevent, treat, and recover from  
7 substance abuse addictions -- it says  
8 additions here. The funds may not be used  
9 for any other municipal purposes.

10 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
11 the motion will allow the Town to begin  
12 putting the Opioid Settlement Funds to use  
13 by creating programs for prevention and to  
14 assist those struggling with substance abuse  
15 addictions.

16 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
17 the motion would not transfer the settlement  
18 funds out of Free Cash, and the Town would  
19 not be able to create the necessary  
20 programs.

21 The Select Board voted unanimously  
22 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
24 Does the Finance Committee have a

1 recommendation on this article?

2 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We do.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
4 Wayne Sampson.

5 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance  
6 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
7 recommend approval of this article. While  
8 no concerns were raised about the creation  
9 of the fund, the committee did ask  
10 clarifying questions such as the receipt of  
11 the funds to understand procedurally how  
12 this would operate. Upon receiving the  
13 information, the committee supported moving  
14 forward with the article.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
16 Is there any further discussion on Article  
17 2?

18 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Madam  
19 Moderator.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please  
21 approach the podium.

22 MR. MARK TIRRELL: I'm a little  
23 bit landlocked, but I was gifted with a  
24 voice that will carry.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Do you have  
2 a point of order, or do you have a question?

3 MR. MARK TIRRELL: I have a  
4 question.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.

6 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Will the funds  
7 or the programs require hiring personnel?

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That is a  
9 question for Marlene. The Town  
10 Administrator will answer your question.

11 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you.

12 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:  
13 At this time, given the amount of funding  
14 that we have available, we do not intend on  
15 hiring permanent staff. We will either use  
16 a contract possibly with the Visiting Nurses  
17 Association, that's one option, or possibly  
18 hire temporary staff, not permanent staff.

19 So, at this point, there is no  
20 intention to add headcount to the payroll.

21 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you,  
22 ma'am.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
24 Any further discussion on Article 2? Okay.

1           Seeing none. We'll move to vote on Article  
2           2. This vote requires a simple majority.

3                   When I give you the go, you will  
4           have 30 seconds to cast your vote. Green  
5           for "Yes"; red for "No." You may begin  
6           voting now.

7                   (Voting in progress.)

8                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
9           now closed.

10                  I declare the motion of the Select  
11           Board is passed with 293 in favor, 31  
12           opposed.

13                  (Article 2 passed.)

14                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: At this  
15           time, we have concluded all the articles in  
16           the Special Town Meeting, so I will  
17           entertain a motion to dissolve the Special  
18           Town Meeting.

19                  SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
20           So moved.

21                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
22           motion and a second. This is a voice vote.  
23           All those in favor of dissolving the Special  
24           Town Meeting, please indicate by saying

1 "Aye."

2 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those  
4 opposed? I declare the motion to dissolve  
5 the Special Town Meeting passed unanimously,  
6 and Special Town Meeting is over.

7 (Special Town Meeting dissolved  
8 at 8:40 p.m.)  
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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**(Resumed at 8:41 p.m.)**

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So now I  
will entertain a motion to reconvene the  
Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
So moved.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
motion.

SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
second. This is another voice vote. All  
those in favor of reconvening the Annual  
Town Meeting, please indicate by saying  
"Aye."

THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Those  
opposed? Thank you. I declare it was  
unanimous, and we are back in Annual Town  
Meeting.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Madam  
Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Mealy.

1 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Personal  
2 privilege, request for personal privilege.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'll allow  
4 it.

5 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you. If  
6 anyone in the hall this evening felt that  
7 their voice and their vote does not count,  
8 tonight we saw it did.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Mealy.

11 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
12 Madam Moderator.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It is very  
14 interesting to see votes decided by one vote  
15 always.

16 **ARTICLE 3**

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
18 article is Article 3. Article 3 on page 30  
19 of your handbook requires a majority vote.  
20 Does the Select Board have a positive  
21 motion?

22 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

23 MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

1 Mary Jane Mastrangelo. Please keep it down,  
2 folks, so that we can continue to conduct  
3 business. Go ahead, MJ.

4 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: We move the  
5 sum of \$1,621,965 be authorized to be  
6 expended by the Sewer Commissioners for the  
7 operation of the sewer system for the fiscal  
8 year starting on July 1, 2023, to and  
9 including June 30, 2024, as follows:

10 Salaries and Wages, \$193,440; Expenses,  
11 1,328,525; Reserve Fund, \$100,000.

12 And we further move that the sum  
13 of \$157,003 be transferred to the General  
14 Fund to offset Sewer Enterprise Indirect  
15 Expenses, and in order to meet this  
16 appropriation, we move that the sum of  
17 \$1,628,968 be raised from the Sewer  
18 Enterprise Receipts, and \$150,000 be  
19 transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

21 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

22 MASTRANGELO: Second?

23 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

24 Second.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a  
2 second. Ms. Mastrangelo, you have the  
3 floor.

4 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

5 MASTRANGELO: Thank you. This is the annual  
6 article to fund the sewage treatment system  
7 servicing Buzzards Bay. Appendix B on page  
8 75 of the Voter Handbook shows the Sources  
9 and Uses for the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

10 The Proposed FY24 Sewer Enterprise  
11 Operating Budget increase is \$208,330 and  
12 includes an increase in the cost of  
13 electricity for the new wastewater treatment  
14 plant, and a 2.5 percent increase in  
15 operations fee paid to Wareham.

16 A major impact on the budget this  
17 year is Debt Service. This is the first  
18 year of the principal payments on the new  
19 Wastewater Treatment Facility, and there are  
20 also capital assessments from Wareham for EQ  
21 basins and plant upgrades. It is also the  
22 final year of the capital assessment for the  
23 2003 (sic) Wareham Plant upgrade.

24 The Sewer Reserve Fund is

1 increased from \$50,000 over the FY23 as an  
2 increased buffer for unexpected costs;  
3 \$150,000 of Sewer Enterprise Retained  
4 Earnings will be used to reduce the sewer  
5 user fees, and the Sewer Retained Earnings  
6 balance is shown at \$676,819 after this use  
7 of Retained Earnings. Over \$264,000 in fees  
8 for applications, allocations, and sewer  
9 development have been assessed and collected  
10 in FY23, and the fees assessed will continue  
11 to help replenish Retained Earnings and  
12 assist with future debt service payments.

13 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
14 the motion would approve the Sewer  
15 Enterprise Operating Budget for FY24 from  
16 July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

17 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
18 the motion would mean that there would be no  
19 approved Sewer Enterprise Operating Budget  
20 for FY24.

21 The Select Board voted unanimously  
22 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
24 Does the Finance Committee have a

1 recommendation on this article?

2 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: Yes, we  
3 do, Madam Moderator.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
5 Steven Solbo.

6 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: The  
7 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
8 recommend approval of this article.

9 Upon explanation by the Town  
10 Administrator, the committee came to  
11 understand the recommended adjustments were  
12 based on actual operating costs and applying  
13 ARPA funds. It was stated the adjustment  
14 that came before the committee would be a  
15 one-time adjustment.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
17 Is there any further discussion on Article  
18 3? Hearing none. We will now move to a  
19 vote on Article 3. This vote requires a  
20 majority vote.

21 When I give you the indication,  
22 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
23 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
24 begin voting now.

1 (Voting in progress.)

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
3 now closed.

4 I declare the motion of the Select  
5 Board is passed with 241 votes in favor and  
6 16 in opposition.

7 (Article 3 passed.)

8 **ARTICLE 4**

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
10 article is Article 4. Article 4 on page 31  
11 of your handbook requires a majority vote.  
12 Does the Select Board have a positive  
13 motion?

14 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

15 MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
17 Mary Jane Mastrangelo.

18 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

19 MASTRANGELO: We move that the sum of  
20 \$11,353,035 be authorized to be expended for  
21 the operation of the Integrated Solid Waste  
22 Management department for the fiscal year  
23 starting July 1, 2023, to and including June  
24 30, 2024, as follows: Salaries and Wages,

1           \$2,319,692; Expenses, \$7,508,343; Reserve  
2           Fund \$600,000; Host Community Fee \$925,000.  
3           And we further move that the sum of  
4           \$2,441,696 be transferred to the General  
5           Fund to offset ISWM Enterprise Indirect  
6           Expenses, and in order to meet this  
7           appropriation, we move the sum of  
8           \$13,794,731 be raised from ISWM Enterprise  
9           Receipts.

10                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

11           Second.

12                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.

13           Mastrangelo, you have the floor.

14                   MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Thank you.

15           This article approves the operating budget  
16           of ISWM for the coming year including the  
17           ISWM Operational Budget, Salaries and Wages,  
18           Host Community Fee, and ISWM Reserve Fund,  
19           and General Administration Fees.

20                   The ISWM budget includes the costs  
21           associated with the disposal of the Town's  
22           municipal solid waste and residential drop-  
23           off center. ISWM will continue to pay for  
24           curbside trash pickup and curbside



1 recycling.

2 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
3 the motion would approve the ISWM Enterprise  
4 Operating Budget for FY24 from July 1, 2023,  
5 to June 30, 2024.

6 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
7 the motion would mean there would be no  
8 approved ISWM Enterprise Operating Budget  
9 for FY24.

10 The Select Board voted unanimously  
11 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
13 Does the Finance Committee have a  
14 recommendation on this article?

15 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We do,  
16 Madam Moderator.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
18 Amanda Bongiovanni.

19 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The  
20 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
21 recommend approval of this article. The  
22 committee reviewed the budget with ISWM  
23 general manager who provided sufficient  
24 answers to questions and concerns posed by

1 the committee.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
3 Is there any further discussion on Article  
4 4? Hearing none. We can now move to a vote  
5 on Article 4. This vote requires a majority  
6 vote.

7 When I tell you, you will have 30  
8 seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
9 red for "No." You may begin voting now.

10 (Voting in progress.)

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
12 now closed.

13 I declare the motion of the Select  
14 Board has passed with 230 votes in favor and  
15 7 in opposition.

16 (Article 4 passed.)

17 **ARTICLE 5**

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
19 article is Article 5. Article 5 on page 32  
20 of your handbook requires a simple majority  
21 vote. Does the Select Board have a positive  
22 motion?

23 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We do, Madam  
24 Moderator.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
2 Jared MacDonald.

3 MR. JARED MACDONALD: Thank you.  
4 We move that the Town vote to appropriate  
5 \$2,343,831 to pay costs of the Capital  
6 Outlay projects listed in the schedule  
7 printed below and to meet this  
8 appropriation, we move to, one, transfer the  
9 sum of \$1,103,181 from Free Cash; two,  
10 transfer the sum of \$1,015,650 from ISWM  
11 Retained Earnings; three, transfer the sum  
12 of 225,000 from Waterways Improvement Fund.

13 The projects listed as follows:

14 1. Police Department, Body  
15 and Cruiser Cameras, \$413,771 from  
16 Free Cash;

17 2. Police Department,  
18 Message Boards/Speed Warning Sign,  
19 \$67,410 from Free Cash;

20 3. Natural Resources,  
21 Replace Pickup Truck, 90,000 from  
22 Free Cash;

23 4. Facilities, Town Hall  
24 HVAC System, \$40,000 from Free

1 Cash;  
2 5. Facilities, Town Hall  
3 Fire Alarm, \$60,000 from Free  
4 Cash;  
5 6. Facilities, Ford Transit  
6 Connect Van or similar for  
7 \$30,000, Free Cash;  
8 7. Facilities, Roof  
9 Investigation and Design,  
10 \$200,000, Free Cash;  
11 8. Public Works, 10-Yard  
12 Sander and Plow, \$62,000, Free  
13 Cash;  
14 9. Schools, Interactive  
15 Touch Panels at BES, \$90,000, Free  
16 Cash;  
17 10. Schools, OPM Services -  
18 BMS Roof, \$50,000, Free Cash;  
19 11. Shore and Harbor, Annual  
20 Dredging/Ramp/Pier Repair,  
21 225,000, Waterways Improvement  
22 Fund;  
23 12. ISWM, Street Sweeper,

1 311,000, Retained Earning;  
2 13. ISWM, 1.5 Cubic Yard  
3 Wheel Loader, 125,000, Retained  
4 Earnings;  
5 14. ISWM, Phase 9 Vertical  
6 Expansion, \$200,000, Retained  
7 Earnings;  
8 15. ISWM, Survey Grade GPS  
9 Base and Rover, \$50,000, Retained  
10 Earnings;  
11 16. ISWM, Technology, Survey  
12 Grade Drone and Data Pack,  
13 \$20,650, Retained Earnings;  
14 17. ISWM, 30kw Generator,  
15 \$50,000, Retained Earnings;  
16 18. ISWM, Roll-Off  
17 Containers, \$34,000, Retained  
18 Earnings, and  
19 19. ISWM, 8-Yard  
20 Rubbish/Recycling Packer, 225,000,  
21 Retained Earnings.  
22 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
23 Second.  
24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.

1 McDonald, you have the floor.

2 MR. JARED MACDONALD: Thank you,  
3 Madam Moderator. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in  
4 favor of the motion would approve the  
5 capital expenditures recommended by the  
6 Capital Outlay Committee for FY24.

7 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
8 the motion would mean that the capital  
9 expenditures recommended by the Capital  
10 Outlay Committee would not be funded and  
11 these needs would not be addressed in FY24.

12 The Select Board voted unanimously  
13 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
15 Does the Finance Committee have a  
16 recommendation on this article?

17 MR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Yes, we do,  
18 Madam Moderator.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
20 Jim Sullivan.

21 MR. JIM SULLIVAN: Thank you. The  
22 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0  
23 to recommend approval of this article. The  
24 committee met with the Town Administrator

1 and the department heads to hear  
2 explanations on each request, and the  
3 committee would like to point out that no  
4 borrowing would be required.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
6 Would you like to be heard on Article 5?

7 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Yes,  
8 please.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go right  
10 ahead.

11 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Thank  
12 you, Moderator. Anne-Marie Siroonian,  
13 Monument Beach. Just one point of  
14 clarification, if you could give us a little  
15 more detail on Item No. 7, Facilities  
16 Planning, the \$200,000 for a roof  
17 investigation and design. What exactly are  
18 we buying?

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Town  
20 Administrator will answer your question.

21 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Thank  
22 you.

23 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:  
24 So we would like to investigate and design

1 fixes for leaks at Fire Station 3, which is  
2 the Sagamore Beach Headquarters, the gym in  
3 the Community Building, and various  
4 locations at the Town Hall roof.

5 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Okay.  
6 So it incorporates three municipality  
7 buildings?

8 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:   
9 Three buildings, yes.

10 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Okay.  
11 And it's just for an investigation --

12 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:   
13 And --

14 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: -- and  
15 then, subsequently, preliminary design?  
16 What exactly does design mean?

17 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:   
18 So we would hope, and this would be subject  
19 to the estimates that we would get back from  
20 the consultants, but we would hope that  
21 these funds would be sufficient to actually  
22 put together the design packages to go out  
23 to bid and hire a contractor.

24 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Okay.



1 Thank you.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
3 Mr. Doherty.

4 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Bill  
5 Doherty, Cataumet. Actually, my question  
6 touches on the same thing. I believe the  
7 Town Moderator has, excuse me, the Town  
8 Manager has a contract with an Energy  
9 Savings Group, and I wondered, are they  
10 going to be involved in the design criteria?

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.

12 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:  
13 So, this is not intended to be a part of the  
14 ESCO project that you are referencing,  
15 mostly because we will not be receiving or  
16 realizing large energy savings from this  
17 work. So, it's probably going to be more  
18 cost-effective for us to go out to bid  
19 individually for the different projects  
20 rather than bundle them in that larger  
21 contract.

22 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: I would  
23 point out that in several years of energy  
24 management and conservation that the roof on

1           any building is where most of the heat loss  
2           occurs as well as the protection from -- and  
3           I would strongly recommend that they be  
4           involved at some point.

5                     I have some other questions with  
6           regard to the articles.

7                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'll allow  
8           it. Go ahead.

9                     MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: What kind of  
10          a truck would you get for \$90,000?

11                    THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

12                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Someone  
13          else is going to answer that question.

14                    MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay.

15                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a  
16          microphone for staff members right there.  
17          It's right there.

18                    MR. CHRIS SOUTHWOOD: Chris  
19          Southwick, Natural Resource Director and  
20          resident of Pocasset. So the \$90,000 is  
21          basically, when I say basically, a standard,  
22          heavy duty 4 x 4 2500 three-quarter ton  
23          pickup. It has a tow package which we tow  
24          all the patrol boats with and other boats,

1 and, as well, it is an emergency response  
2 vehicle, so we have, basically, a police  
3 package in it, and this is also based on  
4 supply and demand issues right now.

5 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. So,  
6 am I to understand it that it's not a  
7 standard pickup truck; it is a special  
8 purpose truck?

9 MR. CHRISTOPHER SOUTHWOOD:  
10 Correct.

11 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Thank you --

12 MR. CHRISTOPHER SOUTHWOOD:  
13 You're welcome.

14 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: -- for the  
15 response to that question. And then,  
16 finally, the Town Hall HVAC, does that come  
17 under the contract that you have with that  
18 energy-saving consultant?

19 MR. SEAN FEENEY: How you doing?  
20 Sean Feeney, Facilities Manager. The Town  
21 Hall HVAC replacement unit is a single air  
22 handler that was not included in the  
23 contract because we had previously had this  
24 on the capital plan for replacement prior to

1 the ESCO. We did not want to roll it into  
2 the ESCO program because the energy-  
3 efficiency cost savings of that unit would  
4 not really benefit the ESCO project. We had  
5 already incorporated into the Town capital  
6 plan so we kept within that method.

7 The ESCO will be -- we'll have  
8 control over that unit. The Town's just  
9 going to be installing it separately of that  
10 project.

11 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. So if  
12 I understand you --

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's not a  
14 back-and-forth. If you need to clarify, you  
15 can, but he gave you his answer. Okay. So  
16 if you want to follow-up, go ahead, but --

17 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: The follow-  
18 up is that since we do have this contract,  
19 and from what I understand, the contract is  
20 self-policing, I'm very concerned that we  
21 have what I'd call accountability with  
22 regard to the things that are part of it.

23 So since items are being added,  
24 and I'm hearing they're not part of that

1 original contract, I have some concern about  
2 how transparent, you know, the effect of all  
3 of this energy conservation, energy  
4 selection is --

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: What is  
6 your question specifically on this article  
7 though?

8 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: The specific  
9 question I have on the article is that if  
10 you're putting in a heating and ventilating  
11 air conditioning unit, and we have a  
12 consultant that is responsible for managing  
13 our energy savings, how much savings in  
14 terms of selection have come under the,  
15 let's say, the selection process by the  
16 energy consultant?

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.

18 ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:  
19 So, this particular piece of equipment, this  
20 air handler for \$40,000, is not part of the  
21 ESCO. It's being installed outside of that  
22 contract. So any of those energy  
23 calculations are not included in TRANE's  
24 ESCO calculations. We're doing this one as

1 a standalone project.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

3 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Thank you.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Doherty. Any further questions? Go  
6 right ahead.

7 MR. TODD BENEDICT: Just a point  
8 of clarification; my name is Todd Benedict  
9 from Monument Beach.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

11 MR. TODD BENEDICT: At a previous  
12 Town Meeting, a speaker brought it up that  
13 it would be nice if these were broken out  
14 instead of one vote for 19 items, that  
15 conversation.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
17 Thank you, Mr. Benedict.

18 MR. TODD BENEDICT: Thank you.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Did  
20 everyone get that feedback? Okay. Thank  
21 you. All right. Is there any further  
22 discussion on Article 5, specifically?  
23 Hearing none. We're going to move to a vote  
24 on Article 5. This is Article 5 on page 32

1 of your Voter Handbook. It requires a  
2 majority vote.

3 Does everyone have their handheld  
4 device? When I tell you, you will have 30  
5 seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
6 red for "No." You may begin voting now.

7 (Voting in progress.)

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
9 now closed.

10 I declare the motion of the Select  
11 Board has passed with 211 votes in favor and  
12 21 opposed.

13 (Article 5 passed.)

14 **ARTICLE 9**

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
16 essential article is Article 9, which is on  
17 page 37 of your handbook and requires a  
18 simple majority vote.

19 Does the Select Board have a  
20 positive motion?

21 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We do, Madam  
22 Moderator.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
24 Jared MacDonald.

1                   MR. JARED MACDONALD: We move that  
2                   the Town vote to appropriate the sum of  
3                   \$200,000 for the purpose of this article and  
4                   to meet this appropriation to transfer the  
5                   sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash.

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can I have  
7                   a second?

8                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
9                   Second.

10                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
11                  MacDonald, you have the floor.

12                  MR. JARED MACDONALD: Thank you.  
13                  The financial policy guideline for  
14                  stabilization reserve establishes a target  
15                  of 6 percent of the General Fund Operating  
16                  Budget expenses to be in reserve. At the  
17                  time of this writing, there has been a large  
18                  amount of market volatility that is  
19                  impacting the Town's investment revenue in  
20                  the short term. By the end of the fiscal  
21                  year, it is anticipated that the fund will  
22                  be within the stated financial policy  
23                  guideline.

24                  A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of



1 the motion would authorize additional funds  
2 be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

3 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
4 the motion would mean that the no additional  
5 funds would be deposited into the  
6 Stabilization Fund and would not be  
7 consistent with the stated financial  
8 guidelines.

9 The Select Board voted unanimously  
10 to recommend approval of this article.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
12 Does the Finance Committee have a  
13 recommendation?

14 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We do.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
16 Wayne Sampson.

17 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance  
18 Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to  
19 recommend approval of this article. This  
20 annual article was brought to the committee,  
21 and the Finance Director confirmed this was  
22 in compliance with the established  
23 Stabilization Fund policy.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1 Is there any further discussion on Article  
2 9? Seeing none. We can move to a vote on  
3 Article 9. This vote requires a majority  
4 vote.

5 When I tell you to vote, you will  
6 have 30 seconds to cast your vote. Green  
7 for "Yes"; red for "No." You may begin  
8 voting now.

9 (Voting in progress.)

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
11 now closed.

12 I declare the motion of the Select  
13 Board has passed with 195 votes in favor and  
14 13 opposed.

15 (Article 9 passed.)

16 **ARTICLE 10**

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
18 article is Article 10, which is on page 38  
19 of your handbook and requires a simple  
20 majority vote.

21 Does the Select Board have a  
22 positive motion on this article?

23 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We do, Madam  
24 Moderator.

1                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
2                   Jared MacDonald.

3                   MR. JARED MACDONALD: We move that  
4                   the Town vote to appropriate the sum of  
5                   341,000 for the purpose of this article and  
6                   to meet this appropriation to transfer the  
7                   sum of 341,000 from Free Cash.

8                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
9                   Second.

10                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
11                  MacDonald, you have the floor.

12                  MR. JARED MACDONALD: Thank you.  
13                  The goal of the Capital Stabilization Fund  
14                  is to maintain 3 to 5 years of debt payments  
15                  in reserve, and the Town is currently  
16                  exceeding five years at the current level of  
17                  debt service.

18                  A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
19                  the motion provides funding to increase the  
20                  Capital Stabilization Fund. This will help  
21                  to ensure that the funds continue to be set  
22                  aside for the long-term maintenance of the  
23                  Town's capital assets.

24                  A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to

1 the motion would not provide additional  
2 funding for the Capital Stabilization Fund  
3 and would not be consistent with the stated  
4 financial guidelines.

5 The Select Board voted unanimously  
6 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
8 Does the Finance Committee have a  
9 recommendation on this article?

10 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We do.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
12 Wayne Sampson.

13 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance  
14 Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to  
15 recommend approval of this article. The  
16 committee reviewed the standard article and  
17 confirmed compliance with the Capital  
18 Stabilization Fund policy.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
20 Is there any discussion on Article 10?  
21 Hearing none. We will now move to a vote on  
22 Article 10. This vote requires a majority  
23 vote.

24 When I tell you, you will have 30

1 seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
2 red for "No." You may begin voting now.

3 (Voting in progress.)

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
5 now closed.

6 I declare the motion of the Select  
7 Board is passed with 193 votes in favor and  
8 11 votes in opposition.

9 (Article 10 passed.)

10 **ARTICLE 12**

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The last  
12 essential article that we have tonight is  
13 Article 12. Article 12 on page 40 of your  
14 handbook requires a simple majority vote.

15 And does the Select Board have a  
16 positive motion?

17 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Yes,  
18 we do.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
20 Judith Froman.

21 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
22 you. We move that the Town vote to  
23 appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the  
24 purposes of this article --

1 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: That's 11.

2 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: I'm on  
3 11. I copied you. I have the same tab; I  
4 have 11 and 12. Excuse me.

5 So, Article 12, the motion: We  
6 move that the Town vote to appropriate the  
7 sum of \$100,000 for the purposes of this  
8 article and to meet this appropriation to  
9 transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash.

10 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
11 Second.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms. Froman,  
13 you have the floor.

14 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
15 you. The Special Education Reserve Fund was  
16 established to absorb the costs associated  
17 with newly enrolled students who may need  
18 additional levels of educational services.  
19 Once the student is enrolled and the  
20 educational costs are known, they are moved  
21 into the School Department budget.

22 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
23 the motion would authorize additional funds  
24 to be placed in the Special Education

1 Reserve Fund.

2 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
3 the motion would mean that no additional  
4 funds would be deposited into the Special  
5 Education Reserve Fund.

6 The Select Board recommendation:  
7 voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend  
8 approval of this article.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10 Does the Finance Committee have a  
11 recommendation?

12 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Yes, Madam  
13 Moderator.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
15 Dr. William Towne.

16 DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: The Finance  
17 Committee voted unanimously 1 -- 9-0-0 to  
18 recommend the approval of this article.  
19 This article was brought to the committee to  
20 replenish the Special Education Reserve  
21 Fund. The community acknowledges the  
22 importance of having the funding available  
23 to meet the obligations for students.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1 Is there any discussion on Article 12?  
2 Please, go ahead.

3 MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: Hi, my name is  
4 John Bunevith from Cataumet. This isn't  
5 specific to this article, but as I'm sitting  
6 here, maybe this is a point of personal  
7 privilege, but I'm kind of like  
8 flabbergasted at just how much money is  
9 coming out of Free Cash for all these  
10 things.

11 And I understand where the Free  
12 Cash comes from, kind of, because  
13 translation for, in my simple layman's  
14 terms, it comes from all the departments  
15 that were overbudgeted. So, they came in  
16 underbudget, and that money goes to Free  
17 Cash.

18 And I'm just kind of, like, it  
19 blows me away. I mean how much money -- how  
20 much do we overbudget our departments to  
21 have all this Free Cash?

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23 I think that's a discussion not for this  
24 article but a broader discussion. I



1 appreciate you bringing that up. Thank you.  
2 Is there a response to that? No.

3 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN:  
4 That's a big discussion.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It is a big  
6 discussion. Thank you.

7 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Madam  
8 Moderator, we're going to move along that  
9 quickly? This meeting needs to have people  
10 who understand the process. That question  
11 is --

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't  
13 know that there's a question we can answer  
14 about Free Cash as it relates to the entire  
15 municipal budgeting of Free Cash relevant to  
16 Article 12. That's not the discussion right  
17 now, sir.

18 MR. MARK TIRRELL: I can start to  
19 answer if you'd like?

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I prefer to  
21 keep the debate that goes on relevant to the  
22 articles that are before the body so that we  
23 don't waste all of our time. I appreciate  
24 that you might want to have a discussion

1           about Free Cash and how it's used in  
2           municipality budgeting, but I don't think  
3           the Town Meeting is the time for that.

4                     MR. MARK TIRRELL:   When is?

5                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   I will not  
6           have people yelling from the crowd.   That's  
7           the best thing.   So, if you want to continue  
8           the discussion, I am going to ask you to  
9           approach the podium.

10                    MR. MARK TIRRELL:   Fine.

11                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Because I'm  
12           not sure what the specific question is.

13                    MR. MARK TIRRELL:   I have to race  
14           over here.   Can you back me up here?

15                    MR. STEPHEN MEALY:   I might.

16                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:   Can you  
17           please state your name then for the record,  
18           and then please state your question.

19                    MR. MARK TIRRELL:   My name is Mark  
20           Tirrell.   I have enjoyed the service in this  
21           meeting for some 45 years or more.   I served  
22           on the Finance Committee and had the  
23           privilege of serving on the Board of  
24           Selectmen for a short period of time.

1                   Madam Moderator, I beg your  
2                   indulgence and I appreciate it, because I  
3                   have this knowledge, this sense, this  
4                   meeting, 850 seats here, is shrinking and  
5                   shrinking and shrinking, and we need new  
6                   blood to continue to manage the affairs of  
7                   the Town of Bourne. And, so, we should not  
8                   be shying off questions of substance of  
9                   process; we should be encouraging and  
10                  welcoming.

11                  I can start to answer the  
12                  gentleman's question by saying that Free  
13                  Cash -- we had a prior Town Administrator  
14                  who loved to say that Free Cash is neither  
15                  free, nor cash, but it is, as you say,  
16                  leftover budget amounts.

17                  Further, it is the amount of fees  
18                  that were collected and the various fee  
19                  structures of the Town --

20                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So I'm  
21                  going to ask you to make this comment  
22                  relevant to the article that's before us,  
23                  because we still have double digit articles  
24                  to get through tonight, and I would like to

1           get through it. I appreciate your knowledge  
2           and your institutional knowledge about the  
3           Free Cash situation, but I don't think that  
4           this is the proper forum for this, honestly.  
5           I would prefer to conduct the meeting.

6                     MR. MARK TIRRELL: I'll hang at  
7           the back of the room if you've got a  
8           question.

9                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10          Thank you, very much.

11                    MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Madam  
12          Moderator, could I make one quick comment?  
13          Just very quick.

14                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
15          Mastrangelo.

16                    SELECTPERSON MARY JANE  
17          MASTRANGELO: So, on page 76 of the handbook  
18          at the top of the page is a listing of the  
19          Free Cash that was certified at the  
20          beginning of this year, and all of the uses  
21          of Free Cash that we have had throughout  
22          this fiscal year. And so that is where we  
23          track it, and we make sure that we are  
24          staying on track with our reserves.

1           Some of the things that we've  
2           spent money on, for example, the opioid  
3           settlement funds of \$167,316.77 was not an  
4           unbudgeted item. It was revenue that the  
5           Town received that has to go into Free Cash  
6           and get certified before the Town can  
7           actually spend it.

8           So there are a lot of different  
9           sources of Free Cash. It's not always under  
10          budgeted. It also, as Mr. Tirrell said,  
11          comes from additional revenues that the Town  
12          receives that has to be certified in order  
13          to be spent.

14          MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
15          Ms. Mastrangelo. If anyone else would like  
16          to speak to this article, please step  
17          forward. Okay. Seeing none, we are going  
18          to move to a vote on this article. Article  
19          12 requires a majority vote.

20          When I tell you to vote, you will  
21          have 30 seconds to cast your vote. You will  
22          press green for "Yes"; red for "No." You  
23          may begin voting now.

24                               (Voting in progress.)

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
2 now closed.

3 I declare the motion of the Select  
4 Board is passed with 185 in favor and 12 in  
5 opposition.

6 (Article 12 passed.)

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We will now  
8 go to the lottery to finish the articles  
9 that are remaining in this Town Meeting.

10 **ARTICLE 17**

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 17.  
12 Article 17 on page 45 of your handbook  
13 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
14 Board have a positive motion?

15 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We do.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
17 Jared MacDonald.

18 MR. JARED MACDONALD: We move that  
19 the Town vote to approve this article as set  
20 forth in the Warrant.

21 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
22 Second.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.  
24 MacDonald, you have the floor.

1 MR. JARED MACDONALD: A "Yes" or  
2 "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would  
3 update the Recreation Committee Bylaw to  
4 reflect how the Committee and Recreation  
5 Department function.

6 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
7 the motion would make no changes to the  
8 current Bylaw.

9 The Select Board voted unanimously  
10 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
12 Does the Finance Committee have a  
13 recommendation on this article?

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

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
17 Kathleen Legacy.

18 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance  
19 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
20 recommend approval of this article. The  
21 committee was presented with the changes by  
22 a representative of the Recreation Committee  
23 and were in agreement with the changes.  
24 This change is also supported by both the

1 Bylaw Committee and the Recreation  
2 Committee.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
4 Is there any further discussion?

5 MR. JAMES LINSKY: Thank you.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.

7 MR. JAMES LINSKY: Jim Linsky,  
8 Pocasset, Recreation Committee member. The  
9 current Bylaws before these hopeful changes  
10 were written approximately 40 years ago.  
11 And at that time, I believe that there was  
12 no recreation department nor a recreation  
13 director.

14 This Bylaw change will truly  
15 reflect our new duties, responsibilities,  
16 and goals. We are trying to increase  
17 opportunities, participation, and improve  
18 facilities and recreation areas. Please  
19 vote yes to change our Bylaws.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21 Is there anyone else that would like to be  
22 heard on Article 17? Hearing none. We will  
23 now move to a vote on Article 17. This vote  
24 requires a majority vote.



1                   When I tell you to start voting,  
2                   you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
3                   Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
4                   begin voting now.

5                   (Voting in progress.)

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
7                   now closed.

8                   I declare the motion of the Select  
9                   Board is passed with 183 votes in favor and  
10                  4 votes in opposition.

11                  (Article 17 passed.)

12                   **ARTICLE 19**

13                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 19.  
14                  Article 19 on page 48 of your handbook  
15                  requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
16                  Board have a positive motion?

17                  MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Yes,  
18                  we do.

19                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
20                  Judith Froman.

21                  MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
22                  you. We move that the Town vote to rescind  
23                  the authorized and unissued debt as set  
24                  forth in the table below.

1 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

2 Second.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms. Froman,  
4 you have the floor.

5 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
6 you. The debt for this work is no longer  
7 needed because the project was funded at the  
8 October 2022 Town Meeting as part of the  
9 tax-exempt lease funding the ESCO.

10 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
11 the motion will allow the Town to use the  
12 borrowing authority for a future capital  
13 project.

14 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
15 the motion would not rescind the authority  
16 and the authorization could not be reissued  
17 for the future the future capital project.

18 The Select Board voted unanimously  
19 5-0-0 to recommend the approval of this  
20 article.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
22 Does the Finance Committee have a  
23 recommendation on this article?

24 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: Yes, we

1 do, Madam Moderator.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
3 Steven Solbo.

4 MR. STEVEN SOLBO, JR.: The  
5 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
6 recommend approval of this article. The  
7 only question posed by the committee was why  
8 the borrowing was being rescinded, and the  
9 Town Administrator explained the funding was  
10 redundant as it had been covered by another  
11 article approved at a prior Town Meeting.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
13 Does anyone have any discussion on this  
14 article; Article 19? Okay. Seeing none.  
15 We will move to a vote on Article 19. This  
16 vote requires a majority vote.

17 When I tell you to start voting,  
18 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
19 Please press green for "Yes" and red for  
20 "No." You may begin voting now.

21 (Voting in progress.)

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
23 now closed.

24 I declare the motion of the Select

1 Board is passed; 174 votes in favor, 8 in  
2 opposition.

3 (Article 19 passed.)

4 **ARTICLE 16**

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 16.  
6 Article 16 on page 44 of your handbook  
7 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
8 Board have a positive motion?

9 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
11 Melissa Ferretti.

12 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
13 that the Town vote to approve this article  
14 as set forth in the Warrant.

15 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
16 Second.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
18 Ferretti, you have the floor.

19 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "Yes" or  
20 "Aye" vote in favor of this motion adds a  
21 new section to the Bylaw that allows the  
22 Conservation Commission to consider waiving  
23 the strict requirements of a performance  
24 standard in limited cases.

1                   A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
2                   the motion would not insert a new waiver  
3                   provision into the Wetlands Protection  
4                   Bylaw.

5                   The Select Board voted unanimously  
6                   5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

7                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
8                   Does the Finance Committee have a  
9                   recommendation on this articles?

10                  MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, we do,  
11                  Madam Moderator.

12                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
13                  Kathleen Legacy.

14                  MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance  
15                  Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
16                  recommend approval of this article. The  
17                  committee reviewed this General Bylaw  
18                  amendment with the Conservation Agent after  
19                  it had been approved by the Bylaw Committee.  
20                  None of the committee members had questions  
21                  or concerns.

22                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23                  I see there are folks that would like to be  
24                  heard on this article. Mr. Mealy.

1                   MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
2                   Madam Moderator. Stephen Mealy from  
3                   Sagamore Beach. If this waiver is not  
4                   available to an applicant before the  
5                   Conservation Commission, what is the remedy  
6                   available to the applicant at this time  
7                   without the waiver?

8                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going  
9                   to have a staff member answer this question.

10                  MS. STEPHANIE FITCH: Good  
11                  evening. I'm Stephanie Fitch, the Bourne  
12                  Conservation Agent. So, as of right now  
13                  without a waiver, if they can't meet the  
14                  performance standards, the project is  
15                  denied.

16                  MR. STEPHEN MEALY: So if I might?

17                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.

18                  MR. STEPHEN MEALY: If we grant  
19                  the Conservation Commission the authority to  
20                  grant a waiver, we're basically allowing  
21                  them to then determine which Bylaw rules and  
22                  regulations they're going to enforce for a  
23                  particular applicant and which they're not.  
24                  How are we to, as a Town, be able to enforce

1           -- not to enforce -- but to allow such  
2           waivers to be granted from a commission,  
3           which is appointed, not elected? How is it  
4           that we are going to hand over the keys to a  
5           project to either go forward or not to the  
6           very people that are supposed to be  
7           reviewing the project for the regulations to  
8           protect our wetlands?

9                   MS. STEPHANIE FITCH: Let me kind  
10          of back up here for a second. So, the  
11          waiver that the Commission is presenting  
12          here, the performance standards are always  
13          going to be as strict if not stricter than  
14          the state Wetlands Protection Act. So,  
15          remember, this is just for the local Bylaw,  
16          right? So we're already more protective.

17                 There's going to be a long list, I  
18          believe you can see in the Voter Handbook,  
19          you know, you need a brief statement; you  
20          need mitigation; you need different ways to  
21          minimize impact.

22                 So, really, this waiver is to  
23          allow the Commission to work with applicants  
24          to come up with creative solutions that will

1 enhance other resource areas through  
2 mitigation instead of just strictly denying  
3 a project under the local Bylaw and then  
4 allowing it to go just to the state level  
5 for a superseding order of conditions. So,  
6 I see this as almost a more protective  
7 option for Bourne's local wetland resources.

8 MR. STEVE MEALY: Thank you, very  
9 much. Thank you, Madam Moderator.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
11 Mr. Mealy. Go ahead, Mr. York.

12 MR. JOHN YORK: John York. Again,  
13 Steve, you might not want to sit down too  
14 fast; she might need to answer this. I'm  
15 curious about the motivation for this, and I  
16 suspect the motivation may have something to  
17 do with deflecting potential litigation  
18 against the Town, and, so, could someone  
19 speak to that?

20 MS. STEPHANIE FITCH: Yes. Again,  
21 Stephanie Fitch, Conservation Agent. So,  
22 yes, as I kind of said previously, this is a  
23 way to allow the Commission to work with an  
24 applicant to come up with more creative



1 solutions because, like I said, if a project  
2 necessarily can't meet a performance  
3 standard, they strictly just have to deny,  
4 and then they have the option to go appeal  
5 the denial and go to the state for a  
6 superseding order of condition, which I said  
7 is less, typically, less protective than the  
8 local Bylaw. Just because an applicant asks  
9 for a waiver does not mean the Commission  
10 has to grant it. So the Commission has to  
11 see that the waiver offers mitigation that  
12 will enhance the wetland resources in a  
13 special way that will make the project  
14 unique instead of just denying; does that  
15 make sense? It has to be worthwhile.

16 MR. JOHN YORK: Okay. I'm not  
17 sure I got exactly the answer I was looking  
18 for. But I would just observe that -- I'm  
19 afraid that allowing the option of a waiver  
20 will actually encourage more litigation  
21 against the Town because someone's who's  
22 interested in getting their way and has a  
23 lot of money to spend on lawyers, it doesn't  
24 matter what we put up in front of them, they

1 will sue us. And when you start granting  
2 waivers, they will sue you for you didn't  
3 grant them a waiver, and that I think is  
4 problematic no matter what you put in for  
5 requirements to meet a waiver, you're just  
6 adding more playing pieces to their playing  
7 table that their lawyers are going to play  
8 with.

9 And even though I, personally,  
10 would benefit probably significantly from  
11 this waiver option and probably would  
12 benefit from it within the next five years,  
13 I would recommend voting against it for the  
14 reason that I just stated. Thank you.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
16 Does anyone else want to speak on this  
17 article? Go ahead.

18 MS. NATALIE GALLIGAN: My name is  
19 Natalie Galligan from Cataumet. I, too,  
20 encourage you to vote against this article.  
21 I think it's all too vague. It allows --  
22 how are we going to track who gets a waiver,  
23 who doesn't? Are we going to pay attention  
24 to what rules they have followed or not

1 followed or where they want the waiver? I  
2 just think that this is opening the door to  
3 many problems and, again, people of  
4 influence being able to get a waiver. I  
5 think our coastal or coastline, our waters  
6 are so fragile that for people to come and  
7 fight for waivers, and I just don't think we  
8 have Bylaws, let's use the Bylaws.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10 Go ahead.

11 MS. CATHERINE WALTON: Hi.  
12 Catherine Walton from Monument Beach. Thank  
13 you. I think, actually, Natalie just  
14 answered my question. I was concerned about  
15 how this would affect the homeowners coming  
16 to do renovations. So, thank you.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
18 Go ahead, sir.

19 MR. DAVID DIMMICK: Thank you,  
20 Madam Moderator. David Dimmick; I'm also a  
21 resident of the Town in Cataumet. I have no  
22 financial interest in this one. I've been  
23 in the business of giving away land. But it  
24 seems to me that most of us are pretty aware

1           that there's -- we've got a climate problem.  
2           It's affecting us, and we've got a problem  
3           of rising water levels around the world.  
4           And if we see what other communities are  
5           doing in our immediate area, they're  
6           strengthening their restrictions; they're  
7           not relaxing them.

8                       I think this is -- there's a  
9           better decision and approach to this. I  
10          suggest that maybe this is coming up as a  
11          result of one person's application but that  
12          doesn't matter.

13                      We've got to preserve every bit of  
14          marshland and other lands that we want for  
15          particularly those folks living right close  
16          to the water. Those houses are going to be  
17          either afloat or on stilts. So I urge you  
18          to vote against this article.

19                      Thank you.

20                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21          Mr. Clegg.

22                      MR. ELMER CLEGG: Thank you.  
23          Elmer Clegg from Pocasset. I'd just like to  
24          say that not all applicants are created

1 equal, and this concerns me that those with  
2 the funding and with the determination will  
3 stand a greater chance of achieving their  
4 objectives if you pass this.

5 Thank you.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
7 Mr. Clegg. Would anyone else like to be  
8 heard on Article 16? Seeing none. We will  
9 move to a vote on Article 16. This vote  
10 requires a majority vote.

11 When I tell you to start voting,  
12 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
13 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
14 begin voting now.

15 (Voting in progress.)

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
17 now closed.

18 I declare the motion of the Select  
19 Board has failed; 137 in opposition, 51 in  
20 favor.

21 (Article 16 failed.)

## 22 **ARTICLE 22**

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 22.  
24 Article 22 on page 51 of your Handbook

1 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
2 Board have a positive motion?

3 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
4 Oh, I'm sorry.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's okay,  
6 Peter.

7 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
8 No, we do not.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Select  
10 Board does not have a positive motion. One  
11 moment. You have the floor, Mr. Meier.

12 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
13 Yes. We move that the Town indefinitely  
14 postpone Article 22.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. Mr.  
16 Meier has moved for indefinite postponement  
17 of Article 22. Does the Finance Committee  
18 have a recommendation on this article?

19 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Second.

20 MR. JIM SULLIVAN: Yes, we do.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

22 MR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Madam  
23 Moderator, the Finance Committee voted  
24 unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend indefinite

1           postponement. Prior to the Finance  
2           Committee's review, the private petitioner  
3           requested to withdraw the article. The  
4           Finance Committee understands that process  
5           dictates that one person cannot act on  
6           behalf of everybody who signed the petition.

7                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Great.  
8           Thank you. Mr. Meier, do you have anything  
9           to add to that?

10                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
11           No, he explained it pretty clearly. A "Yes"  
12           vote would approve the motion to  
13           indefinitely postpone the article; a "No"  
14           vote would not.

15                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So this  
16           vote requires a majority vote, and the  
17           private petitioner has requested it be  
18           withdrawn; is that what you're saying?

19                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
20           Yes.

21                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.  
22           Thank you. Does anyone have any questions  
23           or discussion on Article 22? Seeing none.  
24           We will move to a vote on Article 22. The

1           Select Board's motion before us is  
2           indefinite postponement of Article 22. So  
3           this is a simple majority vote.

4                   Green is "Yes" for indefinite  
5           postponement; red is "No." You may begin  
6           voting now.

7                   (Voting in progress.)

8                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
9           now closed.

10                   I declare the motion of the Select  
11           Board has passed 170 in favor, 12 in  
12           opposition.

13                   (Article 22 passed.)

14                   **ARTICLE 18**

15                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 18.  
16           Article 18 on page 45 of your Voter Handbook  
17           requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
18           Board have a positive motion?

19                   MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Yes,  
20           we do.

21                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
22           Judy Froman.

23                   MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
24           you. We move that the Town vote to approve



1           this article as set forth in the Warrant.

2                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can I have  
3           a second?

4                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
5           Second.

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms. Froman,  
7           you have the floor.

8                   MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
9           you. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the  
10          motion would allow voter registration to end  
11          on Friday -- on the Friday before a Tuesday  
12          election and not be extended into Saturday.

13                   A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
14          the motion would keep the voter registration  
15          deadline status quo as the Saturday before a  
16          Tuesday election.

17                   Select Board voted unanimously 5-  
18          0-0 to recommend the approval of this.

19                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
20          Does the Finance Committee have a  
21          recommendation on this article?

22                   MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes, we  
23          do, Madam Moderator.

24                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

1 Amanda Bongiovanni.

2 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The  
3 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
4 recommend approval of this article. The  
5 committee met with the Town Clerk and voter  
6 registration was the only concern raised.  
7 The Town Clerk advised this would not hinder  
8 voter registration.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10 Does anyone have any further discussion on  
11 Article 18? Yes, go ahead. Mr. Tirrell.

12 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you,  
13 Madam Moderator. Inasmuch as the second  
14 phrase in the first sentence of the article  
15 says, "Which allows municipal offices," I am  
16 led to ask this question; are any other  
17 departments besides the Town Clerk's office  
18 affected by accepting this portion of the  
19 general law?

20 My interest arises from the  
21 knowledge that several departments have  
22 employees working on Saturdays as a course  
23 of usual business and on holidays as a  
24 course of usual business. I am not sure,

1           and I might be dismissed quickly, if the pay  
2           rate or stipends or, you know what I'm  
3           saying, for Saturdays and holidays is equal,  
4           but if any particular employee is paid more  
5           for a holiday than for Saturday work, this  
6           could have an effect and a negative budget  
7           effect in my mind.

8                     I thank you for your time.

9                     MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

10                    ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLE:

11           This only applies to the Town Clerk's  
12           office. The statute -- the language in the  
13           statute references municipal offices,  
14           plural, but it is specific to the Town  
15           Clerk.

16                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

17           Is that sufficient?

18                    MR. MARK TIRRELL: It is.

19                    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

20           Does anyone else want to be heard on Article  
21           18? Seeing none. We can move to a vote on  
22           Article 18. Article 18 requires a majority  
23           vote.

24                    When I tell you to start voting,

1           you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
2           Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
3           begin voting now.

4                       (Voting in progress.)

5                       MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
6           now closed.

7                       I declare the motion of the Select  
8           Board is passed; 148 votes in favor, 36 in  
9           opposition.

10                      (Article 18 passed.)

11                               **ARTICLE 15**

12                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 15.  
13           Article 15 on page 43 of your handbook  
14           requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
15           Board have a positive motion?

16                      MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

17                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
18           Melissa Ferretti.

19                      MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
20           that the Town vote to approve this article  
21           as set forth in the Warrant.

22                      SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
23           Second.

24                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.

1 Ferretti, you have the floor.

2 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "Yes" or  
3 an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion will  
4 amend the definition to better specify when  
5 the 50-foot setback applies to work proposed  
6 -- I'm sorry, yep. I'm sorry.

7 A "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor  
8 of this motion will amend the definition to  
9 better specify when the 50-foot setback  
10 applies to work proposed within the buffer  
11 area.

12 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
13 the motion will not make any changes to the  
14 Wetland Bylaw.

15 The Select Board voted unanimously  
16 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
18 Does the Finance Committee have a  
19 recommendation on this article?

20 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, Madam  
21 Moderator, we do.

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
23 Kathleen Legacy.

24 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance

1 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
2 recommend approval of this article. The  
3 Conservation Agent reviewed this general  
4 Bylaw amendment with the committee after it  
5 was vetted by the Bylaw Committee. After  
6 the presentation, the Finance Committee did  
7 not have any questions or require any  
8 additional information.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
10 Is there anyone that would like to be heard  
11 on Article 15? Seeing none. If nobody  
12 would like to be heard on this article, we  
13 can move to a vote on Article 15. This vote  
14 requires a majority vote.

15 When I tell you to begin voting,  
16 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
17 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
18 begin voting now.

19 (Voting in progress.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
21 now closed.

22 I declare the motion of the Select  
23 Board has passed with 146 votes in favor, 35  
24 in opposition.

1 (Article 15 passed.)

2 **ARTICLE 11**

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 11.  
4 Article 11 on page 39 of your handbook  
5 requires a simple majority vote. Does the  
6 Select Board have a positive motion on  
7 Article 11?

8 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
10 Melissa Ferretti.

11 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
12 that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of  
13 \$20,000 for the purposes of this article and  
14 to meet this appropriation to transfer the  
15 sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash.

16 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
17 Second.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
19 Ferretti, you have the floor.

20 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "Yes" or  
21 an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would  
22 provide, sorry, would provide funding for  
23 the Human Services Grant program for the  
24 FY24 consistent with prior years.

1                   A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
2                   the motion would mean that the Human  
3                   Services Grant program would not have funds  
4                   for FY24.

5                   The Select Board voted unanimously  
6                   5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

7                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
8                   Does the Finance Committee have a  
9                   recommendation on this article?

10                  MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes, we  
11                  do, Madam Moderator.

12                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
13                  Amanda Bongiovanni.

14                  MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The  
15                  Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to  
16                  recommend approval of this article. The  
17                  Council of Aging director presented the  
18                  request to the committee. Since this is a  
19                  straightforward request, no questions or  
20                  concerns were raised.

21                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
22                  Does anyone have any -- would like to be  
23                  heard on Article 11? Seeing none. We can  
24                  move to a vote on Article 11. This vote



1 requires a majority vote.

2 When I tell you to begin voting,  
3 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
4 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
5 begin voting now.

6 (Voting in progress.)

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
8 now closed.

9 I declare the motion of the Select  
10 Board has passed with 165 in favor and 7 in  
11 opposition.

12 (Article 11 passed.)

13 **ARTICLE 6**

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 6.  
15 Article 6 on page 34 of your handbook  
16 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
17 Board have a positive motion on Article 6?

18 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
20 Melissa Ferretti.

21 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
22 that the Town vote to hear Reports and  
23 Recommendations of committees and Town  
24 officers.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can I have  
2 a second?

3 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
4 Second.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
6 Ferretti, you have the floor.

7 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "Yes" or  
8 "Aye" vote in favor would allow committees  
9 to address Town Meeting and provide an  
10 update on their work.

11 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed would  
12 not allow the committee representatives to  
13 provide a report to Town Meeting.

14 The Select Board voted unanimously  
15 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
17 Does the Finance Committee have a  
18 recommendation on Article 6?

19 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes, we  
20 do, Madam Moderator.

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
22 Amanda Bongiovanni.

23 MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The  
24 Finance Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to

1 recommend approval of this article. The  
2 committee supports giving committees and  
3 Town officers the opportunity to report  
4 directly to voters at Town Meeting.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
6 Is there any further discussion on Article  
7 6? Seeing and hearing none. We can move to  
8 a vote on Article 6. This vote requires a  
9 majority vote.

10 When I tell you to begin voting,  
11 you will then have 30 seconds to cast your  
12 vote. Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You  
13 may begin voting now.

14 (Voting in progress.)

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
16 now closed.

17 I declare the motion of the Select  
18 Board is passed with 143 votes in favor and  
19 24 against.

20 (Article 6 passed.)

21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't see  
22 any boards -- oh, we have one. I do have  
23 one report. I recognize Wayne Sampson.

24 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Good evening.

1 My name is Wayne Sampson from Pocasset, and  
2 I'm the chairperson of the South Side Fire  
3 Station Building Committee. Since our last  
4 report at Town Hall -- fall Town Meeting, we  
5 have contracted with Pomroy and Associates  
6 of East Bridgewater as our owner's project  
7 manager. We have contracted with Saccoccio  
8 and Associates of Cranston, Rhode Island, as  
9 our architects.

10 We have publicly advertised on two  
11 separate occasions for a Request for  
12 Proposals for available land that meets the  
13 necessary requirements of siting the South  
14 Side Fire Station. On both occasions, we  
15 received only one proposal and that was from  
16 the same property owner.

17 The committee originally reviewed  
18 seven locations within the immediate area,  
19 and after review, we narrowed those  
20 locations down to four that were reviewed  
21 with our project manager and architect. We  
22 then made a recommendation to the Select  
23 Board to allow the Town Administrator to  
24 enter into negotiations with one property

1 owner and those discussions are currently  
2 still ongoing.

3 Thank you.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
5 Are there any other committees or Town  
6 officials that would like to speak? Seeing  
7 none. Thank you, Melissa.

8 I recognize Peter Meier.

9 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
10 Yes, we'd like to make a motion to extend  
11 Town Meeting past 10 p.m.

12 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:  
13 Second.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a  
15 motion to extend Town Meeting past 10 p.m.  
16 tonight and a second. Would anyone like to  
17 be heard on this motion? I feel confident  
18 that we could finish in one night if we keep  
19 going. So, hopefully, we'll all go ahead.  
20 All right. So we will move to a vote then.

21 I'm going to try a voice vote.  
22 All those in favor of extending Town Meeting  
23 past 10 p.m. this evening, please indicate  
24 by saying "Aye."

1 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those  
3 opposed? I declare the motion was  
4 unanimous. I declare we will continue on.  
5 So, thank you.

6 (Motion carried at 9:51 p.m.)

7 **ARTICLE 14**

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 14.  
9 Article 14 on page 42 of your handbook  
10 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
11 Board have a positive motion on Article 14?

12 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
14 Melissa Ferretti.

15 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move  
16 that the Town vote to approve this article  
17 as set forth in the Warrant.

18 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
19 Second.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have  
21 the floor.

22 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "Yes" or  
23 an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion allows  
24 property owners filing public hearing

1 applications with the Conservation  
2 Commission to provide a certificate of  
3 mailing as proof of notice to abutters.

4 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
5 the motion would not make -- would make no  
6 changes to the notice requirements.

7 The Board of Selectmen voted  
8 unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval of  
9 this article.

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
11 Does the Finance Committee have a  
12 recommendation on this article?

13 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, Madam  
14 Moderator, we do.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
16 Kathleen Legacy.

17 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance  
18 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
19 recommend approval of this article. The  
20 committee reviewed this General Bylaw  
21 amendment with the Conservation Agent who  
22 was presenting on behalf of the Conservation  
23 Commission. The amendment was vetted by the  
24 Bylaw Committee before coming to the finance

1 department -- the Finance Committee who had  
2 no questions or concerns.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
4 Please go ahead.

5 MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you,  
6 Madam Moderator. Mark Tirrell. Briefly,  
7 I'm not familiar with the term "Certificates  
8 of Mailing." I don't know who generates  
9 them, and what they do for us. I appreciate  
10 that. Thank you.

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going  
12 to get an answer to certificates of mailing.

13 MS. STEPHANIE FITCH: Thank you.  
14 It's Stephanie Fitch, Conservation Agent.  
15 So a certificate of mailing provides  
16 evidence that you sent an item when you say  
17 you did. The official record only shows the  
18 date your mail was accepted.

19 The reason why we're doing this,  
20 again, under the state Wetlands Protection  
21 Act, abutter notification is required.  
22 Under the local Bylaw, we also made abutter  
23 notification required for request for  
24 determination of applicability, which is



1           what this article refers to. So, again, we  
2           are still more protective than the state  
3           Act. All we're doing is mirroring the  
4           abutter notification requirements to match  
5           what the state Act requires of notice of  
6           intent.

7                       The reason why we did this is  
8           because certified mailing has become very  
9           expensive over the past few years, and it's  
10          a bit of a financial burden to those folks  
11          who are applying for a request for  
12          determination of applicability. So, we're  
13          just trying to make it a little more  
14          affordable.

15                      MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you.

16                      MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
17          Does anyone else have any questions  
18          regarding Article 14? Okay. Seeing none.  
19          We can move to a vote on Article 14. This  
20          vote requires a majority vote. When I tell  
21          you to begin voting, you will have 30  
22          seconds to cast your vote. Green for "Yes";  
23          red for "No." You may begin voting now.

24                               (Voting in progress.)

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
2 now closed.

3 I declare the motion of the Select  
4 Board is passed; 148 votes in favor, 19 in  
5 opposition.

6 (Article 15 passed.)

7 **ARTICLE 21**

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 21.  
9 Article 21 on page 50 of your handbook  
10 requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
11 Board have a positive motion?

12 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
13 Yes, we do.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
15 Peter Meier.

16 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
17 We move that the Town vote upon the  
18 recommendation of the Community Preservation  
19 Committee to raise and appropriate and  
20 reserve the sum of 75,000 for the Community  
21 Preservation Fund project listed in the  
22 Community Preservation Fund Committee Report  
23 as printed below and to meet this  
24 appropriation and reserve transfer \$75,000

1 from Community Housing Reserves.

2 SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:

3 Second.

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have  
5 the floor, Mr. Meier.

6 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

7 Thank you. FORWARD, Friends or Relatives  
8 with Autism and Related Disabilities, has  
9 filed a CPC application with the Towns of  
10 Bourne, Dennis, Barnstable, Yarmouth,  
11 Mashpee, Brewster, and Chatham for  
12 regionally supportive affordable housing  
13 development that enables adults with autism  
14 and related developmental disabilities to  
15 thrive in an appropriate, safe, healthy,  
16 caring, and stable environment while aging  
17 in place in their own lifelong homes.

18 The development, Phase 2, will  
19 create eight one-bedroom apartments located  
20 in the Town of Dennis, and the units are  
21 available to anyone in Barnstable County who  
22 meets the eligibility requirements set by  
23 the Department of Developmental Services.  
24 The request of \$75,000 would fund about 1.72

1 percent of the project's total cost.

2 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
3 the motion would allow the Town of Bourne  
4 Community Preservation Act funds to be used  
5 for regional housing project supporting  
6 adults with autism and other related  
7 development disabilities, located in the  
8 Town of Dennis.

9 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
10 the motion would not allow Community  
11 Preservation Act funds to be used for the  
12 regional housing project in Dennis.

13 The Selectboard voted unanimously  
14 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
16 Does the Finance Committee have a  
17 recommendation on Article 21?

18 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
19 Madam Moderator.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
21 Richard Lavoie.

22 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
23 Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to  
24 recommend approval of this article.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
2 Is there any further discussion on Article  
3 21?

4 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The  
6 Community Preservation Committee, do you  
7 recommend this article?

8 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Barry  
10 Johnson responds affirmatively that they  
11 recommend this article.

12 Now I will go to discussion. I  
13 recognize Anne-Marie Siroonian.

14 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Thank  
15 you. Does this guarantee at least a  
16 placement in that housing development by a  
17 Bourne resident who may need it, or is the  
18 application process open to every  
19 municipality that is listed in this, or are  
20 we guaranteed placement for a Bourne  
21 resident who needs it?

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23 We're going to have the answer to this  
24 question.

1 MS. SUSAN ROSS: Sue Ross,  
2 Pocasset. I'm the chairperson of Bourne  
3 Affordable Housing and Bourne Affordable  
4 Housing Trust. Nobody is guaranteed from  
5 any of the towns that have given money  
6 already and are yet to give money on this  
7 that one of their people will be on it.

8 What will happen is that the  
9 Department of Developmental Disabilities  
10 will take the people that are most  
11 vulnerable, most in need, and they will put  
12 them in. We could actually -- the Town of  
13 Bourne could have three people in it, or  
14 they could have none.

15 But it's the way we are doing  
16 things now to try and do regional housing.  
17 As the Town of Bourne, we can't try as  
18 affordable housing to provide housing for  
19 every group. But by doing it regionally, we  
20 can help them so much.

21 Now, in Phase 1, which was done  
22 and opened up in 2020, Dennis, Barnstable,  
23 Yarmouth, Brewster, Chatham, and Mashpee,  
24 contributed. Now this is Phase 2: Dennis,

1 Barnstable, Yarmouth, and tonight Brewster  
2 and Sandwich at their town meetings approved  
3 money, and we are on board to, hopefully,  
4 approve it.

5 They plan now to go to Mashpee and  
6 Chatham again, and to Falmouth, Harwich, and  
7 Orleans so that all the towns will get  
8 together and do this regionally for a very  
9 vulnerable population that sorely needs  
10 housing, and we should, hopefully, approve  
11 this message as an important step forward  
12 for us. Thank you.

13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
14 Mr. Clegg.

15 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Yes, question  
16 for Ms. Ross.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.

18 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Will the  
19 residents of this housing be limited to  
20 candidates within Barnstable County only?

21 MS. SUSAN ROSS: Within Cape Cod.

22 MR. ELMER CLEGG: Within Cape Cod.  
23 Thank you.

24 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1 Mr. Doherty.

2 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Bill  
3 Doherty, Cataumet. I'd like to support this  
4 article as well. I served on the Housing  
5 Authority in Harwich for 25 years, and the  
6 idea of regional housing is something that  
7 we need to support because there's more  
8 opportunity to get affordable housing if  
9 it's on a regional basis, especially for the  
10 population that they're trying to help.

11 This is a very important article  
12 for all of Cape Cod and for Bourne. Please  
13 vote for this article.

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Doherty. Would anyone else like to be  
16 heard on Article 21? Hearing none. We can  
17 move to a vote on Article 21. Article 21  
18 requires a majority vote.

19 When I tell you that you may begin  
20 voting, you will then have 30 seconds to  
21 cast your vote. Please use green for "Yes,"  
22 or push red for "No." You may begin voting  
23 now.

24 (Voting in progress.)



1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
2 now closed.

3 I declare the motion of the Select  
4 Board is passed with 151 votes in favor, 12  
5 in opposition.

6 (Article 21 passed.)

7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have  
8 five articles left, just so everyone knows.  
9 We're almost done.

10 **ARTICLE 7**

11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next  
12 article is Article 7.

13 THE AUDIENCE: What page?

14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I will tell  
15 you in one second.

16 THE AUDIENCE: Page 35.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's on  
18 page 35. Thank you, helpers.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 7  
21 on page 35 of your handbook requires a  
22 majority vote. Does the Select Board have a  
23 positive motion for us?

24 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

1 Yes, we do.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
3 Peter Meier.

4 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
5 We move that the Town vote upon the  
6 recommendations of the Community  
7 Preservation Committee to raise and  
8 appropriate and reserve the sum of  
9 \$2,044,868.06 for the Community Preservation  
10 Fund Projects and Special Purpose Reserve  
11 listed in the Community Preservation Fund  
12 Committee Report as printed below and to  
13 meet the appropriations and reserves to  
14 appropriate the sum of 1,713,00.06 from FY  
15 2024 Estimated CPA Reserves; transfer 91,500  
16 from Community Housing Reserves, transfer  
17 \$40,000 from Historic Preservation Reserves,  
18 and transfer \$200,368 from Open Space  
19 Reserves.

20 Item A, Bourne Affordable  
21 Housing Trust for Affordable  
22 Housing Services and Support,  
23 Community Housing is the purpose,  
24 91,500;

1 Item B, Bourne Engineering  
2 Department, Sagamore Road Ramp and  
3 Stormwater Repair, Open Space and  
4 Recreation, 150,000 for Open  
5 Space/Recreation Reserves;

6 C., Bourne Recycling  
7 Committee for Water Bottle  
8 Refilling Stations, Open  
9 Space/Recreation, \$30,000 from  
10 Open Space/Recreation Reserves;

11 D., School Department, the  
12 Restoration of the Red Cedar Swamp  
13 Project from Open Space/Recreation  
14 for \$20,368 from Open  
15 Space/Recreation Reserves;

16 E., Pocasset Village  
17 Foundation, Pocasset Community  
18 Building Window Repairs from  
19 Historic Preservation, \$20,000  
20 from Historic Preservation  
21 Reserves;

22 F., Historical Center,  
23 Archives Building/Historic Center  
24 Exterior Painting from Historic

1                   Preservation, \$20,000 from  
2                   Historic Preservation Reserves.

3                                 Subtotal request \$331,868.

4                                 And what we are listing below  
5                   is what's left in Reserve:

6                                 G. Community Preservation  
7                   Reserve for Open Space, Open Space  
8                   \$1,316,195.04, 2024 Open Space  
9                   Recreation Estimated Reserves;

10                                H. Reserve for Community  
11                   Housing, \$198,402.51 for 2024  
12                   Housing Estimated Reserves --  
13                   Revenues, and

14                                I. Reserves for Historic  
15                   Preservation, \$198,402.51 for 2024  
16                   Historic Estimated Reserves.

17                                Subtotal Reserves:  
18                   \$1,713,000.06.

19                                Total Reserves request:  
20                   \$2,044,868.06.

21                                SELECT BOARD JARED MACDONALD:

22                   Second.

23                                MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Second.

24                   Mr. Meier, you have the floor.

1                   SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER: A  
2                   "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion  
3                   would fund the above-listed CPA-eligible  
4                   projects.

5                   A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
6                   the motion would mean that these proposed  
7                   CPA projects would not move forward.

8                   The Select Board voted unanimously  
9                   5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

10                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
11                  Mr. Meier. Does the Finance Committee have  
12                  a recommendation on this article?

13                  MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
14                  Madam Moderator.

15                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
16                  Rich Lavoie.

17                  MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
18                  Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 for  
19                  approval of this article.

20                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21                  Is there any discussion on Article 7?  
22                  Seeing none. We can move to a vote on  
23                  Article 7. Article 7 requires a majority  
24                  vote.

1                   When I tell you to begin voting,  
2                   you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
3                   Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
4                   begin voting now.

5                   (Voting in progress.)

6                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
7                   now closed.

8                   I declare the motion of the Select  
9                   Board is passed with 144 votes in favor, 9  
10                  in opposition.

11                  (Article 7 passed.)

12                  **ARTICLE 20**

13                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 20.  
14                  Article 20 on page 49 of your handbook  
15                  requires a majority vote. Does the Select  
16                  Board have a positive motion?

17                  MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.

18                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
19                  Mary Jane Mastrangelo.

20                  SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

21                  MASTRANGELO: We move that the Town vote to  
22                  approve this article as set forth in the  
23                  Warrant.

24                  SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

1 Second.

2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.  
3 Mastrangelo, you have the floor.

4 MS. MARY MASTRANGELO: Thank you.  
5 In relation to Article 5, and it was printed  
6 in the handbook explanation as Article 6 of  
7 the Special Town Meeting, the CPA funding  
8 for relocation of the Keene House approved  
9 at the Special Town Meeting. It is the  
10 Bourne Historical Society's preference that  
11 the Keene House be relocated to their  
12 Aptucxet campus. However, there is a chance  
13 that might not be a viable option for  
14 various reasons, including accommodating  
15 road layouts for the relocation journey or  
16 archaeological restrictions at the Aptucxet  
17 site.

18 Therefore, this article grants the  
19 Select Board authorization to convey a town-  
20 owned parcel located at 0 Sandwich Road as  
21 an alternative/secondary location if  
22 Aptucxet cannot accommodate the structure.

23 The 0 Sandwich Road location is a  
24 3.4-acre parcel of land that wraps around

1 the land where the Briggs-McDermott house,  
2 the forge and the carriage shop properties  
3 are. Those properties were transferred and  
4 were gifted by the Town to the Bourne  
5 Society for Historic Preservation in 1984  
6 and 1997, and this would do a similar  
7 action.

8 A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of  
9 the motion would authorize the Select Board  
10 to transfer the parcel of town-owned land to  
11 the Bourne Historical Society if it should  
12 be necessary in order to relocate the Keene  
13 House.

14 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
15 the motion would not authorize the Select  
16 Board to transfer the land to the Bourne  
17 Historical Society.

18 The Select Board voted unanimously  
19 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
21 Does the Finance Committee have a  
22 recommendation on this article?

23 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
24 Madam Moderator.



1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
2 Rich Lavoie.

3 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
4 Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to  
5 recommend approval of this article.

6 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
7 Is there any additional discussion on  
8 Article 20? Seeing and hearing none, we can  
9 move to a vote then on Article 20. Article  
10 20 requires a majority vote.

11 When I tell you to begin voting,  
12 you will then have 30 seconds to cast your  
13 vote. Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You  
14 may begin voting now.

15 (Voting in progress.)

16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
17 now closed.

18 I declare the motion of the Select  
19 Board is passed with 138 votes in favor and  
20 14 in opposition.

21 (Article 20 passed.)

22 **ARTICLE 8**

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 8.  
24 Article 8 on page 36 of your handbook

1 requires a simple majority vote. Does the  
2 Select Board have a positive motion?

3 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
4 Yes, we do.

5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
6 Peter Meier.

7 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
8 We move that the Town vote upon the  
9 recommendation of the Community Preservation  
10 Committee to appropriate the sum of 75,000  
11 for the purposes of Administrative and  
12 Operating Expenses of the Community  
13 Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2024  
14 and to meet this appropriation to transfer  
15 the sum of \$75,000 from the Community  
16 Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance.

17 MR. JARED MACDONALD: Second.

18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a  
19 second. Mr. Meier, you have the floor.

20 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
21 Thank you. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor  
22 of the motion would fund the annual  
23 operating and administrative expenses of the  
24 Community Preservation Committee.

1                   A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
2                   the motion would mean that the Community  
3                   Preservation Committee would not have  
4                   funding to pay expenses related to the  
5                   administration and regular operations.

6                   The Select Board voted unanimously  
7                   5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

8                   MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
9                   Does the Finance Committee have a  
10                  recommendation on this article?

11                  MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,  
12                  Madam Moderator.

13                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
14                  Rich Lavoie.

15                  MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance  
16                  Committee voted unanimously 8 to 0 to  
17                  recommend approval of this article.

18                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
19                  very much. Does the Community Preservation  
20                  Committee have a recommendation on this  
21                  article?

22                  MR. BARRY JOHNSON: We recommend  
23                  it.

24                  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The

1 chairman, Barry Johnson, states they  
2 recommend it.

3 Is there anyone who would like to  
4 be heard on Article 8? Mr. Mealy.

5 MR. STEVE MEALY: Thank you, Madam  
6 Moderator. A question relative to the  
7 unexpended funds that have been previously  
8 voted by Town Meeting for the CPA  
9 commission, are those automatically turned  
10 back into the CPA? Are they returned back,  
11 or are they accumulating, I guess is my  
12 question?

13 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: They are  
14 turned back.

15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They are  
16 turned back.

17 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,  
18 very much, Barry.

19 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: To the fund.

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: To the  
21 fund.

22 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you.

23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Mealy. Does anyone else have any

1 questions or any more discussion on Article  
2 8? Hearing none. We can move to a vote on  
3 Article 8. This vote requires a majority  
4 vote.

5 When I tell you to begin voting,  
6 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
7 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
8 begin voting now.

9 (Voting in progress.)

10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
11 now closed.

12 I declare the motion of the Select  
13 Board is passed with 139 votes in favor and  
14 5 votes in opposition.

15 (Motion 8 passed.)

16 **ARTICLE 13**

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The last  
18 article. Lucky 13. Article 13 on page 41  
19 of your handbook requires a simple majority  
20 vote.

21 Does the Select Board have a  
22 positive motion?

23 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Yes,  
24 we do.

1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
2 Judith Froman.

3 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: We  
4 move that the Town vote to approve this  
5 article as set forth in the Warrant.

6 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
7 Second.

8 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms. Froman,  
9 you have the floor.

10 MS. JUDITH MACLEOD FROMAN: Thank  
11 you. A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the  
12 motion raises the allowable limit by an  
13 additional \$250 that a senior citizen may  
14 exempt from their property tax bill by  
15 volunteering service to the Town.

16 A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to  
17 the motion would not make any changes to the  
18 program and would limit -- remain at \$500  
19 per year.

20 The Select Board voted unanimously  
21 5-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
23 Does the Finance Committee have a  
24 recommendation on this article?

1 MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam  
2 Moderator, we do.

3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  
4 Tom Joyce.

5 MR. THOMAS JOYCE: The Finance  
6 Committee voted unanimously 9-0-0 to  
7 recommend approval of this article. The  
8 committee met with the Council on Aging  
9 director who gave a clear explanation of the  
10 increase request. No questions or concerns  
11 were raised by the committee.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.  
13 Does anyone have any discussion on Article  
14 13? Okay. Seeing none, we can move to a  
15 vote on Article 13. This vote requires a  
16 majority vote.

17 When I tell you to begin voting,  
18 you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.  
19 Green for "Yes"; red for "No." You may  
20 begin voting now.

21 (Voting in progress.)

22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is  
23 now closed.

24 I declare the motion of the Select

1 Board is passed with 148 votes in favor and  
2 7 in opposition.

3 (Article 13 passed.)

4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
5 That was the last article that we had to  
6 take under consideration. And at this time,  
7 I will entertain a motion to dissolve the  
8 Town Meeting.

9 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:  
10 Motion to dissolve.

11 MR. JARED MACDONALD: Seconded.

12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a  
13 motion and a second. We will do a voice  
14 vote. All those in favor of dissolving Town  
15 Meeting, please indicate by saying "Aye."

16 THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those  
18 in opposition?

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.  
21 Thank you, everyone.

22 (Whereupon, the Bourne  
23 Special and Annual Town Meeting  
24 was moved and seconded to adjourn



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at 10:18 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, Approved Court Transcriber, 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 Town of Bourne Annual and Special Town Meeting, which was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the Bourne High School Auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Road, Bourne, Massachusetts, 02532.

5/11/2023

Date



Linda L. Wesson, CVR

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 18, 2029

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