

ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT

FOR THE

BOURNE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

7:00 P.M.

BOURNE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



ARTICLE INDEX

1. Lifeguards at certain designated town beaches
2. Payment of unpaid bills
3. Home Rule Petition - Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

STATEMENT OF THE MODERATOR

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

1. At the beginning of the meeting the Moderator designates rows of seats in the left rear section of the auditorium for seating of *non-voters*.
2. Moderator rulings and procedure at the Town meeting are governed by Federal and Massachusetts laws, the Town Charter, Town Bylaws, and “Roberts Rules of Order” as interpreted in the book entitled *Town Meeting Time*.
3. The Moderator will not entertain shouted motions from the floor to Move the Question, or to challenge a quorum, or for any other purpose. Any person wishing to speak must rise and be first recognized by the Moderator. If a person is physically challenged, please so advise the Moderator, and the tellers will provide a portable microphone so that person can speak from his/her seat.
4. Large print town meeting handbooks are available for individuals with limited eyesight. Individuals with hearing difficulty need to contact the selectmen’s office at town hall at least three business days prior to the town meeting so that language signers can be made available for the meeting.
5. Before speaking, state your name clearly for the record. Speak concisely and speak to the motion on the floor. Speak only long enough to make your point. Do not repeat what prior speakers have already said.
6. The Moderator will not tolerate personal attacks, cat-calling, applause, booing, heckling, or any other form of disruption during the meeting. Pursuant to Massachusetts law, any person disrupting the town meeting may be caused by the Moderator to be removed from the meeting by the Sergeant-at-Arms or a Constable.
7. The meeting is video taped by the local cable television company for later re-broadcast on the local cable access channel.

8. There is a stenographer keeping an official written transcript of the meeting.

9. If there is a counted, standing vote, or a secret ballot, voters must have their voter tag visible and be in a seat in the voter's section in order to be counted. The tellers will not count anyone not in a seat in the voter's section or anyone without a voter tag.

10. Fifteen or more registered voters may request a secret ballot. In the event of a secret ballot, the doorkeepers will call everyone into the auditorium, and close the doors. You may leave the auditorium at any time, but you will not be allowed to return until the Moderator declares that vote casting is concluded.

11. All motions, other than strictly parliamentary or procedural motions, must be in writing, and must be in proper legal form. If you need assistance, please ask for it, and the deputy moderator will help you.

12. Pursuant to Bourne Town Bylaw, notice of intention to reconsider action on an article may only be given *within one hour of continuous meeting time*. Depending on the hour the vote is taken and officially recorded by the Town Clerk, this one hour may carry over to a subsequent session of the same town meeting in which the original vote is taken. The subsequent session of town meeting may reconvene several days after the original vote is taken.

13. Because it is a matter of long time custom and practice in the Town of Bourne, the Moderator will not allow notice of intention to reconsider or a motion to reconsider a vote except from a voter *who voted on the prevailing side of the original vote*.

14. It is solely within the discretion of the Moderator to allow non-voters to address the town meeting. It has been a matter of long time custom and practice in Bourne that the Moderator will allow non-voters to address the town meeting.

15. A town meeting is a public meeting. There are no expectations of privacy at a public meeting. A transcript of the meeting is kept. The meeting is video-taped by the local cable access channel. Press photographers are present taking photographs, including photographs of

standing, counted votes. The Moderator does not allow photography *at the ballot boxes* of person's casting votes during a secret ballot.

16. Persons running for public office, and their supporters, must remain not less than 50 feet from the outside entrance to the auditorium, except when they themselves are entering the town meeting for the purpose of attending the meeting, or when they are actually in attendance at the meeting.

Robert W. Parady
Town Meeting Moderator

Special Town Meeting
2011

RESOLUTION – BOURNE RULE

Mr. Moderator, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I move the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION: Be It Resolved that, at the commencement of this special town meeting, the Moderator shall ask the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to certify whether or not the total of all Finance Committee funding recommendations on all matters voted at the May 2011 annual town meeting, and contained in the warrant for this special town meeting if voted are equal to the maximum property tax levy limit for the Town of Bourne established by law for FY 2012. If the answer is in the negative, the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen shall certify the dollar amount which exceeds the Finance Committee dollar recommendations on all of the articles in the warrant, but is less than the maximum tax levy limit, which certified dollar amount shall be available for appropriation by this special town meeting. If the answer is in the affirmative, then during this special town meeting any motion to raise and appropriate funds in order to increase any appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee must state an equal dollar reduction in another recommended appropriation or appropriations. A recommendation of indefinite postponement by the Finance Committee shall be construed as a zero dollar funding recommendation.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide **lifeguards** at designated Town beaches, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor – Roberta A. Dwyer and others

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ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the payment of **unpaid bill(s)**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsor – Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a **Home Rule Petition** with the Massachusetts General Court for the purpose of amending the Bourne Home Rule Charter as described below, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Change Article 6 Section 6-12: Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

There shall be two (2) Bourne residents elected to the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Committee. Members shall serve for a term of three (3) years so arranged that terms of all members of said School Committee shall overlap.

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Section 6-12: Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Committee

There shall be two (2) Bourne residents elected to the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Committee. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years so arranged that terms of all members of said School Committee shall overlap.

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