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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
(Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Having reached the date and hour designated in the Selectmen's Warrant for the May 2, 2022, Annual Town Meeting, I hereby call the meeting to order. My name is Amy Kullar, and I am the Bourne Town Meeting Moderator.

Mr. Town Clerk, Barry Johnson, how many voters have been checked into the meeting?

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON:
(Indiscernible) test it.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds 132 registered voters. I declare there is a quorum present.
(Quorum present.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Town
Clerk, has the Annual Town Meeting Warrant been duly posted as required by law?

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, it has.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Madam Stenographer, please note for the record

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that the Town Clerk responds that the Warrant has been duly posted.

Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.

And at this time, I'm going to ask you to stand and remain standing until I ask you to take your seats. And please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. (Pledge of Allegiance.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Let us offer a special moment of silence to our brave men and women who serve our nation in the military, public safety, and intelligence services at home and abroad, and also for those town employees and elected officials who have passed away since last Town Meeting. (Moment of silence.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

You may be seated. All right. Now I'm going to make some announcements as quickly as possible. But first I need to let you know that in addition to Annual Town Meeting tonight, we also have a Special Town Meeting

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that we will move into as soon as I am done with these announcements. If you have not attended Annual Town Meeting before, when I am done with these announcements, I will recess this Annual Town Meeting and convene the Special Town Meeting. I will be making the same announcements for the Special Town Meeting that I'm about to make for the Annual Town Meeting. It will seem repetitive, and I apologize for that, but it is the law, and we must comply. Once we have moved into Special Town Meeting and I've completed all of the announcements, we will vote on the Special Town Meeting articles and then close the Special Town Meeting. We will then convene the Annual Town Meeting and move straight into voting on the Annual Town Meeting articles. All good?

THE AUDIENCE: Yes. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have appointed Wendy Weston as my Deputy Moderator. Wendy is seated in front of the stage. If you need help with a motion or

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other matter, please get Wendy's attention.
On my right, I have designated the first two rows of the audience for the School Committee and the Planning Board. I have appointed Lieutenant Brandon Esip as Sergeant at Arms.

Seated in front of you today on the stage, on my right it's the Finance Committee, Town Clerk, and Assistant Town Clerk. On my left is the Town Counsel. Behind them at a table is the Town Administrator and the Select Board, and in the middle here is the Finance Director.

Does everyone have a Voter Handbook?

THE AUDIENCE: (No response.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: If not, please raise your hand and a teller will bring you one.

Does every registered voter have an electronic voting device? If not, please raise your hand and a teller will bring you one.

I will now take a moment to
explain the electronic voting system. When you checked in, you were given a handset. That handset is for voting, and it is issued to you and you only. Using a handset issued to someone else is strictly forbidden. Before each vote, I will summarize the motion or amendment being decided. I'll then announce the beginning of a 30 -second interval during which you will vote via your handset. To vote "Yes," you will press the green "1" button, and to vote "No," you will press the "2" red button. If you accidentally push the wrong button, meaning you pushed 1 but meant to say 2, you can just switch your vote by pressing the correct button that you initially meant to press.

When the 30 -second voting interval
is over, I will announce that "Voting is complete." Shortly thereafter, I will announce the results of the vote.

If during the meeting you have to temporarily leave your seat and exit the auditorium, please leave your handset with

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the exit-desk staff at the rear of the auditorium. They will label your handset with your name and reissue it when you return to the auditorium.

When leaving the auditorium at the conclusion of our business this evening, please make sure to place your handset in one of the bins as you exit.

All right. Now we're just going to do a brief practice vote to make sure that everyone is comfortable operating their handset. Remember, it will be 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." All right. So the first question that you have to vote on tonight is, "Will the Red Sox win the World Series in 2022? 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." Begin voting now.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
now closed. Please wait one moment while we get the results. All right. We had "Yes" 54 votes, "No" 88 votes. Who's going to break the news?

THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

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THE AUDIENCE: Yes.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. We're going to go on. I am informed by the Select Board that if this Town Meeting does not conclude this evening that it is their intention to move that it recess and reconvene here tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

This Town Meeting is governed by Robert's Rules of Order as interpreted by the book Town Meeting Time. I will not read all of the Moderator's usual instructions, which are detailed in your Voter Handbook. I will address parliamentary matters as they arise during the course of the meeting. The rules for debate at this Town Meeting are printed in your handbook in the $A B C$ section. Please remember that we are all residents of this wonderful town and everyone here is our neighbors.

When an article is called and you intend to speak on that article, please

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leave your seat and come down to the front near one of the two microphones so that I may recognize you. State your name for the record before you begin speaking. Please remember to speak only to the motion on the floor, do not be repetitive, be concise, and to the point.

Town Meeting is being televised and videotaped for later televising on the local Comcast cable access channel.

There is a stenographer keeping an official written transcript of the proceedings. As a matter of long-time custom within the Town of Bourne, it is solely within the Moderator's discretion to allow nonvoters to address the Town Meeting. If anything interferes with your ability to hear, speak, or participate in the Town Meeting to your satisfaction, you may interrupt the meeting by calling on me and declaring a "Point of Personal Privilege," and your concern will be heard and, hopefully, addressed.

If you need to speak from your

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seat, please get my attention, and we will get you a portable microphone. All right. Now I'll entertain a motion at this time that this meeting dispense with the reading of the Warrant and of the Constable's return of service on that Warrant, and that the Moderator not be required to read resolutions or warrant articles verbatim but may refer to them instead by article number and/or page in the handbook.

THE AUDIENCE: So moved. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a motion and a second. We're going to try this one with a voice vote, so we can just keep moving. All those in favor, please say, "Aye."

THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Opposed? I
declare it is unanimous. I declare the motion is passed.
(Motion carried.) MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.

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I am further informed by the Select Board that there is a Bourne Rule Resolution. The Resolution is printed in your handbook on page 6. Mr. Chair of the Select Board, I'll entertain your motion to adopt the Proposition 2-1/2 Resolution as printed in the Voter Handbook on page 6.

SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

So moved.
MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a motion and a second. All in favor, please signify by saying, "Yes."

THE AUDIENCE: Yes.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All
opposed? I declare the motion passes. I declare it was unanimous.
(Motion carried.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: This
question is directed to the Finance Committee Chair and Select Board Chair. If all of the recommended articles in the Annual and Special Town Meeting that require raising and appropriating of funds are

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passed, will the Town be at their maximum levy limit?

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Yes.
SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:

Yes.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They both respond in the affirmative. I am informed by the Town Administrator in accordance with Section 1.1.9 of the Town Bylaws, there are articles which the Selectmen and the Finance Committee have each voted are essential to the exercise of the Town's corporate functions. These articles are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 16. All other articles of this Annual Town Meeting will be drawn by lottery.

All right. So, at this time, I will entertain a motion that we recess the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of proceeding to a Special Town Meeting and to return to the Annual Town Meeting at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.

THE AUDIENCE: So moved.
THE AUDIENCE: Second.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. All
those in favor of recessing this meeting, please signify by saying, "Aye."

THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those opposed, please say "No." I declare the ayes have it. I declare the motion passes. I declare it was a unanimous vote. (Motion carried.)
(Annual Town Meeting recessed.)

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. So, having reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the May 2, 2022, Special Town Meeting, I hereby call the Special Town Meeting to order.

At this time, we are going to make sure we have a quorum for the Special Town Meeting, and I'm going to ask all of the voters to take your electronic handset, and when $I$ tell you, I want you all to press the "Yes" button or "1", the green button so that we can do a count. Vote now, please. (Voting in progress.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. I'm going to close voting on that. We have 147 voters have checked into the Special Town Meeting. I declare there is a quorum present. (Quorum present.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Clerk, has the Special Town Meeting warrant been duly signed and posted as required by law?

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, it

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has.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds that it has. Again, I'll just point out my Deputy Moderator, Wendy Weston, is down front. If you need help with anything in this Special Town Meeting, please see Wendy.

Again, I designate the first two rows on my right in the front for the School Committee and Planning Board, and the rear five rows in the back of the auditorium are for nonvoters.

Again, does everyone have a Voter Handbook for this Special Town Meeting?

THE AUDIENCE: Yes.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
I'll entertain a motion at this time that the Special Town Meeting dispense with the reading of the Warrant and of the Constable's return of service of that Warrant, and that the Moderator not be required to read Warrant articles verbatim but may refer to them instead by the article number or subject matter.

THE AUDIENCE: So moved.

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MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. I have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those
opposed, please say, "No." I declare the ayes have it. I declare the motion passes. I declare that it was unanimous. (Motion carried.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: When an article is called and you intend to speak on that article, please leave your seat and come down to the front near one of the two microphones so that I may recognize you. State your name for the record before you begin speaking. Please speak only to the motion on the floor, do not be repetitive, be concise, and to the point.

All right. So with that, we will now move on to the articles of the Special Town Meeting.

## ARTICLE 1

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The first

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article, Article 1. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead. Please state your motion.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: We move the
Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 3,993.09$ for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation, to transfer the sum of $\$ 3,931.85$ from Free Cash, and the sum of $\$ 61.24$ from the ISWM Retained Earnings to satisfy the unpaid bills of the Town as listed in the chart below:

They are:
The Finance Department for Hobin \& Hobin in the amount of $\$ 1,262.25$;

The Fire Department for Convenient MD for $\$ 400$;

Fire Department, Convenient MD for \$270;

The Fire Department for Stryker, for $\$ 666.40$;

The Fire Department for Stryker

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for $\$ 333.20$; and
Human Services for the Big Brother and Big Sisters of Cape Cod Islands for $\$ 1,000$, and

The ISWM with W.B. Mason for $\$ 61.24$ for a total of $\$ 3,993.09$.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a motion and a second. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 1 on the motion of the Finance Committee?

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: This Article funding for the payments of the bills that arrived after the close of the previous fiscal year.

A "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion will allow the Town to pay outstanding bills from the prior fiscal year.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the Town would not be able to pay the outstanding bills.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to recommend approval of
this article with a "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend the approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Seeing no one at the microphones, we will now move to a vote on Article 1.

Does everyone have their handheld
device? All right. I'm going to open voting now. Please vote. It's 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No."
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. All right. I'm going to announce the result of the vote: "Yes" 149, "No" 4. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee is passed. (Article 1 passed.)

## ARTICLE 2

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're moving on to Article 2, which begins on page 11 and continues on to page 12 of your handbook. It requires a majority vote.

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Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: State your motion.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We move that the town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 450,000$ for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of 450,000 from ISWM Retained Earnings.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Thank
you. This article allows ISWM to continue with the Pilot Leachate Treatment system. Currently, ISWM has proof of concept on a process to remove PFAS from their leachate. They are reviewing rough drafts of plant designs and economics. At the end of construction season last fall, they were fine turning the established process and

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were looking to test one additional component when they were forced to shut down due to cold weather.

The additional funding will allow them to test this component and fine tune the process developed last year both operationally and economically. From this, they will develop a final report with a preliminary design to present to the Town for review.

A "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would allow ISWM to continue operating the pilot program.

A "No" or a "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that ISWM would end the pilot program.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously $8-0-0$ to recommend approval of this article with a yes or an aye vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

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Are there any questions or discussion on Article 2? Seeing none, we will now move to a vote on Article 2.

Everyone should hold their handheld device to cast a 1 vote for "Yes" and a 2 vote for "No."
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The result of this vote were "Yes" 143 votes, "No" 9 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 2 passed.)

## ARTICLE 3

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 3 on page 12 of your handbook requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Jim Sullivan.

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of

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$\$ 45,113.69$ for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of $\$ 45,113.69$ from Free Cash.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: This transfer
will fund the amendment to Article 9 voted at the October 27, 2014, Special Town Meeting. The project was approved, but the work was not completed as the contract had never been signed, so the money remained set aside for this project.

The contract was signed in August 2021 and the contractor began work in the fall of 2021; however, the cost of the project have not been updated since the original quote. The funds requested in this article will cover the difference between the original quote and the current cost.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would allow the Town to finish construction of the project.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to

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the motion would mean that the Town would not have the funds available to finish the project.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously $8-0$ to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 3? Seeing none.

We will now move to vote on
Article 3. As a reminder, on your hand-held device, 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." You may begin voting.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
now closed. The results of this vote was "Yes" 143 votes, "No" 10 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee is passed.
(Article 3 passed.)

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## ARTICLE 4

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 4 on page 12 of your handbook requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
Finance Committee Chair Renee Gratis.
FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 50,000$ for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of $\$ 50,000$ from Free Cash. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Thank you.
The purpose of the $\$ 50,000$ appropriation from Free Cash is to create and file a Phase IV Assessment Response to Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and to begin work on the identified remediation efforts for the Community Building, located at 223

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(sic) to 239 Main Street. Once the Phase IV report is completed, the Town will understand the full scope of the project.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion will allow the Town to continue working to clean up the contamination at the Community Building as required by Mass. Department of Environmental Protection.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the Town would not have the funds available to continue work on the environmental cleanup.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 4? Seeing none. We will now move to a vote on Article 4.

Reminder, on your handheld device,

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please press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." Begin voting now. You guys are fast.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The result of the vote is "Yes" 143 votes, "No" 12 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 4 passed.)

## ARTICLE 5

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. Article 5 on page 13 of your handbook requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Kathleen LeGacy.

MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We move that the Town vote to approve Article 5 as set forth in the Warrant.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Thank you.

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The use of Revolving Funds by Massachusetts cities and towns is authorized under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2.

Mass. General Law states very specifically that Revolving Funds "shall be established by Bylaw or Ordinance." The Town of Bourne does not currently have a Bylaw authorizing the use of Revolving Funds.

This article seeks to remedy that oversight by establishing a new Bylaw, Article 2.10 authorizing the use of Revolving Funds by the Town. The addition of the proposed Bylaw was approved unanimously by the Bylaw Committee.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would place the Departmental Revolving Funds into the Local Bylaws, as required by state law.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the Departmental Revolving Funds would not be placed into the local Bylaws.

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The Finance Committee voted unanimously $8-0-0$ to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 5? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 5. Press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." Begin voting.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
Voting is now closed. On this article, we had "Yes" 143 votes, "No" 12 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 5 passed.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. We've reached the end of the articles. Is there any further business to come before the Special Town Meeting? Seeing none.

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    I'll entertain a motion to
dissolve the Special Town Meeting and cancel
our recess and go back into the Annual Town
Meeting.
    THE AUDIENCE: So moved.
    MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a
motion and a second. Any discussion? No.
All those in favor signify by seeing "Aye."
All opposed, say "No." (sic)
    THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
    MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Opposed?
All right. I declare the motion passes. I
declare it was a unanimous vote.
                                    (Whereupon, the Special
                                    Town Meeting was adjourned
                                    and the Annual Town Meeting
                                    reconvened at 7:26 p.m.)
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(Reconvened at 7:35 p.m.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So at this time, we need to make sure we have a quorum to go back into the Annual Town Meeting. I'm going to ask everyone to press the green or "Yes" button so that we can have an accurate count of all of the voters.
(Count in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. Thank you. We have 156 voters. So we can proceed.
(Quorum present.)

## ARTICLE 1

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. The first article in the Annual Town Meeting, Article 1, contains six separate items into one motion and one vote. All of these items are annual authorizations and votes that are not usually controversial. I will call each of them, and if any voter wants to have a separate vote on a specific item, they should call out "Hold" in a loud voice and the item will be laid aside for

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consideration under a separate motion. After the vote, any items that have been set aside will be considered separately.

Item 1, Regular Required
Authorizations;
Item 2, Elected Officials
Salaries;
Item 3, Chapter 90;
Item 4 is Reserve Fund;
Item 5, Revolving Fund;
Item 6, Accrued Contractual Compensated Absences.

Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MS. KATHARINE JONES: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Katharine Jones.

MS. KATHARINE JONES: Thank you. We move that the Town approve Article 1 as set forth in the Warrant and further that (a) with respect to Article 1, Item 4 to raise and appropriate the sum of 350,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund; and (b)

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with respect to Article 1, Item 6 to transfer 100,000 from Free Cash to fund costs related to payments for Accrued Contractual Compensated Absences.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. KATHARINE JONES: Thank you. As the Moderator stated, Article 1 combines several regular, required authorizations that are voted at Town Meeting each year into one article requiring only one vote instead of requiring a separate vote.

The Regular Required
Authorizations authorizes various town officials to take certain actions that are necessary to conduct the Town's business. State law requires these authorizations to be voted each year.

Elected Officials Salaries sets the compensation for the elected officials. The amounts remain the same with the exception of the Town Clerk, which reflects a 2 percent increase.

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Chapter 90 authorizes the Department of Public Works to spend any Chapter 90 Funds that are received from the state.

Reserve Fund appropriates $\$ 350,000$ to the Reserve Fund that is used by vote of the Finance Committee to cover unforeseen or emergency expenses which may arise during a fiscal year.

Revolving Funds, these are required, sorry, these are created to allow departments to have fee-related services to raise specific funds that can be used without further Town Meeting action. There are no changes to Revolving Funds for this year.

Accrued Compensated Absences appropriates $\$ 100,000$ to replenish the fund used for the Contractual Compensated Absences due to employees upon retirement.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of this motion would approve all of the consent articles one at a time -- at one time.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to

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the motion means that the Town Meeting would vote on each of these items separately.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen, likewise, voted unanimously 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussions on Article 1? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 1. This vote requires a simple majority. When voting with your handset, please press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." Go ahead.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
now closed. The results of the vote were "Yes" 149 votes, "No" 9 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 1 passed.)

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## ARTICLE 2

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 2. Article 2 on page 17 of your handbook requires a two-thirds majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Chair Renee Gratis.

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: We move that the sum of $\$ 73,371,341$ 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 on July 1, 2022, to and including June 30, 2023.

The Funding Sources are:
Raise and Appropriate from the FY23 Tax Levy and other General Revenues from the Town, $\$ 70,645,618$;

PL874 Grant Funds, \$150,000;

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The Ambulance Fund, \$1,300,000;
Conservation Commission Receipts
Reserved for Appropriation, $\$ 30,000$;
Community Preservation Fund
Revenues for Debt Expense, \$454,753;

Community Septic Management
Program, \$19,470;
Waterway Improvement Fund,
\$140,000;
Capital Stabilization for Debt
Expense, 631,500; and

From Free Cash, none.
This is a total of $\$ 73,371,341$.

These amounts are to be voted:
General Government, 4,176,483;
Public Safety, \$11,981,562;
Public Works, 2,825,884;
Health and Human Services, \$982, 255;

Culture and Recreation, \$1,017,469;

Bourne Public Schools, \$24,398,159
(sic);
Upper-Cape Cod Regional Technical

High School, \$3,262,825;
Shared Costs, 17,711,204;
Debt Service, $\$ 6,475,500$ for a total of $\$ 73,371,341$.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Are there any questions or discussions on Article 2? I see someone approaching. Please approach the microphone if you would like to be heard on this matter.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Madam
Moderator, do I address the audience or you?
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's your choice. Please state your name for the record.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: My name is William Doherty. I want clarification on a couple of things that $I$ found in the Warrant. The first one has to do with -there's an item in here for a tax levy for the Cape Cod Commission, and I'd like to know is that $\$ 210,000$ that's allocated there, is that something that you are paying the Cape Cod Commission or are they paying

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you?

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS:
Marlene, do you want to -- is someone going to -- I think we pay them.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: And how is it listed under revenue? It's on -- it's the first page after Appendix B.

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Do
you know the revenue sources exactly, Maureen -- Marlene? I'm sorry.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going
to hear from the Town Administrator.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. And there's an additional clarification. Normally the Barnstable County is the one you pay the tax to. The Cape Cod Commission is a department within Barnstable County. So, normally, you wouldn't -- you wouldn't see them either pay them or have them respond.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
I recognize Marlene McCollem, Town Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

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So this is part of the County assessment that is raised locally on the recap.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: I hear that, but why is it listed as a revenue? It's something you pay. That would be a debit if I recall my accounting.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They're discussing.

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
Okay. So it is not hitting our tax levy, so it's raised here and then paid out elsewhere. So it is raised on the Cherry Sheet but not under the levy.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. And who is it paid to? Is it paid to the Cape Cod Commission or is it paid to Barnstable County?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

The Cape Cod Commission.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Hmmm.
Again, the Cape Cod Commission is a department within Barnstable County.

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

Yep.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Normally, you wouldn't -- they wouldn't seek funds directly because it would be under the control of the Commissioners.

A further question on the Town budget is you have an allocation here for (Indiscernible) County assessments. Can you tell me how that's divided out? And further, I know that there's a $\$ 2$ million difference between what was appropriated for this fiscal year and what you're predicting for next year.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. What page are you referring to, Mr. Doherty?

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: We're
looking at the Town of Bourne in Appendix -there's no page number on it. It's in Appendix B, I guess, several pages in under Department 820. Now I guess my question is how can you predict you're going to -- since the amount of money that you actually spent in the previous fiscal year was a million dollars more than you're estimating you're going to be spending in the next year; $I$

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wonder how you came to that conclusion?
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They're just trying to make sure they're on the same page that you're on.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Department
820, State and County Assessments.
SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
MASTRANGELO: Can he repeat his question?
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you repeat your question, please, Mr. Doherty? MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: My question is on Department 820, there's a line item for State and County Assessments, that amount is predicted to be $\$ 2$ million less than what was appropriated for the previous year, and it's a million dollars less than what had been spent the year before that. So I have that question plus -MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you wait on that second question? MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: -- how is it divided between the state and county? MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Let her answer the first question, please.

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MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Very well. ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM: So these are estimates. The expense column is what is what we've actually spent as of the report date on the bottom of the book. So there will be additional expenses paid out by the end of the fiscal year. So, it's showing what has been expended so far. There will be additional expenses until June 30.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Is it the intention to have another Town Meeting to authorize that cost, or is this already appropriated?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM: It's already appropriated.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. And I have two other questions. One is on the Debt Service. One the Debt Service, it's about 9 percent of what the total budget is. Can you give me some assurances that we're not paying what $I$ would call exorbitant interest on that? Is that money that we're getting for someplace where we have a deal

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on the interest? If we don't, is there some
plan to reschedule the debt in order to
support it?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM: So your bonds are bid competitively on the market, so we are getting as good of rates as we possibly can when we put those out.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: And then finally, in the School Budget, I see that there's a $\$ 300,000$ shortfall between what we are giving to other school systems and what we're collecting for school choice, and I wondered what the school department has as a program in order to get more kids, more families to keep their kids in Bourne? MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Is someone from the School Committee that would like to speak to that?

MS. EMILY BERRY: Emily Berry, Chair with the Bourne School Committee.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you state your name, please?

MS. EMILY BERRY: Emily Berry, Chair of the Bourne School Committee.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the --

MS. EMILY BERRY: (Inaudible).
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't think it's on.

MS. EMILY BERRY: Green light. Oh, can you hear me?

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes.
MS. EMILY BERRY: Emily Berry; I'm the chair of the Bourne School Committee. Bourne has several new initiatives that they've started, especially this school year, to bring students in to Bourne Public Schools. One of the programs is the Pathways Program, and it's going to let students choose a pathway, and it's also going to let students have an internship at the end similar to what Upper-Cape Tech does, although they will still be receiving full academic credits and the ability to have AP classes. So that's one of our major incentives or initiatives that the schools are working on.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Thank you.

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And then one final question. If this has to do with -- when $I$ read this budget, I don't see anything in there for what $I$ would call a significant life extension program with maintenance to support what $I$ would call the aging asset that we have in the Town. I know that maintenance gets short shrift most of the time, but $I$ would hope that there be some consideration going forward to understand that these buildings do not last forever. Life extension is probably key to reducing our overall capital cost, and I'd like to encourage the Selectmen and the Finance Committee to think about that and include it in future budgets. Thank you. I'll sit down.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, Mr. Doherty.

MR. GARY MALONEY: Gary Maloney,
Buzzards Bay. In Department Number 123 --
123 Town Administrator, there was a decrease
in the amount of money needed to go from '22
to '23. Are we going to request an
Assistant Town Administrator again, or is

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that the reason for the decrease, or are we going to go with straight, no funds and have to come back later at a Special Town Meeting if we decide to go in that direction?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

So the budget before you does have funds in there for an Assistant Town Administrator. And the reason for the decrease that you're seeing is that the preliminary budget submitted previously by the previous Acting Town Administrator included moving from 21/2 full-time equivalents for administrative staff to three full-time equivalents. I don't feel that's necessary right now, so we're staying with two and a half administrative positions.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. MR. GARY MALONEY: Second
question, I couldn't find a department to give it a number; are we going to allocate in this budget any funds towards helping the Health Department identify and develop any short-term rental regulations, inspection processes, etcetera, or are we kicking that

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down the can for another year as well? ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM: So the Health Department Budget is fully recommended based on the Department's request, and there will be for regulatory assistance for short-term rentals, we will also be able to use the legal budget to assist them with that.

MR. GARY MALONEY: Thank you.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Go ahead.

MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Madam
Moderator, Ian Rubenstein. Quick question for you; on the funding sources, it talks about state aid, and one of the figures I don't see, maybe the Finance Committee can shed some light is the Chapter 90 monies that are expected for this? I didn't see that line item listed in the budget or in this handout.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. We're going to hear from the Town Administrator again.

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

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So we actually -- the Chapter 90
reimbursement isn't part of the Operating Budget, so those will be determ -- allocated by the state and will be received to us through the state aid process, but they're not part of the local Operating Budget.

MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Can you speak
as to what monies have been typically given by the state in the past 2-3 years?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

So there is some variance on average. We get between 5 to 700,000 per year.

MR. IAN RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

MS. CARLA EMMONS: My name is
Carla Emmons; I'm here in Monument Beach. I've come to quite a few of these meetings -- oh, hey, Phil -- quite a few of these meetings and have always had questions as this is the first time I've been brave enough to come up and actually ask one. So it's probably a simple question, but I'm curious as to the amounts to be voted for expenses. The second

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highest one is shared costs, and there's no definition of a shared cost. So I'm curious as to what that is.

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: So shared costs (coughing) I'm sorry -ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM: So a lot of our health insurance and employee benefits are shared between the school department and the Town departments, and that's what's identified as far as shared costs. So, it's generally health insurance that covers all Town and school employees.

MS. CARLA EMMONS: For $\$ 17$
million?
ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

Let me see, there are additional costs in there that are shared across both budgets.

MS. CARLA EMMONS: Okay, and it's not split, I mean, we have the Bourne Public Schools, it's not split into that area?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
So it includes the shared cost of the retirement for all Town and school

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employees. It also includes all of the electricity for Town and school buildings, utility costs.

MS. CARLA EMMONS: So it's still part of the Bourne Public Schools. It's just separated out, part of it is.

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
Part of it is covering the cost for the school side, but they're all covered by -they're all costs incurred by both the Town and the school.

MS. CARLA EMMONS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MS. EMILY BERRY: Emily Berry, Bourne, representing the Bourne School Committee right now. Could you just clarify the amount budgeted for the Bourne Public Schools? It was read incorrectly, and I just want to make sure that's correct.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: For the record, yeah.

MS. EMILY BERRY: For the record. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

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FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Sure. So the Bourne Public Schools appropriation $\$ 24,938,159$.

MS. EMILY BERRY: Thank you.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

Any further discussion on this article? Seeing none.

We'll move to vote on Article 2. Please pick up your handheld device. You'll have 30 seconds to cast your vote; 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." This requires a twothirds majority.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The tally for this vote is "Yes" 140 votes, "No" 16 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee passes by a two-thirds vote. Thank you. (Article 2 passed.)

## ARTICLE 3

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 3 begins on the bottom of page 17 of your handbook and continues on to page 18 and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance

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Committee have a positive motion?

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
Amanda Bongiovanni.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Thank
you. We move the sum of $\$ 1,334,551$ be authorized to be expended by the Sewer Commissioners for the operation of the Sewer Department for fiscal year starting on July 1, 2022, to and including June 30, 2023, as follows:

Salaries and Wages, \$189,441;
Expenses $\$ 1,095,110$;
Reserve Fund \$50,000.
And we further move that the sum of $\$ 153,587$ be transferred to the General Fund to offset Sewer Enterprise indirect expenses, and in order to meet this appropriation, we move that the sum of \$1,414,138 be raised from Sewer Enterprise Receipts and $\$ 74,000$ be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Second.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Thank you. This is an annual article that funds the sewer treatment system servicing Buzzards Bay. User fees are collected for the Sewer Enterprise Fund that pay system expenses on the sewer system. The proposed Fiscal Year '23 Sewer Enterprise Fund, excuse me, Enterprise Budget is \$8,700thousand (sic) increase over Fiscal Year '22.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would approve the Sewer Enterprise Operating Budget from Fiscal Year '23 from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that there would be no approved Sewer Enterprise Operating Budget for Fiscal Year '23.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussions on Article 3? I see someone coming down. Thank you.

MR. LARRY WESTON: My name is Larry Weston, Buzzards Bay, and I'm a user of the sewer. My question is how much money comes in from the users to -- in other words, we're raising a million dollars here. How much do the users pay? And is this million dollars over and above what the users pay into the fund?

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

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

So the amount of $\$ 1,414,138$ that you see there, that is the amount to be raised by the ratepayers. So that's the rates will be set for the ratepayers to fund that portion of the budget.

MR. LARRY WESTON: Would you

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repeat that?
ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
The $\$ 1,414,138$ will be raised by the ratepayers. So the rates will be set by the Board of Sewer Commissioners to raise that amount of money from the users of the system.

MR. LARRY WESTON: So, am I clear in saying that the users are paying all of these costs?

ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:

That's correct. There's no general fund subsidy for the sewer system.

MR. LARRY WESTON: Okay. One last comment. When I had a cesspool, it cost me about 80 bucks a year to pump out. Now the sewer fee to me is over a thousand dollars a year. I'm on a fixed income, and somebody's got to make sure they look at the expenses and what's going on because $I$ don't know if I can pay any more than a thousand that I'm paying now. It's actually over a thousand. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

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Any further questions or discussion on Article 3? Seeing none.

We'll now move to a vote on Article 3. Please take your handheld device and to vote yes on Article 3, press 1 for "No" press 2 (sic). Please begin voting. (Voting in progress.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. This article required a majority vote. We have "Yes" 139, "No" 18. I declare Article 3 -- I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. Thank you. (Article 3 passed.)

ARTICLE 4
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 4 begins on page 18 of your handbook and continues on to page 19 and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Amanda Bongiovanni.

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MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: We move that the sum of $\$ 10,872,047$ be authorized to be expended for the operation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund for fiscal year starting on July 1, 2022, to and including June 30, 2023, as follows:

Salaries and Wages, \$2,234,137;
Expenses, \$7,137,910;
Reserve Fund, \$600,000;
Host Community Fee, $\$ 900,000$.
And we further move that the sum of $\$ 2,390,996$ be transferred to the General Fund to offset the ISWM Enterprise Fund indirect expenses, and in order to meet this appropriation, we move that the sum of \$13,263,043 be raised from ISWM Enterprise Receipts.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Thank
you. This article approves the Operating Budget of ISWM for the coming year including

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the ISWM Operational Budget, Salaries and Wages, Host Community Fee, and ISWM Reserve Fund, and the General Fund Administration Fees. The ISWM budget includes the cost associated with the disposal of the Town's municipal solid waste and the residential drop-off center. ISWM will continue to pay for the curbside trash pickup and curbside recycling.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would approve the ISWM Enterprise Operating Budget for Fiscal Year '23 from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that there would be no approved ISWM Enterprise Operating Budget for Fiscal Year '23.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions or is there any discussion on Article 4? Seeing none. We will now move to a vote on Article 4. Using your handheld device, please press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." This vote requires a majority vote. Please begin.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of the vote on Article 4 "Yes" 149 votes, "No" 7 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 4 passed.)

## ARTICLE 5

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 5 begins on page 19 of your handbook and continues on to page 20 and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

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Jim Sullivan.

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: We move that the Town vote to appropriate $\$ 4,509,101$ to pay costs of the Capital Outlay projects listed in the schedule printed with the motion, and to meet this appropriation, we move to:
(1) Utilize $\$ 50,000$ from grant funding opportunities;
(2) Transfer the sum of $\$ 95,671$ from General Fund Articles;
(3) Transfer the sum of $1,808,130$ from ISWM Retained Earnings;
(4) Transfer the sum of $\$ 200,000$ from the Waterways Improvement Fund; and
(5) Transfer the sum of $\$ 1,905,300$ from Free Cash.

We further move to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of 450,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of

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the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the cost of issuance of such bonds or notes may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. And the items are:

Information Management Systems, under the category of Technology, for $\$ 40,000$ to be paid by Free Cash; Engineering, under Planning, for the purpose of -- for the amount of $\$ 20,000$ from Free Cash;

Engineering, under Planning, for \$75,000 from Free Cash;

Under Facilities, Infrastructure, Department of Public Works Fueling Station $\$ 500,000$, the Sources will be transfer 404,329 from Free Cash, and transfer $\$ 95,671$ from Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting

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May 2013 DPW Facility;
Under Department of Facilities, categories Infrastructure, $\$ 200,000$ from Free Cash;

Department of Facilities, category
Equipment, $\$ 31,395$ from Free Cash;
For Police, Equipment, \$53,400
from Free Cash;
Police, Transportation, \$252,676
from Free Cash;
Fire Department, Equipment, \$60,000 from Free Cash;

Additional Fire Department, Equipment, $\$ 16,000$ from Free Cash;

Shore and Harbor Committee or Department, $\$ 200,000$ from the Waterways Fund;

Department of Natural Resources for Infrastructure, $\$ 25,000$ from Free Cash;

The Department of Natural
Resources for Infrastructure, $\$ 46,500$ from Free Cash;

Bourne Public Schools, Technology, \$206,000 from Free Cash;

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Bourne Public Schools, Infrastructure, which is for the roof, \$50,000 from Free Cash; Additional Bourne Public Schools, Infrastructure, $\$ 450,000$ from Borrowing; Bourne Public Schools, Infrastructure, $\$ 50,000$ from Free Cash; More Bourne Public Schools, Infrastructure, $\$ 100,000$ from Free Cash; DPW, Equipment, $\$ 150,000$ from Free Cash;

DPW, Infrastructure, 50,000 from
Free Cash;
Library, Planning, 25,000 from
Free Cash;
Recreation, Infrastructure, $\$ 50,000$ from Free Crash;

Sewer, Infrastructure, 50,000 from
ARPA Grant Funding;
ISWM, Equipment, \$880,000 from
ISWM Retained Earnings;
ISWM, Equipment, \$650,000 from
ISWM Retained Earnings;
ISWM, Equipment, $\$ 98,130$ from ISWM

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Retained Earnings;
ISWM, Transportation, \$60,000 from
ISWM Retained Earnings; and,
ISWM, Infrastructure, \$120,000
from ISWM Retained Earnings. Oh, for a total of $\$ 4,509,101$.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. We have a motion and a second. And I apologize, I misspoke. It is not a majority vote. It requires a two-thirds majority vote. So, thank you. You have the floor.

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Thank you. This article requests the appropriation of funds for the Fiscal Year '23 Capital Improvement Budget recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee. The items recommended in this article have been deemed to have the highest priority.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would approve the capital expenditures recommended by the Capital Outlay Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to

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the motion would mean that the capital expenditures recommended by the Capital Outlay Committee would not be funded and these needs would not be addressed in Fiscal Year '23.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" vote.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Any questions or discussion on Article 5? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 5. Using your electronic handsets, 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." Please begin voting now.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. Article 5 required a two-third majority. The results of the vote are "Yes" 144 votes, "No" 15 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed

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by a two-thirds majority, greater than. (Article 5 passed.)

## ARTICLE 9

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're
moving through the essential articles still, and the next essential article is Article 9. Article 9 is on page 21 of your handbook, and it requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion? MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Richard Lavoie.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: We move that the Town vote, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate, excuse me, appropriate the sum of $\$ 75,000$ for the purpose of Administrative and Operating Expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year '23, and \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated -- and to meet this appropriation, to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from the Community Preservation

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Undesignated Fund balance.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And does
the Community Preservation Committee recommend this article?

CPC CHAIR BARRY JOHNSON: Yes.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Chair, Barry Johnson, responds "Yes." You have the floor.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: This is an annual authorization and covers administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee. Approval of this article will provide 75,000 for Operating Expenses for Fiscal Year '23. This is the same amount approved last year. This purpose and amount is allowed by the Community Preservation Law.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would fund the annual operating and administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean the $C P C$ would not have

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funding to pay expenses related to administration and regular operations.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 9? Yes, sir.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: Todd Benedict, Monument Beach. Just a question, what are operating expenses for the CPA (sic), just an example?

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: This would be a variety of expenses. I don't know if Barry, you know, related to projects that might come before it, that they might need a consultant or some kind of specialty service to determine the viability of a particular project.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: Good. Thank

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you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Any additional questions or discussion? Seeing none. We're going to move to a vote on Article 9.

Using your handheld devices,
please press 1 for "Yes" and 2 for "No." It requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of the vote are "Yes" 142 votes, "No" 16 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee is passed.
(Article 9 passed.)

## ARTICLE 10

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next essential article is Article 10. Article 10 is on page 23 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MR. ARTHUR WAYNE SAMPSON: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

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Wayne Sampson.
MR. ARTHUR WAYNE SAMPSON: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 100,000$ for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of $\$ 100,000$ from Free Cash.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MR. ARTHUR WAYNE SAMPSON: This article will transfer $\$ 100,000$ from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund to continue preparing for unforeseen emergency expenses and to alleviate the possible impacts to the tax rate. While the Town's policy states that maintaining a 6 percent funding level of the General Fund Operating Budget, the Town is working towards a 10 percent level recommended by our bond rating agencies.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would authorize additional funds to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that no additional

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funds would be deposited in the Stabilization Fund.

The Finance Committee has voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. I see that there are some folks willing to speak on this. Mr. Mealy.

MR. STEVE MEALY: Thank you, Madam Moderator. May I ask if this motion passes this evening what the percentage of where we will be in the percentage amounts that the Town has put into the Stabilization Fund?

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Seeing who's going to answer your question.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: The other question would be what is the balance? We can do the math.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Of course. MR. MARK TIRRELL: Thank you.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going to hear from the Finance Director.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you.
FINANCE DIRECTOR ERICA FLEMMING: Good evening. The fair market value of the Stabilization Fund as of March 31st is \$4,411,963. This will put us above policy of the 6 percent, the additional $\$ 100,000$.

MR. STEVE MEALY: Sorry. So we're just at 6 percent, is what we're saying, and we're working towards 10 percent?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ERICA FLEMMING: Yes.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Okay. Thank you, very much.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Any further questions or discussions on this article? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 10. Using your handheld devices, please press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." This requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is

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now closed. The results of this vote were "Yes" 149 votes, "No" 10 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 10 passed.)

## ARTICLE 11

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next essential article is Article 11. Article 11 is on page 23 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Yes, we do.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Wayne Sampson.

MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 428,000$ for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation to transfer the sum of 428,000 from Free Cash.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: This article transfers $\$ 428,000$ from Free Cash to the

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Capital Stabilization Fund. The Capital Stabilization Fund is used to help pay for large capital projects and to support the Debt Service Budget for capital projects. This continues to be an important step in accordance with our Financial Policy that will help stabilize the tax rate and to maintain the capital infrastructure of the Town.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would authorize additional funds to be placed in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that no additional funds would be deposited in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Finance Committee has voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Are there any questions or discussion on Article 11? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 11. Using your handheld device, please press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." (Voting in progress.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. This required a majority to pass. We have "Yes" 150 votes, "No" 8 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 11 passed.)

## ARTICLE 13

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next essential article is Article 13. Article 13 is on page 24 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Yes, Madam Chairman, we have a positive --

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Dr. William Towne.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: We move that

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the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 150,000$ for the purposes of this article and to meet the appropriation to transfer the sum of $\$ 150,000$ from Free Cash.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: This article transfers $\$ 150,000$ from Free Cash to the Special Education Reserve Fund to cover unanticipated costs due to new outside placements, medical issues, disease-based, expenses, move-in enrollments, or injuries requiring special education services.

A "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would authorize additional funds to be placed in the Special Education Reserve Fund.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion which would mean no additional funds would be deposited into the Special Education Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously $9-0-0$ to recommend approval of

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this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on this article? I see someone.

MR. PARKER FREEDMAN: Parker Freedman, Gray Gables. This is the second year in a row we've allocated money in a Town Meeting to Special Education Reserve Fund, excuse me. Is it time, maybe, to set a minimum standard for this fund or have some discussion around policy and what to keep this in so we don't have to keep coming back to Town Meeting for additional allocations? It just seems like something that you might be able to get around by setting some type if minimum threshold to the Reserve Fund. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: Can I speak to that issue, please?

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please go right ahead.

DR. WILLIAM TOWNE: As an
assistant -- former Assistant Superintendent of Schools, responsible for my portfolio was special education, among my other responsibilities in my portfolio. This is to fill -- the account is usually -- it's at 300,000; \$150,000 was used in the past year. This is to replace that money to keep it at 300,000 because you do not -- you never know for these very reasons when something comes down in an emergency situation, and that's what the Reserve Fund is for. And this is backfilling what was used -- appropriated last year so that we can keep the fund at this particular level of 300,000 . Thank you for the question though.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Any further questions or discussion on Article 13? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 13. Using your handheld device, you will press 1 for "Yes"; 2 for "No." This

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requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of the vote are "Yes" 147, "No" 9 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 13 passed.)

## ARTICLE 16

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The last essential article of this Town Meeting is Article 16. Article 16 begins on page 25 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MS. KATHARINE JONES: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Katharine Jones.

MS. KATHARINE JONES: We move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 71, Section 71E relative to establishing a Revolving Fund for adult education and continuing education programs.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. KATHARINE JONES: Thank you. The Mass. Department of Revenue provides general information about Revolving Funds allowed by Massachusetts law. In the case of Revolving Funds for School Department Programs, 13 Revolving Funds are named in their matrix. The most appropriate Revolving Fund identified to meet the intended purpose of the Bourne Public Schools is named "Adult and Continuing Education." The Revolving Funds by this name can be used are "Adult Education and Continuing Education, Adult Physical Fitness, Summer School, and Enrichment Programs."

This language in this article asks voters to approve a Revolving Fund for Adult Education and Continuing Education programs. To be clear, this is statutory language which does not paint a clear picture of the Revolving Fund intended. Through the collection of participation fees and program

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receipts, this Revolving Fund will be used for summer enrichment, acceleration, and credit recovery programs at all academic levels.

Once this fund is created, it will become part of the annual consent article.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of this motion would authorize the creation of this Revolving Fund.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to this motion would mean that the Revolving Fund would not be created.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or an "Aye" vote in favor.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on Article 16? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 16. Using your handheld device,

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please press 1 for "Yes" or 2 for "No." This requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of the vote were "Yes" 144 votes, "No" 15 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 16 passed.)
We are now going to enter the lottery for the remaining articles.

## ARTICLE 12

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next article is going to be Article 12. Article 12 is on page 24 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
Thomas Joyce.
MR. THOMAS JOYCE: We move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $\$ 20,000$ for the Human Services Grant

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program, and to meet the appropriation to transfer the sum of $\$ 20,000$ from Free Cash. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MR. THOMAS JOYCE: This article would provide $\$ 20,000$ of funding for the Human Services Committee to use to provide grant funding to support human services organizations that apply for grants. The article will appropriate funding by a transfer of funds from Free Cash.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would authorize the Human Services Grant Program for Fiscal Year '23.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the Human Services Grant program would not have funds to operate for Fiscal '23.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted

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unanimously 4 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussions on Article 12? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on Article 12. Using your handheld device, please press 1 for "Yes" or 2 for "No." This requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of this vote are "Yes" 139 votes, "No" 18. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 12 passed.)

## ARTICLE 15

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next article is Article 15. Article 15 begins on page 25 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

MS. KAthLEEN LEGACY: We do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

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Kathleen LeGacy.

MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We move that the Town vote to approve Article 15 as set forth in the Warrant.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Thank you. Under the Bylaw as it currently stands, the process to have repairs made to private roadways is burdensome and does not make provision for emergency temporary repairs for situations in which severe risk to the public safety exists.

Emergency temporary repairs would be undertaken upon the determination of the Superintendent of Public Works in consultation with the Fire Chief and/or the Police Chief.

The changes as proposed would allow for more expeditious emergency repairs to private ways that have been open to public use continuously for six years and which will remain open. The method by which

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repairs to private ways that are posted as "restricted in use to owners and/or their guests" will not change under the revised Bylaw.

The Capital Plan for this year includes $\$ 50,000$ for road repairs which could be used for these types of emergency repairs. The Town will not be liable for any damages or injuries related to emergency repairs of private roadways.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would allow the DPW to make emergency, temporary repairs to private ways in order to provide services, such as trash pickup and ambulance, to these residents without damage to town-owned equipment and vehicles. A yes vote does not make the roads public, and it does not make the Town responsible for ongoing repairs to the roads in the future.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that no town funds could be used to make temporary, emergency repairs to private roads.

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The Finance Committee voted with 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on this article? I see two -- I see a few people coming up. Go ahead. Mr. Benedict.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: Todd Benedict, Monument Beach. Obviously, this is a hotbutton issue, and I think I read somewhere recently that the Town of Bourne has 60 percent of its roads are private roads. And I don't remember anybody bringing that to my attention when $I$ bought my house, but that's a whole other story.

And $\$ 50,000$, $I$ would like to ask anybody in this room how much you think you're going to get for $\$ 50--\$ 50,000$ in road repairs? And I would like to ask what the cost was to fix Lake Howard on Howard

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Avenue? If anybody know that answer? MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I think you're going to get an answer. Please go ahead.

DPW DIRECTOR SHAWN PATTERSON: My name is Shawn Patterson from Pocasset. I'm also the DPW Director. Lake Howard was $\$ 8,000$ to repair; $\$ 50,000$ is going to give me enough money to take care of all the potholes throughout the different roads in Town.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: Great. Thank you. I appreciate that.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, Mr. Patterson.

DPW DIRECTOR SHAWN PATTERSON: Do you want me to stay right here?

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You can stay.

THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
DPW DIRECTOR SHAWN PATTERSON: I kind of figured.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead. MR. IAN RUBINSTEIN: Ian

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Rubinstein. I urge everyone in this room to vote in favor of this for a couple of reasons. One, obviously, you're going to have emergency situations that will come up. And if you recall, I asked earlier what Chapter 90 revenues raised or has been raised for the Town, and as you heard over a half-a-million dollars each year has been accrued or appropriated to our Town based on, again, incidentals that occur. A lot of these private roads are Chapter 90 certified. I know of a bunch personally that are. And as you heard, half-a-millionplus dollars is brought to town revenue because of that certification. Private roadways are still the responsibility of the abutters of that property. But emergency repairs, as Mr. Patterson will point out, are sometimes deemed appropriate and necessary. And it sounds like the way their rewarding this, it allows the DPW to make more fluent repairs without a burdensome bit of legal ease that they have to go through. I would definitely

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urge everyone to vote in favor for those reasons, and I thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Any further comments? Okay. Seeing none. Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Seeing no further questions or discussion, we will now move to a vote on Article 15.

Using your handheld device, please press 1 for "Yes" and 2 for "No." Please begin voting.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
now closed. The results of this vote are "Yes" 139 votes, "No" 16 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed.
(Article 15 passed.)
ARTICLE 6
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next
article is Article 6. Article 6 begins on page 19 of your handbook and continues onto page 20 and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

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MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Thomas Joyce.

MR. THOMAS JOYCE: We move that the Town vote to hear reports and recommendations of Committees and Town Officers.

MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor.

MR. THOMAS JOYCE: This article allows for reports and recommendations to be presented by representatives of Committees and Town Officers to Town Meeting.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would allow reports and recommendations to be made to the Town Meeting.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that no reports or recommendations could be made to the Town Meeting under this article.

The Finance Committee voted

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unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 4 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Any questions or discussion on this article?

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Johnson.

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Tonight I'm reporting under the --

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have to pass the article before you can speak.

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: I apologize.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No worry.
TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: I apologize. Barry Johnson, Town Clerk. I think I'd be very remiss if I didn't do two things. Number 1, for years and years and years we have had tellers that have come up

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and down the aisles and have --
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Pardon me.
We have to pass the article before you can give a report. Is this about the article?

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Yes.

I'm reporting.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No, not
yet. We have to vote on this Article first.
TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: I
apologize.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: I'm too anxious.

THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Is there
anyone else who would like to speak on this Article? Seeing none.

We will now move to vote on

Article 6. Using your handheld device,
please press 1 for "Yes" and 2 for "No."
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
now closed. This vote required a majority vote. We have "Yes" 140 votes, "No" 12

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votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 6 passed.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And now I recognize Barry Johnson.

TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Thank you. You'd think after all these years I would have learned that.

THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: But in all seriousness, $I$ want to just rise as an officer of the Town, and, like I said, I'd be very remiss for years and years and years to thank all of those current and previous tellers who served this Town Meeting over the years.

I also, secondly, would like to say and thank you to everybody up here on this stage as well as all of you sitting out there for supporting this electronic voting. Everyone -- we had a good discussion up here, and it was a unanimous vote to recommend it to you. I hope you're finding it a best way to go, and we get our votes

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instantaneously. And I just want to thank you for your support. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I will now recognize Mr. Steve Mealy.

MR. STEVE MEALY: Thank you, Madam
Moderator. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Stephen Mealy, and I am the Chairman of your 2020 Charter Review Committee, and I want to thank you for this opportunity to provide you with a short update of our progress on the 2020 Bourne Charter Review process.

As you may recall, per our
Charter, a Charter Review Committee is required to be formed every five years. This has resulted in reviews taking place in 2005, '10, '15, and most recently in '20, 2020 .

As outlined within our Charter, the members of the Select Board shall appoint a review committee and the charge

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shall be to conduct public meetings, listen to comments of interested citizens, town officials, invited guests and, ultimately, prepare a report to be presented to the Select Board and to Town Meeting.

Our first meeting of organization was conducted with the Select Board was back on October 14 of 2020. Updates to the Committee's progress were presented to the Select Board on February 2, 2021, and, again, on May 3, 2021, at the Annual Town Meeting.

At the November 15, 2020, Special
Town Meeting, we made our final report to the Select Board and to you, the Town Meeting. Town Meeting members then voted unanimously to adopt the changes as presented by the committee. This set off several additional tasks which needed to be undertaken to advance your changes to the General Court of Massachusetts to be adopted.

On January 11, 2022, the Select Board voted to advance our recommendations

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of changes to the Town of Bourne State Representatives and Senator for submission to the General Court of Massachusetts.

By February 1 , our Town Counsel had completed drafting the text of a "Special Act" to be submitted to the General Court in accordance with the General Court's Legislative Drafting Manual based upon the black-line version voted and approved by the November Special Town Meeting.

This sulomission is followed by a review by the attorney general to ensure the submission is consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. The attorney general has four weeks to make this determination.

On March 9 of this year, now as Bill H4576, our changes were referred to the House Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. On March 10, the Senate concurred, and the Bill was scheduled for a virtual hearing on the 14 th.

By April 14, the Bill was reported favorably by the committee and referred to

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the committee of House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling.

We anticipate a final vote will take place in this month of May 2020 (sic) completing our task in making these changes voted by you, the Town Meeting members, our new Charter.

I wish to thank you and, also, in addition to myself, recognize the other members of this committee:

Barbara Princiotta, our recording clerk;

Anne Marie Siroonian, serving as our committee clerk;

Renee Gratis, is our vice chairman, who is also your chairman of your Finance Committee;

Griffin Girard, Joseph Gordon, and

Michael Carlowicz all have been outstanding in their preparation for the meetings and their contributions. And, yes, I did finally meet everybody in person.

Thank you.
THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. I don't see anyone else coming forward to speak. So we will move onto the next article.

## ARTICLE 7

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 7. Article 7 is on page 21 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion? MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Richard Lavoie.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: We move that the Town vote to close out the articles as printed in the schedule in Article 7 of the Town Meeting Warrant and to transfer the balances as follows: \$16,503.94 to Open Space/Recreation Reserves; \$12,963.33 to Undesignated Fund Balance; \$2,000 to the Community Housing Reserves, and \$82,642.29 to Historic Reserves. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have

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the floor.
MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: This article will allow unused funds that were voted at previous town meetings for previous projects to be returned to the funds designated in the article. The purpose for which these funds were originally voted have been completed or no longer needed or altered and these funds are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were voted.

A "Aye" or "Yes" vote in favor of the motion would allow the above funds to be returned to the listed accounts for future appropriation.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the articles would not be closed out and the funds would not be available for use.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 4 to 0 to recommend approval of

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this article.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussions on Article 7?

MS. MAUREEN FULLER: Maureen
Fuller, Pocasset. Just a question, Barry. When an organization gets approval for CPA money, is there a timeline for how long they have to use it before you determine to close it out?

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: There's no timeline. In this particular case, these projects are either done or have changed and the funds are no longer needed.

MS. MAUREEN FULLER: And I just see 2014 has been a long time ago. Is there a time where you just go through and say, "What's the status of this? What's the status of this?" so we can get the money back into the C-P -- into the correct place?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Thank you,
Maureen. The question is once an article has been passed etcetera, it's called -- we call it internally -- it's called

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"Evergreen" until the project is either completed as Rich said, and the monies want to be voted back into the fund.

Currently, we have had discussions
among the committee of probably -- currently and probably going forward possibly within a two-year limit; okay? Once you vote it, if the project hasn't been substantially started, etcetera, within two years, then it should come back to the fund. But the committee has not formally voted on that yet.

And I might add that we always get a report on a monthly basis from the Finance Department as to the status of every single article and project that has been voted and the current balances. So when the bills come in toward that particular project and they process, they are automatically deducted from that project.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Any further questions or discussion on this article? Seeing none. We will now move to a vote on Article 7.

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Using your handheld device, you may press 1 for "Yes", 2 for "No." This article requires a majority vote.
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The results of this vote are "Yes" 144, "No" 5 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 7 passed.)

## ARTICLE 14

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 14
begins on the bottom of page 24 of your handbook. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Yes, we do,
Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Jim Sullivan.

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: We move that
the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth for passage of Special Legislation allowing for the Town to establish a Shellfish Mitigation Receipts

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reserved for appropriation fund -- Shellfish Mitigation Fund for monies to be deposited from mitigation funds obtained by the Bourne Conservation Commission for projects impacting public waterways and shellfish habitats, and, further, that said fund shall be used exclusively for shellfish resource enhancements, shellfish habitats, or capital improvements as specified below provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to said legislation unless the Board of Selectmen votes to approve amendments to the same; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of said petition and special legislation, which is an Act establishing a shellfish mitigation receipts reserved fund in the Town of Bourne be enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives and General Court assembled and by the authority of the same as follows" Section 1, Notwithstanding Section

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53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law rule or regulation to the contrary, there shall be a special fund in the Town of Bourne to be known as the Shellfish Mitigation Fund that shall be deposited into said fund monies collected by the Town of Bourne Conservation Commission as mitigation payments for projects that impact public waterways and shellfish habitats. The fund shall be used exclusively for shellfish resource enhancements, shellfish habitats, or capital improvements.

Section 2. The Shellfish
Mitigation Fund shall be maintained by the Town of Bourne Treasurer as a separate account, subject to applicable provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and any interest accrued shall be credited to and become part of the fund.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have

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the floor.
DR. JAMES SULLIVAN: Thank you.
As detailed in both the article and the motion, this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation allowing the Town to establish a Shellfish Mitigation Fund. Mitigation payments are paid to the Bourne Conservation Commission to offset environmental impacts, and this will allow those monies to be deposited and held in a separate fund to be used exclusively for shellfish resource enhancements, shellfish habitats, or capital improvement specific towards the propagation of shellfish.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would authorize the Selectmen to file special legislation to create a Shellfish Mitigation Fund.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that the Selectmen could not file the special legislation.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously 9 to 0 to recommend approval of

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this article with a yes vote.
The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 4 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

Are there any questions or discussion on this article? Seeing none.

We will now move to a vote on
Article 14. This requires a majority vote. Using your handset, please press 1 for "Yes" and 2 for "No."
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. A majority vote required. We have a "Yes" vote of 145 votes, "No" votes 7. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 14 passed.)

## ARTICLE 8

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We've made it to the last article, and its Article 8. Article 8 begins on page 21 of your handbook and requires a majority vote. Does the Finance Committee have a positive motion?

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

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Richard Lavoie.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: We move the Town vote, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to raise and appropriate and reserve the sum of $\$ 2,168,828.53$ for the Community Preservation Fund Projects and Special Purpose Reserves listed in the Community Preservation Fund Committee Report as printed in Article 8; and to meet this appropriation and reserve, to appropriate the sum of $\$ 1,711,346.53$ from Fiscal Year 2023 Estimated CPA Revenues, transfer $\$ 18,841.01$ from Community Preservation, I'm sorry, from Community Housing Reserves; transfer $\$ 38,500$ from Historic Preservation Reserve; transfer 330,000 from Open Space Reserves, and transfer $\$ 70,140.99$ from Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance. MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Does the

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Community Preservation Committee recommend this article?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, we do.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds in the affirmative. You have the floor.

MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: This article presents the projects that the CPC has voted to recommend for approval for Fiscal Year 2023. Approval of this article will not impact your real estate tax as the funds are already collected as part of the CPA assessment on your real estate bills. That assessment takes place regardless of the outcome of this article.

A "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion would fund the above listed CPAeligible projects.

A "No" or "Nay" vote opposed to the motion would mean that these proposed CPA projects would not move forward.

The Finance Committee voted 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention to recommend approval of this article with a "Yes" or "Aye" vote in favor of the motion.

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The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously 4 to 0 to recommend approval of this article.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion on this article? I recognize Mr. Mealy.

MR. STEVE MEALY: Thank you, Madam
Moderator. Steven Mealy from Sagamore Beach. There is an Item $G$ is a request for $\$ 330,000$ for improvements to certain parks. Is there a tabulation available of which parks and how much each park is receiving for improvement?

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We are going to have an answer for you.

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: A total request -- this came through the Recreation Committee, and also the recreation director does support the article. What the article consists of and in the presentation which was extremely well done before the Finance Committee, ourselves, the public community, and the Board of Selectmen. There was a presentation that broke down every single

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court and the condition of each court. And the primary part of this is the safety of the residents and guests using the courts. The second component -- and, yes, there was an estimate only because this must go out to bid for this project, and if the funds are appropriated tonight then the procurement officer, Ms. McCollum, will take over the bidding process.

Secondly, was a major component which was added to this article from the Commission on Disabilities, and each court was designated, for instance, on the gates to have handicap gates reinstalled, proper picnic benches, etcetera. Each court was listed with the ADA improvements that will be there.

And the last component of this article, that the $C P C$ requested and everybody agreed to, there are funds in here to hire a project manager to oversee the expenditure of all these funds. And it will be up to the Recreation Committee in conjunction with the recreation director,

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etcetera, to actually go back and prioritize which courts will be done.

So there was a presentation. I didn't bring it with me -- court, but there was a valuation approximation on every single court. And that's the grand total of the 330. Estimated was the 30,000 for the project manager, and the other two were for the construction, and the other one was for the ADA component. The ADA component equipment will, I'm sure, go through a state contract bid. So, again, all of this project will have to be procured properly.

MR. STEVE MEALY: Madam Moderator, through you, may $I$ ask that in future presentations by the CPC Committee that they put such information available, perhaps, within an appendix in the back because it didn't answer my question.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
MR. STEVE MEALY: I understand what was presented this evening, and I believe that the Recreational Authority and Recreational Committee has done their due

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diligence, but it really doesn't provide the voters this evening on where they're going to spend 330,000 's tax dollars and know that the money doesn't impact this year's taxes. It impacted your taxes already. You've already paid 3 percent of your real estate taxes to fund these projects.

On the Reserve for Open Space, is that that $1,082,000$, is that specific or is that putting it into another category to be expended at a future town meeting?

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: At a future Town Meeting.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: A future Town
Meeting. So the other three as well, the Reserve for Community Housing and Historic Preservation, they're just being put into different categories for approval to be expended at a future --

MR. BARRY JOHNSON: That is correct.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you, Barry. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

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She was first. Yes.
MS. VICKI CARR: Vicki Carr from the Disability Commission. I vote -- I say that we should vote a yes because a lot of our courts in Town are in bad shape. They are not accessible, and one of the things our Disability Commission is trying to work on with the help of the Recreation Committee to make more places in our Town accessible. And my dream is to have athletic areas in this Town for us disabled folks coming in as tourists. We have many things in Town that have changed within the last $5-10$ years that allow accessible swimming, fishing, bike riding that have not been in this Town before. And $I$ hope in the future we will have a tourist brochure with all the listing of all the accessibility projects in our town that people can enjoy.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
MR. TODD BENEDICT: Todd Benedict once again.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.

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Benedict, go ahead.
MR. TODD BENEDICT: Can somebody explain the Line Item $J$ to me and what historic preservation might include?

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You want Line Item J, Historic Preservation, to be explained?

MR. TODD BENEDICT: An example of what that might include? Yes, that's fine. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Johnson's going to answer your question. MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Madam Moderator, if you would indulge me? I apologize; I did have the report right here in my folder, and it is broken down by every single court. So I want you to know where the rough estimates are for every single one.

Okay. As far as our -- I'd like to speak to the two; is there a particular one? But I can speak to two of the Historic Preservation ones that I submitted to the town.

The first one was to the flag in

Town Hall that's been right next to the clock for a minimum of 47 years and a possibility of back way longer before that. Jen Chisser of the Department of Natural Resources, their office is right outside there, and looked at that and brought it to our attention and said, you know, that flag really needs to be cleaned. It needs to be upgraded, and it probably needs to be replaced. So to that end, we went out and we sought at least some quotations, and right now to -- and we've decided to recommend that that particular flag that's been standing there so long be cleaned as part of these funds.

The second thing we're going to do, and $I$ do have a quote just under $\$ 6,000$, and we searched high and low, and there's a company in Carolina called the Carolina Flag Company, and they're just under \$6,000 to create a replica of what is there. And once the one that is there currently is cleaned, we plan to put it in a historically preservation archival box or glass, whatever

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it requires, and it will be displayed either in the Archives or at Town Hall. So that takes care of the map one, I'm sorry, the flag one.

Now, the map that we're requesting the monies for, this was an opportunity that was presented to us by a Town resident who has had this map in his house for over 40 years, and this was offered to the Town as first right of refusal. And what the map is, it's a map of 1857 of the Town of Sandwich, and it depicts to the West side a lot of current and original Bourne residences and Bourne names. Because, as you know, on April 2, 1884, the Town of Bourne was Incorporated. Prior to that, we were known as West Sandwich. So what this map does -- it was drawn by Mr. H. F. Walling, etcetera, and that's why it says the Town of Sandwich, but the Town of Bourne is clearly depicted. It's our intention, if you folks will go ahead and support this also, that there is a purchase price here that has been -- we're still in negotiation,

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but it is within the appropriation request.
Our Town Administrator Marlene has
suggested, and she's absolutely right, before we expend any public funds that we should have the map appraised. I've been able to locate -- started out with the New England Center for the Document Restoration, and we've even come local. And I've been able to find out two or three places that will give us that appraisal.

So, again, what we will do with the map, we would purchase it, and then what we would do is we would restore it. There is a local company here on the Cape that is able to do that, and then what we would do with the map is, again, put it in a preservation archival case, and we'll display it the Archives building. Just as an aside, the Town of Sandwich, excuse me, has the same map, and it's in the library. And I want to tell you, their archives group, what they did was that they made replicas of it, and they sold it for a hundred dollars apiece, and they

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said it's a "limited edition," and they wish they hadn't said "limited edition" because the demand was so great and those funds would have gone to offset some of their activities.

So we went before the Historic Commission. They have agreed that this is truly an artifact for the Town of Bourne that should be preserved, and we have this opportunity to purchase it, and we will not purchase it or do anything to this project if it goes over the requested appropriation amount.

But that's the background on both of them. So I put forth both of these because I think these are, one, the flag needs to be done, and, secondly, the map, this is a one-time opportunity to have this that had been in someone's residence for over 40 years. So that's why we came forth with these. And I can speak -- I don't know if Mr. Georgeson is here from the Historic Commission?

MR. CARL GEORGESON: (Raised

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hand.)
TOWN CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, okay. Madam Moderator, he's chairman of the Historic Commission. He can speak to the Archives building.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. You put him on the spot.

MR. CARL GEORGESON: My name is
Carl Georgeson, chairman of the Historical Commission. The funds are being requested to clean -- the first to clean all the algae and crap off of the handicap rail and then paint it. And then after that's done, there's a number of problems with the cement that holds the rail in, and those things will be fixed using funds from a previous CPA grant. And that will bring that grant, the ADA -- the ramp at the back of the Archives building into compliance for ADA capabilities.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. You have to go to the microphone though so we can all hear your question.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: Just a follow-

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up question on that. The public library being a historic building, would that possibly qualify for CPC consideration? MR. CARL GEORGESON: Yeah, the library too, but this is for the Archives building.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: I understand that. No, no, I was asking -- my specific question was --

MR. CARL GEORGESON: He didn't ask that --

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you -MR. CARL GEORGESON: -- he didn't answer that question.

MR. TODD BENEDICT: I know. I know that.

MR. CARL GEORGESON: All right.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
MR. TODD BENEDICT: Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Any further
questions or discussion on this article?
MS. ALICE HOWE: My name is Alice
Howe. I live in Pocasset, and I was one of two applicants for the $\$ 330,000$ for the

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Recreation Committee request, and that other person is an ADA that was for the Americans for Disabilities in Bourne.

Mr. Mealy, I believe you asked what -- which courts and -- Clark Field, which I actually played on yesterday, and there are two tennis courts that also have four pickleball courts lined and a basketball court. All of that is to be rehabbed. There is a crack so big in one of the courts that there's, you know, grass growing out of it, and I would hate to see anybody fall, break an ankle because we know about how unsafe some of these areas are.

Another area is Keith Field. You can't even play tennis on Keith Field tennis court. That is on the rehab slate.

Also, the Pocasset Village Post Office, also there lots of cracks and needs to be rehabbed before either the courts get locked up because of safety issues or because somebody has broken their ankle.

Another one is the Cataumet Schoolhouse court there that is one tennis

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court, two pickleball courts. And we're not just -- what's really a wonderful celebration in this Town is the fact that people want to be physically active. In two years of a pandemic, pickleball, tennis, and basketball were the lifesaving features of living in Bourne because people could go out and use those fields, those areas. If we are able to get this rehabilitation done, we will extend the life of these courts. I, myself, I'm one person in Town, $I$ am on four -- I'm in four pickleball groups, okay. It's the fastest growing sport, but tennis is also popular. But I think we need to rejoice that so many Bourne citizens my age younger, my age older want to participate and be safe doing it. So, I think this is a good thing. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: Madam Moderator. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Renee Gratis.

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FINANCE CHAIR RENEE GRATIS: I just want to state that if you go to the Town of Bourne webpage, you go to the Community Preservation Committee page, they actually have a link to the FY23 projects, and it breaks down the historic requests, the recreation requests, and the housing requests. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Mr. Mealy.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Madam
Moderator, through you, I want to thank the previous speakers that enlightened this meeting with the information that was missing from our Voter Handbook this evening. I am certainly not speaking against any particular or any of these particular projects before you. My point in rising this evening was asking and requesting, as I have in the past, that more information be provided to us and allow us to make these critical decisions.

And, yes, $I$ know $I$ can go to a website, but it is so much better to hear

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one of our residents of a member of the committee stand and tell us why we should be spending tax dollars on some of these projects. And everything I heard this evening tells me we should vote positively for this particular motion.

Thank you, Madam Moderator.
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
Seeing no further folks queued at the microphones, we're going to move to a vote now on Article 8. It's a majority vote.

Using your handheld device, please press 1 for "Yes", 2 for "No."
(Voting in progress.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is now closed. The result of the vote is "Yes" 133 votes, "No" 12 votes. I declare the motion of the Finance Committee has passed. (Article 8 passed.)

THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That was
our final article.

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So I will now entertain a motion to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

THE AUDIENCE: So moved.
MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Second.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a
motion and a second. All those in favor?
THE AUDIENCE: Aye.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those
opposed, please say, "No."
(Motion carried.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please make
sure that you put your handheld devices in the bins as you leave. Thank you, all, very much for this Annual Town Meeting.
(Whereupon, the Bourne Special and Annual Town meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.)

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