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#### TOWN OF BOURNE

# TRANSCRIPT OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 1 2. (Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.) 3 (Gavel struck.) MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Having 5 reached the date and hour designated in the Warrant for the November 6, 2023, Special 6 Town Meeting, I hereby call the meeting to order. My name is Amy Kullar, and I am the 8 9 Bourne Town Meeting Moderator. 10 Mr. Town Clerk, Barry Johnson, how 11 many voters have been checked into the Town 12 Meeting? 1.3 CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Five hundred 14 and sixty. 15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds 560 registered voters. I declare there is a 16 17 quorum present. 18 Mr. Town Clerk has the Special 19 Town Meeting warrant been duly posted as 20 required by law? 21 CLERK BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, it has. 22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: He responds 23 in the affirmative. Madam Stenographer, 24 please note for the record that the Warrant

has been duly posted. 1 2 Will all Town Meeting attendees 3 please silence your cell phones. And at this time, I'll ask you to stand and remain 5 standing until I ask you to resume your seats. Please join me in reciting the 6 Pledge of Allegiance. 7 (Pledge of Allegiance.) 8 9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Let us 10 offer a special moment of silence to those 11 brave men and women who serve our nation in 12 the public safety, military, and 1.3 intelligence services at home and abroad, 14 and for those town employees who have passed 15 away since the last Town Meeting. (Moment of silence.) 16 17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 18 You may be seated. I recognize Anne-Marie 19 Siroonian. 20 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Tf T 21 may, respectfully, request that you remain 22 standing for an additional moment of silence 23 for the 18 lives lost by the most recent gun

violence, for their family and friends, and

1 for the people of my beloved hometown 2 Lewiston, Maine. I am Lewiston strong. 3 (Moment of silence.) MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: 4 5 you. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 6 Thank you. 7 All right. You may be seated. Okay. 8 this is a high-interest Town Meeting, and 9 what is going to happen now is that I am 10 going to provide you all with a lot of 11 information. It's going to take a few 12 minutes. We're going to go over some 1.3 housekeeping matters and vote on two motion 14 that move the Town Meeting business along 15 more smoothly. 16 We are also going to do a quick 17 mock vote on how to use our electronic 18 voting devices. So when I asked for motions 19 during the next few minutes, even though you 20 have electronic voting devices, we are going 21 to conduct a couple motions by voice vote. 22 These are routine and in keeping with 23 longtime practice in the Town of Bourne. 2.4 I'm explaining all of this now because at my very first Town Meeting as Moderator, there was also another high-interest article and there were a lot of first-time attendees at the meeting. I welcome all of you. If you're new to Town Meeting or if you're experienced at attending Town Meeting, welcome tonight.

I have appointed Wendy Weston as my Deputy Moderator. Wendy is seated down front of the stage. If you need help with a motion or another matter, please see Wendy. Seated in front of you on the stage are, on my right, the Finance Committee, the Deputy Town Clerk, Town Clerk, Town Counsel, Select Board, the gentleman who brings us electronic voting is right behind me.

There are seating reserved for

Town staff, but they might give up their

seats if we need them. All right. Does

everyone have a Voter Handbook? If you

don't have a Voter Handbook, raise your

hand, and we will try and get one of the

tellers to bring one to you. Please be

patient because we are at capacity. So keep

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More importantly, does every registered voter have an electronic voting device?

THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: If you do not have one, please raise a hand and a teller will bring you one.

So, I will now take a moment to explain the electronic voting system. you checked in, you were given a handset. That handset is for voting, and it is issued to you and only you. Using a handset issued to someone else is strictly forbidden. Before each vote, I will announce the motion or amendment that is being decided. 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 button. To vote "NO," you will press the red button. If you accidentally push the wrong button, you can switch your vote by pressing the correct button. If you don't want to participate in a vote, don't

push any buttons. When the 30-second voting interval is over, I will announce that voting is closed. Shortly thereafter, I will announce the results of the vote. you have to temporarily leave your seat and exit the auditorium, please leave your handset with the exit desk staff at the rear. 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 business this evening, please make sure to place your handset in one of the bins at the exit desk, so that Mr. Johnson and I don't have to come to your house tomorrow. (Laughter.) Now we are going to do a practice vote to make sure that everyone here is

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Now we are going to do a practice vote to make sure that everyone here is comfortable with operating their handset.

Please remember it's green for "YES"; red for "NO."

All right. The first question tonight is an easy question. Town of Bourne, will the Celtics win the NBA

championship this season? Green for "YES"; 1 red for "NO." Voting is open. You may 2 3 begin voting now. 4 (Voting in progress.) 5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. Voting is now closed. I declare that the 6 Celtics will win the championship by a vote 7 of 452 to 191. Yay! 8 9 All right. I am informed by the 10 Select Board that if this Town Meeting does 11 not conclude this evening that it is their 12 intention to move that it recess and 1.3 reconvene tomorrow evening here at 7 p.m. 14 This Town Meeting is governed by 15 Robert's Rules of Order as interpreted by 16 the book Town Meeting Time. I will not, at 17 this time, read all of the Moderators rules, 18 which are detailed beginning on page 7 in 19 your Voter Handbook. I will address 20 parliamentary matters as they arise during 21 the course of the meeting. 22 When an article is called and you 23 intend to speak on that article, please 24 leave your seat and come down to the front

1 and try to sit near one of the two 2 microphones so that I may recognize you. 3 Typically, you will have up to three-and-ahalf minutes to speak. My deputy is keeping 5 time for me. If at any time during the debate of the articles if I determine that 6 there are numerous individuals wishing to 7 speak to the articles on the floor, I may 8 9 reduce the time allotted to each speaker. One thing I will not tolerate this 10 11 evening are personal attacks or other 12 similar behavior from a speaker. You will 1.3 be declared out of order. And in accordance with Massachusetts law, you may be removed 14 15 from the meeting by the Sergeant-at-arms and confined until the conclusion of the 16 17 session. 18 When speaking, please speak only to the motion on the floor. Do not be 19 20 repetitive. Please be concise and to the 21 point. 22 This meeting is being videotaped 23 for later televising on the local Comcast

cable access channel. There is also a

stenographer down front keeping an official written transcript of the proceedings.

As a matter of long-time custom and usage within the Town of Bourne, it is solely within the Moderator's discretion to allow nonvoters to address the Town Meeting. If anything tonight interferes with your ability to hear, speak, or participate in the Town Meeting to your satisfaction, you may interrupt the meeting by declaring a point of personal privilege, and your concern will be heard and addressed.

If you need to speak from your seat, please get my attention or Wendy's attention, and we will assist you with getting a portable microphone. Okay.

We are now going to conduct two votes by voice. At this time, I'll entertain a motion that this 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 resolutions or warrant articles verbatim but instead may refer to

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1	them by article number and/or page in the
2	handbook.
3	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
4	MASTRANGELO: So moved.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a
6	motion from MJ Mastrangelo.
7	SELECT BOARD PETER MEIER: Second.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And a
9	second from Peter Meier. Any discussion?
10	Hearing none. All those in favor, please
11	say, "AYE."
12	THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All
14	opposed, please say, "NO." I declare the
15	ayes have it. I declare it was unanimous.
16	(Motion passed.)
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I am
18	informed also by the Select Board that there
19	is a Bourne Rule Resolution. This
20	resolution is printed on page 71 of your
21	handbook. Madam Chair of the Select Board,
22	do you have a motion to make on the
23	Proposition 2-1/2 Resolution?
24	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

MASTRANGELO: I do. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I move the following Resolution: Be it resolved that at the commencement of this Special Town Meeting, the Moderator shall ask the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to certify whether or not the total of all Finance Committee funding recommendations on all matters voted at the May 1, 2023, Annual Town Meeting and contained in the Warrant for this Special Town Meeting if voted are equal to the maximum Property Tax Levy limit from the Town of Bourne established by law for Fiscal Year 2024.

If the answer is in the negative, the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen shall certify the dollar amount which exceeds the Finance Committee dollar recommendations on all of the articles in the Warrant, but is less than the maximum tax levy limit, which certified dollar amount shall be available for appropriation by this Special Town Meeting. If the answer is in the affirmative, then during the

1	Special Town Meeting, any motion to Raise
2	and Appropriate funds in order to increase
3	any appropriation recommended by the Finance
4	Committee must state an equal dollar
5	reduction in another recommended
6	appropriation or appropriations then on the
7	floor for discussion. A recommendation of
8	indefinite postponement by the Finance
9	Committee shall be construed as a zero
10	dollar funding recommendation.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And we have
12	a second?
13	(Seconded.)
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
15	We're going to move to a voice vote on that
16	motion by MJ Mastrangelo. All those in
17	favor, please indicate by saying "AYE."
18	THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All those
20	opposed, please say "NO."
21	THE AUDIENCE: No. No.
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22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I declare
	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I declare that the

(Motion passed.) 1 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 2 This 3 question is directed then to the Finance Committee Chair and the Select Board Chair; 5 if all of the recommended articles in the Annual Town Meeting that require raising and 6 appropriating funds are passed, will the Town be at their maximum levy limit? 8 9 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, Madam 10 Moderator. 11 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 12 MASTRANGELO: Yes. 1.3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They both 14 respond in the affirmative. Lastly, I am 15 informed by the Town Administrator in accordance with Section 1.1.9 of the Town 16 17 Bylaws, there are articles which the Select 18 Board and the Finance Committee have each 19 voted are essential to the exercise of the 20 Town's corporate functions. These articles 21 are 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10. All other articles 22 of this Special Town Meeting will be drawn 23 by lottery. 24 And with that, we will now proceed

1	to Article 2.
2	ARTICLE 2
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 2
4	on page 12 of your handbook requires a
5	9/10ths supermajority vote. Does the Select
6	Board have a positive motion?
7	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Yes, we do.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
9	Melissa Ferretti.
10	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move
11	that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of
12	ninety 9,162.06 for the purposes of this
13	article, and to meet this appropriation to
14	transfer the sum of 9,162.06 from Free Cash
15	to satisfy the unpaid bills of the Town as
16	listed in the chart below:
17	Natural Resources, \$221.06,
18	Facilities, Capeway Roofing
19	Systems, \$8,941.00, for the total of
20	\$9,162.06.
21	(Seconded.)
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
23	the floor.
24	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: This

1	article allows for reports and
2	recommendations to be presented by
3	representatives of committees and Town
4	officials officers, sorry.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No worries.
6	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: A "YES" or
7	"AYE" vote in favor of the motion would
8	allow committees to address Town Meeting and
9	provide an update on their work.
10	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
11	the motion would not allow the committee
12	representatives to provide a report to Town
13	Meeting.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I think
15	that's Article 3, or it's a different
16	article.
17	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: No, no,
18	it's 2 on mine.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 2
20	is unpaid bills.
21	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Why is it
22	it says Article 2 on my paper. Sorry.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. I
24	think yeah, I don't know what happened.

1	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: See that.
2	Sorry. That was a typo on the other side.
3	Sorry about that.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That's what
5	I thought.
6	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Okay.
7	Explanation, once again. I'm reading it
8	going wait a second.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
10	the floor.
11	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: This
12	article is brought before a Special Town
13	Meeting to provide funding for payment of
14	bills that arrived after the close of the
15	previous fiscal year.
16	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
17	the motion would allow the Town to pay
18	outstanding bills from a prior fiscal year.
19	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
20	the motion would mean that the Town would
21	not be able to pay the outstanding bills.
22	The Finance Committee voted
23	unanimously 8-0-0 to recommend approval of
24	this article.

1 The Select Board voted unanimously 2 4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article with a yes vote in favor of the motion. 3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 5 Does the Finance Committee have a positive recommendation on this article? 6 MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam 7 Moderator. The Finance Committee voted 8 9 unanimously 8-0 to recommend approval of 10 this article. 11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you 12 very much. Is there any further discussion 1.3 on Article 2? Seeing none. We will move to 14 a vote on Article 2. This vote requires a 15 9/10ths majority. Does everyone have their 16 electronic voting device? When I let you 17 know, it's time to begin voting. You will 18 have 30 seconds to cast your vote. for "YES"; red for "NO." You may begin 19 20 voting now. 21 (Voting in progress) 22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is 23 now closed. I declare the motion is passed 2.4 with 674 in favor and 27 in opposition.

(Article 2 passed.) 1 ARTICLE 3 2 3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Now moving on to Article 3. Article 3 on page 13 of 5 your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive 6 motion on Article 3? 7 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 8 9 MASTRANGELO: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do. 10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 11 Select Board Chair Mary Jane Mastrangelo. 12 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 1.3 MASTRANGELO: We move that the Town vote to 14 amend the action taken under Article 2, Fiscal 2024 Budget, of the 2023 Annual Town 15 16 Meeting by, one, appropriating monies in the 17 amount of \$50,000 as specified in the chart entitled, "Funding Sources" below; and, two, 18 19 by increasing expenses by \$50,000 as 20 specified in the chart entitled, "These Amounts are to be Voted" below: 21 22 Funding Sources: Raise and 23 Appropriate from the FY24 Tax Levy and other 24 General Revenues from the Town, \$50,000.

These amounts are to be voted: 1 2 Public Safety, \$50,000. 3 (Seconded.) MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 5 Madam Chair, you have the floor. SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 6 MASTRANGELO: Thank you. This Operating 8 Budget amendment is needed to meet budgetary 9 requirements that have been identified since 10 the Annual Town Meeting. This budget 11 amendment funds the contractual agreement 12 with the Dispatchers that includes an 1.3 upgrade of the Dispatcher I position from 14 A-3 to A-5 and adds a Dispatcher II position 15 at A-6 that will have additional supervisory 16 duties including training. This increase in 17 expenditures has been offset by increased 18 revenue from state aid. 19 A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of 20 the motion increases the FY24 Operating 21 Budget to allow the proposed adjustments. A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 22 23 the motion keeps the budget as it was voted 2.4 in May, and there would not be sufficient

1	funds in the budget lines to cover these
2	expenses.
3	The Select Board voted unanimously
4	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
5	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
7	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
8	recommendation on this article?
9	MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,
10	Madam Moderator.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
12	Rich Lavoie.
13	MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance
14	Committee voted 8-0-0 to support this
15	articles. These expenses could not have
16	been anticipated at the time of the Fiscal
17	Year '24 budget discussions and vote, and
18	because of that they had to pay a settlement
19	of contract expenses that was not settled at
20	that time.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
22	Is there any further discussion on Article
23	3? Seeing none. We'll move to a vote on
24	Article 3. This vote requires a simple
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1	majority. Does everyone have their handheld
2	device? When I tell you, you will have 30
3	seconds to cast your vote. Green for "YES";
4	red for "NO." You may begin voting now.
5	(Voting in progress.)
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
7	now closed. I declare the motion is passed
8	with 620 in favor and 79 in opposition.
9	(Article 3 passed.)
10	ARTICLE 4
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We will now
12	move to Article 4. Article 4 on page 14 of
13	your handbook. It requires a simple
14	majority vote. Does the Select Board have a
15	positive motion on this article?
16	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
17	MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
19	Select Board Chair Mary Jane Mastrangelo.
20	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
21	MASTRANGELO: We move that the Town vote to
	amend the action taken under Article 2, wait
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22 23	a minute, Fiscal 2024 Budget of the 2023
	a minute, Fiscal 2024 Budget of the 2023  Annual Town Meeting this is the wrong

1 thing. It's like feedback. I don't know 2. 3 if there's any adjustment to the microphone that can make it so it doesn't --5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can we try to limit the feedback on that one? They're 6 not able to fully speak as loudly as I am. 7 8 Try again, MJ. 9 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 10 MASTRANGELO: Okay. We move that the Town 11 vote to amend the action taken under Article 12 3, Sewer Budget, of the 2023 Annual Town 1.3 Meeting by increasing Salaries and Wages 14 \$12,500 from \$193,440 to \$205,940, 15 increasing Expenses by \$67,500 from \$1,328,525 to \$1,396,025 and increase the 16 17 amount raised from Sewer Expense Receipts by 18 \$80,000 from one thousand six million --19 1,628,968 to 1,708,968. 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Madam 21 Chair, you have the floor. 22 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 23 MASTRANGELO: This article amends the 2024 24 Sewer Budget to have the Sewer Budget pay

1	\$12,000 of the DPW Director Salary,
2	increases the electricity by \$20,000;
3	restores \$45,000 to Capital Equipment for
4	replacement equipment, and restores \$2,500
5	to Capital Equipment, new equipment, for a
6	total budget increase of \$80,000.
7	Because there has been an increase
8	in the number of users, the impact of these
9	budget increases on the rates is actually a
10	reduction in the Fiscal Year '24 Annual User
11	Fee from \$1,196 to \$1,180.
12	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
13	the motion increases the FY24 Sewer
14	Enterprise Budget to allow the proposed
15	adjustments.
16	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
17	the motion keeps the Sewer Enterprise
18	Budget as it was voted in May, and there
19	would not be sufficient funds in the budget
20	lines to cover these expenses.
21	The Select Board voted unanimously
22	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
23	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
2	recommendation on this article?
3	MR. JIM SULLIVAN: Yes, we do,
4	Madam Moderator. The Finance Committee
5	voted 8-0-0 in favor of this article.
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
7	Is there any further discussion on Article
8	4? Seeing none, we will move to a vote
9	now
10	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Hello.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
12	so much for speaking up. Can you approach
13	the podium, please? Quiet, please.
14	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Thank you.
15	I'd like to know a little bit more
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: State your
17	name for the record, please?
18	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: My name is
19	William Doherty. I live it 1238 Route 28A,
20	Cataumet.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
22	Mr. Doherty.
23	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: I'd like to
24	know exactly what the DPW Director does with

1 regard to the operation of the sewer because 2 it's not clear to me that the DPW has any 3 particular expertise with regard to running sewers or knowledge about them. So I'd like 5 to know what exactly his contribution is before I vote on a raise of salary or vote 6 for an allocation of the sewer budget for 7 that. 8 9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 10 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 11 MASTRANGELO: So the Sewer Department is 12 under the Department of Public Works, and 1.3 the DPW Director has supervisory -- a 14 supervisory role over the employees that 15 work on the Sewer Department. He's also 16 part of the budget development and is acting 17 as the manager of the department. 18 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: I still 19 don't hear what his qualifications are to fill that particular role, especially since 20 21 we just -- I don't -- I think we just hired 22 a new DPW director; is that accurate? 23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Marlene McCollem. 2.4

1	ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
2	Thank you. So we have hired a new DPW
3	director. The Town staff does not have the
4	license to operate the sewerage treatment
5	plant. We hire an O&M, an Operations and
6	Maintenance firm who holds the license.
7	However, by Charter, the DPW director is
8	responsible for the sewer the municipal
9	sewer system.
10	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. Then
11	why doesn't the money that goes to the
12	contractor be represented by this \$12,500?
13	ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
14	The O&M contract with our operating engineer
15	includes many other tasks as well. They're
16	a necessary piece.
17	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: It still
18	doesn't tell me that he's qualified to do
19	the job.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So she's
21	answered your question. Do you have
22	anything more specific, Mr. Doherty, because
23	we're not going to go back and forth.
24	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: I think,

1	with respect, I think it's specific enough
2	to ask what the qualifications are of a DPW
3	director to run to contribute to the
4	operation of a sewer, especially since the
5	sewer is an important part of our aqua
6	system. But I will accept that and figure
7	you're not going to answer it anyway.
8	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't
10	have the answers. We're just moving along.
11	All right. Is there anyone else that wants
12	to be heard on Article 4? Seeing none. We
13	will now move to a vote on Article 4. This
14	vote requires a simple majority.
15	When I give you the indication,
16	you will have 30 seconds to cast your vote.
17	Green for "YES"; red for "NO." You may
18	begin voting now.
19	(Voting in progress.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
21	now closed. I declare the motion is passed
22	with 445 in favor and 277 in opposition.
23	(Article 4 passed.)
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ARTICLE 7 1 2 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next 3 article is Article 7. Article 7 is on page 17 of your handbook requires a simple 5 majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion? 6 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 7 8 MASTRANGELO: Yes, Madam Moderator, we do. 9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 10 Chair Mastrangelo. SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 11 12 MASTRANGELO: We move that the Town vote to 13 appropriate \$630,250 to pay costs of the 14 capital outlay projects listed in the 15 schedule printed below, and to meet this 16 appropriation to: 17 1., transfer the sum of \$580,250 18 from Free Cash: 19 2., transfer the sum of \$30,000 20 from ISWM Retained Earnings, and, 21 3., transfer the sum of \$20,00022 from Sewer Retained Earnings: 23 Item A, Sewer, Infrastructure, 24 replace 4 air release valves in the

1	collection system, \$20,000 from Sewer
2	Retained Earnings;
3	ISWM, Planning, Feasibility study
4	and cost estimating for a new office/garage
5	structure, \$30,000 from ISWM Retained
6	Earnings;
7	Schools, Equipment, Radio
8	Upgrades, \$35,000, Free Cash;
9	Facilities, Equipment, Building
10	Access Controls upgrade, \$182,000 Free Cash;
11	Facilities, Planning, Supplemental
12	Funds, design, and construction oversight
13	for Library masonry project, \$35,000 from
14	Free Cash;
15	Engineering, Infrastructure, Hen
16	Cove drainage project, \$181,250, Free Cash;
17	Engineering, Infrastructure, Main
18	and Academy Intersection improvement,
19	\$120,000, Free Cash;
20	DPW, Equipment, Sander for Truck
21	No. 2, \$27,000 from Free Cash.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Madam
23	Chair, you have the floor.
24	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

1	MASTRANGELO: Thank you. This article
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2	appropriates funding for capital
3	expenditures recommended by the Capital
4	Outlay Committee. The Capital Outlay report
5	is included in Appendix C on pages 46 to 52
6	of the Voter Handbook.
7	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
8	the motion would approve funding for the
9	Capital Outlay expenses recommended by the
10	Capital Outlay Committee.
11	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
12	the motion would not provide the recommended
13	funding and the projects would not move
14	forward and the necessary equipment would
15	not be purchased.
16	The Select Board voted unanimously
17	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
18	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
20	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
21	recommendation on this article?
22	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Yes, Madam
23	Moderator.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

1	Wayne Sampson.
2	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance
3	Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to
4	recommend approval of this article.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
6	Is there any further discussion on Article
7	7?
8	MR. STEVE MEALY: Madam Moderator.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
10	Mr. Mealy.
11	MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Stephen Mealy
12	from Sagamore Beach. Does the use of
13	\$580,250 of Free Cash still allow the Town
14	to adhere to our financial policy?
15	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
16	MASTRANGELO: Yes, it does, and there's
17	actually, in the appendices, there is a cash
18	flow of Free Cash to show that we will still
19	have excess Free Cash after these
20	expenditures.
21	MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you very
22	much.
23	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
24	MASTRANGELO: You're welcome.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
2	Is there any further discussion on this
3	article? Hearing none. We'll now move to a
4	vote on Article 7.
5	MR. JOSHUA YUELLER (phonetic):
6	I'm curious (Inaudible).
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please
8	don't yell from the audience. Please
9	approach the podium.
10	MR. JOSHUA YUELLER (phonetic):
11	(Inaudible).
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't
13	hear you. Please wait until you get to the
14	microphone. Thank you. Please state your
15	name.
16	MR. JOSHUA YUELLER (phonetic):
17	Joshua Yueller.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.
19	MR. JOSHUA YUELLER (phonetic):
20	I was kind of curious why that the Financial
21	Committee is voting approval for all of
22	these articles.
23	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize

1	Wayne Sampson.
2	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance
3	Committee is required by law to make a
4	recommendation on every single article
5	before the Town Meeting.
6	MR. JOSHUA YUELLER (phonetic):
7	Thank you.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thanks. Is
9	there anyone else with a question on Article
10	7?
11	MS. HEIDI KERWIN: Hello, my name
12	is Heidi Kerwin.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't
14	hear you.
15	MS. HEIDI KERWIN: My name is
16	Heidi Kerwin. I live in Pocasset.
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
18	MS. HEIDI KERWIN: It could be in
19	here and I missed it, but could someone
20	please explain to me what the Facilities
21	Department 35,000 to include four additional
22	security points means?
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
24	Marlene McCollem is going to answer.

1	ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
2	Thank you. The axis controls for the Town
3	buildings include upgraded controls for Town
4	Hall, the fire station, and the DPW
5	building, and this will bring these
6	buildings onto the same system that the
7	Police Department the police station
8	uses. And it will ensure that all doors are
9	operating on the same system, and everyone
10	will have an electronic controlled entry to
11	the buildings.
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Does that
13	answer your question?
14	MS. HEIDI KERWIN: (Nodding.)
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	Anyone else on Article 7? All right.
17	Seeing none. We are going to move to a vote
18	on Article 7. This vote requires a simple
19	majority. When I tell you you may begin
20	voting, please use green for "YES"; red for
21	"NO." You may begin voting now.
22	(Voting in progress.)
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay, Town
24	Meeting, I'm going to announce the result of

1	Article 7's vote. I declare that Article 7
2	has passed with 605 in favor and 143 in
3	opposition.
4	(Article 7 passed.)
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm going
6	to take a minute right now. We're at the
7	point now where we have reached capacity of
8	Town Meeting. You cannot save seats any
9	longer. People are checked into this
10	meeting who are registered voters and
11	deserve a seat in this room. So, I'm going
12	to have the officers direct all the folks
13	that are waiting to come in to come in and
14	fill-in. There's approximately, I can see,
15	about 20 seats still in this auditorium. We
16	are going to fill every single one or else
17	we're not going to be able to use the
18	electronic voting for the rest of the night.
19	So there's no more saved seats. Thank you.
20	We have seats in the middle.
21	POLICE OFFICERS: If you could
22	push towards the middle.
23	(People moving in seats.)
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: If you're

an elected official and you're taking up a 1 2 seat, please approach the stage. We're 3 going to ask you to sit on stage at this point. If you're an elected official. 5 Planning Board, that's you. If you want to stay, you have to come on stage. School 6 Committee; School Committee, sorry, School 7 8 Committee. 9 (People finding seats.) 10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 11 Thank you for your patience. Okay. 12 right. Thank you for that. I'm going to 13 keep going. ARTICLE 10 14 15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next 16 article that is up is the last essential 17 article; it's Article 10. Article 10 is on 18 page 22 of your handbook, and it requires a 19 simple majority vote. Does the Select Board 20 have a positive motion on Article 10? 21 SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER: 22 Yes, we do. 23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 24 Peter Meier.

1	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
2	We move that the Town vote to appropriate
3	the sum of \$477,770.87 for the purposes of
4	this article, and to meet this appropriation
5	to transfer the sum of \$477,770.87 from Free
6	Cash.
7	(Seconded.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
9	the floor.
10	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER: A
11	"YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of the
12	motion
13	THE AUDIENCE: Wrong one. Wrong
14	one.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
17	Can you hear me now?
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yep. I
19	think that you were just make sure we
20	have the right motion.
21	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
22	Yep. A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of the
23	motion provides funding to comply with the
24	Civil Service Commission's order to

1	reinstate and make an employee whole after a
2	wrongful termination.
3	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposes the
4	motion means that the Town would not be able
5	to comply with the Civil Service
6	Commission's order and the employee would
7	not receive the funds owed.
8	The Select Board voted 4-0
9	unanimously to approve this article with a
10	yes vote in favor of the article.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
12	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
13	recommendation on this article?
14	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Yes, Madam
15	Moderator.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
17	Wayne Sampson.
18	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: The Finance
19	Committee voted 6 in favor with 2 abstained
20	to recommend approval of this article.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
22	Is there any discussion on Article 10?
23	THE AUDIENCE: That's not what it
24	says in the book. Yeah.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: There's an
2	insert in the book.
3	THE AUDIENCE: No.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Oh, it's
5	not there's an insert.
6	THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The motion
8	was in the insert of the handbook if you
9	thought the numbers were not correct, but it
10	was in there. It might've fallen out of
11	your copy. I apologize. Is there any other
12	discussion or clarification on Article 10?
13	THE AUDIENCE: I would like
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please
15	approach the podium.
16	MS. JULIE KEENE: Julie Keene,
17	Sagamore Beach.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
19	the floor. Go ahead.
20	MS. JULIE KEENE: On this article,
21	if I'm reading it right, this money that
22	we're transferring is for one paramedic
23	position? Could someone clarify this
24	article for us?

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Town
2	Administrator is approaching the podium on
3	stage.
4	MS. JULIE KEENE: Thank you.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead,
6	Marlene.
7	ADMINISTRATOR MARLENE MCCOLLEM:
8	Thank you. This payment is back pay due to
9	a civil-service order for a wrongful
10	termination, and it covers the time period
11	from August 22, 2018, through August 5,
12	2023, when the individual was brought back
13	to work. So it is the backpay for that
14	period of time.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	MS. JULIE KEENE: Thank you.
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
18	Quiet, please. Is there any further
19	discussion on Article 10? Seeing none. We
20	will now move to vote on Article 10. This
21	vote requires a simple majority vote.
22	When I tell you, you will have 30
23	seconds to cast your vote. Green for "YES";
24	red for "NO." You may begin voting now.

1	(Voting in progress.)
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
3	now closed. Article 10 required a simple
4	majority vote, and I declare Article 10 has
5	passed with 415 in favor and 312 in
6	opposition.
7	(Article 10 passed.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
9	So we have concluded the essential articles
10	for the evening. We are now going to move
11	to the lottery.
12	ARTICLE 11
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next
13 14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The next article is Article 11. Article 11 on page
14	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page
14 15	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple
14 15 16	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a
14 15 16 17	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?
14 15 16 17	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,
14 15 16 17 18	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do, Madam Moderator.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do, Madam Moderator.  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do, Madam Moderator.  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Anne-Marie Siroonian.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	article is Article 11. Article 11 on page 23 of your handbook requires a simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do, Madam Moderator.  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize Anne-Marie Siroonian.  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We move

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
2	the floor, Ms. Siroonian.
3	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: A "YES"
4	or "AYE" vote in favor of the motion will
5	reduce the members of the Finance Committee
6	from 12 to 9.
7	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
8	the motion would make no changes, and the
9	Finance Committee will remain at 12 members.
10	The Select Board voted unanimously
11	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
12	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
14	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
15	recommendation on this article?
16	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We do, Madam
17	Moderator. The Finance Committee voted 6 in
18	favor and 2 opposed to recommend approval of
19	this article. By way of background,
20	community members, the Finance Committee is
21	currently authorized for 12 members, which
22	we have not been able to fill in several
23	years. We have never had a full
24	committee in the last three to four years.

There's always been somebody vacant.

At the current time, there are four vacancies. Our Town officials, Town Moderator, who's the appointing authority, had made diligent efforts to reach out to the community and ask for volunteers, and we've not been able to fill those positions. It has been difficult for the committee on certain times to have a meeting because we need — with seven — with 12 people, we need a majority of seven to attend in order to take a vote.

By reducing the number to 9, we, therefore, reduce our majority needed as well. So, we need this in order to have our meetings at a regular times, a regular fashion, and do the Town's business. The alternative is if it's not voted, we could have trouble having some meetings, but, also, we would anticipate that many of you would file an application to volunteer to work with us. (Laughter.) Thank you.

THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1	And just personally, as the Moderator, it
2	has been very difficult to find folks
3	willing to serve on these Town boards and
4	committees. So, please do send in your
5	application.
6	All right. Is there any further
7	discussion on this article? Seeing none.
8	We'll move to a vote on Article 11. This
9	vote requires a simple majority. When I
10	tell you, you may begin voting; begin voting
11	now.
12	(Voting in progress.)
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
14	now closed. I declare the motion has passed
15	with 648 in favor and 106 in opposition.
16	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Madam
17	Moderator.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes.
19	MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: We're still
20	accepting applications.
21	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
23	Thank you, all. Thank you, Finance
24	Committee.

1 All right. The next article is Article 13. Article 13 was determined to be 2 3 a contingent article. It is contingent on Article 15's disposition. So on the 5 direction of Town Counsel, what we are going to do now is take up Article 15. 6 ARTICLE 15 7 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. 8 9 Article 15 is on page 35 of your handbook, 10 and it requires a simple majority vote. 11 right. Does the Select Board have a 12 recommendation on Article 15? 13 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: Yes, we do, 14 Madam Moderator. 15 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 16 Melissa Ferretti. I'm going to hear from 17 the Select Board, the Finance Committee, and 18 then they're going to make the motion from 19 the floor. Yeah, that's what we're doing. You may proceed, Ms. Ferretti. 20 21 MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: This is a 22 private petition article that seeks to 23 repeal the general bylaw ban on nonmedical 24 marijuana establishments in the Town of

1 Bourne. A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of 2 3 the motion would repeal the general bylaw prohibition on adult-use marijuana 5 establishments in the Town of Bourne and allow non-medical, adult-use marijuana 6 establishments in the Town of Bourne. A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 8 9 the motion would keep the prohibition on 10 adult-use marijuana establishments, and no 11 non-medical Marijuana Establishments will be 12 allowed. 13 The Select Board voted 2 in favor, 14 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions to recommend 15 approval of this article with a yes vote in favor of the motion. 16 17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 18 Does the Finance Committee have a 19 recommendation on this article? 20 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, Madam 21 Moderator, we do. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 22 I recognize 23 Kathleen Legacy. 24 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance

1	Committee voted I just lost my place.
2	I'm sorry. The Finance Committee voted 4
3	for, 3 against, and 1 abstaining to
4	recommend approval of this article.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
6	Now, does the petitioner have a positive
7	motion on Article 15?
8	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: I do.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
10	Steven Strojny.
11	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Steven
12	Strojny. We move that the Town vote to
13	approve this article as set forth in the
14	Warrant.
15	(Seconded.)
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a
17	second. You may have the floor, Mr.
18	Strojny.
19	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Thank you,
20	Madam Moderator. Folks, I want to talk
21	about the medical, therapeutic uses of
22	cannabis, the tax revenue that will be
23	generated by the dispensaries in the Town of
24	Bourne and probably, most importantly, the

issue of protecting kids when it comes to marijuana. Legalization allows for the implementation of strict regulation and age restrictions. You have to be 21 years of age to buy cannabis. And that's similar to the restrictions in place for alcohol and tobacco. This means that only adults would be able to purchase marijuana. When you go to a dispensary, you have your license. You go into the dispensary; they check your license. You're under surveillance when you buy your product. They check your license again, and they have a record of anything you buy.

And one of the most important thing because I think we all agree that the kids need to be protected is that right now there is a black market in Bourne, believe it or not. Kids know where they can go to get cannabis, and drug dealers will sell a joint to a 13-year-old son or daughter. They don't care. They're just in it to make money.

What we need to do is regulate the

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product, make sure it's unavailable to those 21 years or younger than 21 years, and this repeal of the ban is a step in that right direction.

I'm a parent, and when it comes to alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana, it's important to me to educate my kids, and I have done that. And I would suggest that the responsibility of educating children does lie within the parents. So I would suggest that the best way to eliminate this black-market in the Town is to repeal this ban.

money, and I'll tell you why. We have a stated goal of a 10 percent Stabilization Fund. The Stabilization Fund in the Town of Bourne is supposed to be 10 percent of the annual budget. It's at 6 percent. If we can get that up to 10 percent, and the money generated from marijuana will go a long way towards doing that. That will help our bond rating. What we can do with a bond rating is when we build fire stations, new schools,

police stations, any facilities, senior centers, whatever we do, the better our bond rating, the lower it is -- the cost of borrowing money to do that, the lower the rate is. I think we're all acutely aware of

what interest rates are doing right now.

Also, Bourne is a great Town. it's great we have the canal; we have the seashore; we have wonderful restaurants in Town. But what really makes Bourne wonderful is the people; the teachers, the cops, the firefighters, the people who work for the DPW, the people who work in Town I think sometimes we take for granted the quality of services we get in this Town. But it's getting harder and harder to fill those positions because it's expensive to live in Bourne. I'm in real estate, and I looked at the median sales price for the last six months in the Town of Bourne. The median sales price is \$650,000, and that's a high price to pay if you're a first-year schoolteacher or a cop or a firefighter. what we need to do is we need to make this

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1	Town as affordable as we can for the people
2	that work here and live here and do a lot of
3	the heavy lifting that provide us with the
4	services that we get.
5	This building right here; I was on
6	the School Committee; I was on the
7	Facilities and Budget Subcommittee. This
8	building is functionally obsolete. The
9	ventilation system and the heating system in
10	this building is atrocious. It requires
11	constant maintenance and costs us a fortune.
12	Our kids deserve better buildings, better
13	facilities, and they deserve classrooms with
14	the first
15	THE AUDIENCE: Time. Time.
16	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: with
17	first-class
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:
19	Respectfully, please, do not shout out from
20	the audience while someone is speaking.
21	Thank you.
22	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: So our kids
23	deserve that. And I'll end with this, Madam
24	Moderator, and this is from my friend Wes

1	Ewell. "Bourne's current position seems
2	similar to the bylaws that prohibit the sale
3	of alcoholic beverages in some New England
4	towns. They both hark back to the region's
5	puritan past when a minority impose their
6	interpretation of morality on the entire
7	population to the benefit of neither group
8	and at a cost to both.
9	Folks, let's Move Bourne Forward.
10	Let's not hold Bourne back. Let's repeal
11	the ban. Thank you. God bless.
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
13	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No
15	applause. Thank you. No applause. Thank
16	you. Thank you, Mr. Strojny.
17	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Thank you.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
19	We're not going to be having bursts of
20	applause or shooting out. We're all doing
21	our best here. That's why I have a deputy
22	to let people know of the time constraints.
23	So, the way it's going to work
24	with these high-interest articles is that I

would like to alternate positions. So, Mr. Seaver.

MR. GEORGE SEAVER: My name is

George Seaver. I live in Cataumet,

Massachusetts, and this is the fourth or

fifth time I've been at this podium on this

subject. Two points I'd like to make of the

proximity of both the zoning district and

the proposed store that will sell it to the

public schools.

The second is the Mass. Department of Public Health survey on the consequences of the use of opioids and, in particular, marijuana. Number one, the zoning for marijuana that we'll soon vote on abuts the public schools; the middle school and the high school. It's 145 feet from the pitcher's mound in the ballfield. Third, and this is important to me, there is a path, a well-used path from the ballfield to the marijuana zoning, and, in particular, to the area that is proposed to sell it.

That's a dangerous proximity.

The second point has to do with

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1 the consequences of what happens when a Town 2 votes in favor of legalizing this drug. 3 Mass. Department of Public Health surveys -keeps track of every town in Massachusetts 5 the negative outcomes of this kind of drug use, and, in particular, Wareham. Wareham 6 has legalized it fairly recently. Prior to 7 8 legalization, they had an average of 15 9 negative outcomes of opioids which includes 10 fentanyl-affected marijuana. Now after 11 legalization, that has gone up by almost a 12 factor of 10. 1.3 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, 14 Mr. Seaver. That was two minutes. 15 you. Can you wrap it up in the next 30 seconds? 16 17 MR. GEORGE SEAVER: Yes, I can. 18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 19 MR. GEORGE SEAVER: They had 13 20 fatalities in Wareham in just December 21 alone. 22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 23 If someone in favor of this article would 24 step forward. Thank you.

1	MS. LORI HOUGH: Good evening.
2	Lori Hough, Monument Beach.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You may
4	proceed.
5	MS. LORI HOUGH: I would like to
6	thank everyone for taking their time out of
7	their busy schedules to attend tonight's
8	Town Meeting. We really appreciate your
9	time.
10	Five years ago, when the issue of
11	the ban on cannabis came up, we were told of
12	all the horrible things that would happen if
13	it was to be allowed in our Town. Five
14	years later, we now know that none of those
15	things are true and our surrounding
16	communities has proven that.
17	My understanding is recently the
18	vice president of the Massachusetts Chiefs
19	of Police Association and the liaison to the
20	Cannabis Control Board, John Carmichael,
21	reported that there has been no issues with
22	any of the stores in the 200-plus
23	communities that have them.
24	As a person who owns and operates

a cannabis store, I can tell you, if you don't like cannabis, that's okay. You don't have to come in. You won't even know the stores are there unless you're looking for them. As you have a personal right not to use cannabis or to buy it, there are those who want to use cannabis and should have the same rights and that freedom to purchase it here in Bourne. Freedom is what our country has been built on. You wouldn't want yours taken away, and you shouldn't take it away from someone else.

For those who will say, "Just go

For those who will say, "Just go to another town and get it," I would only ask, "Why?" Why should anyone have to spend extra time and money traveling out of Town to get something that is perfectly legal and should be available here in their home Town of Bourne. I thank you, again, for your time, and I urge you to vote "YES" on Article 15.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Are you in favor? Against. Go.

DR. MIGUEL PRIETO: Good evening.

1 Dr. Miguel Prieto. I'm the medical director 2 at Bourne Primary Care, and I live in Gray 3 Gables. I'm just going to share some facts, and then I'll give you my medical -- my 4 5 personal opinion, not medical. So cannabis has been classified as 6 7 a legal substance that does not have the same addicting power as opiates or any other 8 9 things. Absolutely, it does not. 10 What it does do is it decreases 11 your IQ by eight points. It's completely 12 reversible if it happens after age 25, I 13 believe, that this ban will be taking place 14 after age 25 when it's used regularly. 15 it decreases your sperm count by 25 percent when it's used more than 20 -- more than 16 17 twice a week or you're at college. So if 18 you want to lose your wits and your sex 19 power, you go ahead and do it. 20 THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.) 21 DR. MIGUEL PRIETO: But it's been 22 shown to decrease your nausea, your 23 vomiting, and diarrhea in patients with

chronic -- after constant use after five

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years, your risk for surgery is much higher by using it. So we're not here discussing the medical point, but when it's used in a recreational way and it's marketed as we've seen now across the country as cookies, and some that look like Oreos or KitKats but with different names, that some very clever, they become really enticing to kids in the household and to pets, and there have been multiple cases in which kids get intoxicated, none have died. I'm not going to lie; they can become intoxicated. They need sometimes respiratory support, and pets actually can die from this.

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There was a case of one gentleman that was told to eat just a piece of a cookie, and he tried it. He didn't get any effects, and he thought it didn't do anything. He ate the whole cookie, and then hallucinated, and a bad thing happened; he just jumped from the balcony.

So what I'm trying to tell you is something that is recreational with a potential to be misused by others, that's

1	not a safe use
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That was
3	two minutes.
4	DR. MIGUEL PRIETO: Thank you.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
6	very much.
7	DR. MIGUEL PRIETO: You didn't
8	give me the extra 30 seconds, but I forgive
9	you.
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. Next
11	time. All right. I think all of you are
12	against.
13	MALE VOICE: I'm against.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All of you.
15	All right.
16	MS. PAM MASCETTA: I'm Pam
17	Mascetta of Buzzards Bay. I am an
18	independent concerned citizen who has
19	coached figure skating for over 45 years,
20	encouraging young people to be the best that
21	they can be.
22	I oppose Article 15. We must
23	maintain the ban on recreational marijuana
24	to protect the health and well-being of our

youth and the character of our community.

Remember what prevention science teaches us,
when supply goes up and perception of harm
goes down, use rates go up. Legalization
has created an increase in marijuana use and
perception of normalization.

Article 15 promotes the use of marijuana by increasing local supply and lowering the public perception of harm. The way to protect our youth is to lessen the availability of marijuana and educate them to create more awareness of the harms, that includes setting a good example for our children.

Thousands and thousands of research studies have been done. Look at the CDC website; health effects of marijuana are real and quite clear. Besides evidence of its effects on the growing brain, the heart, the lungs, the fetus; there is growing evidence of marijuana's association with psychiatric disorders including depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia especially in young men. It

is a mind-altering psychoactive drug, and 30 1 2 percent of users have marijuana-use disorder 3 or become addicted. Let's not forget the DEA classifies marijuana as a Schedule I 4 5 drug. As a result, its use is not allowed if you have a career in transportation, 6 7 medicine, the military, or other jobs that require unimpaired motor coordination and 8 9 judgment. If you want to use marijuana, you 10 are free to buy it in one of the neighboring 11 towns or one of the 900 retail outlets in 12 this state, or have it delivered to your 1.3 house, or grow it at your home. We should 14 not change our commitment to keep Bourne free of pot shops. 15 Please vote "NO" on Article 15 to 16 17 protect the health of our youth and maintain 18 the character of our Town as a desirable 19 place to live and a family-friendly 20 destination for healthy recreation. 21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 22 Thank you very much. 23 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.) 2.4 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR:

1	clapping. Please, no applause. Thank you.
2	Are you in favor?
3	MS. CLAUDINE WRIGHTER: Hi,
4	Claudine Wrighter, Pocasset. I'm just
5	asking as Moderator that we all get an equal
6	opportunity to speak regardless of whether
7	we're for or against. I've noticed that the
8	timeframes have not been different. Some
9	have been allowed an extra 30 seconds and
10	some have not. So, I'm asking that you
11	please allow each resident to state their
12	preference and have the appropriate
13	timeframe. Thank you.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
15	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please
17	don't applaud. We have a timekeeper. The
18	deputy moderator is keeping two minutes. I
19	interrupted someone mid-sentence, so I let
20	him finish his thought. I welcome folks on
21	either side of this issue. Are you in favor
22	or against, sir?
23	MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Against.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. So

1 is anyone in favor? Come on. I like to 2 alternate viewpoints. So that's what we're 3 going to have. Go ahead. Please identify your name. 5 MR. NORBERT BROWN: Yeah. My name is Norbert Brown. I live on Plants Landing, 6 7 not far from here, and just a couple of 8 quick points. One is my wife and I raised 9 three kids in this Town, and two of them 10 went to this school, and I can tell you 11 unequivocally that kids can get marijuana. 12 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.) 1.3 MR. NORBERT BROWN: They don't 14 need the dispensaries. It seems to me the 15 only thing that we're doing is denying the 16 Town revenue. You know, as the lady just 17 said, we can go to the next Town; we can go 18 to Plymouth to Wareham to Mashpee to -- I've 19 been to a few places. 20 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.) 21 MR. NORBERT BROWN: And, you know, 22 it really is simply denying the Town revenue 23 that we need and that we can use.

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it.

Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

Mr. Bunevith.

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MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: Hi. My name is John Bunevith. I live on Shore Road in Cataumet. I'd like, for a moment, if you'd all put aside your personal feelings about whether marijuana is harmless or harmful, good or bad, or whatever. Rather, I'd like to ask this question to those of us that were not so fortunate to have lived here our entire lives and be born and raised here and ask this question, "Why did you choose to move and live here?"

Now, it's not uncommon for a small Town youth to want to leave the boredom of rural and small towns for the excitement of big cities and other places, only to return years later, after realizing what they left for was nowhere near as good as what they left behind.

So to those of you that were so fortunate to have been born and raised here, why did you choose to stay, or why did you -- or, if you did move away, return? For

me, it's been that small Town, Cape Cod charm and all the things that go along with it; quaint harbors, ponds, villages, cranberry bogs and marshes, beaches, fishing wildlife, mom and pop stores, fun things to do, and great seafood, of which I've eaten far more than my fair share.

Sadly, I see the Cape Cod charm that I believe most of us either came for or chose to stay being eroded and lost. It's being lost to development, development that makes us more and more like any other suburban, same old, same old town on the mainland, and less and less like a charming Cape Cod town.

I would venture to guess that none of us chose to come here because of commercial marijuana. Commercial marijuana and overlay districts are the opposite of and the death of Cape Cod charm. Allowing commercial marijuana in Town is just one more nail in the coffin of what little is left of our Cape Cod charm. And the only people that will benefit from allowing

1	commercial marijuana is a very small select
2	group of select people
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
4	That was two minutes.
5	MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: okay, whose
6	only hope is to enrich themselves.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
8	Mr. Tobey, are you in favor?
9	MR. AARON TOBEY: Thank you, Madam
10	Moderator.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead.
12	MR. AARON TOBEY: Aaron Tobey,
13	Gray Gables. Madam Moderator, I ask you to
14	call the vote.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have a
16	motion to move the question, Mr. Tobey. All
17	right. At this point, this means that we
18	are going to take a vote on whether or not
19	we are going to continue discussing this
20	article or not. Okay? All right.
21	This one requires a two-thirds
22	majority vote. We're going to use the
23	electronic voting devices. I'm just going
24	to make sure that we're ready. If you would

1	like to end debate on Article 15, you will
2	vote yes. I'm going to give you a minute.
3	Please don't vote yet. He's setting up this
4	voting field. If you would like to continue
5	discussing this article for the rest of the
6	evening, vote no.
7	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's true.
9	We can discuss it as long I will be here
10	as long as you want to discuss it. Okay.
11	At this time, if you would like to close
12	discussion on this article, you may vote now
13	by pressing "YES." If you would like to
14	continue discussing, you may press the red
15	button, which is "NO." Begin voting now.
16	(Voting in progress.)
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
18	now closed. We are going to end debate; we
19	have 697 in favor and 91 in opposition.
20	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
21	(Motion passed.)
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We will now
23	move to a vote on Article 15. It is on page
24	35 of your handbook. It requires a simple

1	majority vote. Green for "YES"; red for
2	"NO." You may begin voting now.
3	THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're
5	voting on Article 15. "YES" means that
6	we're going to repeal the bylaw; "NO" means
7	you want to keep the bylaw.
8	THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you
10	please approach the podium? I can't hear
11	you. There are several people speaking.
12	I'm sorry.
13	MS. STACEY WALLACE: Hi, I'm
14	Stacey Wallace. I live at 16 Old Dam Road.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	MS. STACEY WALLACE: After all the
17	discussion, it would have been nice for you
18	to restate what the Article 15 was.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
20	for that feedback.
21	MS. STACEY WALLACE: And then,
22	also, you're a Moderator, you're supposed to
23	be neutral.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm

1	completely
2	MS. STACEY WALLACE: And you
3	making the joke about shutting other
4	people's right to speak up
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Excuse me.
6	MS. STACEY WALLACE: Excuse me.
7	You made a joke about everyone who wanted to
8	say something, let's get them off and not
9	speaking. You need to be neutral.
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm
11	completely neutral. Thank you.
12	MS. STACEY WALLACE: That was not
13	neutral. That was a joke, and it was one
14	sided.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
16	for that feedback. I have the results of
17	Article 15 to repeal the
18	THE AUDIENCE: No, no, no.
19	MR. GARY MALONEY: Point of order.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: A "YES"
21	vote repeals the bylaw, the existing bylaw.
22	A "NO" vote does not repeal the bylaw.
23	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: I can
24	repeat.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That's what
2	you just voted on and people wanted All
3	right. We're going to reset the voting.
4	We're going to revote. Everyone, we are
5	revoting Article 15. Do you want to make
6	the motion or do you
7	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: I'm going
8	to re-explain.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You're
10	going to no, it's not your motion.
11	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: I know.
12	I'm going to re-explain if that works.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Page 35 in
14	your handbook.
15	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: This is a
16	private petition article that seeks to
17	repeal the general bylaw ban on non-medical
18	marijuana establishments in the Town of
19	Bourne.
20	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
21	the motion would repeal the general bylaw
22	prohibition on adult-use marijuana
23	establishments in the Town of Bourne and
24	allow non-medical, adult-use marijuana

1	establishments in the Town of Bourne.
2	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
3	the motion would keep the prohibition on
4	adult-use marijuana establishments and no
5	non-medical marijuana establishments will be
6	allowed.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
8	THE AUDIENCE: Thank you.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Would you
10	repeat the Finance Committee recommendation?
11	Thank you.
12	MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Absolutely.
13	The Finance Committee voted 4 for this
14	article, sorry, 3 against the article, and 1
15	abstaining. So, the Finance Committee's
16	vote was very close, but we did vote in
17	favor of this article.
18	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: The Select
19	Board voted 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2
20	abstentions to recommend approval of this
21	article with a yes vote in favor of the
22	motion.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
24	At this time, we're going to move to a vote

1	on Article 15. Article 15 is on page 35 of
2	your handbook and requires a simple majority
3	vote. If you would like to vote "YES" on
4	Article 15, you will press the green button.
5	To vote "NO," you will press the red button.
6	You may begin voting now.
7	(Voting in progress.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
9	now closed. Article 15 required a simple
10	majority vote. Article 15 has passed with
11	453 votes, nos were 359 votes.
12	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
13	(Article 15 passed.)
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please, no
15	applause. Mr. Strojny.
16	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: I move
17	reconsideration of Article 15. I declare I
18	was on the prevailing side.
19	(Seconded.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. We
21	have a motion for reconsideration on the
22	floor and a second. A motion for
23	reconsideration.
24	THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. All
2	right. So quiet, please. We have a motion
3	to reconsider Article 15. Mr. Strojny has
4	declared that he was on the prevailing side,
5	and that he would like us to revote on
6	Article 15. So, what we're going to do is
7	take two votes now; one vote to see if we
8	would like to reconsider
9	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Potentially,
10	just one vote.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Are you
12	going to
13	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: On the motion
14	to reconsider I'm sorry.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.
16	We're going to take potentially two votes.
17	We're going to decide whether or not we want
18	to reconsider Article 15. If that motion
19	passes, we will vote again on Article 15.
20	Does that make sense?
21	THE AUDIENCE: No, no, no.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So this is
23	not a very common thing that is happening.
24	This doesn't happen a lot. If you have a

1	question, you're going to have to approach.
2	We have Town Counsel.
3	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
4	MASTRANGELO: Madam Moderator.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Madam
6	Chair, I recognize you.
7	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
8	MASTRANGELO: Thank you. This is a
9	procedure of Town Meeting. So you entertain
10	a motion to reconsider because any time
11	after a vote is taken, someone can get up up
12	to an hour and say, "I want to reconsider
13	the vote." So, if people who have voted in
14	the affirmative get up and leave, then
15	someone could ask for reconsideration, and
16	then you're not here to vote.
17	The purpose of asking for
18	reconsideration is that once you voted once
19	yes or no to have reconsideration, if they
20	vote no on reconsideration, then there's no
21	further reconsideration of the vote we have
22	just taken; is that correct? Can you
23	yes?
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes.

## SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 1 2 MASTRANGELO: In the microphone, so that's 3 correct. So we have had a vote where Article 15 for repeal has passed by 400-and-5 something to 300-and-something. So if the Town Meeting now votes not to reconsider, 6 then that vote stands and cannot be 8 reconsidered again at this Town Meeting. 9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Correct. 10 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 11 MASTRANGELO: So if you're in favor of 12 reconsideration, you would vote "YES." Ιf 1.3 you are not in favor of reconsideration and 14 you want the vote that we have just taken to 15 stand, then you would vote "NO." 16 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So you'll 17 vote "NO" to keep the vote that we just had 18 on Article 15. You'll vote "YES" if you 19 want to reconsider and vote again on Article 20 15. Is that good in layman's terms? 21 THE AUDIENCE: Yes. 22 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 23 MS. PAM MASCETTA: Point of 24 information.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please.
2	MS. PAM MASCETTA: Could you
3	please clarify again the numbers on the
4	vote? I was a little bit confused how that
5	was
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 453 "YES",
7	359 "NO."
8	MS. PAM MASCETTA: Thank you.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You're
10	welcome. Okay. All right. Mr. Strojny,
11	would you like to be heard on this?
12	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: I would.
13	Thank you very much. Folks, we just had a
14	large majority vote to repeal the ban, and I
15	would encourage you to vote "NO" on the
16	reconsideration to put this issue to bed and
17	rest once and for all. And thank you for
18	your votes and your consideration. It's a
19	wonderful outcome, folks. Thank you very
20	much.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Would
22	anyone else like to be heard on this? This
23	is debatable. Go ahead, sir. Please
24	identify yourself.

1	MR. MARK EMMONS: Mark Emmons,
2	Monument Beach. Fellow citizens, this is
3	the fourth vote we've taken on this over the
4	last four years. Yeah, you know, I thought
5	we had put this aside to protect our
6	families and our community for the last four
7	years. I'm upset that my Selectmen and
8	Finance Board disappointed me in this matter
9	to reconsider this at this time. You know,
10	we have a populace here, but I think if you
11	were to put it out to the overall I know
12	this is a Town Meeting, but I'm upset that
13	this is not being considered for the whole
14	for mothers and fathers who are at home
15	with their children and other retirees who
16	would normally vote on November 4. Thank
17	you.
18	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause)
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
20	Please, no applause. Thank you for
21	speaking. Would anyone else like to be
22	heard on this? Go ahead.
23	MS. JULIE KEENE: Julie Keene,
24	Sagamore Beach. I would like clarification

1	from Ms. Mastrangelo, if I could, on what
2	she just explained. I'm just not clear, and
3	I'd like to be clear. So I'm going to ask
4	her a question and see if I get the answer
5	that will clear me up.
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: She's
7	coming to the podium.
8	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
9	MASTRANGELO: So I'm not sure where
10	reconsideration is explained in the voter
11	handbook. Page okay, it's on page 8.
12	MS. JULIE KEENE: Mary Jane, could
13	I ask my question first?
14	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
15	MASTRANGELO: Yes.
16	MS. JULIE KEENE: Okay. So if I
17	understood you right, Mr. Strojny, sorry for
18	mispronouncing your name, he came to the
19	podium, and he is asking us to revote so
20	that within that one-hour timeframe, if
21	another citizen on the floor here wanted to
22	protest the vote again, or whatever that
23	word was, they could no longer come to the
24	podium and do that. They couldn't challenge

1 the vote after his once we vote his request 2 through, correct? Or if we vote, say, for 3 instance, if the Town people here vote in favor of what he is trying to do, then we --5 no one else could come up in that time or someone else can still contest the vote? 6 7 It's so confusing. I need somebody to clear this up. And I'm sure I can't be the only 8 one here that's confused because there's 9 10 600-something of us here, right? 11 THE AUDIENCE: Right. 12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Decorum, 1.3 please. We're going to get the answer to 14 your question, Ms. Keene. Please, quiet, 15 please. 16 MS. JULIE KEENE: Thank you. 17 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 18 MASTRANGELO: So, I know this from a prior 19 town that I lived in, I mean, it's not --20 reconsideration is not something that's done in Bourne a lot. But, before I lived in --21 22 before I moved full-time to Bourne, I lived 23 in the Town of Southborough, and I was on 24 the school committee in the Town of

Southborough. So I was involved there, too, for nine years. So it was a common practice in Southborough, and reconsideration is a common practice in Town Meeting.

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So it says on Chapter 8 that reconsideration, it's number 13 on page 8, one-hour rule pursuant to Town Bylaw, a notice of intention to reconsider on an article may only be given within one hour of continuous Town Meeting time. Depending on the hour the original vote is taken and officially recorded by the town clerk, this one-hour may carry over to a subsequent session.

So, if this was like, like if this was like 9:30 tonight and we closed the meeting at 10 and came out tomorrow -- and came back tomorrow, there'd still be a half-hour of Town Meeting time to reconsider, which is another -- so, over to a subsequent Town Meeting to which your original vote is taken, the subsequent session of Town Meeting may reconvene several days after the original vote is taken.

1 The purpose of asking for 2 reconsideration right away is that you can 3 only ask for reconsideration one time. once you vote this reconsideration, if it's 5 voted not to reconsider, then the Article 15 vote will stand and will not be 6 reconsidered. 7 If you vote "YES" for 8 9 reconsideration now, then we would vote -revote Article 15 again. It may have the 10 11 same result; may not have the same result, 12 but that's what this is doing. It is ending 1.3 the one-hour time because you can only do it 14 once. So reconsideration and the purpose of 15 doing it right away is to have the vote 16 stand. Thank you. 17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 18 Yes, you have to come step forward. 19 MR. BRUCE TAINTER: My name is 20 Bruce Tainter, and I'm just kind of confused 21 here. Does the Selectmen and the Finance 22 Company also reconsider this? 23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No. We're 2.4 just talking about reconsidering the vote

1	that this body took on Article 15 tonight.
2	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: But could they
3	vote on that? They could reconsider Article
4	15 altogether?
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So, it was
6	a private petition that made it on, like,
7	this happened months ago when everything
8	we can't change that it's before us now.
9	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: Correct.
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And we have
11	this motion right now that we have to vote
12	on because it's on the table, like, we have
13	to vote on something that's been brought up
14	like this.
15	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: Correct.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So we're
17	definitely going to be voting on whether or
18	not we're going to reconsider Article 15.
19	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: But would the
20	Selectmen reconsider their vote?
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So they're
22	going to vote as citizens, but that has
23	nothing to do with their recommendation.
24	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: I've gotcha.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yeah.
2	MR. BRUCE TAINTER: Thank you.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You're
4	welcome. Would anyone else like to be heard
5	on this motion to reconsider Article 15?
6	No. So what's going to happen now is we are
7	going to move to a vote on Mr. Strojny's
8	motion. If you would like to revote Article
9	15, you are going to vote "YES." If you
10	would like to keep the result of the vote on
11	Article 15, you are going to vote "NO." Is
12	everyone clear on that?
13	THE AUDIENCE: Yes.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. Hold
15	on. I have to make sure we're ready. This
16	is a simple majority vote. You may begin
17	voting now. "YES" to revote, "NO" to keep
18	the result of the vote we already had.
19	(Voting in progress.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
21	now closed. I declare that Mr. Strojny's
22	motion to reconsider has failed with "NO" at
23	484, and "YES" at 309.
24	(Motion failed.)

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So we are
2	not reconsidering Article 15.
3	THE AUDIENCE: Woo! Woo!
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: And the
5	next article will be Article 13, which was
6	pulled before.
7	ARTICLE 13
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That's the
9	one that got pulled, right? All right.
10	Article 13. Can everyone settle down,
11	please? We still have several articles to
12	finish this night. Thank you.
13	All right. So we're moving to
14	Article 13. Article 13 is on page 25 of
15	your handbook and requires a two-thirds
16	majority vote.
17	Does the Select Board have a
18	recommendation on Article 13? MJ.
19	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
20	MASTRANGELO: This is a Planning Board
21	motion.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You're
23	going to do the Select Board recommendation
24	first and the motion goes last.

1	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
2	MASTRANGELO: I'm sorry; I'm not comfortable
3	with that. I think there should be a motion
4	on the floor, and it's a zoning article, so
5	the Planning Board makes the motion. The
6	Select Board does not make the motion.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No. I know
8	that he's making the motion, but the
9	practice has been that the Select Board and
10	the Finance Committee explain themselves and
11	your votes. If you want to go after the
12	motion, you can.
13	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
14	MASTRANGELO: I would like to go after the
15	motion.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That's fine
17	too. All right. So I'm going to recognize
18	Planning Board Chair Dan Doucette.
19	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
20	Madam Moderator, we move Article 13 as set
21	forth in the Warrant.
22	(Seconded.)
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,
24	and I have a second. Is there any

1	discussion?
2	(Seconded.)
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Does the
4	Finance Committee have a recommendation to
5	make on this article?
6	MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We do,
7	Madam Moderator. The Finance Committee
8	voted 5 for, 1 against, and 2 abstaining.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
10	And does the Select Board have a
11	recommendation to make on this article?
12	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
13	MASTRANGELO: Yes. I was expecting the
14	Planning Board report to go first. Could
15	you have that first?
16	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
17	Are you prepared to go before the Select
18	Board makes their
19	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
20	Yes.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
22	Please go ahead, Mr. Doucette.
23	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
24	Article 13, Marijuana Overlay District, is

to add Section 4850, the Marijuana Overlay
District; 4851 Purpose; 4852 Applicability;
4853 Application Requirements; 4854 Location
Requirements; 4855 Site Development
Standards; 4856 Limitations; 4857 Marijuana
Definitions; and 4858 Severability to amend
Section V Definitions to add: Marijuana
definitions for fraternal or social
organization lodge definition to delete text
applies only to the Downtown Bylaw Section
2800; to amend Section 2110 Types of
Districts to insert "Marijuana Overlay
District and (MOD)"; to amend Section 2140,
District Purposes, insert "Marijuana Overlay
District."

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The Planning Board held informal public meetings on the proposed Marijuana Overlay Districts on June 8, June 22, and July 13. The Board considered public comments and drafted a proposed Marijuana Overlay District. A legal notice was published in the Cape Cod Times on July 24 and July 31. On August 10, in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40A,

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1	Section 5, the Planning Board opened a
2	public hearing to review the proposed Bourne
3	Zoning Bylaw amendment to add "Marijuana
4	Overlay District." The public hearing was
5	continued to August 24, at which time the
6	Planning Board endorsed the proposed
7	Marijuana Overlay District in the Marijuana
8	Overlay District maps titled "North Sagamore
9	MOD dated 7/13/23, Sheet A-1." "South
10	Sagamore MOD dated 8/11/23, Sheet B-1."
11	"Downtown MOD dated 7/13/23, Sheet C-1," and
12	"MacArthur Boulevard MOD Sheet D1-D10."
13	There were 12 members of the
14	public present on August 10 and 4 members of
15	the public present August 24. The following
16	six Planning Board members were present on
17	August 24: Daniel Doucette, David O'Connor,
18	Christopher Farrell, Amanda Wing, John
19	Duggan, and James Robinson.
20	The Planning Board voted
21	unanimously 6-0 to recommend approval of
22	this article.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
24	MJ.

## SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

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MASTRANGELO: Thank you. Town Meeting has voted to repeal the ban on non-medical marijuana establishments in the Town of Bourne. As the Planning Board has explained, this Planning Board-sponsored article establishes a Marijuana Overlay District, MOD, in Bourne that would allow up to three medical or adult-use marijuana retail establishments in specific areas of Bourne but would prohibit all other types of non-medical marijuana establishments.

The identified areas include sections of MacArthur Boulevard, the area around Belmont Circle, and areas in Sagamore. The MacArthur Boulevard MOD requires site plan review, and the other MODs require a special permit. Maps of the MODs are included in Appendix D with the Planning Board report on pages 55 to 68 of the voter handbook.

A "YES" of "AYE" vote in favor of the motion changes the Zoning Bylaw to include an overlay district to regulate

retail marijuana land uses.

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A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to the motion would maintain the status quo and not change the Zoning Bylaw, and there would be no zoning regulation of marijuana land uses in the Town of Bourne.

Article 15 passed, and the General Bylaw ban on marijuana establishments has been repealed. Based on that vote, the Select Board voted unanimously 4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article with a yes vote in favor of the motion.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

Is there any further discussion on this article? Go ahead, Ms. Keene.

MS. JULIE KEENE: Julie Keene,
Sagamore Beach. I have just a question. I
don't know if anybody up here can answer
this or not. But when these overlay
districts were made, I'm wondering why were
they not -- why is there not an overlay
district in every village in the Town? Why
is it just a few of the villages, not in Mo
Beach, not in Pocasset, not in Cataumet? Is

1 there anyone here that can answer that 2 designed the overlay districts and explain 3 that to us voters? MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'll let 4 5 Mr. Doucette answer your question, Ms. 6 Keene. PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE: 7 Yes, during the hearings that we had at the 8 9 Planning Board, a lot of discussion was 10 heard and to try to keep the traffic people 11 looking for marijuana off and out of the 12 neighborhood sections. For that purpose, we 1.3 tried to create them along MacArthur 14 Boulevard, near the rotary in Buzzards Bay, 15 near the Christmas Tree Shop in South 16 Sagamore, and by the old Friendly's property 17 in North Sagamore. We tried to keep them 18 away from the residential districts. 19 MS. JULIE KEENE: Okay. In reply 20

MS. JULIE KEENE: Okay. In reply to that, because I live in Sagamore Beach, if you have an overlay district in Sagamore, I don't know if you live over near there during the summer, but that whole area is gridlocked. So if you're going to have

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1 these folks that come in and pick up their 2 drugs and whatever, you know, however it's 3 done, I mean, that's what we're talking about, so, either opposed or not, I'm just 4 5 trying to understand, you know, wouldn't it make sense to put a little more of the 6 traffic on the other side of Town instead of 7 having it jammed where we live all the time? 8 9 Just a thought, you know, food for thought 10 for the next time. Thank you. 11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 12 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 1.3 MASTRANGELO: May I? 14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: MJ, you may 15 go ahead in response to that comment. 16 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 17 MASTRANGELO: So one of the things I want to talk about is the difference between the 18 19 site plan review in the MacArthur Boulevard 20 section. Site plan review is simply are you following all the rules of that 21 22 section, the underlying zoning in that 23 section. For Sagamore and Belmont Circle, 24 it's special permit, and special permit is a

process that the Planning Board goes through 1 where they consider traffic, and they 2 3 consider other things, and they can impose different things, stricter things on a 5 business to make sure it's going to fit into the nature. 6 So the reason for having special 7 permit in the Sagamore sections is that kind 8 9 of consideration. And for a special permit, 10 it requires a supermajority of the Planning 11 Board, a higher number of people on the 12 Planning Board. It's just not a majority; 1.3 it's a higher majority. So for those 14 districts to be more careful about how it's 15 going to be placed or what it's going to be 16 placed or how it's going to impact the 17 neighborhood, that's why they made that 18 special permit in Sagamore. 19 MS. JULIE KEENE: Thank you. 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 21 Go ahead. 22 MR. KEVIN HOUGH: Kevin Hough, 23 Shore Road. This article controls where

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these stores can go. If you vote no on this

1 article, there are no controls in place; 2 these stores can go anywhere where a 3 business can go. What these overlay districts have 5 done has said that they can only go in these areas. As someone who voted for this 6 repeal, I would encourage you to vote yes on 8 these. This committee took a long time this 9 summer and went through each individual 10 parcel and looked at it and looked where it 11 sat in the Town and what was adjacent to it. 12 And they took their time so that these could 1.3 be sited in the proper places in Town. 14 If you vote no on this, they can 15 go anywhere they want. And what this group 16 did was a responsible thing by setting them 17 up to go in the areas that are built for 18 commerce. 19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause) 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Hold your applause, please. Go ahead. 21 22 MS. PAM MASCETTA: Pam Mascetta, 23 Buzzards Bay. I just wanted to share with 2.4 you that I attended quite a few of the

1 meetings of the Planning Board. And for the 2 most part, the people attending were myself 3 and Mr. Strojny representing the Houghs and the marijuana proponents. This plan works 5 very well for them, and I have to say the Planning Board worked very hard, and they 6 did try to do what they thought was best for 7 8 the Town. 9 But what it really does is what's 10 best for the people that want to sell 11 marijuana because it's all on the main drags 12 where everybody can get to it easily. And, 1.3 of course, I'm disappointed about the vote 14 on the repeal. 15 THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.) 16 MS. PAM MASCETTA: But there are 17 some flaws to it, but I really am not sure 18 if not to have this so. 19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 20 Is there anyone else who would like to be 21 heard on Article 13? I recognize you, Mr. 22 Bunevith. 23 MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: John Bunevith 24 from Cataumet. Perhaps this should be

directed to town counsel, but it's my understanding, absence specific zoning for commercial marijuana that serves as a de facto ban. They cannot, as the previous gentleman said, go anywhere in Town. So that's my understanding of it. Can you explain that? There has to be specific zoning for marijuana in order to be in Town. We established this at one of the previous votes.

ATTORNEY BRYAN BERTRAM: I don't know that we established in one of the previous votes. It's not a de facto ban.

It's just going to revert to the underlying zoning so.

MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: Which if there is no zoning for marijuana, then they can't put it there.

ATTORNEY BRYAN BERTRAM: Well, that would be up to the Planning Board whether in compliance with the zoning or not, but we've repealed the Zoning Bylaw that prohibits it. So at this point, you know, we're not prohibiting it anymore, so

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1	we can't prohibit it in the Town.
2	MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: But the notion
3	that it could go anywhere isn't true.
4	That's not correct.
5	ATTORNEY BRYAN BERTRAM: No, I
6	think that it is true that it couldn't go
7	anywhere in terms of a residential district
8	or something, but we'd have to look closely
9	at the zoning to figure out where it could
10	go.
11	MR. JOHN BUNEVITH: Okay. Thank
12	you.
13	ATTORNEY BRYAN BERTRAM: I can't
14	do that on the fly.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	Mr. Mealy, I saw you first.
17	MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you,
18	Madam Moderator. Stephen Mealy from
19	Sagamore Beach. We've just voted to lift a
20	ban, and I think I used a story about
21	sending Brady out on the field without pads,
22	and that's what we'd be doing tonight if we
23	didn't put in place some type of zoning to
24	control, now, the sale of marijuana here in

1 the Town of Bourne.

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So I would urge this body this evening to support this particular zoning article as has been presented this evening. And the reason for that is to give us now controls in order to determine where these particular outlets will then be placed in the Town of Bourne.

The significance of having a special permit required for the Main Street Buzzards Bay and in Sagamore is very significant, because as you've heard, special provisions can be made by the Planning Board for those particular areas to address unusual circumstances such as you've heard earlier about high traffic during the summer seasons. As a former member of and chairman of the Planning Board, to not have the tools necessary in order to guide the development of any type of business in Town can be disastrous. And we've decided tonight that we're going to allow these, and tonight we also should decide to control these throughout the town. And I would urge

1	you to support this particular article.
2	Thank you.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
4	I saw you next.
5	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Yes. My name is
6	Sandra Ryan, 81 Adams Street in Sagamore.
7	Two question; have these five zones already
8	been approved?
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So the
10	Planning Board had hearings this summer on
11	all of these.
12	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
13	Can you repeat your question?
14	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Have these five
15	zones been designated and approved, or is
16	there any discussion on this?
17	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
18	They've been designated and just voted by
19	the Planning Board to approve them for a
20	Town Meeting vote.
21	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Okay. So we
22	have not voted
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're
24	voting on this article. This is the article

1	we're talking about right now.
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	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Okay.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes, ma'am.
4	MS. SANDRA RYAN: So you're voting
5	now on whether it's going to go in these
6	five places and in those five areas? And my
7	other question is, has there been any
8	consideration in the manufacturing part of
9	this? I mean, manufacturing was okay
10	tonight, and I assume that requires
11	buildings, water, fertilizer; what this is
12	going to do to our groundwater, which is so
13	special.
14	THE AUDIENCE: (Mumbling.)
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr.
16	Doucette is going to answer those questions.
17	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
18	Those considerations have also been
19	addressed in our current bylaw. We prohibit
20	the growth and manufacturing of cannabis in
21	Town.
22	MS. SANDRA RYAN: But didn't we
23	just didn't we just repeal that?
24	THE AUDIENCE: No. No.

1	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
2	No. What we did is repealed, from the best
3	of my understanding, is the sale of
4	recreational marijuana. So now that's
5	allowed, and our bylaw covers only three
6	recreational facilities within the Town of
7	Bourne, no manufacturing, no cultivation.
8	MS. SANDRA RYAN: What was the
9	page of that one?
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. Does
11	that answer your question?
12	MS. SANDRA RYAN: No.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
14	Well, we're going to move on to the next
15	person, and then we're going to come back to
16	you, ma'am. Go ahead.
17	MR. GEORGE SEAVER: George Seaver,
18	Cataumet. If we approve this Zoning Bylaw,
19	we will allow marijuana sales that abut the
20	public schools, the middle school, and the
21	high school. That's a fact. You look at
22	that chart on D-3.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.
24	MR. GEORGE SEAVER: What we should

1	do is we should have a Zoning Bylaw that
2	prohibits that goes according to state
3	law at least 500 feet away from school
4	property.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
6	Mr. Doucette, can you respond to that?
7	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
8	Yes, the Planning Board also addressed that
9	in our definition under "buffer zones,"
10	which meets the state or exceeds the state's
11	regulations in the location of a cannabis
12	facility near a school 500 feet in all the
13	measurements and how to define that as in
14	here.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	MS. SANDRA RYAN: On Page 25,
17	number B, "All sale, trade, distribution,
18	cultivation, production, processing,
19	manufacturing, testing, research, studying,
20	dispenses." And we passed that, so are we
21	going to get that? Production.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't
23	speak to that, ma'am.
24	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:

1	Do you just want to refresh which one you're
2	reciting?
3	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Page 25, Number
4	В.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay.
6	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
7	Okay. It says, "All sale, trade,
8	distribution, cultivation, production,
9	processing, manufacturing, testing,
10	research, studying, dispensing, and other
11	activities and uses relating to marijuana
12	whether commercial, retail, or wholesale,
13	are prohibited in the Town of Bourne," like
14	I stated.
15	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Right.
16	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
17	Unless a marijuana establishment is a
18	medical-use marijuana or adult-use marijuana
19	retailer and is sited in the Marijuana
20	Overlay District.
21	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Okay. So then
22	we approved the manufacturing process.
23	THE AUDIENCE: No, no.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No. It's

1 unless it is cited in a Marijuana Overlay 2 District. 3 MS. SANDRA RYAN: Right. So it --MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It says 5 it's banned. It doesn't say that it's necessarily going to allow for the 6 cultivation and production. 7 MS. SANDRA RYAN: So these sites 8 9 can have those other auxiliary things or 10 not? 11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm going 12 to let MJ take a stab at this one. Go 1.3 ahead. 14 SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 15 MASTRANGELO: The zoning that we're voting 16 on now, the zoning that we're voting on now, 17 this zoning would establish the Marijuana 18 Overlay Districts. And what the zoning says 19 is up to three retail establishments, either 20 medical or non-medical, will be allowed. 21 Any other non-retail uses is prohibited by 22 this bylaw. So the only thing that we are 23 allowing is medical marijuana retail and 24 non-medical marijuana retail establishments.

1	We are not allowing manufacture in the Town
2	of Bourne, and that's what we're voting on.
3	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Okay.
4	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
5	MASTRANGELO: That's what this will do. It
6	will be that manufacture is not allowed in
7	the Town of Bourne.
8	MS. SANDRA RYAN: Okay.
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
10	Thank you, MJ. Ms. Strojny.
11	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Thank you,
12	Madam Moderator. I also was the chairman of
13	the Planning Board here in Bourne, and I
14	echo every sentiment that Mr. Mealy made; he
15	made it very eloquently. But this is where
16	we're at at this time in this moment. The
17	ban has been repealed, so everything's in
18	play. And overlay districts are not in play
19	yet, that's what we're voting on now. The
20	zoning that was worked on all summer allows
21	for just the three dispensaries that MJ just
22	spoke of. Okay?
23	So the protection here is to pass
24	this bylaw, this Zoning Bylaw, that shrinks

it down to about 5 percent of the Town; 95 1 2 percent of the Town is out of play. You can 3 only have three residential -- three dispensaries, and this will protect the 5 This is what the Planning Board did all summer long. 6 7 So, again, I would strongly encourage you, no matter how you voted on 8 9 the repeal of the ban, that you put the rules in place that will protect the Town, 10 11 or it could end up anywhere because it's a 12 retail use. The use is already in zoning. 1.3 It's retail. It's the sale of a product. 14 So, you know, Gray Gables Market, well, I 15 don't want to say these particular stores, 16 but it can go anywhere you can have retail, 17 and I don't think that benefits anybody. 18 Thank you. 19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, 20 Mr. Strojny. Go ahead, ma'am. 21 MS. STACEY WALLACE: Hi, I'm just 22 wondering if we were to vote no for this 23 overlay plan, would that prohibit us from

revisiting it and perhaps reducing the

number of areas and their size? Because I 1 2 think people that are possibly on the fence, 3 myself included, think that this is a massive overlay area that could be easily 5 reduced and make both sides happier. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: MJ. 6 Madam 7 Chair is going to answer that. SELECTPERSON MARY JANE 8 9 MASTRANGELO: So here's my -- you could 10 gamble with that. So, yeah, we have tonight 11 passed a repeal. It's going to go to the 12 attorney general's office, and they're going 1.3 to approve it because then it becomes 14 effective. The next time that we'd be able 15 to reconsider zoning is at the Annual Town 16 Meeting. And so any time before the end --17 and then if we did put it in then, you know, 18 it would have to go to the attorney 19 general's office, and there would be plenty 20 of time for someone who wanted to open a store to come and put it in under the retail 21 22 zoning. 23 MS. STACEY WALLACE: So maybe that

person -- would that person be

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## grandfathered?

## SELECTPERSON MARY JANE

MASTRANGELO: So I have concerns myself. I would have preferred to have special permit on the MacArthur Boulevard. I spoke a lot and went to a lot of Planning Board meetings, and I spoke about that. The Planning Board made other accommodations, so that they felt that wasn't necessary. So I would say that we can come back next May, if we pass this, and we could amend it. We can't amend the zoning now because the Moderator doesn't allow that for zoning articles.

I strongly suggest that you pass this. It may not be a perfect Zoning Bylaw, but I think it's really important, as Mr.

Mealy said, to have zoning in place, and I strongly suggest that you pass this. And then if there's a strong movement to have less than three, I mean, just because we have up to three, the Select Board has to approve these. We have to go into agreement. There has to be public hearings.

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1	I mean, this isn't an automatic thing that
2	it's going to happen.
3	MS. STACEY WALLACE: Just one more
4	question too. I know that the Town limits
5	the number of licenses for grocery stores or
6	places that sell alcoholic beverages. Is
7	there a cap on how many of these
8	dispensaries there can be?
9	THE AUDIENCE: Three. Three.
10	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
11	MASTRANGELO: Yeah, three.
12	MS. STACEY WALLACE: Three. So,
13	in that whole overlay area, only three would
14	be allowed to be opened; is that correct?
15	THE AUDIENCE: Yes.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Shh.
17	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
18	MASTRANGELO: Correct. Correct, only
19	MS. STACEY WALLACE: So they can
20	pick three total locations in all of those
21	different vicinities, and then say there's
22	none in the area by the schools, if three
23	open up somewhere else, they won't get it by
24	the school?

1	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
2	MASTRANGELO: There's three in the Town of
3	Bourne.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
5	Thank you very much.
6	THE AUDIENCE: Call the vote.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We can't
8	call the vote from the audience. Mr.
9	Mealy's been waiting to be heard.
10	MS. STACEY WALLACE: I really
11	still take subject to you speaking over the
12	citizens of this Town.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
14	You should run for Moderator.
15	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Mealy.
17	MS. STACEY WALLACE: Maybe you
18	ought to prepare.
19	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. Mr.
21	Mealy, you may proceed.
22	MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Stephen Mealy
23	from Sagamore Beach. I just want to
24	emphasize that trying to wait to fix

something, myself and another individual appeared in a joint meeting of the Select Board, I want to call you Selectman, but they're Select Board now, in the early spring, and we asked to put together a team of the Select Board and the Planning Board and address the very question that we're debating this evening, and this is what they came up with.

We may not all agree the way it's done. We may think that it's too close to one area or not close to another, but this is what we have. We can't go out into the field without those pads on. So, again, I would ask you to very much support starting out with this this evening. And if there's adjustments we want to make in the future, we can make those, maybe. But if we don't do it this evening, you have the wild, wild West in downtown Buzzards Bay. Thank you.

THE AUDIENCE: Woo!

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,
Mr. Mealy. Decorum, please. Go ahead, sir.
MR. KEITH BARBER: Keith Barber,

1	Pocasset. I move the question.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
3	THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: At this
5	time, we're going to vote whether or not we
6	are going to move forward with voting on
7	Article 13. If you would like to end debate
8	on Article 13, you will press "YES."
9	If you would like to continue
10	debating Article 13, you will press "NO."
11	It's a two-thirds majority to move this
12	question. You may begin voting now.
13	(Voting in progress.)
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
15	now closed. We will end debate on this
16	article with 634 in favor and 51 against.
17	(Motion passed.)
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
19	So, now we will move to a vote on Article
20	13.
21	THE AUDIENCE: Remind us what
22	we're voting on, Mr. Doucette.
23	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
24	The affirmative would make the Marijuana

1	Overlay District in effect, and a no vote
2	would not allow the overlay district to
3	exist.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
5	So voting "YES" will adopt the overlay
6	district described in Article 13. Voting
7	"NO" will not adopt the overlay district.
8	Okay? This is a zoning article. It
9	requires a two-thirds majority vote. You
10	may begin voting now.
11	(Voting in progress.)
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
13	now closed. I declare Article 13 has passed
14	with 546 in favor and 136 in opposition.
15	(Motion passed.)
16	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
17	Go ahead. I want to thank everybody. Thank
18	you.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
20	The next article up is Article 14.
21	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
22	MASTRANGELO: You all should not be leaving
23	yet. This is an important vote. If you've
24	been voting "YES," you don't want to leave

1	yet.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
3	Thank you. I'm going to give just a minute
4	before we start speaking for some of the
5	folks to get out of the to leave the
6	auditorium. Please keep it down. Thank
7	you.
8	ARTICLE 14
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 14
10	on page 33 of your handbook is a private
11	zoning petition, and it requires a two-
12	thirds majority vote.
13	Does the Select Board have a
14	recommendation on Article 14?
15	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
16	MASTRANGELO: Yes, we do. I would prefer to
17	have the motion read first.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
19	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
20	MASTRANGELO: Thank you.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Do you want
22	to wait as well?
23	MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes.
24	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.

1 I recognize Pam Mascetta here on behalf of 2 Article 14. 3 MS. PAM MASCETTA: Thank you. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead. 5 MS. PAM MASCETTA: Pam Mascetta from Buzzards Bay. We move to amend the 6 Town of Bourne Zoning Bylaw by striking the text in Section 4830 of said Bylaw in its 8 9 entirety and replacing the same with the 10 following text, "4830. Marijuana Not 11 Medically Prescribed. Consistent with Mass. 12 General Law Chapter 94G, Section 3(a)(2)(i), 1.3 all types of marijuana establishments as 14 defined in Mass. General Law Chapter 94G, 15 Section 1, to include all marijuana 16 cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, 17 marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana 18 retailers, or any other types of licensed 19 marijuana-related businesses, shall be 20 prohibited in the Town of Bourne." Bourne 21 has a long history of opposing 22 commercialized recreational marijuana --23 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Wait. Can 2.4 we have a second on your motion?

1	MS. PAM MASCETTA: Oh, excuse me.
2	(Seconded.)
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. You
4	have the floor. Go ahead.
5	MS. PAM MASCETTA: Bourne has a
6	long history of opposing commercialized
7	recreational marijuana establishments. In
8	2016, the majority of voters in the Town of
9	Bourne voted no on the state ballot
10	initiative to legalize the sale and use of
11	recreational marijuana in our community. We
12	then voted to impose a temporary moratorium
13	on recreational marijuana establishments in
14	May of 2017.
15	Then in October 2018, Bourne
16	enacted a general bylaw ban prohibiting all
17	commercial recreational marijuana
18	establishments, and at the same meeting
19	voted down a proposed Zoning Bylaw that
20	would have zoned it in. The Haven Center
21	then sued the Town in 2018 seeking to
22	overturn the general bylaw.
23	When in July '22, the Supreme
24	Judicial Court finally heard the case after

five years of litigation, the general bylaw and the ban was upheld. This article arose from the frustration of Bourne residents who have voted four times to keep the general bylaw ban. We have consistently voted against allowing commercialized recreational marijuana establishments in Bourne; I repeat four times. The fair thing to do on such an important issue is for the residents to have a Zoning Bylaw to prohibit it rather than be forced to zone it in under the threat that the general bylaw ban will someday be overturned.

The purpose of this article is to protect the current ban and strengthen it.

Article 14 raises the bar to coming back for another repeal of the general bylaw. The Cannabis Control Commission is the state government; this is important. The Cannabis Control Commission is the state government entity that regulates the marijuana industry. Once a Town allows commercial recreational marijuana, it must enter into a host community agreement with the retailers.

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1 The CCC has final say on who can be licensed to sell, not the Town, and has 2 3 recently said they will review, approve, and certify host community agreements. 5 will deem an HCA provision invalid or unenforceable or voidable. This removes 6 local control. 7 Imposing the ever-changing CCC 8 9 regulations on our Town government will 10 bring administrative burdens. It will make 11 the town vulnerable to expensive litigation; 12 it will hugely impact the autonomy of our 1.3 Town to make decisions as to what is best 14 for our community. It will be an expense we 15 cannot afford. Protect our Town and keep 16 commercialized recreational marijuana out. 17 Vote yes on Article 14. 18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 19 Does the Finance Committee have a recommendation on this article? 20 21 MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: Yes, Madam 22 Chair, we do -- Madam Moderator. 23 Finance Committee voted 7 for, 1 against to

recommend defeat of this article.

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1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
2	Does the Select Board have a recommendation?
3	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
4	MASTRANGELO: Yes.
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
6	MJ Mastrangelo.
7	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
8	MASTRANGELO: Thank you. So this is a
9	private petition article seeking to adopt a
10	Zoning Bylaw ban to all non-medical
11	marijuana establishments. Because Article
12	15 passed and the Town Meeting has voted to
13	repeal the general bylaw ban on non-medical
14	marijuana establishments, adoption of this
15	Zoning Bylaw would put a Zoning Bylaw ban on
16	non-medical marijuana establishments in
17	place and reverse the repeal of the ban.
18	Adoption of this Zoning Bylaw
19	requires a two-thirds vote. An overturn of
20	the bylaw would require a two-thirds vote.
21	Adopting this Zoning Bylaw would make future
22	efforts to repeal the ban on marijuana
23	establishments more difficult.
24	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of

the motion changes the Zoning Bylaw to 1 prohibit land use within the Town -- to 2 3 prohibit any marijuana land use within the Town of Bourne unless it is for medicinal 5 purposes. This would have the effect of implementing a Zoning Bylaw ban in the 6 absence of the general bylaw ban that was 7 8 earlier repealed by Town Meeting. 9 A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 10 the motion would not change the Zoning Bylaw 11 as voted in Article 13, and a zoning ban on 12 non-medical marijuana establishments would 1.3 not be implemented. 14 Article 15 passed, and Article 13 15 passed. The general bylaw ban on medical 16 marijuana establishment has been repealed. 17 Based on that vote, the Select Board voted 18 unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend defeat of 19 this article with a no vote opposed to the 20 motion. 21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 22 Is there any further discussion on this 23 article? Mr. Strojny.

MR. STEVEN STROJNY: I'm going to

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1	move the question. But if there's no
2	further discussion, I don't need to move the
3	question.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm going
5	to hear from Mr. Doucette first, and then I
6	think we'll be moving on to voting. Go
7	ahead, Mr. Doucette.
8	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
9	Would you like to hear the Planning Board
10	report?
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I would
12	like to hear it.
13	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
14	Thank you. Article 14, private petition to
15	prohibit marijuana in accordance with Mass.
16	General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5. The
17	Planning Board conducted a public hearing on
18	October 12, 2023, to review a private-
19	petitioned article sponsored by Doug
20	Osterheld, Bourne Alliance, to amend the
21	Zoning Bylaw to prohibit all types of
22	marijuana not medically prescribed within
23	the Town of Bourne.
24	The following eight Planning Board

1	members were present: Daniel Doucette,
2	Elizabeth Brown, David O'Connor, Jeanne
3	Azarovitz, Christopher Farrell, John Duggan,
4	James Robertson, and Catherine Walton.
5	There were 10 members of the public present.
6	The legal notice was published in the Cape
7	Cod Times on September 24 and October 1.
8	The Planning Board voted 8 in
9	favor and 0 opposed to not recommend or
10	sponsor this article.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
12	Is there anyone else who would like to be
13	heard on this article? I'm not seeing any,
14	so we will move to a vote on Article 14.
15	This vote requires a two-thirds
16	majority to pass. "YES" is green, "NO" is
17	red, and you may begin voting now.
18	(Voting in progress.)
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
20	now closed. I declare that Article 14 has
21	failed with 361 no, 231 in favor.
22	THE AUDIENCE: (Cheering.)
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Quiet,
24	please. Thank you.

1	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: Madam
2	Moderator, I didn't hear the nos.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The nos
4	were 361.
5	MR. STEVEN STROJNY: (Inaudible).
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes. The
7	yes was 231.
8	(Article 14 passed.)
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
10	I'm back to the lottery. We still have six
11	articles to go over. So please be quiet as
12	you're exiting the auditorium.
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13	Quiet, please.
13	Quiet, please.  ARTICLE 9
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14 15 16 17	ARTICLE 9  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 9  on page 21 of your handbook requires a  simple majority vote. Does the Select Board have a positive motion?
14 15 16 17 18	ARTICLE 9  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 9  on page 21 of your handbook requires a  simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,
14 15 16 17 18 19	ARTICLE 9  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 9  on page 21 of your handbook requires a  simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,  Madam Moderator.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	ARTICLE 9  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 9  on page 21 of your handbook requires a  simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,  Madam Moderator.  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	ARTICLE 9  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 9  on page 21 of your handbook requires a  simple majority vote. Does the Select Board  have a positive motion?  MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,  Madam Moderator.  MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize  Anne-Marie Siroonian.

\$50,000 for the purposes of this article, 1 2 and to meet this appropriation to transfer 3 the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash. 4 (Seconded.) 5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have the floor. 6 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: 7 The Bourne Community Engagement Committee 8 9 mission is to sponsor and encourage 10 community events, projects, activities, 11 services, programs, and public improvements, 12 which are of mutual interest to the visitors 1.3 and residents of the Town of Bourne and 14 which strengthen the Town by fostering 15 community involvement and spirit. A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of 16 17 the motion provides additional funding for 18 use by the Community Engagements Committee. A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 19 20 the motion means that no additional funding 21 would be available for use by the Community 22 Engagement Committee. 23 The Select Board voted unanimously 2.4 4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article

1	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
3	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
4	recommendation on this article?
5	MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: Yes, we
6	do, Madam Moderator.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
8	Amanda Bongiovanni.
9	MS. AMANDA BONGIOVANNI: The
10	Finance Committee voted 6 for, 1 against,
11	and 1 abstention to recommend approval of
12	this article.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
14	very much. Is there any discussion on
15	Article 9? I see one person.
16	MS. HEIDI KERWIN: Hi, my name is
17	Heidi Kerwin; I live in Pocasset. I'm
18	wondering if anybody here is able to give me
19	an example of what this committee does and
20	what they're looking to spend \$50,000 on.
21	Thank you.
22	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Through
23	the Moderator, I'd like to recognize Liz
24	Brown who's the Town Administrator appointee

and Clerk of the Bourne Community Engagement
Committee.

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MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right. We are going to hear from Liz Brown on this question.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
Well, this was originally started in 2018,
so you can imagine that it was off to a
rocky start, but it has — it never will
fully fund anything. It's seed money.
Daffodil Days, Cape Cod Canal Day, Grover
Cleveland Day, just, you know, trying to get
people to — I'm just going to read — I
wrote a statement. I'm going to read it. I
hope you don't mind.

You already know that my name is
Liz Brown; I live in Bourne Village. I put
it to you that if you're sitting here in
Town Meeting tonight, you have at least some
appreciation for the value of civic life.
This funding allows us to intentionally
invest in community by promoting and
strengthening Town activities that gather
people together, yes, and they add economic

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-- but there's more to it. This funding also allows us to invest in organizations and community groups that are trying to help us notice and appreciate our Town's unique history, physical and cultural assets, and share them with people outside our Town.

This is not a kumbaya moment; this is practical. Not every event will be as big and impactful as Cape Cod Canal Day, but cultural events like these can start small and grow if encouraged, and they add economic value without stressing our infrastructure and natural resources. gather people together, residents and nonresidents, who visit, stay, and spend their dollars here. When we appreciate ourselves, others appreciate us more. I've often heard residents bemoan being a drive-thru community; I've probably done it. But no one is coming and staying unless we give them a reason. We want to give them reasons. Providing this funding is an opportunity to strengthen our Town's economy and community, and I hope you will vote to

support funding. The \$50,000 does not get 1 used for any one particular thing. 2 3 doled out of seed money to organizations in Town that come to us with ideas about things 5 that they would like to try to promote or start. And if you are someone who has 6 7 something like that, I would recommend that you come talk to the Bourne Community 8 9 Engagement Committee. Thank you. 10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Was that okay? Okay. All right. 11 I see one 12 person approaching the podium. 1.3 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Hi, my name is 14 Leona Bombaci from Pocasset. Can you just 15 clarify with that committee, is it -- are 16 the applicants, do they have to be nonprofit 17 organizations only for those -- for access 18 to those funds? MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Anne-Marie 19 20 is going to answer. 21 MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We're 22 actually working through our policy and 23 application grant process. And we are 24 considering that not just nonprofit, but

1	other opportunities that would allow people
2	who don't have the nonprofit 501(c) status
3	to apply.
4	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: So what would
5	be the difference between you and the Bourne
6	Cultural Arts Committee that gets the Mass.
7	Cultural Arts Funds?
8	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: The
9	opportunity could be applied to both, I'm
10	sure.
11	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: I don't know
12	how much they get a year, but they get some
13	money from Mass. Cultural Arts. And there's
14	an application grant process.
15	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
16	Yeah, the difference is that that's state
17	money, and they get about \$7,000. It tends
18	to go to educational programs in the
19	schools, which is great, but that's not
20	community building or
21	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Well, my
22	understanding is it's not limited to
23	educational. I mean,
24	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:

1	It's not limited but that tends to be where
2	it goes.
3	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: It depends on
4	who applies, yeah.
5	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
6	Also, people outside of Town will apply.
7	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: It's what?
8	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
9	People outside of Town. Artists who want to
10	come to Town to do things, which is great,
11	but that doesn't really strengthen us.
12	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay. Just
13	seems like \$50,000 is quite a bit of money
14	when we have Town resources that can support
15	it.
16	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
17	Well, it's not spent all in one year. This
18	is \$50,000 coming to you after five years.
19	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: What? Explain
20	that again.
21	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
22	This started in 2018 with \$50,000. It's
23	2023 now. It's not going to be spent in one
24	year.

1	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: So over what
2	period of time does that
3	ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTEE LIZ BROWN:
4	Five.
5	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Five years,
6	\$50,000, oh, that's more reasonable then.
7	Thank you.
8	THE AUDIENCE: (Laughter.)
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
10	Is there anyone else who would like to be
11	heard on Article 9? Seeing and hearing
12	none, we're going to move to a vote on
13	Article 9. This vote requires a simple
14	majority vote. Green for "YES"; red for
15	"NO." You may begin voting now.
16	(Voting in progress.)
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
18	now closed. I declare that Article 9 has
19	passed with 299 "YES" votes and 46 "NO"
20	votes.
21	(Article 9 passed.)
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes.
23	MR. MARK EMMONS: Sorry. I have a
24	question in regard to bringing up the

1	petition again on Article 14.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The motion
3	for reconsideration?
4	MR. MARK EMMONS: Correct. Can I
5	do that or was there only one
6	reconsideration per night?
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No, it's
8	per article, I think. Now, you may move to
9	reconsider Article 14.
10	MR. MARK EMMONS: I would like to
11	make a motion to reconsider Article 14.
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Were you on
13	the victorious were you on the "YES" side
14	of the last vote?
15	MR. MARK EMMONS: Um
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes, you
17	have to be on the prevailing side to
18	reconsider. Were you on the prevailing
19	MR. MARK EMMONS: no, I was not.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
21	We cannot I cannot entertain that motion,
22	sir.
23	AUDIENCE MEMBER: I thought it was
24	a secret ballot.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All the
2	ballots are secret, and he is swearing and
3	certifying that he was not on the prevailing
4	side, sir, and that's how I ascertain that.
5	Thank you for asking that.
6	ARTICLE 1
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 1
8	on page 11 of your handbook requires a
9	simple majority vote. Does the Select Board
10	have a positive motion?
11	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We do,
12	Madam Moderator.
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
14	Anne-Marie Siroonian.
15	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: We move
16	that the Town vote to hear reports and
17	recommendations of committees and Town
18	officers.
19	(Seconded.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
21	the floor.
22	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: This
23	article allows for reports and
24	recommendations to be presented by

1	representatives of committees and Town
2	officers.
3	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
4	the motion would allow committees to address
5	Town Meeting and provide an update on their
6	work.
7	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
8	the motion would not allow the committee
9	representatives to provide a report to Town
10	Meeting.
11	The Select Board voted unanimously
12	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
13	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
15	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
16	recommendation on this?
17	MS. PRISCILLA HARCOURT: Yes, we
18	do, Madam Moderator.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
20	Priscilla Harcourt.
21	MS. PRISCILLA HARCOURT: The
22	Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to
23	recommend approval of this article. The
24	Committee supports giving the committees and

1	Town officers an opportunity to report
2	directly to voters if so desired.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
4	Is there any further discussion on this
5	article? All right. Hearing none. We're
6	going to move to a vote on Article 1. It's
7	a simple majority vote. If you're in favor,
8	please vote "YES" with the green button, and
9	"NO" with the red button. You may go ahead
10	and start voting.
11	(Voting in progress.)
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
13	now closed. I declare that Article 1 has
14	passed with 263 yes and 47 no.
15	(Article 1 passed.)
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Do we have
17	any reports? I've been informed we do not
18	have any boards or committees that are going
19	to make a report this evening.
20	ARTICLE 5
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 5
22	on page 15 of your handbook requires a
23	simple majority vote. Does the Select Board
24	have a positive motion?

1	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We do,
2	Madam Moderator.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
4	Melissa Ferretti.
5	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: We move
6	that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of
7	\$915,500 for the purposes of funding the
8	Town's Other Post Employment Benefits, OPEB,
9	liability, and to meet this appropriation to
10	transfer to the OPEB Trust Fund the sum of
11	625,500 from Free Cash; 30,000 from Sewer
12	Retained Earnings, and 260,000 from ISWM
13	Retained Earnings.
14	(Seconded.)
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
16	the floor.
17	MS. MELISSA FERRETTI: This
18	article continues the OPEB funding
19	contribution based on the Financial Policy
20	established in 2018. The current Financial
21	Policy states that we will contribute 10
22	percent of the excess of the certified Free
23	Cash over policy to the OPEB Trust Fund.
24	This year's contribution based on

1	the policy is 625,000 for Town employees.
2	In addition, the article funds the OPEB
3	contribution for ISWM employees at 260,000
4	and sewer employees at 30,000 for a total of
5	915,500 to be added to the OPEB Trust Fund.
6	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
7	the motion provides funding to meet the
8	Financial Policy Guidelines for OPEB. This
9	will help maintain the Town's high bond
10	rating.
11	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
12	the motion would not provide additional
13	funding for OPEB and would not be consistent
14	with the stated financial guidelines.
15	The Select Board voted unanimously
16	4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article
17	with a yes vote in favor of the motion.
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
19	Does the Finance Committee have a
20	recommendation on this article?
21	MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: We do, Madam
22	Moderator.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
24	Kathleen LeGacy.

1	MS. KATHLEEN LEGACY: The Finance
2	Committee voted unanimously 8-0-0 to
3	recommend approval of this article.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
5	Is there any further discussion on this
6	article? Seeing and hearing none, we'll
7	move to a vote on Article 5. This is a
8	simple majority vote. If you're in favor,
9	you may press the green button for "YES" or
10	the red button for "NO." You may begin
11	voting now.
12	(Voting in progress.)
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
14	now closed. I declare that Article 5 has
15	passed with 259 yes and 46 no.
16	(Article 5 passed.)
17	ARTICLE 8
18	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 8.
18 19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 8. Okay. Article 8 on page 19 of your handbook
19	Okay. Article 8 on page 19 of your handbook
19 20	Okay. Article 8 on page 19 of your handbook has two motions as part of this article.
19 20 21	Okay. Article 8 on page 19 of your handbook has two motions as part of this article.  Each motion requires a separate simple

1	positive motion on Part 1?
2	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
3	Yes, we do. Madam Moderator.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
5	Peter Meier.
6	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
7	We move that the Town vote upon the
8	recommendation of the Community Preservation
9	Committee to appropriate the sum of \$110,000
10	for the Community Preservation Fund projects
11	as shown below, and to meet this
12	appropriation to transfer the sum of 90,000
13	from Historic Reserves and transfer 20,000
14	from an Open Space/Recreation Reserves.
15	Item A is by Pocasset Village
16	Association. The project description is
17	Pocasset Community Roof/Roof Replacement;
18	its purpose for the CPA Act is Historical
19	Preservation, and that amount being
20	requested is 90,000 from Historic Reserves.
21	Item B is from Bourne Public
22	Schools. The project description is to
23	replace an Irrigation Pump at the Soccer
24	Field. It will be taken out of Open

1 Space/Recreation as a CPA purpose, and 2 \$20,000 for an Open Space/Recreation 3 Reserves. Total amount requested for that is 20,000, making the total \$110,000. 4 5 The article's explanation; the article presents the projects that the CPC 6 7 has voted to recommend for the approval at the Special Town Meeting. Approval of this 8 9 article will not impact your real estate tax 10 as the funds are already part of the CPA assessment on your real estate tax bills. 11 12 That assessment takes place regardless of 1.3 the outcome of this article. A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of 14 15 the motion provides funding for the proposed 16 projects as recommended by the Community 17 Preservation Committee. A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 18 19 the motion means the funding will not be 20 provided and the projects cannot proceed at 21 this time. 22 The Select Board voted unanimously

4-0-0 to recommend approval of Part 1 motion

for this article with a yes vote in favor of

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the motion. 1 2 (Seconded.) MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: 3 Thank you. You have the floor, Peter. Is that it? 5 All right. Does the Finance Committee have a recommendation on this Part 1 of Article 6 8? 8 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, Madam 9 Moderator, we do. 10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 11 Rich Lavoie. 12 MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance 13 Committee voted 7 in favor, 1 abstention, 14 none opposed on article -- on this section 15 of Article 8. There was a discussion about 16 splitting the article, and then we came to 17 understand why that was done because the 18 Warrant was already published. So it was 19 the only way to give more flexibility to the 20 article in total. Thank you. 21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 22 Thank you for that explanation. 23 anyone who wants to be heard on Article 8, Part 1? Sir. 24

1 MR. JAMES LINSKY: Jim Linsky, 2 Pocasset, also a member of the Recreation 3 Committee. I come up here every six months to talk about how the Community Preservation 5 Committee lumps everything together, and I want to commend them today for almost 6 getting it right. We do have Part 1 and 7 Part 2; I'll speak on Part 2 later. 8 9 Part 1, Pocasset Village 10 Foundation, a new roof. That's terrific. 11 If we can pick up a shack and move it across 12 Town, we can certainly get a new roof on the 1.3 Pocasset Village Foundation building. 14 But as far as the pump at the 15 public school building, that's Bourne Public 16 School responsibility, that's not CPA 17 responsibility. The Bourne Public Schools 18 doesn't do anything or fix any of the other 19 fields in Town, so I think that they should 20 not be asking for CPA money to put in a new 21 pump, that's Bourne Public Schools. 22 So, once again, motion Part 1 has 23 two parts to it. One is a new roof for the

Community Building and one's a new pump for

1 the school system. So now we're back to the same issue; what do you like? What are you 2 3 going to vote for? You get only one vote, not two. Thank you. 5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to be 6 heard on Part 1 of this article? Part 1? 7 We're going to move to a vote on each part 8 9 separately. So, if you want to be heard on 10 Part 1, you should speak now. Mr. Mealy. 11 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Madam 12 Moderator, I've gotten up for the last 1.3 couple of years, like the previous speaker, 14 and asked that the CPA, when they submit 15 articles, allow us to vote them 16 individually. And I would yet ask again 17 this year that they do that for this very 18 reason that was just explained to us, and I 19 will echo the previous speaker's request. 20 Thank you, Madam Moderator. 21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank 22 You, Mr. Mealy. Is there anyone else who 23 wants to be heard on Part 1 of Article 8?

Hearing none. We can move to a vote now on

1	Part 1 of Article 8.
2	This vote requires a simple
3	majority vote. Green for "YES"; red for
4	"NO." If you would like to vote yes on Part
5	1, green for "YES," and red for "NO." You
6	may begin voting now.
7	(Voting in progress.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
9	now closed. I declare that Part 1 of
10	Article 8 has passed with 199 votes yes and
11	81 votes no.
12	(Article 8, Part 1 passed.)
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So now we
14	will move to Part 2. Does the Select Board
15	have a positive motion on Part 2 of Article
16	8?
17	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
18	Yes, we do. We move that the Town vote upon
19	the recommendations of the Community
20	Preservation Committee to appropriate the
21	sum of \$367,300 for the Community
22	Preservation Fund project as shown below,
23	and to meet this appropriation to transfer
24	the sum of \$367,300 from Open

1 Space/Recreation Reserves. And it's one 2 item, Item C, sponsor is the Bourne 3 Conservation Department, Rural/Urban Pollinator Trail, Open Space/Recreation is 5 the CPA purpose, and the amount is \$367,300 for an Open Space/Recreation Reserves for a 6 total request \$367,300. 7 8 (Seconded.) 9 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have 10 the floor. SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER: 11 12 Thank you. This article presents the 1.3 projects that the CPC has voted to recommend 14 for approval at the Special Town Meeting. 15 Approval of this article will not impact 16 your real estate tax, as the funds are 17 already a part of the CPA assessment on real 18 estate tax bills. That assessment takes 19 place regardless of the outcome of this 20 article. Further information is included in 21 Appendix D. A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of 22 23 the motion provides funding for the proposed 24 project, as recommended by the Community

1	Preservation Committee.
2	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to
3	the motion means that the funding will not
4	be provided, and the project cannot proceed
5	at this time.
6	The Select Board voted unanimously
7	4-0-0 to recommend approval of the Part 2
8	motion for this article with a yes vote in
9	favor the motion.
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
11	Does the Finance Committee have a positive
12	motion?
13	MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: Yes, we do,
14	Madam Moderator.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go ahead,
16	Mr. Lavoie.
17	MR. RICHARD LAVOIE: The Finance
18	Committee voted 5 in favor, none opposed,
19	and 3 abstentions to support this article,
20	this section of this article.
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
22	Mr. Johnson, Chair of the Community
23	Preservation Committee, would you like to be
24	heard on this?

1 MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Yes, please. MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You would 2 3 like to be heard. MR. BARRY JOHNSON: Thank you. 5 The Community Preservation Committee does recommend this article also. I'd like to 6 just give a few words of explanation, if I 7 8 might, on behalf of the Community 9 Preservation Committee and the Open Space 10 Committee. 11 And this particular project was 12 extremely vetted through all of the Town 1.3 agencies and committees. You might turn to 14 page 54 of your voter handbook for further 15 explanation. 16 I'm speaking now on behalf of the 17 CPC and the Open Space. When this project 18 came before us, we felt that this was a very 19 exciting project for the Town to consider, 20 as well, of course, here tonight. 21 project was developed by our assistant town

administrator, Elizabeth Hartsgrove, and

project achieves the objectives outlined in

conservation agent, Stephanie Fitch.

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the Select Board's Strategic Plan, the Local Comprehensive Plan, the Open Space and Recreation Plan, also aligned with other community supported green initiatives.

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The project is unique as it includes nine locations between both the north and the south sides of the canal. again, we felt that this was a very visionary project, and that it not only enriches the natural beauty of our Town but also elevates our communities educational and economic landscape. As I said earlier, this consists of nine distinct locations each intended to be an oasis for our local pollinators, a source of inspiration for residents, visitors, and eco-tourists to our Town, and immersive educational experience for all ages and abilities and interconnecting both the rural and the urban spaces within our community.

To ensure the access and sustainability of the gardens, Town staff will collaborate with landscape architect and horticulturist to guide it in selecting

the right native plants, creating a
welcoming and supporting environment of
pollinators, and implementing best practices
of sustaining landscape while creating,
excuse me, while creating a dynamic and
inclusive experience to explore and foster
deeper connection to our community's natural
beauty and resources.

In addition to the physical trail, the proposal also includes establishing a dedicated website to provide online resources for our residents and visitors beyond the physical boundaries of our Town. The website will include information about the trails, location, educational materials, potential event schedules and serve as a platform to encourage everyone, businesses, school organizations, farmers, gardeners to volunteer and sponsor and create their own pollinator habits to include on the trail.

You might have just seen -- I'd

like to take a bit of a side note in

Friday's Bourne Enterprise, the Open Space

Committee and the CPC Committee want to give

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a shout out to Misters Barber and Dwyer and the Pocasset Water Quality Coalition, as they were just awarded \$37,655 from the EPA to fund the rain garden as part of the coalition's ongoing efforts to clean up Bourne's waterways and to manage contaminated stormwater runoff.

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In this proposal that's before you tonight, that signage for that particular location will be funded so that people are very aware of what it is.

I want to just simply end by saying this is so unique and so exciting to our committees. This, actually, will be the first community, Bourne, to have the first pollinator trail within its community. And if there are any further technical questions, I was going to hand that off to our assistant town administrator, Ms. Hartsgrove.

So on behalf of the Open Space
Committee, the CPC, and everyone else who
had a wonderful hand in reviewing this
application, I want to thank you all, and I

1	urge you all to please vote in favor of this
2	project. Thank you. And thank you for your
3	microphone, Madam Moderator.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
5	I see a few people who would like to be
6	heard. Mr. Linsky.
7	MR. JAMES LINSKY: Jim Linsky,
8	Pocasset Recreation Committee. We heard
9	Select Person Meier tell us that this will
10	not affect your tax bill at all. Well, of
11	course not, you've already paid through your
12	tax bill. If you look at your tax bill,
13	it's a separate item.
14	Yes, we can walk through Town and
15	see all this beautification that is
16	proposed. Of course, you'll be walking by
17	all kinds of recreation areas that are in
18	disrepair and not in use as you do that.
19	What do you want to spend your money on?
20	\$367,000 for a pollinator trail;
21	butterflies, bees, \$367,000. Thank you.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
23	Go ahead, ma'am.
24	MS. ROBIN BERGFOREST: My name is

Robin Bergforest; I live in Monument Beach. 1 2 I have questions about who will be 3 responsible for maintaining and how will that be funded? 5 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going to hear from assistant town administrator. 6 Go ahead. 7 ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LIZ 8 9 Thank you, Madam Moderator, HARTSGROVE: 10 through you. The proposal actually included 11 a sustainability proposal as well, and the 12 initial proposal is to actually do a number 1.3 of outreach and sponsorships with each 14 location. So we do have several locations 15 that have already have secured sponsorship, 16 such as the Aptucxet Garden Club. 17 And so we're going to be 18 soliciting and encouraging people in groups 19 first, and then it will fall within the way 20 that it's also designed is that it is to --21 because the proposal is to include a 22 licensed horticulturist, that is going to 23 include the fact that it's going to be a

little bit -- needs less attention.

there's going to be -- it's going to be strategically planted in each location to make sure that it is not dependable on staff. That is one of the sustainability proposals. Thank you.

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

MR. PAUL FERRARI: My name is Paul Ferrari. I'm from South Sagamore. So I'm looking at this; it's a great concept. I get what you're trying to do. We are geography — we're a divided down. That's just how it is. We're separated by a federal waterway.

So I understand you want to bring people together, but it looks as though you're trying to put everything together in Buzzards Bay, something that we've been trying to revitalize the past 25-30 years, and we just can't hit the mark. So it seems as though the concept is there, just needs a little more time. I don't think over \$300,000, really, I think could go to some other things to try to bring this community

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together. And as this other person said with the whole upkeep with the bees, and I get that; it's great for the nature and everything, but we need to put things more in each village. Each village has an identity, but a lot of it's been lost. South Sagamore, it's dead.

So I think it's time to take some of this money and put these things in all the different villages to bring something unique back to the villages, instead of just certain places. Definitely, again, focusing on just downtown Buzzards Bay, there's more to Bourne than just Main Street Buzzards Bay. Thank you.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. Leona, go ahead.

MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Hi, I'm Leona Bombaci from Pocasset. I'm certainly an environmentalist and naturalist, but I agree with what the gentleman said earlier about the repair of some of our recreational parks and sites in this Town that seem to need some attention.

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1	Is there any way this article can
2	be postponed? I'd like to put a motion out
3	to postpone this article.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Are you
5	making a motion to indefinitely postpone
6	this article?
7	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Indefinitely?
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I mean, are
9	you making a motion
10	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Yeah, I'd like
11	to file a motion to postpone.
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So that
13	needs to be in writing.
14	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Oh, well.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please see
16	the deputy moderator.
17	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: So what do I
18	do?
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Please see
20	the deputy moderator, and she will help you
21	write a motion.
22	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
23	MASTRANGELO: Can we vote to continue the
24	meeting while she's doing that?

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We can't.
2	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
3	MASTRANGELO: Yes?
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We can't,
5	can we, Bryan?
6	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: I'm assuming a
7	postponement just means it can be taken up
8	at another Town Meeting or in the future; is
9	that correct?
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes. All
11	right. Do we have a second? We have a
12	motion to indefinitely postpone Article 12.
13	May I have a second?
14	(Seconded.)
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Is there
16	any discussion on the motion to indefinitely
17	postpone Article 12?
18	THE AUDIENCE: Eight.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Eight,
20	sorry. So, this says "Article 12," Leona.
21	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Oh.
22	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Okay. So
23	this is in writing. So I need you to make
24	another one. Article 8. And we already

1	voted on Part 1, right? We already voted on
2	Part 1, so it's only as to Part 2.
3	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Can you cross
4	it out?
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I can't
6	cross it out.
7	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Sorry.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's okay.
9	MR. PHIL GODDARD: Point of order.
10	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: One moment.
11	Please approach the podium. I hear you.
12	Point of order. Where's the point of order?
13	Come on down.
14	MR. PHIL GODDARD: We've got 30
15	seconds left; can we extend we have a
16	vote to extend the Town Meeting. I don't
17	want to come back tomorrow night for three
18	articles.
19	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Well, we
20	have something on the
21	MR. PHIL GODDARD: We're not
22	voting. It's your rule but so can we
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're going
24	to vote on extending the meeting after this

1	vote is concluded.
2	MR. PHIL GODDARD: We can do that.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Yes, we
4	can. We are going to do that.
5	MR. PHIL GODDARD: Okay. That's
6	what I wanted to know. Thank you very much.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you
8	for bringing that up. Thank you. Excuse
9	me?
10	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Oh, it's Part
11	2, do I have to
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's Part 2
13	because we've already voted on Part 1.
14	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All right.
16	I have received a motion to indefinitely
17	postpone Article 8, Part 2. Is there a
18	second?
19	(Seconded.)
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have
21	several seconds. Thank you. Voice seconds.
22	Is there any further discussion on Article
23	8, Part 2; motion to indefinitely postpone
24	Article 8, Part 2. That's all we're

1	discussing is this motion to indefinitely
2	postpone. We are not discussing the
3	substance of the article right now. Yes,
4	sir.
5	UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: What's
6	the difference between indefinitely
7	postponing and just voting against the
8	article?
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: There's not
10	a huge difference in the outcome, but it is
11	a little different in that this article is
12	just going to be pulled off the table with
13	an indefinite postponement.
14	UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: As
15	opposed to just voting now?
16	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: My
17	understanding of a postponement is it can be
18	taken up at another time; you can reconsider
19	this article at another time.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: That is
21	very true.
22	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: That's why I'm
23	asking to postpone it, so that the
24	preservation people can look at whether they

1	want to still go forward with this or look
2	at some other projects that might need to be
3	done in this Town.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I'm only
5	dealing with the black and white letters of
6	your motion, which is to indefinitely
7	postpone this article. I understand your
8	reasoning, but we just need to vote on this
9	first.
10	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Well, I
11	know that. So, am I wording it, right?
12	Indefinitely means you can pick up this
13	article in the future if they want to file
14	it. They can rewrite this article at
15	another
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: There's no
17	(Inaudible) to bring it back.
18	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: They can bring
19	it back?
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: They can
21	bring it back.
22	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay. Just
23	clarifying versus if you vote no, they can't
24	bring it back.

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: No.
2	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: No,
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Is there
4	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Not no on the
5	motion; no on the article. If it's voted no
6	on the article, you cannot bring this back
7	again in the future.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The
9	identical article would have been failed.
10	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Failed.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So we're
12	not bringing that back. But, in theory,
13	could someone bring back an identically
14	worded article in the future? Yes.
15	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: If it had
17	been voted no on. But now what you're doing
18	is you're pulling this Part 2 off. We're
19	not going to vote on that now if this vote
20	makes it, right? That's what you wanted.
21	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: And it can
22	come up again?
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: In theory.
24	I'm not I can't promise that. Okay. Is

1 there anyone else that wants to be heard on 2 the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 3 8, Part 2? Hearing none. We'll move to a vote on -- this is a vote to indefinitely 5 postpone Article 8, Part 2. If you would like to indefinitely postpone Article 8, 6 Part 2, vote "YES." If you would not like 7 to do that and continue debating Part 2, 8 9 please vote "No." You may begin voting now. 10 (Voting in progress.) 11 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is 12 now closed. The motion to indefinitely 1.3 postpone Part 2 of Article 8 has passed. 14 is yes -- oh no, it has failed. I'm so 15 sorry. I was reading the wrong column. 16 Yes at 114, no 125. 17 (Part 2 motion failed.) 18 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: So we are 19 going to now move to a vote on Article 8, 20 Part 2. Okay. So now we're on the main 21 motion again, and we're going to vote on Part 2 of Article 8. Yes. Go ahead. 22 23 MS. MICHELLE ISABELLE: Thank you, 24 Madam Moderator. I'm Michelle Isabelle; I

live in Sagamore Beach. I just wanted to say everybody came up and said they didn't want pot shops because they wanted a small town. I've lived in other small towns that, and just to preface this, I had no idea this was on the agenda today before I read it tonight. So it was a, oh, okay, this sounds good.

Other towns that I've lived in, do this and it brings people to Town. It excites them. Think about the giants that are in Sandwich, and how people come and they're like "The Giants!" The kids are so excited, and they go and find them. This is what this concept is that I understand.

Okay.

Yes, money needs to be used to fix things in Town; money needs to be used to have things in Town so that people want to fix things in Town. You have to start somewhere.

In a city environment that is down and doesn't have enough money, they start by making a garden, and people appreciate it;

then they fix up their properties. So, yes, 1 2 you can say no, and you don't want to spend 3 the money. If you don't want it, that's fine, but think about that this is what 5 attracts people. This is what makes people want to fix their properties. This is what 6 makes children get excited about doing 7 things. They're going to have an internet 8 9 website that's going to connect this, so 10 they're going to learn about the Town. Your children don't know about the Town. 11 12 them learn about the Town. 1.3 So I didn't come here even knowing 14 about this. I'm not somebody that went, oh, 15 I'm going to come talk about this thing. 16 But from what I've seen from other towns, 17 oops, sorry, I've lived in Alaska; they do 18 this all the time. It's great. So it's up 19 to you guys. 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 21 Mr. Mealy. 22 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you, 23 Madam Moderator. Stephen Mealy from 2.4 Sagamore Beach. I would endorse this plan.

It addresses projects on both sides of the 1 2 river. I have several questions about the 3 logistics of it. It mentions nine locations; who in Town will manage this 5 \$360,000-plus project? Who is in charge of spending 360,000 tax dollars to make sure 6 this actually happens? And I'm asking this 7 because we have several CPA grants that have 8 9 been given as far back as 10 or 12 years and 10 no action has been taken. So we tie up all this available 11 12 revenue for a project that incorporates 1.3 projects on both sides of the canal in 14 several different villages. Who's going to manage \$367,000 of projects? It can't be 15 sponsors. Is there a member of the Town 16 17 staff that will do this? Thank you. 18 ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LIZ 19 HARTSGROVE: Through you, Madam Moderator. 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You go 21 right ahead. 22 ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LIZ 23 HARTSGROVE: Liz Hartsgrove, assistant town 2.4 administrator. I will actually be in charge

1 of overseeing the management of the 2 sponsorship for this program. Including, also in collaboration, this is one thing 3 that is different from other -- that you're 4 5 going to have multiple departments overseeing and collaborating with the 6 cooperation of tasks for this. So it has 7 been actually itemized out. Thank you. 8 9 MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you. 10 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 11 Thank you very MR. STEPHEN MEALY: 12 much because what you've just said is that 1.3 this is being actually operated and managed 14 by Town staff, which is significantly 15 different from other previous. The question 16 about maintaining these locations, we've 17 talked about sponsorship, but there's, 18 obviously, going to be maintaining these. 19 mean, there's trails, there's gardens. 20 Again, it's just going to fall on staff to 21 do this. I mean, it's one thing to say 22 you've got a sponsor, but who does the 23 sponsor pay? We're going to -- will this be

subbed-out to contractors?

ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LIZ
HARTSGROVE: Through you, Madam Moderator?
MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go right
ahead. Thank you.
ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LIZ
HARTSGROVE: Thank you. Liz Hartsgrove.
Thank you. Yeah, so the licensed
horticulturist is actually going to create
part of the proposal is for the
contractor, excuse me, the landscape
architect, as well as the licensed
horticulturist to create standard guidelines
for sponsored groups, whether it be an
actual the garden club, or if it is even
a smaller family or a Girl Scout troop that
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variety of sizes and different types of gardens in this proposal, whether it be in a planter that is sitting along Main Street, or if it's actually in the ground.  So there's a variety of ways that

requirements of how to sustain it will be included with -- from -- developed by the licensed horticulturist, and it will be placed online. And then it also provides opportunities for people to incorporate those techniques in their own properties and incorporate that into the actual online trail.

MR. STEPHEN MEALY: Thank you very, very much. Thank you, Madam Moderator.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you, Mr. Mealy. Go right ahead.

MS. ALICE HOWE: Hi, my name is
Alice Howe. I'm in Pocasset, and I'm also a
member of the Recreation Committee. Over
two years ago, I was up here asking the Town
on a CPC funded project to please support
just repairing basketball courts and tennis
courts and pickleball courts. It has been
over two years and nothing has moved. And
we didn't -- now we do have a project
manager, but other things have gotten in the
way. Like I was told, the library survey

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took a lot of time, so we couldn't move on it.

Well, I think our Town does, Mr. Mealy, as you brought up, needs to work on these projects that you've already allocated funds for, and, try to get these things because, yes, it's wonderful to have butterflies and bees and more paths for us to walk upon, but our kids and adults, we need recreation facilities that we can be proud of. If you go -- I have spent a couple of months going to every outdoor recreation facility in the Town of Bourne. And I'm sorry to say that this Town lacks even the basic kinds of recreational outdoor facilities, and it's embarrassing, embarrassing that two years ago, this Town said, "Yes, we're going to rehab those courts," and still nothing has been done.

So, I hesitate to spend another \$330,000 in hopes that people will step up, and they'll want to volunteer and take care of these things because it's not happening now. And we're not asking for volunteers.

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It's staff and we need people to work on this to make our Town the most fantastic it can be. Thank you.

THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

Is there anyone else who wants to be heard?

MS. KATHY O'NEIL: Kathy O'Neil from Buzzards Bay. First of all, I think it's a wonderful proposal. I think that these rain gardens and other proposed projects will be very beneficial for people and for the planet and for the pollinators.

I am a little concerned as the last speaker just said about sponsors who say they will step up to the plate, maybe this year they will, maybe next year they will, maybe the year after that, maybe nobody's going to show up. And I look at Three Mile Overlook; it was in disrepair. Garden clubs and other people were supposed to take care of it, scouts, and it got so overrun and so overgrown that it was really trashy and not an attractive place that people wanted to go to.

I also was hoping that there'd be 1 a little bit more detailed information 2 provided on the funds that were going to 3 each one of these projects. I, too, saw the 5 article in the Enterprise that the quality, the water quality people over in Pocasset 6 got \$37,000, and I also heard that they have 7 the donations of material and volunteers are 8 9 going to take care of those rain gardens. 10 But, again, I'd like to know about 11 the signage; how much that's going to cost. 12 And I also know that there are lots of 1.3 landscape designers out there who have a 14 much lower price tag then landscape 15 architects who can design beautiful 16 pollinator gardens. Thank you very much. 17 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 18 You may go ahead. 19 MS. SUSAN BARACCHINI: Thank you, 20 Madam Moderator. Susan Baracchini, 21 Pocasset. I hesitate, again, I'd love the

forward vision, but I hesitate to support

a Dream Park in Pocasset that became a

this because I know that we had \$80,000 for

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parking hazard and just a ridiculous waste of \$80,000 that never materialized to a blueberry patch and gazebo, and, again, as Alice mentioned, left unfinished, no accountability for where the money went.

So I hesitate to support something like this when we have no -- anything to secure maintenance, which we talked about maintenance with this park in Pocasset, and all it has is more need for mowing when it was perfectly fine as the sand lot that it was before. It was what it was. So I hesitate with this because I don't feel it has enough meat behind it to support and to sustain it for this kind of money.

And I also agree with the landscape designer part rather than the landscape architect. We have the wonderful organization, I mean, department at UCT.

Let's utilize the students. We've, again, as Mr. Mealy said several years ago, it sticks in my head; we don't have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem.

MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.

1	Is there anyone else that would like to be
2	heard on this article? Okay. All right.
3	So we are going to move now to a
4	vote on Article 8, Part 2. This is a simple
5	majority vote. If you're in favor of Part
6	2, please use the green button to press
7	"YES," and if you are against it, press "NO"
8	or the red button. You may begin voting
9	now.
10	(Voting in progress.)
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
12	now closed. I declare that Article 8, Part
13	2, has been defeated with yes 92 and no 147.
14	The nos have it.
15	(Article 8, Part 2 failed.)
16	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
17	MASTRANGELO: Madam Moderator, I move that
18	this Town Meeting session be continued
19	beyond 10 p.m.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
21	I recognize Chair Mastrangelo. We have a
22	motion to continue this meeting past 10 p.m.
23	May I have a second?
24	(Seconded.)

1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have
2	several seconds. This is going to be a
3	voice vote. How many articles do we have
4	left?
5	SELECTPERSON MARY JANE
6	MASTRANGELO: Two.
7	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We have two
8	articles left. So all those in favor of
9	extending this Town Meeting past 10 p.m.,
10	please indicate by saying "AYE."
11	THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All
13	opposed? The ayes have it. We are going to
14	finish this meeting.
15	(Motion to extend meeting passed.)
16	ARTICLE 12
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Article 12
18	on page 24 of your handbook requires a
19	simple majority vote. Does the Select Board
20	have a positive recommendation on Article
21	12? Oh, this is also Planning Board. Yes.
22	It's two-thirds. Thank you.
23	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
24	We move Article 12 as set forth in the

1	Warrant.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: May I have
3	a second?
4	(Seconded.)
5	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: You have
6	the floor, Mr. Doucette.
7	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
8	I was
9	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Oh, you
10	want go right ahead, Ms. Siroonian.
11	MS. ANNE-MARIE SIROONIAN: Thank
12	you. This change to the "Wetland"
13	definition will bring the definition
14	consistent with the Bourne Conservation
15	Commission's regulations and FEMA FIRM
16	mapping. FEMA stands for the Federal
17	Emergency Management Agency, and FIRM, Flood
18	Insurance Rate Map.
19	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
20	the motion changes the Zoning Bylaw, so that
21	the definition of a "Wetland" is consistent
22	with the definition found in the Wetlands
23	Protection Bylaw.
24	A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to

1	the motion would maintain the status quo and
2	not change the Zoning Bylaw. The Select
3	Board voted unanimously 4-0-0 to recommend
4	approval of this article with a yes vote in
5	favor of the motion.
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
7	Does the Finance Committee have a
8	recommendation?
9	MR. THOMAS JOYCE: Yes, Madam
10	Moderator.
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
12	Thomas Joyce.
13	MR. THOMAS JOYCE: The Finance
14	Committee voted to recommend approval of
15	this article in a vote of 6 in favor, zero
16	opposed, and 2 abstentions.
17	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
18	Mr. Doucette, you have the floor.
19	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
20	The report from the
21	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Go right
22	ahead with your report.
23	PLANNING BOARD CHAIR DAN DOUCETTE:
24	Article 12 amends the "Wetland" definition

in accordance with Mass. General Laws 1 2 Chapter 40A, Section 5. 3 The Planning Board conducted a public hearing on August 10, 2023, to review 5 this article to amend the definition of a "Wetland" in the Town of Bourne Zoning Bylaw 6 Section 5 definitions by deleting said 7 definition in its entirety and replacing it 8 9 with a new definition. The following eight Planning Board 10 11 members were present: Daniel Doucette, 12 Elizabeth Brown, David O'Connor, Jeanne 1.3 Azarowitz, Christopher Farrell, Amanda Wing, 14 John Duggan, James Robinson. There were 12 15 members of the public present. 16 The legal notice was published in 17 the Cape Cod Times on July 24 and July 31. 18 The Planning Board voted unanimously with an 19 8 in favor and zero opposed to recommend 20 approval of this article. 21 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 22 Is there any further discussion on this 23 article? Yes, sir. Mr. Doherty, go ahead. 2.4 MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: William

Doherty, Cataumet. I just want a 1 clarification as to why the language in the 2 3 last sentence says, "For purposes of this bylaw, this will exclude the coastal flood 5 zones as shown on the most recent FEMA FIRM mapping for the Town." 6 My question is that since this has 7 8 to do with wetlands, and wetlands are very 9 susceptible to the effects of coastal -- the 10 coastal flood zones, I don't understand why there's an exclusion. 11 12 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize 1.3 Tim Lydon. 14 MR. TIM LYDON: So this is a 15 definition for your Zoning Bylaw. You have 16 to look at this through a zoning lens. 17 will have no change to jurisdictional 18 It has no effect on the Wetlands wetlands. 19 This is for the Planning Board to view 20 commercial siting of projects in the lens of 21 zoning. 22 So for the purposes of this, we 23 already regulate the flood zones through the

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building code. Other sections of the Zoning

Bylaw like we did a couple years ago to completely revamp the entire flood zone overlay district.

So with that, we have enough safeguards to protect ourselves that nothing else is going to be trampled. This isn't going to have a negative effect on the environment. It's really going to allow the Planning Board and the Zoning and the Planning Department to interpret our definition and allow us to remain consistent with other definitions in the bylaw.

MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. Well,
I hear that, but one of the concerns that I
have is that when the Board of Health is
faced with exemptions or say variance to
closeness to wetlands, since it would be my
opinion that coastal flood zones are more
susceptible to infiltration than, let's say,
than areas that are not a part of the
coastal flood zones. Do you have any
guidance to give the Board of Health with
regard to the susceptibility that's
involved?

1	MR. TIM LYDON: I would say that
2	the Board of Health has your own regulations
3	that you guys oversee. I think there's a
4	lot of people in this room that probably are
5	very familiar with the restrictions of the
6	FEMA flood zone requirements and the
7	regulations that we have to enforce.
8	So, I think there's plenty of
9	background information that you guys have,
10	and you can always contact my office if you
11	guys have any further questions.
12	MR. WILLIAM DOHERTY: Okay. Thank
13	you.
14	MR. TIM LYDON: You're welcome.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
16	Go ahead.
17	MS. EILEEN FITZPATRICK: Hi, my
18	name is Eileen Fitzpatrick from Sagamore
19	Beach. Are you saying that if there's a
20	wetland in a flood zone, then that opens
21	them up to be okay to construct roads or
22	buildings or anything like that?
23	MR. TIM LYDON: No, absolutely
24	not. I mean, the ConCom oversees

construction in relation to the wetlands. 1 2 What we're saying here is we're not going to 3 say that the flood zones are restrictive for siting of a new subdivision or a commercial 5 building because we do already have restrictions in place for the flood zone 6 7 regulations. So this doesn't have any effect on what we already have in place for 8 9 elevated buildings, flood proofing, wet flood proofing, flood vents, and such. 10 11 MS. EILEEN FITZPATRICK: Okay. 12 we know who initiated the changes or wanted 1.3 the changes in the wording? Why is that --14 MR. TIM LYDON: So we've had 15 several private engineers and consultants 16 that have come in before the Planning Board 17 and really scratched their head because 18 they're trying to remain consistent with the 19 conflicting definitions that we have. And it was brought to us -- we actually worked 20 21 together with the Planning Board, the

Conservation Agent, myself, to really kind

really need to shore up. We've had a lot of

of chew on this and understand what we

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1	time to discuss this, and we really feel
2	comfortable with this going forward.
3	MS. EILEEN FITZPATRICK: Okay.
4	Thank you.
5	MR. TIM LYDON: Thanks.
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you,
7	Tim.
8	MS. JANE LEIFER: Hello, I'm Jane
9	Leifer from Cataumet. There's been a recent
10	federal case that narrowed the definition of
11	wetlands. How does that case affect what
12	you're doing here?
13	MR. TIM LYDON: I can't speak to
14	that specifically, but I will say that the
15	Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act has
16	its own set of definitions. We won't be
17	messing with what those how those are
18	interpreted by the Conservation Commission.
19	This is really just for the Planning Board
20	to oversee site plan review or even the town
21	planner to oversee the zoning of things.
22	So there's really no change or
23	effect on what happens inside wetlands.
24	This is really just to say, for the purposes
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1	of the wetlands, flood zones aren't going to
2	be considered a wetland; does that makes
3	sense? Because we consider the flood zones
4	a wetland in our definition, and that's very
5	restrictive for zoning purposes. So we're
6	taking that away.
7	MS. JANE LEIFER: And so that
8	you're increasingly the areas that can be
9	built on.
10	MR. TIM LYDON: These are areas
11	that are already built on. We're trying to
12	make it consistent with our other
13	definitions.
14	MS. JANE LEIFER: Thank you.
15	MR. TIM LYDON: Thanks.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Ms.
17	Bombaci.
18	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Leona Bombaci
19	from Pocasset. Can you explain what article
20	3.7 is? It says here "Under that article";
21	is that the Wetland Bylaw?
22	MR. TIM LYDON: So that is
23	actually our bylaw in the Town Bylaws for
24	the Conservation's Local Bylaw, which

becomes more restrictive than the wetland --1 2 the Massachusetts Wetland Act. So, it's our 3 local bylaw that gets applied to the state Act. 5 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay. MR. TIM LYDON: So we're just 6 7 remaining consistent. We're trying to 8 remain consistent with our Town Bylaw by 9 piggybacking on that language. 10 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: And can you 11 just go over what you just said to that 12 other woman about the flood zone and 1.3 wetlands and taking that away? Can you go 14 over that again? 15 MR. TIM LYDON: Yeah. 16 MS. LEONA BOMBACI: I live in a 17 flood -- I live near Picture Lake and Lily 18 Pond, and we have a massive flood problem 19 there when the water table rises, because 20 there was some problem when I went to the 21 Town nobody could answer why it doesn't 22 drain. And I think it has to do with some 23 development that happened over many years

ago by County Road.

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1	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: We're just
2	talking about the article right now, Ms.
3	Bombaci.
4	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: All right.
5	But, anyway,
6	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
7	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Can you
8	explain that to me then?
9	MR. TIM LYDON: Well, you're
10	speaking of drainage. What we're talking
11	about is jurisdictional flood zones. This
12	is by the FIRM maps. We are an NFIP
13	community, the Town of Bourne is, in order
14	for you guys to have federally backed
15	mortgages, have flood insurance; it allows
16	us to have that.
17	So, you know, to speak, what areas
18	that flood, I just don't want you to be
19	confused with jurisdictional flood zones.
20	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: So are lakes
21	and ponds considered flood zones?
22	MR. TIM LYDON: Not typically. It
23	would be more for the coastal areas as well
24	as riverine.

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	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Okay. So that
2	doesn't change the status of the ponds and
3	the wetlands.
4	MR. TIM LYDON: The pond areas are
5	usually not your problems for flooding.
6	They are typically just kettle ponds that
7	pertain there.
8	MS. LEONA BOMBACI: Well, I mean,
9	we had a major problem 20 years ago when the
10	water table rose so high. Williams Avenue
11	was flooded; you couldn't drive through
12	because there was nowhere for the water to
13	go.
14	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
15	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:
16	Okay. Just to clarify, I heard you say a
17	few minutes ago is some wetlands are now
18	going to be considered flood lands.
19	MR. TIM LYDON: No.
20	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:
21	Okay. All right.
22	MR. TIM LYDON: No jurisdictional
23	wetlands will remain the same.
24	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So,

1	they're not going to once they're
2	designated, there's no redesignation of any
3	of the wetlands that are in existence now?
4	MR. TIM LYDON: The Planning Board
5	has no jurisdiction over jurisdictional
6	wetlands. I'm probably confusing you by
7	that, but they can't say what you can do in
8	the proximity of wetlands. That's what the
9	ConCom oversees.
10	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: If
11	it's a designated wetland?
12	MR. TIM LYDON: Say it again.
13	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:
14	They're a designated wetlands.
15	MR. TIM LYDON: They're a
16	designated wetland
17	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: As
18	opposed to what?
19	MR. TIM LYDON: jurisdictional
20	wetlands by DEP that get
21	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:
22	Okay. So if they're already designated,
23	they're all safe?
24	MR. TIM LYDON: Yes.

1	UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:
2	Okay.
3	MR. TIM LYDON: Yes.
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
5	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: Hi, I'm Bill
6	DeCarolis, Monument Beach. Is Article 3.7,
7	the Town of Bourne's Bylaw for this
8	situation? I hate to be picky on language
9	and punctuation, but shouldn't the comma
10	come after "Article 3.7"?
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I don't
12	have that bylaw in front of me.
13	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: Just it's the
14	rewording. I'll sit down and you guys can
15	look at it.
16	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The Zoning
17	Bylaw?
18	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: The proposed
19	wetland definition. The new proposed
20	"Wetland" definition. It says, "Any area
21	defined as a Wetland Resource under the Town
22	of Bourne Bylaw, Article 3.7 plus any land
23	designated." I would I think it would
24	just it doesn't make a lot of sense like

1	that. It's just a general query.
2	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Can you
3	come back, Mr. DeCarolis, and tell us where
4	your typographical error was because we
5	can't follow it?
6	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: I'm not
7	saying there is a typographical error.
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: The point
9	of clarification.
10	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: The point of
11	clarification is if Article 3.7 is the Town
12	of Bourne's Bylaw for this matter
13	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Uh-huh.
14	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: it would,
15	I would think, the comma that is right after
16	the word "bylaw" would make more sense after
17	the words, "Article 3.7," as I'm reading it,
18	it's just it's awkward, and I don't quite
19	understand why it's there.
20	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Oh, the
21	article itself.
22	MR. BILL DECAROLIS: Yeah.
23	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: It's a
24	Scriveners thank you. Does that affect

the substance of the proposed change? Okay. 1 2 Thank you very much for bringing that to our 3 attention. Is there anyone else who wants to 4 5 be heard on Article 12? Okay. Seeing none. We'll move to a vote on Article 12. This is 6 a Zoning Bylaw, so it requires a two-thirds 7 8 majority. Using your handheld device, you 9 may vote "YES" on Article 12 by pressing the 10 green button, or "NO" by pressing the red 11 button. You may begin voting now. 12 (Voting in progress.) 13 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is 14 now closed. I declare that Article 12 has passed with 170 votes in favor and 26 votes 15 Thank you. 16 in opposition. 17 (Article 12 passed.) 18 ARTICLE 6 19 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Last 20 article. The last article is Article 6. 21 Article 6 on page 16 of your handbook 22 requires a simple majority vote. Does the 23 Select Board have a positive motion on this

article?

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1	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
2	Yes, we do.
3	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I recognize
4	Peter Meier.
5	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
6	Yes. We move that the Town vote to
7	appropriate the sum of 386,000 for the
8	purposes of this article, and to meet this
9	appropriation to transfer the sum of 386,000
10	from Free Cash.
11	(Seconded.)
12	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Mr. Meier,
13	you have the floor.
14	SELECT BOARD CHAIR PETER MEIER:
15	Yes. Passage of this article will allow any
16	host community fees generated by ISWM in the
17	fiscal year 2023 in excess of 600,000 to be
18	added to the Capital Stabilization Fund that
19	was established at the 2007 Annual Town
20	Meeting. The monies accumulated in this
21	fund will help defray the costs of future
22	capital projects approved by the Town.
23	A "YES" or "AYE" vote in favor of
24	the motion provides funding to meet the

Financial Policy Guidelines for building the 1 Capital Stabilization Fund. This will help 2 ensure the funds continue to be set aside 3 for the long-term maintenance of the Town's 5 capital assets. A "NO" or "NAY" vote opposed to 6 the motion would not provide additional 7 funding for the Capital Stabilization Fund 8 9 and will not be consistent with the stated 10 financial quidelines. 11 The Select Board voted unanimously 12 4-0-0 to recommend approval of this article 1.3 with a yes vote in favor of the motion. 14 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 15 Does the Finance Committee have a recommendation on this article? 16 17 MR. WAYNE SAMPSON: Yes, we do. 18 The Finance Committee voted unanimously 8-0-19 0 to recommend approval of this article. 20 MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you. 21 Is there any further discussion on Article 22 Okay. Seeing none, we'll move to a vote 23 now on Article 6. Article 6 on page 16 of 2.4 your handbook requires a simple majority

1	vote. "YES" is green, and "NO" is red. You
2	may begin voting now. Thank you.
3	(Voting in progress.)
4	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Voting is
5	now closed. I declare that Article 6 has
6	passed with 173 yes votes and 21 no votes.
7	(Article 6 passed.)
8	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: Thank you.
9	I have a motion to adjourn.
10	(Seconded.)
11	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: I have a
12	second. All those in favor of adjourning
13	Town Meeting, please say "AYE."
14	THE AUDIENCE: Aye.
15	MODERATOR AMY KULLAR: All
16	opposed? All right. The ayes have it.
17	Thank you, Bourne.
18	(Whereupon, the Bourne
19	Special and Annual Town Meeting
20	was moved and seconded to adjourn
21	at 10:33 p.m.)

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