

# TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023, 7:00PM

The meeting was held in the cafeteria at Paxton Center School at 19 West Street and was called to order at 7:06pm. The Town Moderator, Roger Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. Seventy-seven registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The return of the warrant showed that the meeting had been properly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

The Annual Town Meeting should have been held on the first Monday in May according to the local bylaws. Under the authority of Massachusetts General Law chapter 39 section 9, the Select Board voted at a meeting held March 8, 2023 to move the Annual Town Meeting date to June 5, 2023.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Annual Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

# Article 1 - CAPITAL - Ditcher Head Attachment

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,150 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ditcher Head Attachment for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article 1 was submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$14,150 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ditcher Head Attachment for the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

Capital Improvements Planning Committee recommended approval.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# Article 2 - CAPITAL - Replacement 2014 Exmark Mower

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,666 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a replacement mower for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article 2 was submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$4,666 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a replacement mower for the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

Capital Improvements Planning Committee recommended approval.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# Article 3 - WATER ENTERPRISE -Water Department Receipts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, as follows:

Compensation	\$240,433
Expenses	\$720,225
<u>Debt</u>	\$ 96,198
Total	\$1,056,856

and that \$1,056,856 is raised as follows:

Department receipts \$1,056,856

Or act in any way thereon.

Article 3 was submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Rodney Jenkins, Water Commissioner, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, the following sums to operate the Water Enterprise.

Compensation	\$230,433
Expenses	\$720,225
<u>Debt</u>	\$ 96,198
Total	\$1,046,856

And that \$1,046,856 is raised from Department Receipts.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# Article 4 - WATER ENTERPRISE - Water Tank Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$107,189, or any other sum, to pay for the inspection, maintenance, repair or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank in accordance with the fifth year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions; or act any way thereon.

Article 4 was submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Rodney Jenkins, Water Commissioner, moved that the Town vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$107,189, to pay for the inspection, maintenance, repair or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank in accordance with the fifth year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# Article 5 - Appropriate Funds to Road Improvement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,870 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article 5 was submitted by the Select Board.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,870 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

#### Article 6 - Use Funds from Road Improvement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,870 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads, or act in any way thereon.

Article 6 was submitted by the Select Board.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$118,870 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

# Article 7 - Chapter 90 Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article 7 was submitted by the Select Board and the director of Public Works.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# **Article 8 - Revolving Fund Expenditure Limits**

To see if the Town will vote to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2024 for all revolving funds established under the General Bylaws, as set forth below, or act in any way thereon:

Fund	Maximum Expenditure
Council on Aging	\$10,000
Recreation	\$250,000
Library	\$ 2,000
Paxton Days	\$ 5,000

Article 8 was submitted by the Select Board.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended, to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2024, for all revolving accounts established under the Town of Paxton's General Bylaws, in the following amounts:

Fund	Maximum Expenditure
Council on Aging	\$10,000
Recreation	\$250,000
Library	\$ 2,000
Paxton Days	\$ 5,000

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

#### Article 9 - Wachusett Greenways

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,100, or any other sum, to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways; or act in any way thereon.

Article 9 was submitted by Wachusett Greenways.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways.

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

#### Article 10 - BYLAW - Replacement Alcohol

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Bylaw as shown on the Amended Alcoholic Beverages Bylaw, as attached, or take any related action thereto.

Proposed bylaw change as listed in the warrant:

The Alcoholic Beverages Bylaw is hereby amended by adding the following text after the words "public conveyance" at the end of Section 1(a):

"provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen may authorize the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on any public property from a duly licensed vendor for special events or limited periods of time."

Article 10 was submitted by the Select Board.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the Town vote to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Bylaw as shown on the Amended Alcoholic Beverages Bylaw attached to the Warrant for this meeting.

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

#### Article 11 - BYLAW – Winter Parking Ban

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Winter Parking Ban Bylaw, as attached, or take any related action thereto.

*Proposed bylaw as listed in the warrant:* 

- 1. Parking is prohibited on all public ways, annually from November 15th through April 15th.
- 2. Any vehicle, other than one acting in a\*n emergency, parked, day or night, on any street in the Town, so as to interfere with the work of removing or plowing snow, removing ice, or sanding the street may be removed or towed away under the authority, discretion and direction of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. The registered owner of a motor vehicle which is removed pursuant to this bylaw shall be fully responsible for all charges and expenses incurred for the removal and storage of said motor vehicle.

Article 11 was submitted by the DPW Director and Town Administrator.

Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, moved that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22d, of the Massachusetts General Laws, and adopt a new Winter Parking Ban Bylaw as set forth under Article 11 of the warrant for this meeting with a correction of the typographical error from "a\*n emergency" to "an emergency".

The motion was seconded by Kirk Huehls.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

# Article 12 – BYLAW – Finance Committee Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to replace the current Finance Committee Bylaw in its entirety with the new Amended Finance Committee Bylaw, as attached, or take any related action thereto.

Article 12 was submitted by the Finance Committee.

Proposed bylaw as listed in the warrant:

Section 1: Organization of the Finance Committee

- 1.1 The Finance Committee shall consist of seven (7) persons who shall be residents and registered voters of the Town, none of whom may be officers or officials of the Town, whether elected or appointed, compensated employees of the Town, or members of any other committee, board, or commission of the Town, unless authorized by bylaw or authorized by vote of the Select Board in accordance with Section 1.7.
- 1.2 Appointments to the Finance Committee shall be made by the Town Moderator for a term of three (3) years, such term expiring at the close of the respective Annual Meeting to which such three-year term relates.
- 1.3 If a member of the Finance Committee shall choose to resign or not opt for re-appointment following the expiration of their term, such member shall send a letter of such notification to the Town Moderator with a copy sent to the Town Clerk and the Finance Committee chairperson informing them of this decision. If a member is absent for five consecutive Finance Committee meetings, their position may be deemed to be vacant by vote of the Finance Committee, whereupon the Finance Committee chairperson will notify the Town Moderator. In all such instances, efforts will be undertaken to fill such vacancies.
- 1.4 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member they have succeeded.

- 1.5 Finance Committee members shall serve without compensation.
- 1.6 The Finance Committee shall reorganize annually by electing its officers for the ensuing year.
- 1.7 Notwithstanding Section 1.1, a member of the Finance Committee may serve on any committee, board, or commission of the Town if authorized by bylaw or if authorized by vote of the Select Board, upon finding that such additional position would be advantageous and of value to the Town.

# Section 2: Operation of the Finance Committee

- 2.1 The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the Town's Annual Budget.
- 2.2 While individual department budgets shall be prepared by respective department heads in consultation with the Town Administrator, the overall preparation of the comprehensive consolidated Annual Budget shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee for presentation at the Annual Town Meeting each year.
- 2.3 Although there may exist certain polices elsewhere that may address, directly or indirectly, matters involving the Annual Budget including some policy procedures as to the Annual Budget's development, Finance Committee bylaws shall take authoritative precedence over such polices as relates to the preparation of the Annual Budget.
- 2.4 Not later than January 15<sup>th</sup> each year, each Department, Town committee, board, and commission, excluding the schools/school committees, shall submit budget requests together with a detailed narrative describing and explaining requested expenditures and/or appropriations to the Town Administrator, who shall submit a consolidated Annual Budget request to the Finance Committee not later than February 1st each year.
- 2.5 Information relating to the immediate prior year's actual expenditures and the current year-to-date actual expenditures shall be made contemporaneously available for comparative purposes to those budget amounts being requested.
- 2.6 Upon request by the Finance Committee, appropriate persons in the town administration shall furnish to the Finance Committee a detailed listing of all support and revenues to be included in the Annual Budget, including but not limited to, state aid, tax levy, local revenues, new growth, and all other such sources. Such information shall include best forecasts and projections, comparisons with historical trends and actual realized levels of prior year's revenue for comparative purposes.
- 2.7 The Finance Committee shall be invited to actively participate in any meetings that the Select Board may schedule with outside third parties whereupon matters of a finance or budget nature

are planned for discussion or presentation. Such meetings shall include, but not be limited to, those with the Wachusett Regional School District, the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School, the external independent audit firm, and others as deemed appropriate.

# Section 3: Time Frame of the Finance Committee Operation

- 3.1 The Finance Committee shall commence work on the Annual Budget each year at such time determined by the Finance Committee chairperson.
- 3.2 Convening of such Finance Committee meetings shall be contingent upon the timely submission of budgets and budget requests from respective departments.
- 3.3 Such budget requests shall be submitted to the Finance Committee on or before a date to be reasonably determined each year by the Finance Committee given that conditions and circumstances may vary from year to year. Once such a date is declared, extension of time beyond that date shall be granted by the Finance Committee chairperson based upon special considerations.
- 3.4 If any department, Town committee, board, and commission shall fail to submit a budget request by March 1 of any given year, then the Finance Committee may recommend a substituted budget not to exceed the amount expended for said department during the prior fiscal year.
- 3.5 The Finance Committee's work on the Annual Budget shall be concluded in sufficient time to meet Warrant Article deadlines established by the Select Board.
- 3.6 Upon closing by the Selectboard of the Town Warrant issued for the Annual Town Meeting and/or Special Town Meetings, the Finance Committee shall consider all articles contained in the Town Warrant and make recommendations to the voters on all such articles as to approval, disapproval, or other action.
- 3.7 Through the Chair, the Finance Committee shall have, upon request, free access to all pertinent budget and financial information not deemed to be confidential by law. Likewise, the Finance Committee shall have the right to meet with and/or discuss this information with any Town officer, official, employee, board, commission, and committee or member thereon.
- 3.8 Contained within the Annual Town Meeting Warrant shall be a cover letter describing major changes in the present budget from that of the previous fiscal year as well as commentary concerning any fiscal matters deemed important to report by the Finance Committee.
- 3.9 The Finance Committee shall make an Annual Report which shall be printed in the Town Report for that Fiscal Year.

Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, moved that the Town vote to replace the current Finance Committee Bylaw in its entirety with the new Amended Finance Committee Bylaw attached to the Warrant for this meeting, except that the following sentence shall be added at the end of Section 1.1: "The members of the present Finance Committee in office at the time this bylaw, or amendments thereto, shall become effective, shall complete their terms of office."

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

#### Article 13 – BUDGET – Town

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,675,433 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$400,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from Free Cash the sum of \$564,511 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$7,639,944 or any other sum, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and especially for any and all the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article 13 was submitted by the Finance Committee.

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Acet	<u>Department</u>	Actual Budge	Requests 7	Recommende
- Company Comp	MODERATOR	-		-
1122	SELECT BOARD	98,432	98,964	89,243
1123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	132,700	136,425	122,075
APPROXIMENTAL PROPERTY.	MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT	20,374	- 111 100	-
Separation of the second	LAND USE COORDINATOR	40,242	41,182	38,776 170
1131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	275 40,000	285 40,000	40,000
2007-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-	RESERVE FUND TOWN ACCOUNTANT	32,767	33,547	33,547
x660x40x46c05388	ASSESSORS	80,121	82,234	82,799
100110111111111111111111111111111111111	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	83,500	97,449	97,449
1888895-R000-R050	LEGAL SERVICES	23,000	25,500	23,500
Charles Contract Contract	MUN INFO SERVICES (IT)	93,564	96,749	99,636
	TOWN CLERK	53,067	68,035	67,535
	ELECTIONS	19,600	25,015	18,279
37000000000000A355550	REGISTRARS	3,850	-	- 15 (1.5)
1171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	7,933	7,933	8,332
1177	REGIONAL PLANNING	1,506	1,544	1,544
1183	HISTORICAL DISTRICT COM	200	200	
1192	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	32,245	81,370	79,370
1193	TOWN INSURANCE	210,800	214,589	214,589
Jan Stranger	TOWN REPORTS	1,150	1,150	1,150
1199	TOWN CLOCK	450	500	500
30001400014410000000	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,134,597	1,228,141	1,213,781
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1232	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES	759,800	40.000	47 020
CHIPPINGARAN	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	34,793	48,080	47,938
1243	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	4,000 6,140	-	-
2002/05/2004/14/20	WIRING INSPECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	47,250	-	_
1291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	47,230		-
1292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	11,863	17,127	17,127
1295	TREE WARDEN	8,257	18,833	7,675
222101000000000	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	761,192	836,755	787,772
cerconvironistamen	SNOW & ICE	200,000	201,000	201,000
SECTION SECTIO	STREET LIGHTS	17,711	18,393	18,393
1443	WASTE COLLECTION	408,983	435,312	409,506
1491	CEMETERY COMMISSION	24,335	6,650	6,650
1510	BOARD OF HEALTH	4,126	19,064	18,926
1515	SANITATION ENGINEER	13,274	_	
1519	INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	2,164	-	
1541	COUNCIL ON AGING	69,039	70,419	70,195
Tarana and an annual and	VETERANS AGENT	10,737	11,237	11,237
240502000000000000000000000000000000000	LIBRARY	198,657	207,210	202,806
0222200202490002	RECREATION	29,615	31,259	31,140
	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	400	400	400
And the second second	EXCLUDED DEBT- PRINCIPAL	427,800	382,800	382,800
	DEBT - BORROWING COST	-3,000 =1,537	4,000	104 400
782-03-0-03-0-03	EXCLUDED INTEREST-LONG TERM DEBT	글1 <b>527</b> 글,910	124,433	124,433
ingramme@abscame	NON-EXCLUDED INTEREST LONG TERM I		88,200 11,449	88,200 11,449
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1752	DEBT- SHORT TERM INTEREST EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	770,527	733,450	691,989
145-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-40-	RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	701,576	787,040	787,040
50.50 State (50.50	CENTRAL PURCHASING	182,650	185,800	190,800
****		7,512,683	7,878,428	7,639,944
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Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,675,433, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$400,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$564,511, for a total appropriation of \$7,639,944 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, excluding schools.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice Chair, moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,639,944 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the Town Operating Budget contained in the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

### Article 14 – BUDGET – WRSD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,391,280 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from Operating Stabilization, the sum of \$86,179 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$7,477,459 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article 14 was submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

	FY23	FY24	FY24
	APPROVED	REQUEST	RECOMMEND
Minimum Local Contribution	4,733,160	4,860,250	4,860,250
Debt Service	225,612	220,647	220,647
Discretionary	1,698,287	1,799,774	1,799,774
Transportation	520,517	596,788	596,788
	7,177,576	7,477,459	7,477,459

Scott Runstrom, WRSD Committee Chair, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,391,280 and to further appropriate from Operating Stabilization, the sum of \$86,179, for a total appropriation of \$7,477,459 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional

School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

# Article 15 – BUDGET – Bay Path

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$498,964 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023; or act in any way thereon.

Article 15 was submitted by the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District.

	FY2023 APPROVED	FY2024 REQUEST	FY2024 RECOMMEND
Bay Path Debt	63,576	61,374	61,374
Bay Path Assessment	374,701	437,590	437,590
	438,277	498,964	498,964

Robert Wilby, Bay Path School Committee member, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$498,964 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Select Board recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Mark Love, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, recognized Richard Fenton for his completion of 22 years of dedicated service to the Finance Committee. Mr. Fenton received a standing ovation from those in attendance. Julia Pingitore, Select Board Chair, noted that the applause was well deserved and thanked him for a job well done.

A motion was made by Glenn Sullivan and seconded by Julia Pingitore to dissolve the meeting. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Town Clerk