



Town of Paxton
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2018

Special Town Meeting
October 30, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:25P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 55 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

Counters for the Special Town Meeting were Kathryn Kingsbury and Mary Ann Paquette.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Special 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 Moderator or seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommended approval for all the following articles moved unless noted under the article motion.

Article 1. Capital Depreciation Fund To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 and transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the Capital Depreciation Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, moved Article 1 as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 and transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 2. OPEB Fund To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the OPEB Fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits), or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

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Julia Pingitore moved Article 2 as follows that the town transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to the OPEB Fund (Other Post-Employment Benefits). The motion was seconded by John Malone.

A Hand Count was taken. The vote was Yes: 29; No: 20

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 3. Stabilization Fund To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$34,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.
Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Julia Pingitore moved Article 3 as follows that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$34,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 4. Stormwater To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the work required to comply with the Town's stormwater permitting, or act in any way thereon.

Article 4 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the work required to comply with the Town's storm water permitting. Motion was seconded by John Malone.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED

Article 5. Town Hall Painting and Repair To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$25,626 for repairs to the handicapped accessible ramp at the Town Hall; or act in way thereon.

Article 5 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,626 for repairs to the handicapped accessible ramp at the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 6. Holden Road Easement To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, a permanent 799sq. ft. easement on the property at 118 Holden Road for the purposes of a drainage easement required as part of the pavement project for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled "Holden Road" prepared

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by CHA Consulting, Inc. dated September 21, 2018 on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours; and **further, to transfer a sum of money from available funds** including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the costs associated with said acquisition of easement, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 6 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, a permanent 799 square foot easement on the property at 118 Holden Road for the purposes of a drainage easement required as part of the pavement project for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled "Holden Road" prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. dated September 21, 2018 on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours; and further, to transfer the sum of \$1,700 from Chapter 90 Road Resurfacing funds, for the costs associated with said acquisition of easement, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 7. Marijuana Moratorium To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3.15.3 of the Paxton Zoning Bylaws for the Temporary Marijuana Moratorium for Recreational Marijuana Establishments by changing the date of the moratorium from December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. A copy of the revised bylaw is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours, or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board.

Julia Pingitore moved Article 7 as follows that the Town vote to amend Section 3.3.15.3 of the Paxton Zoning Bylaws for the Temporary Marijuana Moratorium for Recreational Marijuana Establishments by changing the date of the moratorium from December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in accordance with a copy of the revised bylaw on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular Town Clerk business hours. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY.

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Article 8. Town Land Sales To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of the following parcels of land for the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels of land, pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 30B, such land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purposes, upon such terms and conditions and minimum amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any way thereon. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Julia Pingitore moved Article 8 as follows that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of the parcels of land identified in Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant from the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels of land, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B, such land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purposes, upon such terms and conditions and minimum amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN
A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE.**

Article 9. Town Land Sales Fees To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to pay for fees and services associated with the selling of Town Owned Land or act in any way thereon.

Julia Pingitore moved Article 9 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to pay for fees and services associated with the selling of Town Owned Land. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 10 M.G.L Chapter 54 Section 16A To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 54 Section 16A for the purpose of allowing the Town Clerk to appoint a warden, clerk, inspector, or deputy of any such office if for any reason such position is not present at the opening of the polls on the day of any given election; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Clerk.

Julia Pingitore moved Article 10 as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, Section 16A for the purpose of allowing the Town Clerk to appoint a warden, clerk, inspector, or deputy of any such office if for any reason such position is not present at the opening of the polls on the day of any given election. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

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THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS
DISSOLVED.

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Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting. Article 1 – 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	\$160,309
Expenses	\$768,382
Debt	<u>\$111,076</u>
Total	\$1,039,767

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and that \$1,039,767 is raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$1,039,767
Or act in any way thereon.	

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

John Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

Compensation	\$160,309
Expenses	\$768,382
Debt	<u>\$111,076</u>
Total	\$1,039,767

and that \$1,039,767 be raised through Departmental receipts.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 2 – OPEB Account To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the OPEB Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits); or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 2 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the town take no action on article 2. The motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
Finance Committee recommended the town take no action

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.

Article 3 – Stabilization Fund To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

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Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 3 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the Town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Article 4 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 4 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION PASSES.

Article 5 – Chapter 90 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 Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 5 was moved by Julia Pingitore 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 Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for

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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 Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 6 – Revolving Accounts To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019 for all revolving funds as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the Town of Paxton’s General Bylaws, as set forth below:

Council on Aging \$25,000
Recreation \$100,000
Library \$20,000
Paxton Days \$5,000

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 6 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019, for all revolving accounts as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the town of Paxton’s General By-Laws, in the following amounts:

Council on Aging:	\$25,000
Recreation:	\$100,000
Library:	\$20,000
Paxton Days:	\$5,000

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

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Article 7 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.
The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 8 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 8 was moved by Julia Pingitore that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.
The motion was seconded by John Malone.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 9 – Conservation Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX Enforcement and Section XI Appeals, based upon comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set forth in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 9 was moved by Michael Voorhis of the Conservation Commission as follows that the Town vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX, Enforcement, and Section XI, Appeals, based on comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set for in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw,” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

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THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 10 – Holden Road Easements To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for public inspection during regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours. The motion was seconded by John Malone

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

Article 11 – Holden Road Easement Funding To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the costs associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 11 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the cost

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associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion was made to amend the wording to read to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Chapter 90 funds. The motion was seconded and the moderator declared that the motion to amend passed.

Amended motion moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Chapter 90 funds, for the cost associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 12 – Backhoe To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$149,300 or any other sum, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 12 was moved by Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as follows that the town borrow **the sum of \$140,390, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader** for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

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

Article 13 - Ladder #1 Refurbish To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$110,000 or any other sum, to refurbish the Fire Department's 2003 KME Aerial Platform Ladder #1 Truck: provided,

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however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 13 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town take no action.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.
The Capital Improvement Committee recommended to take no action.

MODERATOR: NO VOTE NEEDED TO BE DECLARED AS NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Article 14 – COA Van replacement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000, or any other sum, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the Council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan: provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the Council on Aging-Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 14 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan; PROVIDED, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the council on Aging Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

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THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 15 – WRSD Athletic Field Turf Replacement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$60,120 or any other sum, to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 15 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,120 to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

The Moderator, Roger Brunelle, was unable to declare a voice vote and called for a Hand Count Vote. Hand count was taken: Yes: 56: No: 63

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION IS DEFEATED.

Article 16 – Pickup Truck for Water Dept. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a five year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Pickup Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Department

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 16 was moved by Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent, as follows that the Town authorize the Select Board in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts

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General Laws to enter into a five-year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds. The motion was seconded by John Malone

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS IS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 17 – ECC Parking Lot To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 or any other sum, from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Wachusett Regional School Committee.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 17 was moved by Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion made to amend the wording of the main motion by striking out the words raise and appropriate. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared that the motion to amend is passed.

Amended motion was moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 18 – Local Meal Tax To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby imposing a local meals excise; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

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Article 18 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, and impose a local meals excise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 19 - Town Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$332,790 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094 or any other sum, and to raise and appropriate an additional \$100,000 for a total appropriation of \$6,798,077 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, 2018, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; provided that this additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 1/2 override question in accordance to Chapter 59, Section 21 C (g), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 19 was moved by Richard Fenton, chairman of the Finance Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$313,300, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094, and to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$100,000, for a total of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, PROVIDED that the additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 1/2 override question in accordance with Chapter 59, section 21 C (g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

The Moderator than stated that we would move each category under the General Town Budget

Categories under Article 19:

General Government:

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Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,937,958 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided that the additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the Voters of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Safety

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,121,304 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated for account number 100-1232-5103, Emergency Medical Services shall be reduced to \$509,407. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$849,529 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Sanitation and Environment

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$281,185 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT HAS PASSED.

Human Services

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$69,900 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

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THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Culture and Recreation

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$211,560 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION HAS PASSED.

Central Purchasing

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$182,290 for the Central Purchasing budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

Debt Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,124,861 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion to confirm the entire budget for all categories, excluding schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant, subject, however, to any amendments to the said budget summary, which have been approved in this Meeting. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 20 – Wachusett Regional School District Budget

Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,013,461 to pay its assessed share of the

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Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,313,461 assessment from the District, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation of \$300,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 21- Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget

Article 21 was moved by Robert Wilby, a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational High School Committee as follows that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,639 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22 – Out of District Student Expenses

Article 22 was moved by Peter Bogren, Jr, a member of the Select Board as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,286 to pay the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocation Tuition Assessment and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,670 for the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Transportation. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion made and seconded to Dissolve the Meeting at 9:05p.m.

MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MEETING IS DISSOLVED.

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MOTION:

I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$105,062** to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

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Article 6 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended sum of \$6,000 from Article 3 of the October 15, 2015 Special Town Meeting (account 0100-1192-5803-0000) to the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. **moved** that the Town vote to transfer the unexpended sum of \$6,000 from Article 3 of the October 15, 2015 Special Town Meeting (account 0100-1192-5803-0000) to the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

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**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 6
HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 7 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash and/ or Overlay Surplus), the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum to the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr made the motion to take no action on Article 7. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended taking no action.

Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION HAS
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 8 – Kennel License Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw”, to establish the requirements for the licensing and operation of a kennel within the Town of Paxton, as shown on the document entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw”, to establish the requirements for the licensing and operation of a kennel within the Town of Paxton, as shown on the document entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 8 HAS
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 9 – Wetlands Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Wetlands Bylaw” to allow for the protection of wetlands resources areas in the Town of Paxton by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation

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Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values, including public or private water supply, groundwater supply, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality, prevention and control of pollution, fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community, as show on the document entitled “Wetlands Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.
Article sponsored by the Conservation Commission.

Mia McDonald, Agent for the Conservation Commission, **moved** that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Wetlands Bylaw” to allow for the protection of wetlands resources areas in the Town of Paxton by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values, including public or private water supply, groundwater supply, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality, prevention and control of pollution, fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community, as shown on the document entitled “Wetlands Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.
The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION WAS NOT PASSED.

Article 10 – Abutter Lot Sales Program To see if the Town will vote to authorize and establish an “Abutter Lot Sales Program” through which the Board of Selectmen may dispose of certain Town-owned parcels of land determined to be of low value and included on a specific list as voted by Town Meeting, by sale to direct abutters under rules established by the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with procedures set forth in Chapter 30B of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

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Article sponsored by the Sale of Town Owned Property Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. made the motion to take no action on Article 10. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TAKE NO
ACTION HAS PASSED.**

Article II – Properties available for Abutter Lot Sales To see if the Town will vote to add the following list of properties to the “Abutter Lot Sales Program” established by Article 10 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, and to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of said parcels from the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of sale, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 30B of the General Laws and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town.

Assessors Map & Lot	Location	Acreage
10/40	Brooks Road	1.06
13/34	Marshall Street	1.39
13/17	Marshall Street	10
19/156	Pleasant Street	6.5
21/22	Marshall Street	0.94
26/56	Larchwood Road	1.24
30/86	Mower Street	0.25

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or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Sale of Town Owned Property Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to take no action on Article 11. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TAKE NO
ACTION HAS PASSED.

Article 12 – Create Road Improvement Fund To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 40 Sec 5B to create a Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote pursuant to MGL c. 40 Sec 5B to create a Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-thirds majority vote needed.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY MORE
THAN A 2/3 MAJORITY.

Article 13 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws; or act in any other way thereon.

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Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-thirds majority vote needed.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY
MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.**

Article 14 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-Thirds vote needed.

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

Article 15 – WRSD Science Project Room To see if the Town will vote to approve naming the Science Project Room at the Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Dr. Neil Ault; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee for Paxton,

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moved that the town vote to approve naming the Science Project Room at the Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Dr. Neil Ault. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 16 – WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.3 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment will align the annual census review with the proposed five year review of the Regional Agreement.

Section 1.1.3 - The population of the Member Towns shall be determined every five (5) years in accordance with the towns' annual census with the first-next five (5) year review to be conducted in calendar 1998-2021 and certified by the respective town clerks. Any increase in membership resulting from population changes shall be elected at the annual town meeting following the review year.

7 ~~The five (5) year census review year and the election of new membership increases shall be in accordance with the following schedule:~~

CENSUS REVIEW

ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

2007	2008
2012	2013
2017	2018
2022	2023

and every five (5) years thereafter

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.3 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 16. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

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THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 17 – WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.6 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment is grammatical, replacing the word “in” with the word “on.”

Section 1.1.6 - If a vacancy occurs ~~in~~on the Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectboard of the Member Town to which the vacancy relates shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town’s next annual meeting and a successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.6 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 17. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 18 WRSD Agreement. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 5 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment will change the Member Town assessment payment schedule from semi-annual payments to payments four times a year, with Member Towns Princeton and Paxton making assessment payments the first day of July, October, January and April; the Member Towns of Holden, Rutland, and Sterling making assessment payments the first day of August, November, February and May.

Section 5 - Payments of ~~one-half~~ of each Member Town’s proportional part of the

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District's Budget shall be made ~~semi-annually on the first day of each May and November, such payments to be made~~ in the manner prescribed by statute four (4) times per year in accordance with the following schedule:

Town of Paxton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st

Town of Princeton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st

Town of Rutland by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Town of Sterling by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Town of Holden by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 5 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 18. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 19 WRSD Agreement To see if the town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 7 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment updates "Massachusetts Department of Education" to "Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education."

Section 7 - Any town not included in the District may be admitted to said District by a majority vote of the Committee upon acceptance by the town of the original agreement with any amendments thereto. Upon admission of such town, the total of the costs of the original construction and of subsequent acquisitions and improvements, reduced by a depreciation allowance at a percentage determined by the Massachusetts Department of [Elementary and Secondary](#) Education shall be reapportioned to all towns in the District, including the newly admitted town, as determined by the Committee. The newly admitted town shall then assume liability for its entire share of the cost as determined by this Section, to be paid to the District over the remaining term of the funded debt. If no funded debt exists the newly admitted town must finance its share as computed in this Section, independent of the District, and pay the same

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directly to each Member Town, subject to the approval of the Committee. Any action under this Section shall be approved by the Massachusetts Department of [Elementary and Secondary Education](#) in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos **moved** that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 7 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 19. The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 20 WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 16 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment corrects “single projected” to “single project.”

Section 16 - The Regional District School Committee may authorize capital expenditures from surplus funds for those purposes cited in General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16, not to exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year or for any single [projected project](#), and provided two-thirds of the members of the Committee voting on the question authorize said expenditure.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos **moved** that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 16 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 20. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 21 WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 17.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The

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proposed amendment reduces the length of lease agreements between the Member Towns and the Wachusett Regional School District from twenty years to ten years.

Section 17.1 - The Member Towns are hereby authorized and directed to lease to the District, upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) in each case (each said sum to be assessed from each Member Town and the assessment to be payable upon demand by the District) the school

building and premises, which premises include the land appurtenant to and used in connection with said schools owned by the Member Towns on July 1, 1994 and any new school buildings constructed by the Member Towns after July 1, 1994. Each such lease shall be made by the Selectboard for the Member Town and shall provide for an initial term of ~~twenty (20)~~ ten (10)

years and the term shall commence on the date when the District accepts possession of the building and each such lease shall contain a provision for the extension of the lease for an additional term of ~~twenty (20)~~ ten (10) years, at the option of the Committee. No rental shall be charged to the District by any of the Member Towns.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 17.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 21. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 21 IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22 WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 19.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment adds the phrase “as described in Section 14.2”

Section 19.1 - This amended Agreement shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of each of the Member Towns at town meetings in each such town, as described in Section 14.2 and shall thereupon supersede the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement most recently amended by vote of the Member Towns on May 7, 1977 and validated by Chapters 461, 462 and 463 of the Acts of 1977.

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Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos **moved** that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 19.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 22. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,789,262 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$236,400 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$114,318 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$6,187,678 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, 2016, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Because this Article makes very specific references to more than one source and amount of money to be raised or transferred from available funds, the Moderator requested that the meeting first vote to raise and to transfer from available funds the sum of money for the annual budget. Then we will have separate votes to appropriate the sums raised and transferred to defray the expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, then **moved** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,789,262, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$236,400, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$114,318 for a total of \$6,187,678 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED.

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The following are the votes taken under each separate category of Article 23 in which the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval for each category. The itemized Budget for each category is attached.

The first budget category under Article 23 is:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,638,030 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum \$1,899,172 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$709,014 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

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**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$278,225 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

HUMAN SERVICES:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$70,411 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$201,014 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant except under the library allocation accounts which should be Children's Librarian 36,045 and Compensation 36,590. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CENTRAL PURCHASING:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$188,890 for the Central Purchasing Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED
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Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,202,922 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Moderator than asked for a Motion to confirm the entire budget for all categories, excluding schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,187,678 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, excluding school, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

We will now move on to Article 24, which is for the Wachusett Regional School District budget.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,726,292 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,026,292 assessment from the District and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation shall be contingent on the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Barbara Renzoni moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,726,292 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,026,292 assessment from the District, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation of \$300,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, §21C(g) of the General Laws. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.
Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

Moderator was unable to determine the voice vote and called for a Hand Count.

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YES: 74
NO: 50
TOTAL: 124

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS BEEN PASSED.

Article 25... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$260,771 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016; or act in any way thereon.

Robert Wilby, a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical School Committee, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,771 to pay for its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MEETING IS DISSOLVED...
TOWN MEETING DISSOLVED AT 8:48P.M.

Roger Brunelle, Moderator for Annual Town Meeting
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk