

**2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Wilson Middle School
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Hall
April 24, 2012
Third Session**

The Third Session of the 2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by the Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting Members and interested parties to the Third Session of 2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that any recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting who have not been sworn in to please stand and take the oath of office. Town Meeting stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving on our behalf throughout the world.

The Moderator introduced the officials present on stage and in the well of the auditorium. The following people were present: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Jonathan Freedman, Finance Committee Chair; James Everett, Finance Committee Secretary; Martha White, Town Administrator; John Flynn, Town Counsel; and Paul Joseph, Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator informed the body that the same general rules and procedures for Town Meeting were in effect including waiving the reading of the warrant and motions under certain conditions. He also reiterated that any person who has a monetary or equitable interest must disclose that prior to speaking on an article.

The Moderator announced that the meeting will begin with Article 3, then Article 14, Article 16, Motion E and then Article 18 and through the rest of the warrant.

ARTICLE 3: Fiscal 2012 Omnibus Budget Article (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2012, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2012 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations, or otherwise act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee voted to reconsider and recommend approval of the revised FY 2012 budget (under Article 3) and the FY 2013 budget (under Article 14, Motion B) for the Natick Police Department.

MOTION A: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to reduce the following appropriations voted at the Annual Spring Town Meeting commencing on April 12, 2011 under Article 11 as follows:

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| Article 11, Motion E | Comptroller Salaries | (\$ 37,000) |
| Article 11, Motion G | Employee Fringe-Other Personnel Services | (\$128,660) |

Ms. White spoke to Motion A and Motion B at the same time although the motions needed to be voted separately.

Motion A under Article 3 passed by majority vote.

MOTION B: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165, 660 as an amendment to the following appropriations voted at the Annual Spring Town Meeting commencing on April 12, 2011 under Article 11 as follows:

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| Article 11, Motion B | Police salaries | \$89,486 |
| Article 11, Motion C | DPW Building Maintenance Salaries | \$ 5,410 |
| Article 11, Motion C | DPW Equipment Maintenance Salaries | \$ 7,550 |

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| Article 11, Motion C | DPW Highway & Sanitation Salaries | \$ 20,391 |
| Article 11, Motion C | DPW Land, Facilities & Natural Resources Salaries | \$ 5,823 |
| Article 11, Motion E | Comptroller Expenses | \$ 37,000 |

And that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$165,660 be raised from the Tax Levy.

Motion B under Article 3 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 14: Fiscal 2013 Omnibus Budget (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest during Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2013, or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 14, the omnibus budget, is voted in separate motions by Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

On April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommended favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 14, and that the sum of \$121,558,130 be appropriated as specified in the individual motions for the purpose of funding the operations of the various Town departments during Fiscal Year 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Motion A: Education and Learning

Natick Public Schools:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Natick Public Schools budget under Article 14, Section A, and that the sum of \$46,200,514 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Keefe Tech:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical High School budget under Article 14, Section A, and that the sum of \$ 1,271,613 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion A, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everet, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

Motions for Section A: Education & Learning

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| Motion for Section A under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Natick Public Schools | |
| Salaries & Expenses | 46,200,514 |
| Total Natick Public Schools | \$ 46,200,514 |
| Keefe Tech | |
| Expenses (Assessment) | \$ 1,271,613 |
| Total Keefe Tech | \$ 1,271,613 |
| Motion Total | \$ 47,472,127 |
| And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 47,472,127 |
| | \$ 47,472,127 |

Ms. White, Town Administrator, spoke to Article 14. Superintendent Lynch of Joseph P. Keefe Regional Technical gave a presentation and recognized Dr. Stephen Kane and Mr. Tass Filledes. He acknowledged Mr. Filledes recent honor of a lifetime achievement award which was given to him by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Dr. Peter Sanchioni, Natick Public School Superintendent, gave a presentation on the budget and showed a video about the new high school.

Motion A under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion B: Public Safety

Emergency Management:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on February 14, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Emergency Management Department budget under Article 14, Section B, and that the sum of \$35,600 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Parking Enforcement:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on February 14, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Parking Enforcement Department budget under Article 14, Section B and that the sum of \$104,950 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Police Department Budget:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Police Department budget under Article 14, Section B and that the sum of \$6,070,069 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Fire Department:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on February 14, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Fire Department budget under Article 14, Section B and that the sum of \$7,374,311 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion B, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

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| Motion for Section B under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Emergency Management | |
| Expenses | \$ 35,600 |
| Total Emergency Management | \$ 35,600 |
| Parking Enforcement | |
| Salaries | \$ 31,950 |
| Expenses | \$ 73,000 |
| Total Parking Enforcement | \$ 104,950 |
| Police | |
| Salaries | \$ 5,836,381 |
| Expenses | \$ 226,188 |
| Other Chgs. & Expenses | \$ 7,500 |
| Total Police | \$ 6,070,069 |
| Fire | |
| Salaries | \$ 7,184,411 |
| Expenses | \$ 189,900 |
| Total Fire | \$ 7,374,311 |
| Motion Total | \$ 13,584,930 |
| And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 13,524,930 |
| Parking Meter Revenues | \$ 60,000 |
| | \$ 13,584,930 |

Motion B under Article 14 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion C: Public Works

DPW Administration:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on February 16, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Administration budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$277,812 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW Building Maintenance:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Building Maintenance Department budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$360,150 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW Energy:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on February 16, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Energy budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$1,536,848 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW Engineering:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on February 16, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Engineering Department budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$487,919 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW Equipment Maintenance:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Equipment Maintenance Department budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$783,580 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW Highway, Sanitation, & Recycling:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Highway, Sanitation, & Recycling Department budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$3,199,718 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

DPW LF&NR:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the DPW Land, Forestry, & Natural Resources Department budget under Article 14, Section C, and that the sum of \$697,405 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion C, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everet, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

| Motion for Section C under Article 14: | |
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| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| DPW Administration | |
| Salaries | \$ 234,322 |
| Expenses | \$ 43,490 |
| Total DPW Administration | \$ 277,812 |
| DPW Building Maintenance | |
| Salaries | \$ - |
| Expenses | \$ 360,150 |
| Total DPW Build. Maint. | \$ 360,150 |
| DPW Energy | |
| Purchase of Services | \$ 1,535,348 |
| Other Charges | \$ 1,500 |
| Total DPW Energy | \$ 1,536,848 |
| DPW Engineering | |
| Salaries | \$ 387,519 |
| Expenses | \$ 100,400 |
| Total DPW Engineering | \$ 487,919 |
| DPW Equipment Maintenance | |
| Salaries | \$ 508,691 |
| Expenses | \$ 269,889 |
| Other - Capital Outlay | \$ 5,000 |
| Total DPW Equip. Maint. | \$ 783,580 |
| DPW Highway & Sanitation | |
| Salaries | \$ 1,349,018 |
| Expenses | \$ 388,900 |
| Other - Charges & Expenditures | \$ 1,461,800 |
| Total DPW Highway & San. | \$ 3,199,718 |
| DPW Land, Facilities & Nat. Resources | |
| Salaries | \$ 459,360 |
| Expenses | \$ 238,045 |
| Total DPW LF & NR | \$ 697,405 |
| Motion Total | \$ 7,343,432 |
| And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 7,343,432 |
| | \$ 7,343,432 |

Motion C under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion D: Health and Human Services

Community Services:

By a vote of 14-0-1 on January 31, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Community Services Department budget under Article 14, Section D, and that the sum of \$1,390,689 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Board of Health:

By a vote of 8-4-0 on January 24, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Board of Health budget under Article 14, Section D, and that the sum of \$437,468 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion D, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

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| Motion for Section D under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Community Services | |
| Salaries | \$ 1,093,253 |
| Expenses | \$ 291,677 |
| Total Community Services | \$ 1,384,930 |
| Board of Health | |
| Salaries | \$ 387,518 |
| Expenses | \$ 34,950 |
| Other Changes & Expenditures | \$ 15,000 |
| Total Board of Health | \$ 437,468 |
| Motion Total | \$ 1,822,398 |
| And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 1,822,398 |
| | \$ 1,822,398 |

Motion D under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion E: Administrative Support Services (General Government)

Board of Selectmen:

By a vote of 13-1-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Board of Selectmen budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$839,997 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Personnel Board:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on January 24, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Personnel Board budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Town Report:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Town Report budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$5,500 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Legal:

By a vote of 10-2-0 on January 24, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Legal Services budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$304,480 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Finance:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 6, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Finance Department budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$1,451,522 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Information Technology:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Information Technology Department budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$878,045 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Town Clerk's Budget:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Town Clerk's budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$231,613 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Elections:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Elections Department budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$122,065 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Sealer of Weights & Measures:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Sealer of Weights and Measures budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$15,509 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Community Development:

By a vote of 13-0-1 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Community Development Department budget under Article 14, Section E, and that the sum of \$752,675 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion E, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

| Motion for Section E under Article 14: | |
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| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Board of Selectmen | |
| Salaries | \$ 572,890 |
| Expenses | \$ 248,750 |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | \$ 18,357 |
| Total Board of Selectmen | \$ 839,997 |
| Personnel Board | |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | \$ 1,000 |
| Total Personnel Board | \$ 1,000 |
| Town Report | |
| Professional Services | \$ 5,500 |
| Total Town Report | \$ 5,500 |
| Legal | |
| Expenses | \$ 294,480 |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | \$ 10,000 |
| Total Legal Services | \$ 304,480 |
| Finance | |
| Salaries | \$ 1,056,222 |
| Expenses | \$ 320,300 |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | \$ 75,000 |
| Total Finance | \$ 1,451,522 |
| Information Technology | |
| Salaries | \$ 238,945 |
| Expenses | \$ 374,100 |
| Other Chgs. & Expenditures | \$ 265,000 |
| Total Information Technology | \$ 878,045 |
| Town Clerk | |
| Salaries | \$ 209,863 |
| Expenses | \$ 21,750 |
| Total Town Clerk | \$ 231,613 |
| Elections | |
| Salaries (Registrars) | \$ 59,565 |
| Expenses (Registrars) | \$ 62,500 |
| Total Elections | \$ 122,065 |
| Sealer of Weights & Measures | |
| Salaries | \$ 14,659 |
| Expenses | \$ 850 |
| Total Sealer Weights/Meas. | \$ 15,509 |
| Community Development | |
| Salaries | \$ 728,864 |
| Expenses | \$ 23,811 |
| Total Community Development | \$ 752,675 |
| Motion Total | \$ 4,602,406 |
| And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 4,602,406 |
| | \$ 4,602,406 |

Motion E under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion F: Committees and Commissions

Finance Committee:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Finance Committee budget under Article 14, Section F, and that the sum of \$22,000 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Commission on Disability:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Commission on Disability budget under Article 14, Section F, and that the sum of \$1,810 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Natick Cultural Council:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Natick Cultural Council budget under Article 14, Section F, and that the sum of \$700 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Historical Commission:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Historical Commission budget under Article 14, Section F, and that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Historic District Commission:

By a vote of 13-0-0 on January 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Historic District Commission budget under Article 14, Section F, and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion F, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

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| Motion for Section F under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Finance Committee | |
| Expenses | \$ 22,000 |
| Total Finance Committee | \$ 22,000 |
| Commission on Disability | |
| Expenses | \$ 1,810 |
| Total Commission on Disability | \$ 1,810 |
| Natick Cultural Council | |
| Expenses | \$ 700 |
| Total Natick Cultural Council | \$ 700 |
| Historical Commission | |
| Expenses | \$ 1,000 |
| Total Historical Commission | \$ 1,000 |
| Historic District Commission | |
| Expenses | \$ 500 |
| Total Historic District Commission | \$ 500 |
| Motion Total | \$ 26,010 |
| And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 26,010 |
| | \$ 26,010 |

Motion F under Article 14 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion G: Shared Expenses (Unclassified)

Employee Fringe:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Employee Fringe Benefits budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$15,174,510 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Insurance:

By a vote of 15-0-0 on January 31, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Property and Liability Insurance budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$553,175 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Contributory Retirement:

By a vote of 15-0-0 on January 31, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Contributory Retirement budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$6,082,991 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Non-Contributory Retirement:

By a vote of 15-0-0 on January 31, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Non-Contributory Retirement budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$67,209 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Debt:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Debt Service budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$10,271,915 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Reserve Fund:

By a vote of 15-0-0 on January 24, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Reserve Fund budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$400,000 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Facilities Management Budget:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Facilities Management budget under Article 14, Section G, and that the sum of \$2,449,793 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

Motion G, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman. The Moderator announced that his motion requires a two-thirds vote.

Motions for Section G: Shared Expenses (Unclassified)

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| Motion for Section G under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of funding the accounts and funds shown below, said funds are to be expended under the direction of the following officials or committees: Employee Fringe Benefits - Town Administrator; Property and Liability Insurance - Town Administrator; Contributory Retirement System Pension Liability – Collector/Treasurer; Non Contributory Retirement Pension Liability - Comptroller; Debt Service - Collector/Treasurer; Reserve Fund – Finance Committee; Facilities Management - Town Administrator & Superintendent of Public Schools. | |
| Employee Fringe | |
| Other Personnel Services | \$ 15,084,510 |
| Other Personnel Services - Merit / Performance | \$ 90,000 |
| Total Employee Fringe | \$ 15,174,510 |
| Property & Liability Insurance | |
| Purchased Services | \$ 553,175 |
| Total Prop. & Liab. Insurance | \$ 553,175 |
| Contributory Retirement | |
| Pension Assessment | \$ 6,082,991 |
| Total Contributory Retirement | \$ 6,082,991 |
| Non-Contributory Retirement | |
| Pensions | \$ 67,209 |
| Total Non-Contributory Retire. | \$ 67,209 |
| Debt Service | |
| Leased Equipment | \$ 82,000 |
| Principal | \$ 7,411,031 |
| Interest | \$ 2,778,884 |
| Total Debt Service | \$ 10,271,915 |
| Reserve Fund | |
| Other Charges | \$ 400,000 |
| Total Reserve Fund | \$ 400,000 |
| Facilities Management | |
| Salaries | \$ 2,324,809 |
| Expenses | \$ 124,984 |
| Total Facilities Management | \$ 2,449,793 |
| Motion Total | \$ 34,999,593 |
| And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 29,483,795 |
| Free Cash | \$ 2,604,502 |
| Title V Septic | \$ 7,684 |
| Water-Sewer User Fees | \$ 2,581,514 |
| Capital Stabilization Fund | \$ 108,250 |
| Premiums | \$ 90,681 |
| School Building Assistance | \$ 123,167 |
| | \$ 34,999,593 |

Motion G under Article 14 passed by a two-thirds vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motions H1& H2: Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund

At its meeting on April 19, 2012, The Finance Committee voted unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0 to reconsider and recommend approval of the revised FY 2012 budget (under Article 3) and the FY 2013 budget (under Article 14, Motions A, B, C, E, G, and H1) for the DPW Laborers wage adjustments as proposed by Town Administration.

Water & Sewer Operations:

By a vote of 10-0-0 on April 19, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Water and Sewer Operations budget under Article 14, Section H, and that the sum of \$7,769,261 be appropriated from Water and Sewer User Fees.

Water & Sewer Utility Billing:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on March 2, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Water and Sewer Utility Billing budget under Article 14, Section H, and that the sum of \$233,568 be appropriated from Water and Sewer User Fees.

Water & Sewer Employee Fringe:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on February 28, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Water and Sewer Employee Fringe Benefits budget under Article 14, Section H, and that the sum of \$652,592 be appropriated from Water and Sewer User Fees.

Water & Sewer Debt:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Water and Sewer Debt Service budget under Article 14, Section H, and that the sum of \$1,965,450 be appropriated from Water and Sewer User Fees.

Water & Sewer Reserve:

By a vote of 14-0-0 on February 2, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Water and Sewer Reserve Fund budget under Article 14, Section H, and that the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated from the Water and Sewer User Fees.

Water & Sewer Indirects:

By a vote of 13-1-0 on February 2, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to approval of the allocation of Water and Sewer Indirect Costs under Article 14, Section H.

Motion H1, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

Motions for Section H1: Water/Sewer Enterprise

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| Motion for Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund - Section H1 under Article 14: | |
| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Water & Sanitary Sewer Operations | |
| Salaries | \$ 1,659,661 |
| Expenses | \$ 6,109,600 |
| Total Sanitary Sewer | \$ 7,769,261 |
| Utility Billing | |
| Salaries | \$ 103,618 |
| Expenses | \$ 129,950 |
| Total Utility Billing | \$ 233,568 |
| Fringe Benefits | |
| Other Personal Services | \$ 452,634 |
| Other - Chgs. & Expenditures | \$ 199,959 |
| Total Benefits | \$ 652,593 |
| Water & Sewer Debt Service | |
| Principal | \$ 1,514,188 |
| Interest | \$ 451,262 |
| Total Debt Service | \$ 1,965,450 |
| Water & Sewer Reserve Fund | |
| Expenses | \$ 200,000 |
| Total W & S Reserve Fund | \$ 200,000 |
| Motion Total | \$ 10,820,872 |
| And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources: | |
| Water-Sewer User Fees | \$ 10,820,872 |
| | \$ 10,820,872 |

Motion H1 under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

Motion H2, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. Freedman.

Motions for Section H2: Water/Sewer Enterprise

| Water/Sewer Indirect Cost Allocations - Motion H2 under Article 14 | |
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| Move that the Town vote to approve the following indirect cost allocations raised in the General Fund: | |
| PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS | TOTAL |
| DPW ADMINISTRATION | \$ 126,753 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | 123,071 |
| ENGINEERING SERVICES | 318,870 |
| GIS SERVICES | (66,936) |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 333,476 |
| HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE | 367,483 |
| | |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | \$ 369,890 |
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| FINANCIAL / ADMINISTRATIVE | 619,583 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 69,626 |
| PROPERTY INSURANCE | 208,383 |
| ENERGY | 111,315 |
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| SUBTOTAL - GENERAL FUND | 2,581,514 |
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| And that the Sum of \$2,581,514 appropriated in the General Fund be raised from the following source: | |
| Water-Sewer User Fees | \$ 2,581,514 |
| (See Motion for Section G, Article 14: Shared Expenses (Unclassified)) | \$ 2,581,514 |

Motion H2 under Article 14 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Motions I: Sassamon Trace Golf Course Enterprise Fund

Sassamon Operations:

By a vote of 13-1-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Sassamon Trace Operations budget under Article 14, Section I, and that the sum of \$553,407 be appropriated as noted in the motion.

Sassamon Reserve:

By a vote of 11-0-0 on March 8, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Sassamon Trace Reserve Fund budget under Article 14, Section I, and that the sum of \$0 (zero) be appropriated as noted in the motion.

Sassamon Employee Fringe:

By a vote of 13-1-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Sassamon Trace Employee Fringe Benefits budget under Article 14, Section I, and that the sum of \$44,609 be appropriated as noted in the motion.

Sassamon Debt:

By a vote of 13-1-0 on March 22, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the Sassamon Trace Debt Service budget under Article 14, Section I, and that the sum of \$286,315 be appropriated as noted in the motion.

Sassamon Indirects:

As Town Administration has decided to postpone the implementation of indirect cost allocations for Sassamon Trace until FY 2014, the Finance Committee has no recommendation with regard to the Sassamon Trace Indirect Cost allocations under Article 14, Section I.

Motion I, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

| Motion for Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund - Section I under Article 14: | |
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| Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director: | |
| Sassamon Trace Operations | |
| Salaries | \$ 194,655 |
| Expenses | \$ 358,752 |
| Total GC Operations | \$ 553,407 |
| Sassamon Trace Reserve Fund | |
| Expenses | \$ - |
| Total GC Reserve Fund | \$ - |
| Sassamon Trace Fringe Benefits | |
| Other Personal Services | \$ 34,918 |
| Other - Chgs. & Expenditures | \$ 9,691 |
| Total GC Fringe Benefits | \$ 44,609 |
| Sassamon Trace Debt Service | |
| Principal | \$ 195,930 |
| Interest | \$ 92,415 |
| Total GC Debt Service | \$ 288,345 |
| Motion Total | \$ 886,361 |
| And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources: | |
| Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2013 | \$ 310,000 |
| Golf User Fees | \$ 540,000 |
| Golf Retained Earnings | \$ 36,361 |
| | \$ 886,361 |

Motion I under Article 14 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 16: Capital Improvement (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect the physical infrastructure of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 16, Motion E was postponed from Thursday, April 1, 2012. Motion E under Article 16, as detailed below, was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

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MOTION E: (two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$357,900 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of completing sewer system rehabilitation, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$357,900 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8(5), as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes therefor aggregating not more than \$357,900 in principal amount, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept one or more grants or gifts from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or any other public or private funding source for the purposes of this article. Said sewer system rehabilitation shall be at numerous locations throughout town; said locations may include but will not necessarily be limited to, Bacon Street, Beaver Dam Road, Beaver Dam Road r.o.w. to Belmore Road, Bennett Street Easement, Brookdale Road, Burning Tree Road, Cottage Street, Curtis Road, Curve Street, Easement at Leonard Morse Hospital, Edgewood Avenue Easement, Farwell Street Easement, Florence Street, Hardwick Road, Hardwick Road r.o.w., Harvard Street/Sawin Street, Hillside Road, Huron Drive r.o.w., Kelsey Road, Main Street, Mercer Road r.o.w., Mill Street, North Avenue, Oak Street at Jennings Pond, Oakland Street, Pamela Road, Pearl Street, Pilgrim Road r.o.w. to Ranger Road, Pine Street, r.o.w., Plain Street, Porter Road, Rockland Street, Sawin Street, School Street Extension, South Main Street,

Stratford Road, Summer Street, Travis Road r.o.w., Vernon Road, Virginia Road, Westfield Road, Westfield Road r.o.w., Winter Street, and manholes throughout the town.

Motion E under Article 16 passed by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 18: Appropriate Funds for Rockland and Farwell Street Improvements (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund improvements to Rockland Street and Farwell Street, or otherwise act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject of Article 18.

MOTION: (majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash and the sum of \$150,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to fund improvements to Rockland Street and Farwell Street.

Ms. White spoke to this article.

The main motion under Article 18 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: Transfer Funds to Community/Senior Center Project (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds to the Community/Senior Center Project a sum of money representing the amount of deposits forfeited due to failure to return plans taken out by prospective bidders for that project, or otherwise act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 13, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject of Article 19.

MOTION: (majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,230 from Free Cash to the Community/Senior Center Project.

Ms. White spoke to this article.

The main motion under Article 19 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 20: Unpaid Bills (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be required for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Natick, or otherwise act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 13, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends no action with regard to the subject of Article 20.

Motion:

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that no action be taken on this article.

The motion to take no action under Article 20 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: Increase Personal Exemption Amounts (Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Personal Exemption Amounts by 40.0% under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which provides for "Optional Additional Property Tax Exemptions" allowing an annually determined, uniform increase in the amount of exemption in General Laws, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, 37A, and 41C (elderly person, disabled veteran, or blind person).

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject of Article 21.

MOTION: (majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to increase the Personal Exemption Amounts by 40.0% under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which provides for "Optional Additional Property Tax Exemptions" allowing an annually determined, uniform increase in the amount of exemption in General Laws, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, 37A, and 41C (elderly person, disabled veteran, or blind person).

Ms. Dangelo, Assessor spoke to this article.

The main motion under Article 21 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: Re-authorization of Revolving Funds (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds previously established pursuant to votes of Town Meeting; to determine: 1) the programs and purposes for which each such revolving fund may be expended; 2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to each such revolving fund; 3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend money from each such revolving fund; and 4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from each such revolving fund in the fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2012; or otherwise act thereon.

Ms. White spoke to this article. Each of the motions must be voted separately.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion A.

MOTION A: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everet, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to authorize the Council on Aging Director, with oversight by the Council on Aging, to expend up to and including \$15,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 for the purpose of operating a subsidized transportation program for senior citizens, pursuant to Chapter 44 §53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, from the revolving fund established by vote of the April 1995 Annual Town Meeting under Article 27 for receipts received in connection with the subsidized transportation program.

Motion A under Article 22 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 11-1-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion B.

MOTION B: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend up to and including \$15,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 in order to utilize fees paid to the Conservation Commission by applicants for the purpose of hiring consultants pursuant to Chapter 44 §53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, from the revolving fund established by vote of the October 2000 Fall Special Town Meeting #2 under Article 8.

Motion B under Article 22 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 11-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion C.

MOTION C: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to expend up to and including \$35,000 during the fiscal year

beginning July 1, 2012 under the direction of the Department of Public Works and the Town Administrator in order to utilize revenue from the sale of surplus vehicles and fund the purchases of vehicles and equipment at auction pursuant to Chapter 44 §53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, from the revolving fund established by vote of the April 2005 Annual Town Meeting under Article 17.

Motion C under Article 22 passed by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 11-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion D.

MOTION D: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to authorize a Library Materials revolving fund in order to utilize revenues collected from fines for overdue materials, and from charges for lost or damaged materials, for the purpose of purchasing new books and other related materials; to authorize the Library Director, under the supervision of the Library Trustees and the Town Administrator to expend up to and including \$85,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, said fund having initially been established by vote of the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting under Article 19.

Motion D under Article 22 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 11-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion E.

MOTION E: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to authorize a Library Equipment and Maintenance revolving fund in order to utilize fees collected from rental of facilities at the Morse Institute Library for the purpose of maintenance and repair of Library facilities and equipment for the Library; to authorize the Library Director, under the supervision of the Library Trustees and the Town Administrator, to expend up to and including \$25,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, said fund having initially been established by vote of the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting under Article 20.

Motion E under Article 22 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion F.

MOTION F: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize a Senior Center Revolving Fund in order to utilize money received from building rental fees and donations for the purpose of funding maintenance of the Senior Center and/or Community Senior Center, by whatever name such building or buildings are identified, and improvement projects for such building or buildings; to authorize the Community Services Director and the Director of Human Services/Council on Aging, under the supervision of the Council on Aging, to expend up to and including \$75,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, said fund having initially been established by vote of the April 2008 Annual Town Meeting under Article 28.

Motion F under Article 22 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 12-0-0 on March 15, 2012, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action with regard to the subject matter of Article 22, Motion G.

MOTION G: (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize an Immunization Program and Emergency Preparedness Revolving Fund in order to utilize money received from Medicare, Medicaid and Health Insurance reimbursements from the Board of Health's annual flu clinics in order to provide subsidized funding for future flu clinics, children and adult immunization programs, pandemic and emergency preparedness; to authorize the Director of Public Health, under the supervision of the Board of Health, to expend up to and including \$40,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, said fund having initially been established by vote of the April 2011 Annual Town Meeting under Article 20.

Motion G under Article 22 passed unanimously.

Adjournment was moved by Mr. Goldman, seconded by Mr. Sidney. **The motion to adjourn passed by a two-thirds vote.** The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM until Thursday, April 26, 2012.

A record of the Third Session of
2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting
April 24, 2012

Diane Packer, Town Clerk