

**2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Natick High School
May 6, 2014
Fifth Session**

The Fifth Session of the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 Fifth Session of 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting who have not yet been sworn in stand to take the oath of office. There were none. The meeting stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 the 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; Brandon Moss, Town Counsel; and Joshua Ostroff, Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by ***Town Meeting Time***, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No person shall speak upon any article more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon.

The Moderator made several announcements regarding upcoming community wide events and volunteer opportunities. The Moderator announced that the body would begin with Motion A under Article 35 and that the three question rule had been suspended for this article. Ms. White also gave a quick overview of capital prior to beginning consideration of Motion A, Article 35.

ARTICLE 35: Capital Equipment (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum of money as may be required for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or otherwise act thereon.

Motion A had been moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman prior to adjournment on May 1st.

MOTION A: (Two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$819,000 to be expended under the direction of the Natick Public Schools for the purpose of replacing a truck and 1:1 computers, under the direction of the Police Department for the purpose of replacing two (2) police cruisers, a dictation system, laptop computers, police mobility vehicle, and furniture, under the direction of the Fire Department for the purpose of replacing turnout gear, thermal imaging cameras, and multi gas meters, under the direction of the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing vehicle M-1, and asphalt roller H-68, and under the direction of the Facilities Department for the purpose of replacing DPW garage heaters, and relocating solar panel meters, individually shown as items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, and 19 shown in Table A below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$819,000 be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

TABLE A - MOTION A: Article 35 - Capital Equipment - 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Public Schools	Replace NSD-84 (Truck with Plow and Sander)	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 45,000
3	Public Schools	Computer Replacement 1:1 Technology	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 400,000
4	Police	Cruiser Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 80,000
5	Police	Dictation System Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
6	Police	Replace Laptops	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 13,500
7	Police	Police Mobility Vehicle	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 10,000
8	Police	Replace Furniture	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 10,000
10	Fire	Replace Turnout Gear	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 75,000
11	Fire	Replace Thermal imaging Cameras	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
12	Fire	Replace Multi Gas Meters	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
13	Public Works	Replace M-1 (Deputy Director Vehicle)	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 28,500
16	Public Works	Replace H-68 One Ton Asphalt Roller	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 22,000
18	Facilities	DPW Garage Heater Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
19	Facilities	Relocate Meters at Solar Panels	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 15,000

Appropriation under Article 35: MOTION A **\$ 819,000**

Discussion ensued on Motion A. Moved by Mr. Lista, seconded by Mr. Brown to amend the main motion as follows:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ~~\$819,000~~ \$723,500 to be expended under the direction of the Natick Public Schools for the purpose of ~~replacing a truck and~~ 1:1 computers, under the direction of the Police Department for the purpose of replacing two (2) police cruisers, a dictation system, laptop computers, police mobility vehicle, and furniture, under the direction of the Fire Department for the purpose of replacing turnout gear, thermal imaging cameras, and multi gas meters, ~~under the direction of the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing vehicle M-1, and asphalt roller H-68,~~ and under the direction of the Facilities Department for the purpose of replacing DPW garage heaters, and relocating solar panel meters, individually shown as items ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16,~~ 18, and 19 shown in Table A below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of ~~\$819,000~~ \$723,500 be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Discussion ensued on the amended motion. Mr. Hughes moved, seconded by Ms. Gloff to move the question and end debate on the amendment. ***The motion to close debate on the amendment passed by two-thirds vote. The amendment to Motion A under Article 35 failed.*** Debate continued on Motion A. ***The main motion A under Article 35 passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.***

Motion B was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

MOTION B: (two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$890,000 to be expended under the direction of the Natick

TABLE B, MOTION B: Article 35 - Capital Equipment - 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Public Schools	Kennedy Middle School Portable Classrooms	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 215,000
9	Fire	Replace Ambulance #3	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 205,000
14	Public Works	Replace S-37 Hooklift and Chassis	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 230,000
15	Public Works	Replace S-38 Small Multi Body Truck	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 130,000
17	Facilities	Town Hall HVAC Rooftop Units	Tax Levy Borrowing	\$ 110,000

Appropriation under Article 35: MOTION B **\$ 890,000**

Discussion ensued on Motion B. *Motion B under Article 35 passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote.*

Motion C was moved by Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. Freedman.

MOTION C: (majority vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$245,000 to be expended under the direction of the

TABLE C, MOTION C: Article 35 - Capital Equipment - 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20	Water/Sewer	Replace Water Meter Transmitters	W/S Retained Earnings	\$ 100,000
21	Water/Sewer	Install Sewer Grinder Pump	W/S Retained Earnings	\$ 100,000
22	Water/Sewer	Replace W-4	W/S Retained Earnings	\$ 45,000

Appropriation under Article 35: MOTION C **\$ 245,000**

Motion C under Article 35 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 36: Capital Improvement (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

By a vote of 9-0-0 on March 13, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action with regard to the subject of Article 36, and that the sum of \$3,784,100 be appropriated as noted in the motions.

Motion A was moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman.

MOTION A: (Two-thirds vote required)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$559,100 to be expended under the direction of the Natick Public Schools for the purchase of studying Memorial Field Improvements, under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of field renovations and tree replacement, under the direction of the Community Services Department for thr purpose of studying recreation and parks fields, under the direction of the Town Administrator for the 911 Memorial, under the direction of the Finance Department for the purchase of cash management software, under the direction of the Information Technology Department for a network assessment, under the direction of the Facilities Department for purpose of the Wilson School parking expansion, and Town Hall carpet replacement, and under the direction of the South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School (Joseph P. Keefe Technical School) for the purpose of replacing the roof, individually shown as items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16 in the Table A below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$559,100 be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

TABLE A, MOTION A: Article 36 - Capital Improvement - 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Public Schools	Memorial Field Improvements Feasibility Study	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 50,000
4	Public Works	Field Renovations	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 65,000
5	Public Works	Tree Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
6	Comm. Serv.	Recreation and Parks Field Study	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 50,000
7	Town Admin	911 Memorial	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 20,000
8	Finance	Cash Management Software	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 24,100
9	Info. Technology	Network Assessment	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 60,000
10	Facilities	Wilson Parking Expansion	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 50,000
11	Facilities	Town Hall Carpet Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
16	Keefe Technical	Roof Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 180,000

Appropriation under Article 36: MOTION A **\$ 559,100**

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to amend the main motion to reduce item 1 to zero (\$0) and reduce the total by subtracting \$50,000 in the three places that the total is shown. ***The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote.*** Mr. Jennett moved, seconded by Mr. Levinsky to change line item #6 to \$75,000 and to change the total to \$534,100 in three places. The vote was counted; 61 in favor and 43 opposed. ***The amendment passed by majority vote. The amended main motion passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote.***

The final approved motion is detailed below:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$534,100** to be expended under the direction of the Natick Public Schools for the purchase of studying Memorial Field Improvements, under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of field renovations and tree replacement, under the direction of the Community Services Department for thr purpose of studying recreation and parks fields, under the direction of the Town Administrator for the 911 Memorial, under the direction of the Finance Department for the purchase of cash management software, under the direction of the Information Technology Department for a network assessment, under the direction of the Facilities Department for purpose of the Wilson School parking expansion, and Town Hall carpet replacement, and under the direction of the South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School (Joseph P. Keefe Technical School) for the purpose of replacing the roof, individually shown as items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16 in the Table A below, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of **\$534,100** be raised from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

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1	Public Schools	Memorial Field Improvements Feasibility Study	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ -
4	Public Works	Field Renovations	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 65,000
5	Public Works	Tree Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
6	Comm. Serv.	Recreation and Parks Field Study	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 75,000
7	Town Admin	911 Memorial	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 20,000
8	Finance	Cash Management Software	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 24,100
9	Info. Technology	Network Assessment	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 60,000
10	Facilities	Wilson Parking Expansion	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 50,000
11	Facilities	Town Hall Carpet Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 30,000
16	Keefe Technical	Roof Replacement	Capital Stab. Fund	\$ 180,000

Appropriation under Article 36: MOTION A **\$ 534,100**

Ms. Ball moved seconded by Mr. Pierce to adjourn. *The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM until Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 PM.*

A record of the Fifth Session of 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting
May 6, 2014

Diane Packer, Town Clerk