

**2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Natick High School
May 1, 2014
Fourth Session**

The Fourth 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 Fourth 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. 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; John Flynn, 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 consideration of Article 17 that had previously been postponed until May 1.

Prior to taking up consideration of Article 17 Ms. White introduced the new Director of the Department of Public Works, Don Ouelette.

ARTICLE 17: Committee Article (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 12-0-0 on February 27, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 17.*

MOTIONS (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to receive the report of the Community Services Department.

This motion under Article 17 passed by majority vote. Ms. Jemma Lambert presented a report on the finding of the Community Services Department Civic Engagement Initiative.

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to receive the report of the Economic Development Committee.

This motion under Article 17 passed by majority vote. Mr. Paul Joseph made a presentation on the Economic Development Committee.

ARTICLE 24: Morse Institute Library Fiscal 2015 Budget (Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Morse Institute Library, for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015); or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 13-0-0 on March 4, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 24, and that the sum of \$2,087,264 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below to be expended under the direction of the Morse Institute Board of Trustees for the operation of the Morse Institute Library, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Morse Institute Library	
Salaries & Expenses	\$2,087,264
Total Morse Institute Library	\$2,087,264

And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:

Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2015	\$2,087,264
	\$2,087,264

Ms. Stetson spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 24 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 25: Bacon Free Library Fiscal 2015 Budget (Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Bacon Free Library, for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015); or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 13-0-0 on March 4, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 25, and that the sum of \$152,446 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below to be expended under the direction of the Bacon Free Library Committee for the operation of the Bacon Free Library, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Bacon Free Library	
Salaries & Expenses	\$152,446
Total Bacon Free Library	\$152,446

And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:

Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2015	\$152,446
	\$152,446

Mr. John Donovan, a Town Meeting member from Precinct 4 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bacon Free Library spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 25 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 26: School Bus Transportation Subsidy (Superintendent of Schools)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of operation and administration of the school bus transportation system, and to reduce or offset fees charged for students who elect to use the school bus transportation system for transportation to and from school; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 13-0-0 on March 11, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 26, and that the sum of \$360,750 be appropriated from the Tax Levy.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$360,750 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of operation and administration of the school bus transportation system for FY 2015, and to reduce or offset fees charged for students who elect to use the school bus transportation system for transportation to and from school, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Natick School Committee.

Dr. Sanchioni spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 26 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 27: Stabilization Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the stabilization fund established under Article 22 of the warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1961, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on March 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **No Action** with regard to the subject of Article 27.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

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

The Town Administrator spoke to Articles 27, 28 and 29 at this time. *The motion to take no action under Article 27 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 28: Capital Stabilization Fund(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Article 2 of the warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting of 2010, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on March 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **No Action** with regard to the subject of Article 28.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

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

The motion to take no action under Article 28 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 29: Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Operational Stabilization Fund established by vote of the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 4, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on March 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **No Action** with regard to the subject of Article 29.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

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

The motion to take no action under Article 29 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 30: Establish Inflow & Infiltration Stabilization Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to create an Inflow and Infiltration Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding upgrades to Town sewer lines to reduce inflow and infiltration, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on February 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 30.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to create an Inflow and Infiltration Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding repairs to and replacement of sewer lines to reduce inflow and infiltration into the Town's sewer system, or debt-service payment related thereto, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended.

Ms. White spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 30 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 31: Establish One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to create a One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the One-to-One Technology Program in the Natick Public School System, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 13-0-0 on March 11, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 31.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote to create a One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the one-to-one technology program for Natick High School students, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended.

Ms. White and Dr. Sanchioni and spoke to this article. Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Ms. Foss to refer this article to the Town Administrator. The moderator said that both the positive motion and the referral motion would be discussed at the same time. Town Meeting voted on the referral motion first. The referral motion failed. *The main motion under Article 31 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 32: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund authorized by vote of the 2011 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on February 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **No Action** with regard to the subject of Article 32.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

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

The motion to take no action under Article 32 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 33: Establish Revolving Fund: Regional Coalition Tobacco Control Program (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a Tobacco Control Program Revolving Fund in order to utilize money received by the Town of Natick through grants, retail tobacco dealer permit fees and fines in order to implement the terms of the regional grant received from the Metrowest Health Foundation and to administer programs and enforcement with the goal of reducing tobacco use throughout the community; further, to authorize the Public Health Director, under the supervision of the Board of Health, to expend money from such revolving fund; and to limit the total amount which may be expended from such fund up to and including \$25,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014; or take other action relative thereto; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 9-1-0 on February 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 33.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Freedman that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a Regional Coalition Tobacco Control Program Revolving Fund, utilizing money received through grants, retail tobacco dealer permit fees and fines in order to implement the terms of the regional grant received in fiscal year 2014 from the Metrowest Health Foundation and to administer programs and enforcement with

the goal of reducing tobacco use throughout the community; further, to authorize the Public Health Director, under the supervision of the Board of Health, to expend funds from said Revolving Fund, and to limit the total amount which may be to expended from such fund up to and including \$25,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

Mr. Jim White spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 33 passed by majority vote.*

ARTICLE 34: 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, 2014; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

By seven separate votes on February 18, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 34. The recommendations for each of the revolving funds pursuant to this Article are located below.

Motion	Fund	Authorization FY 2014	Recommended Authorization FY 2015	Starting Balance 7/01/2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance 3/15/2014
A	Council on Aging Transportation	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$6,424	\$114	\$3,059	\$3,480
B	DPW Surplus Vehicle/Purchase Acct	\$40,000	\$80,000	\$115,250	\$9,968	\$7,471	\$117,747
C	Morse Institute Library Materials	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$728	\$38,442	\$17,344	\$21,826
D	Morse Institute Library Equipment & Maintenance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$1,016	\$8,350	\$8,461	\$905
E	Community- Senior Center Equipment & Maintenance	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$33,610	\$35,981	\$24,630	\$44,961
F	Board of Health Immunization	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$43,723	\$6,448	\$14,674	\$35,497
G	Community- Senior Center Programs	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$2,614	\$29,654	\$21,174	\$11,093

MOTION A (Majority vote required):

Moved by Mr. Everett, 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, 2014 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.

Ms. White spoke to all of the motions under this article at this time.

The Motion A under Article 34 passed unanimously.

MOTION B (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 \$80,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 under the direction of the Department of Public Works and the Town Administrator in order to utilize revenue from the sale of surplus vehicles to fund the purchase 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 B under Article 34 passed by majority vote.

MOTION C (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 the Morse Institute Library Director, under the supervision of the Library Trustees, to expend up to and including \$85,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, 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, from the revolving fund established by vote of the 2006 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 19.

Motion C under Article 34 passed unanimously.

MOTION D (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 the Morse Institute Library Director, under the supervision of the Library Trustees, to expend up to and including \$25,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, in order to utilize revenues collected from rental of facilities at the Morse Institute Library for the purpose of maintenance and repair of Library facilities and equipment and purchase of equipment for the Library, from the revolving fund established by vote of the 2006 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 20.

Motion D under Article 34 passed by majority vote.

MOTION E (Majority vote required):

Move that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Community Services Director, under the supervision of the Town Administrator, to expend up to and including \$75,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, in order to utilize money received from building rental fees and donations for the purpose of funding maintenance of the Community-Senior Center and improvement projects for such building, from the revolving fund established by vote of the 2008 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 28.

Motion E under Article 34 passed by majority vote.

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 the Director of Public Health, under the supervision of the Board of Health, expend up to and including \$40,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, in order to utilize money received from Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance reimbursements from the Board of Health's annual flu clinics for the purpose of providing subsidized funding for future flu clinics, children and adult immunization programs, pandemic and emergency preparedness, from the revolving fund established by vote of the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 20.

Motion F under Article 34 passed unanimously.

MOTION G (Majority vote required):

Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Everett that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, 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 \$95,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, in order to utilize money received from participants in programs and activities for the purpose of funding said programs and activities at the Community-Senior Center, from the revolving fund established by vote of the 2012 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 15.

Motion G under Article 34 passed by majority vote.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 12-2-0 on March 20, 2014, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 35, and that the sum of \$1,954,000 be appropriated as noted in the motions.*

Article 35 - Capital Equipment - 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting

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 \$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**

Ms. White gave a presentation on Articles 35 and 36 at this time. Mr. Lista moved, seconded by Mr. Linehan to suspend the “three question” rule on Article 35. The motion prevailed 37 to 34.

Mr. Pierce called for a quorum call. There was no quorum present.

Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Mr. Freedman to adjourn. ***The meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM until Tuesday, May 6th at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Fourth Session of 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting
May 1, 2014

Diane Packer, Town Clerk