

**2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room
Natick High School
October 18, 2018
Second Session**

The Second Session of the 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by 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 First Session of 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator called up Mr. Hughes, Former Selectmen and Town Meeting member to recognize Lucy McKinley, the wife of former Selectman, Paul McKinley. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office; there were none. The Moderator asked the audience to stand 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; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Amy Mistrot, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Sean O'Brien, Finance Department will be operating the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies who will be operating the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting that were accepted at a previous session of this 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 question 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.

Mr. Joseph, moved, seconded by Mr. Krentzman the following Resolution to Adopt a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goal.

WHEREAS: The transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas economy brings many potential benefits, including improved health, reduced pollution, the creation of tens of thousands of clean energy and energy efficiency jobs, and the ability to retain more of our energy dollars in the local economy; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts communities are already feeling the impacts of a changing climate, with rising temperatures, increased flooding and more intense and frequent storms, and the state's centralized energy system and transit infrastructure is becoming more vulnerable to climate-related risks; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts can generate 100% of its energy from renewable sources by harnessing the region's abundant solar, wind, water, and geothermal resources; and, by leveraging innovations in energy efficiency and storage, green transportation, and other technologies, which will enhance its resilience and energy security; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts was one of the first states to adopt a carbon emissions reduction goal, as defined in the 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act, and the Baker-Polito Administration has demonstrated leadership to mitigate and adapt to climate change, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building a more resilient Commonwealth that safeguards residents, municipalities, and businesses (as outlined in Executive Order 569); and

WHEREAS: Local climate leadership is essential, such that 210 cities and towns across the Commonwealth have committed to reducing municipal energy use and more than 30 communities, including, but not limited to, Acton, Arlington, Ashland, Bedford, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Concord, Falmouth, Framingham, Lexington, Melrose, Medford, Newton, Quincy, Wayland, and Wellesley, have adopted, or are in the process of adopting, greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and comprehensive, cost-effective plans to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Natick has been taking action to reduce its carbon emissions, promote clean energy, and increase resiliency by participating in the Massachusetts Green Communities and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, installing solar arrays on municipal buildings, earning designation as a SolSmart Gold Community by the U.S. Department of Energy, supporting private and public renewable energy installations, installing electric vehicle charging stations, greening its electricity aggregation, promoting residential and commercial energy efficiency programs, and converting to LED streetlights, among other efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Natick community, including residents, businesses and nonprofits, have demonstrated their support for renewable energy and energy efficiency, as evidenced by the participation of 130 businesses in the Eversource Small Business Energy Efficiency program, by the Town's 2016 record-breaking performance in Solarize Mass, and by the installation of 686 solar arrays with a combined capacity of more than 12 megawatts, thereby exceeding the average solar per capita in the United States; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Natick Town Meeting supports a goal of eliminating or offsetting by 2050 all greenhouse gas emissions in Natick that originate from heating and cooling, electricity consumption, Natick-based transportation sectors, industrial processes and gas leaks. This effort will include households, businesses, the municipality, and utilities, and will involve efficiency measures, demand management, investment in energy storage and low carbon transportation infrastructure, and the replacement of fossil fuels with renewable energy sources; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Town of Natick will work to establish a baseline estimate of community-wide emissions and develop a Net Zero Action Plan that outlines specific strategies and sets measurable, attainable and realistic interim targets for achieving the 2050 net zero goal, and will provide an annual progress report to Natick Town Meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in developing and implementing the Net Zero Action Plan, the voices and interests of low, fixed income and/or vulnerable members of the Natick community are considered, to ensure the benefits and related costs of a transition to a clean energy economy are shared equitably by the entire community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Natick Town Meeting urges the Natick Legislative Delegation in the General Court and in the United States Congress to assist Natick and other cities and towns in achieving their greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and to promote further local, state, and federal action to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Mr. Sydney moved, seconded by Mr. Jennett to waive the reading the motion. The motion to *waive the reading of resolution passed by majority vote (hand count). The Resolution to Adopt a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goal passed by majority vote (88-12-3).*

Mr. Schoenig moved, seconded by Mr. Hayes to postpone consideration of Articles 15 and 16 to the first and second order of business on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. *The motion passed by majority vote (107-2-0).*

Terry Evans moved, seconded by Ms. Foss to postpone consideration of Article 32 until the first order of business Thursday, October 25, 2018. *The motion passed by majority vote (104-1-0).*

The Town Administrator gave a presentation to fulfill the previous session postponement request that a presentation be provided covering Articles 1, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 33; and that said presentation shall include:

- A summary of the capital plan
- A snapshot of OPEB liabilities and planning
- A version of the Fee Cash sheet presented tonight showing via a "red line" version the difference between what was available to and voted by the Finance Committee and what is now proposed.

Without objection the Town Administration was given additional time over 10 minutes.

The Moderator ruled that Article 5 and the respective motion detailed below remains under consideration and is already on the floor of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Appropriation or Transfer of Funds

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for, the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws as amended by section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016; or otherwise act thereon.

MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Evans, Precinct 7, seconded by Mr. Hayes, Precinct 10 that the Town vote to appropriate \$441,723 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund authorized by a vote of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 15, as authorized by Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016.

The main motion under Article 5 passed by a Majority vote (108-1-0).

ARTICLE 1: Fiscal 2019 Omnibus Budget

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2019, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2019 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 1A	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	October 4, 2018	Favorable Action	9-0-0

MOTION A (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Evans that the Town vote to increase the appropriation voted by the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting under article 7 by the sum of \$272,935, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To supplement the Public Works budget as voted under Article 7 Motion C of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$11,701 to the DPW Administration Salaries and by adding \$1,475 to the DPW Engineering Salaries.
- To supplement the Board of Selectmen budget as voted under Article 7 Motion E of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$18,259 to Board of Selectmen Salaries.
- To supplement the Finance budget as voted under Article 7 Motion E of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$2,500 to Finance Salaries.
- To supplement the Affordable Housing and Trust budget as voted under Article 7 Motion F of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$30,000 to Affordable Housing Trust Expenses.
- To supplement the Insurances and Benefits budget as voted under Article 7 Motion G of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$25,000 to Other Personnel Services - Merit / Performance
- To supplement the Board of Selectmen’s budget as voted under Article 7 Motion E of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$134,000 to Contract Settlements.
- To supplement the Legal budget as voted under Article 7 Motion E of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by adding \$50,000 to Expenses.

With the above Budget, be raised from following sources:

Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2019: \$272,935

Motion A under Article 1 passed by a Majority vote (108-2-1).

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 1B	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	October 4, 2018	Favorable Action	9-0-0

MOTION B (Requires a majority vote)

Moved by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Evans that the Town vote to decrease the appropriation voted by the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting under article 7 by the sum of \$1,694,125, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To reduce the Debt Service budget as voted under Article 7 Motion G of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by reducing the Principal Line Item by \$700,000 and Interest Line Item by \$994,125.

With the above Budget, be reduced from the following sources:

Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2019: \$1,694,125

Motion B under Article 1 was continued until Tuesday October 23rd.

Ms. Shea moved, seconded by Mr. Sidney, to postpone for further consideration of Motions B, C and D under Article 1 until after Town Meeting receives an updated budget message explaining and showing all of the changes in revenues, expenses, capital and stabilization from the amounts for Fiscal Year 2019 that were presented to Spring 2018 Annual Town Meeting compared to the current, and until at least 48 business hours have lapsed after such presentation.

Such presentation shall be made in paper copies for each Town Meeting Member such presentation may also be presented on the screen at Town Meeting.

Such presentation shall at a minimum contain the same information specified in the Charter for the required mandatory budget message each spring and consistent with the updated budget messages that it has been the practice to distribute to Town Meeting each fall for many years.

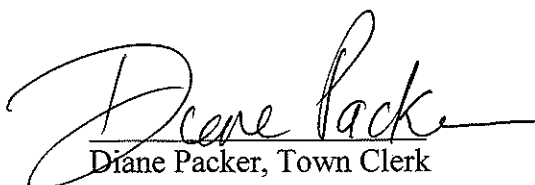
Such presentation shall include for Fiscal Year 2019 the actual amount of new tax levy growth vs. that estimated in the spring. The actual amount of tax levy legally available under Proposition 2 ½ versus the total tax levy appropriated at 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting and the total appropriation from tax levy for Fiscal Year 2019 including items proposed to be appropriated or unappropriated for 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting, the amount of actual state aid by category including Chapter 70 aid versus the amounts estimated in the spring, the actual amounts for employees fringe benefits versus the amounts estimated in the spring and the major variations in any other revenue or expenditure category. Variations of more than \$50,000 in any line item shall be considered major.

Mr. Sidney, moved, seconded by Ms. Collins, to strike the word “business” between “48” and the “hours”. ***The amendment passed by majority vote (hand count).*** Discussion continued on the motion. Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Ms. Foss, to move the question and close debate. ***The motion to move the question and close debate passed by a two-thirds vote (by hand count). The amended main motion to postpone Motions B, C and D under Article 1 failed by a vote of (34-67-0).***

Ms. Collins, moved, seconded by Mr. Griesmer to amend Motion B by changing the source of funds from \$1,694,125 from Tax Levy, to \$1,511,619 from Tax Levy and \$182,506 from Local Receipts. At this time the Moderator did not allow this motion to move forward because he wanted to be able to assure that this motion is completely within the scope of the article.

Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Ms. Merkowitz to adjourn. ***The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM until next Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Second Session of
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Diane Packer, Town Clerk