

**2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting
 Fine and Performing Arts Center
 Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room,
 Natick High School
 April 11, 2019, Second Session**

The Second Session of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 Second Session of 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office; after the oath of office 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 for the meeting: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen; John Townsend, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance will operate the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies, will operate the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting which had been accepted at a previous session of 2019 Fall ATM. 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.

ARTICLE 8: Fiscal 2020 Omnibus Budget (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2020; or to otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motions B1 and B2	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	March 19, 2019	Favorable Action	14-0-0

MOTION B1

Motion B1 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Motion B1: (Requires majority Vote)	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating	
Emergency Management	
Expenses	\$39,100
Total Emergency Management	\$39,100
Parking Enforcement	
Salaries	\$114,144
Expenses	\$89,833
Total Parking Enforcement	\$203,977
Police	
Salaries	\$7,177,380
Expenses	\$263,813
Total Police	\$7,441,193
Total Budget Amount for Motion B1	\$7,684,270
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020	\$7,604,270
Parking Meter Revenues	\$80,000

Motion B1 under Article 8 passed by majority vote (104-9-2).

Motion B2 moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes

Motion B2: (Requires majority vote)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the department shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Department Head:

Fire		
Salaries		\$8,696,846
Expenses		\$187,600
Total Fire		\$8,884,446
Total Budget Amount for Motion B2		\$8,884,446
And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources:		
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020		\$8,884,446

Motion B2 under Article 8 passed unanimously (115-0-1).

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motion C, D	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	March 19, 2019	Favorable Action	14-0-0

Motion C was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes:

Motion for Section C : (Requires a majority vote)

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:

Department of Public Works

Salaries		\$3,897,254
Expenses		\$2,906,335
Municipal Energy		\$1,505,038
Snow & Ice		\$550,000
Total Department of Public Works		\$8,858,627
Total Budget Amount for Motion C		\$8,858,627
And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources:		
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020		\$8,458,627
Local Receipts		\$400,000

Motion C under Article 8 passed unanimously (116-0-0).

Motion D was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes

Motion for Section D: (Requires majority vote)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the following departments:

Community Services

Salaries		\$1,417,228
Expenses		\$523,664
Total Community Services		\$1,940,892
Board of Health		
Salaries		\$583,583
Expenses		\$87,000
Total Board of Health		\$670,583
Total Budget Amount for Motion D:		\$2,611,475
And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources:		
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020		\$2,611,475

Motion D under Article 8 passed by majority vote (115-1-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motion E	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

Motion E moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes

Motion E: (Requires majority vote)

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	\$1,039,307
Expenses	\$1,505,050
Total Board of Selectmen	\$2,544,357
Personnel Board	
Expenses	\$1,000
Total Personnel Board	\$1,000
Town Report	
Expenses	\$4,100
Total Town Report	\$4,100
Legal	
Expenses	\$512,100
Total Legal Services	\$512,100
Finance	
Salaries	\$1,159,868
Expenses	\$422,330
Total Finance	\$1,582,198

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Information Technology	
Salaries	\$415,138
Expenses	\$1,024,000
Total Information Technology	\$1,439,138
Town Clerk	
Salaries	\$266,398
Expenses	\$51,150
Total Town Clerk	\$317,548
Elections	
Salaries (Registrars)	\$55,400
Expenses (Registrars)	\$55,100
Total Elections	\$110,500
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salaries	\$30,400
Expenses	\$990
Total Sealer Weights/Meas.	\$31,390
Community & Economic Development	
Salaries	\$878,618
Expenses	\$81,700
Total Community & Economic Development	\$960,318
Total Budget Amount for Motion E	\$7,502,649
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020	\$7,502,649

Moved by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Sidney to amend the main motion to reflect a \$4,600 increase in the Town Clerk's budget. So that the salary line item is \$270,998 from \$266,398. And that the total Town Clerk budget is \$322,148 from \$317,548 and the total budget under Motion E shall be \$7,507,249 and that the sum be raised from Tax Levy. *The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote (72-38-5). The amended main Motion E under Article 8 passed by majority vote (107-8-2).*

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motion F	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	March 19, 2019	Favorable Action	14-0-0

Motion F was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Hayes

Motion F: (Requires majority vote)

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	\$37,800
Total Finance Committee	\$37,800
Commission on Disability	
Expenses	\$750
Total Commission on Disability	\$750
Natick Cultural Council	
Expenses	\$700
Total Natick Cultural Council	\$700
Historical Commission	
Expenses	\$750
Total Historical Commission	\$750
Historic District Commission	
Expenses	\$550
Total Historic District Commission	\$550
Affordable Housing Trust	
Expenses	\$80,000
Total Affordable Housing Trust	\$80,000
Total Budget Amount for Motion F	
\$120,550	
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020	\$70,550
Free Cash	\$50,000
\$120,550	

Motion F under Article 8 passed by majority vote (113-1-1).

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motions G, H1	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

Motion G

was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes

Motion G: (Requires majority vote)

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.

INSURANCES & BENEFITS

Employee Fringe	
Other Personnel Services	\$16,593,422
Other Personnel Services - Merit / Performance	\$150,000
Total Employee Fringe	\$16,743,422

Property & Liability Insurance

Purchased Services	\$807,150
Total Prop. & Liab. Insurance	\$807,150

RETIREMENT

Contributory Retirement

Pension Assessment	\$10,050,826
Total Contributory Retirement	\$10,050,826

Non-Contributory Retirement

Pensions	\$19,726
Total Non-Contributory Retirement	\$19,726

DEBT SERVICE	
Expenses	\$16,260,482
Total Debt Service	\$16,260,482
RESERVE FUND - FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Expenses	\$250,000
Total Reserve Fund	\$250,000
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	
Facilities Management	
Salaries	\$2,756,119
Expenses	\$670,500
Total Facilities Management	\$3,426,619
Total Budget Amount for Motion G	
\$47,558,225	
And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2020	\$12,802,464
State Aid	\$12,922,254
Local Receipts	\$16,736,968
Free Cash	\$1,800,000
Overlay Surplus	\$500,000
Water-Sewer User Fees	\$2,533,300
Golf User Fees	\$51,930
Premiums	\$88,142
School Building Assistance	\$123,167
\$47,558,225	

Moved by Mr. Griesmer, seconded by Ms. Collins to amend the sources of funds a) to reduce the use of Local Receipts from \$16,736,968 to \$15,786,968 and to add the use of \$950,000 from Capital Stabilization Fund keeping the total source of funds at \$47,558,225.

The amendment to Motion G failed (39-68-7). Motion G under Article 8 passed by majority vote (105-5-1).

Motion H1 was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Motion H1: (Requires majority vote)

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	\$2,099,089
Expenses	\$7,935,672
Total Sanitary Sewer	\$10,034,761
Utility Billing	
Salaries	\$107,981
Expenses	\$89,000
Total Utility Billing	\$196,981
Fringe Benefits	
Expenses	\$880,690
Total Employee Benefits	\$880,690
Water & Sewer Debt Service	
Principal	\$2,194,620
Interest	\$720,584
Total Debt Service	\$2,880,204
Water & Sewer Reserve Fund	
Expenses	\$200,000
Total W & S Reserve Fund	\$200,000
Total Budget Amount for Motion H1	
\$14,227,636	

And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:
 Water-Sewer User Fees \$14,227,636

Motion H1 under Article 8 passed unanimously (102-0-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 8, Motion H2	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	March 19, 2019	Favorable Action	14-0-0

Motion H2 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Hayes

Water Sewer Staff Performing General Fund Functions

GIS Services	-\$51,892
W/S Admin. Asst. - DPW	-\$28,758
W/S Admin. Asst. - Collector	-\$52,096
Snow and Ice Removal	-\$35,904
Subtotal - Water Sewer	-\$168,650

Total Water and Sewer Indirect Costs	\$2,533,300
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And that the sum of \$2,533,300.20 appropriated in the General Fund be raised from the following source:

Water-Sewer User Fees	\$2,533,300
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After numerous points of order and discussion regarding the form and appropriateness of the motions printed in multiple publications of the Finance Committee, the Moderator accepted the motion to adjourn. Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Mr. Jennett to adjourn. *The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM until Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:30 PM.*

A record of the Second Session of
2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting
April 11, 2019



Diane Packer, Town Clerk