

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 18, 2012**

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long, called the fifth session of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to order on June 18, 2012 at 7:32 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 39 members, plus the moderator present.

Joyce Rodenhiser and Edward S. W. Boesel were appointed and sworn as tellers.

Joia Cicolini and Joan Fowler will, as a courtesy, be making motions this evening.

Town Moderator Robert J. Long led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Town Clerk, Marianne Moses, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent
ALLAN, P.	p	FALASCA, T.	p	MORIELLO, G.	a
ATTUBATO, J	p	FOWLER, J.	p	MOSCHELLA, D.	a
BARTOLO, J.	p	GILLIS, J.	p	MOSES, J.	p
BILLINGLSEY, S.	p	GOODWIN, P.	p	PALCZYNSKI, J.	p
BOESEL, E.	p	GROARK, L.	a	PETKEWICH, P.	p
BROOKS, W.	p	HAWKES, T.	p	POLITANO, K.	a
CARLSON, E.	p	JOHNSON, P.	a	RING, D. S.	p
CICOLINI, J.	p	JONES, W.	a	RODENHISER, J.	p
CONNORS, A.	p	KRAMICH, W.	p	ROSSETTI, P.	p
COTTAM, D.	a	LEUCI, J.	p	SERINO, A.	p
D'ANNA, S.	p	LONG, R.	p	SPENCER, B.	p
DEVER, M.	p	LOPRESTI, A.	p	STEWART, W.	p
DEVLIN, F.	a	MALONE, B.	p	SULLIVAN, B.	p
DINARDO, A.	p	MALTAIS, S.	p	SWEEZEY, S.	p
DOCKERY, M.	a	MANOOGIAN, P.	p	VADALA, P.	p
DOHERTY, S.	p	MCCARTHY, S.	p	VECCHIO, M.	p
FAIELLA, E.	a	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	p	Quorum count=	40

With 40 members present a Quorum is met.

Moderator Robert Long stated that several members called to say they may be late arriving this evening.

Moderator Long also stated that the Finance Committee plans on meeting several times this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and possibly Saturday in order to get the budget ready for Town Meeting next Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. However, members should make themselves available to attend additional sessions of Town Meeting next week, just in case it is necessary to meet more than once.

Mr. Long reminded members that they have already voted to take Articles 34, 35, 37, and 38 out of order, so they will be the first articles heard this evening. When those articles are completed, he will ask that there be a motion to take Articles 3, 4, 5, and 11 to be taken out of order and reminded everyone that Articles 7, 12, and 13 are still on the Table.

Mr. Kenneth DePatto, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, reviewed the FinCom report and notified members that there was an oversight of \$300 in calculations on Article 3, which the Moderator will explain when the Article is brought to the floor.

Ms. Cicolini moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 34.

Seconded at 7:47 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following new section to the Town of Saugus Charter:

ARTICLE 2  
SECTION 35B. ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT

The Board of Selectmen will be responsible to hire the auditing firm to conduct the state mandated annual independent audit for the Town of Saugus.

As part of the process to procure services, the Selectmen should determine in advance the requirements and objectives of the audit along with monitoring the progress of the audit. The audit should have three (3) components including an opinion, followed by financial statements, and a separately provided management letter.

The results of the audit will immediately be provided to the Selectmen and the Town Manager. It will be the responsibility of the Town Manager to address any concerns raised by the audit in a timely manner.  
(Board of Selectmen)

Moderator Long explained that there will be two amendments to this article. The first one as suggested by Town Counsel, John Vasapolli to insert language at the beginning of the Article, striking out “To see if the Town will vote to add the following new section to the Town of Saugus Charter” and insert “To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to adopt special legislation to amend the Town Charter of the Town of Saugus by adding the following section:”.

The second part of the amendment, as suggested by the Finance Committee, is to amend the first sentence in the last paragraph to read as follows: “The results of the audit will immediately be provided to the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the Town Manager”.

Mrs. Goodwin moves, as a courtesy, to makes a motion to amend Article 34 as stated above.

Seconded at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Michael Serino, spoke in favor of the Article.

Vote on Goodwin Amendment.

Yeas: 39 Nays: 0 at 7:51 p.m.

**Goodwin Amendment Passed.**

**Article as voted:**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to adopt special legislation to amend the Town Charter of the Town of Saugus by adding the following section:

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SECTION 35B. ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT

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As part of the process to procure services, the Selectmen should determine in advance the requirements and objectives of the audit along with monitoring the progress of the audit. The audit should have three (3) components including an opinion, followed by financial statements, and a separately provided management letter.

The results of the audit will immediately be provided to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the Town Manager. It will be the responsibility of the Town Manager to address any concerns raised by the audit in a timely manner.

Yeas: 39 Nays: 0 at 7:52 p.m.

**Article 34 Passed as amended.**

Ms. Fowler moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to Indefinitely Postpone Article 35.

Seconded at 7:53 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Section 34 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011.

Section 34. Said section 20 of said Chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subdivision (6) and inserting in place thereof the following subdivision:

*(6) Retirement Board Members Compensation.* – The elected and appointed members of a city, town, county, regional, district or authority retirement board upon the acceptance of the appropriate legislative body shall receive a stipend; provided, however, that the stipend shall not be less than \$3,000 per year and not more than \$4,500 per year; provided, further, that the stipend shall be paid from funds under the control of the board as shall be determined by the commission; and provided, further, that an ex-officio member of a city, town, county, district or authority retirement board upon the acceptance of the appropriate legislative body shall receive a stipend of not more than \$4,500 per year in the aggregate of service rendered in the active administration of the retirement system. (Saugus Retirement Board)

**Unanimous voice vote to Indefinitely Postpone Article 35 at 7:53.5 p.m.**

Ms. Cicolini moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to refer Article 37 back to MSBA.

Seconded at 7:55 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for Belmonte Middle School Asbestos abatement, including the payments of costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. (BMS-MSBA Building Committee)

**Unanimous voice vote to refer Article 37 back to MSBA at 7:56 p.m.**

Ms. Fowler moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to refer Article 38 back to MSBA.

Seconded at 7:55.5 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for additional remodeling at the Belmonte Middle School in Saugus, Massachusetts, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto (collectively, the "Projects"), which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) a percentage of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. (BMS-MSBA Building Committee)

**Unanimous voice vote to refer Article 38 back to MSBA at 7:56 p.m.**

Ms. Cicolini moves to take Articles 3, 4, 5, and 11 out of order.

Seconded at 7:57 p.m.

Yeas: 39 Nays: 0 at 7:57.5 p.m.

**Articles are voted to be taken out of order.**

Ms. Cicolini moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 3.

Seconded at 7:58 p.m.

Moderator Long stated that there will be an amendment to the recommendation, as there was a \$300.00 error in calculation that has to be corrected.

Mr. Peter Rossetti moves to amend the Finance Committee Recommendation by striking out \$679,923.00 and inserting \$679.623.00.

Laura Groark is noted in attendance at 8:00 p.m.

Amendment seconded at 8:01 p.m.

Mr. DiNardo asked the Moderator to explain to the public the purpose of Article 3, to which Moderator Long responded.

Mr. Vadala asked for clarification on the article.

Ellen Faiella is noted in attendance at 8:04 p.m.

Mr. DiNardo and Town Manager Scott Crabtree both spoke on the Article.

Unanimous voice Vote to amend Article 3 recommendation at 8:07 p.m.

**Rossetti Amendment passed.**

**Article as voted:**

**Article 3.** Voted that the sum of \$679,623.00 be transferred from available funds to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the current fiscal year. Said changes to be applied per General Fund Projected YE Appropriation Balances as of 06.07.12 attachment.

Yeas: 40 Nays: 0 at 8:08 a.m.

**Article 3 Passed as recommended with amendment.**

Ms. Fowler moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 4.

Seconded at 8:09 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 4.** To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year 2013. (Town Manager)

**Article as voted:**

**Article 4.** Voted to recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Fund.

Recommended Budget:

Salaries	\$291,703.00
Expenses	\$4,832,723.00
Transfers Out/Indirect	<u>\$346,064.00</u>
Total	\$5,470,490.00

\$5,470,490.00 funded from Water Enterprise Fund Revenue, \$346,064.00 to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Water Enterprise Fund Revenue.

Yeas: 41 Nays: 0 at 8:11 p.m.

**Article 4 passed as recommended.**

Ms. Cicolini moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 5.

Seconded at 8:12 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 5.** To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year 2013. (Town Manager)

Maureen Dever stated that members just passed several transfers this evening because of the detailed information presented to them and thanked the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for the information.

Town Manager Scott Crabtree affirmed that this was the perfect opportunity to state that the Administration is trying hard to rebuild the bridges for everyone to come together on issues, and earn back the respect and trust of the public and members of Town Meeting as well. Manager Crabtree thanked members for their cooperation and appreciation for the reports.

It was also noted that all the reports given to members this evening are available to the public and can be found on the Town website at [www.saugus-ma.gov](http://www.saugus-ma.gov) .

**Article as voted:**

**Article 5.** Voted to recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Recommended Budget:

Salaries	\$227,036.00
Expenses	\$3,615,515.00
Transfers Out/Indirect	<u>\$341,278.00</u>
Total	\$4,183,829.00

\$3,560,000.00 funded from Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue, \$623,829.00 to come from Retained Earnings, and \$341,278.00 to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue.

Yeas: 41 Nays: 0 at 8:14 p.m.

**Article 5 Passed as recommended.**

Ms. Fowler moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 11.

Seconded at 8:15 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for general maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds at the Riverside Cemetery. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 114, sections 15 and 25, source of funds to be the Cemetery Land Sales Account. (Town Manager)

**Article as voted:**

**Article 11.** Voted to transfer from available funds a sum of \$25,000.00 to pay for general maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds at the Riverside Cemetery. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 114, sections 15 and 25, source of funds to be the Cemetery Land Sales Account.

Unanimous voice vote at 8:16 p.m.

**Article 11 Passed as recommended.**

Mr. Stewart moves to indefinitely postpone Article 41.

Mr. Boesel moves to take Article 41 out of order.

Seconded at 8:17 p.m.

**Unanimous voice vote to take Article 41 out of order.**

Mr. Stewart's motion to indefinitely postpone Article 41 is seconded at 8:18 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to declare abandonment of the private road at the rear of the East Saugus United Methodist Church and 6 Winter Street. The private road was used by the Saugus General Hospital for deliveries and maintenance. The hospital is now defunct and there is no need for the private way. (William Stewart)

**Unanimous Voice vote to indefinitely postpone Article 41 at 8:19 p.m.**

Mr. Boesel moves to adjourn to June 25, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Seconded at 8:20 p.m.

**Unanimous Voice vote to adjourn to June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Rappa  
Town Clerk