

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 MINUTES
 June 25, 2012**

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long, called the 6TH session of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to order on June 25, 2012 at 9:33 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 48 members, plus the moderator present.

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

Darren Ring and Stephen Doherty will, as a courtesy, be making motions this evening.

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.	p
BARTOLO, J.	p	GILLIS, J.	p	MOSES, J.	p
BILLINGLSEY, S.	p	GOODWIN, P.	p	PALCZYNSKI, J.	p
BOESEL, E.	p	GROARK, L.	p	PETKEWICH, P.	p
BROOKS, W.	p	HAWKES, T.	p	POLITANO, K.	p
CARLSON, E.	p	JOHNSON, P.	p	RING, D. S.	p
CICOLINI, J.	p	JONES, W.	p	RODENHISER, J.	p
CONNORS, A.	p	KRAMICH, W.	p	ROSSETTI, P.	p
COTTAM, D.	p	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.	p	MALONE, B.	p	SULLIVAN, B.	p
DINARDO, A.	p	MALTAIS, S.	p	SWEEZEY, S.	p
DOCKERY, M.	p	MANOOGIAN, P.	p	VADALA, P.	p
DOHERTY, S.	p	MCCARTHY, S.	p	VECCHIO, M.	p
FAIELLA, E.	p	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	p	Quorum count=	49

A quorum is met.

Kenneth DePatto, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, read the report and made himself available for any questions.

Darren Ring moved, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 2 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:35 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year 2013. (Town Manager)

Moderator Long explained that Town Meeting could vote the budget in its entirety tonight as recommended by the Finance Committee, or could vote on each individual budget. He then took the following vote to see how many would like to vote on the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: 37 Nays: 10 at 9:40 p.m.

Article 2 will be voted in its entirety.

Mr. Ring moves to vote the General Operating Budget to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,749,136 for General Fund Operating Budgets, \$25,610,249 for the School Fund Operating Budget, \$2,876,802 for the Vocational School Operating Budget and \$20,000 of the Minuteman Vocational School Budget, for the ensuing Fiscal year of 2013.

Seconded at 9:59 p.m.

Patricia Johnson; Louis Rossi, Finance Committee member; Frederick Doucette, School Committee member; Sam Rippin and Superintendent Langlois from the School Department; Maureen Dever; Albert DiNardo; Bernadette Ganino of 16 Oakridge Drive; Corinne Riley, Vice Chairman of the School Committee; Peter Bogdan; Fire Chief James Blanchard; Peter Vadala; Patricia Johnson; Karen Rivera of 52 Clifton Avenue; Michael Dockery; Bill Brown of 90 School Street; and Rosemarie Verderico of 39 Pearson Street all spoke on the budget.

Mr. Moses moves the question.

Seconded at 10:48 p.m.

Vote to move the question.

Yeas: 41 Nays: 6 at 10:49 p.m.

Question is moved.

Vote on the General Fund Operating Budget of \$36,749,136 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: 44 Nays: 3 at 10:50 p.m.

Finance Committee Recommendation on the General Fund Operating Budget passed.

Mr. Rossetti moves, as a courtesy, the Vocational School Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 10:50 p.m.

Vote on the Vocational School Operating Budget of \$2,876,802 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: 40 Nays 7 at 10:51 p.m.

Finance Committee Recommendation on the Vocational School Budget Passed.

Mr. Doherty moves, as a courtesy, the Minuteman Vocational School Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 10:51.5 p.m.

Vote on the Minuteman Vocational School Budget of \$20,000 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: 44 Nays: 2 at 10:52 p.m.

Finance Committee Recommendation on the Minuteman Vocational School Budget Passed.

Mr. Ring moves, as a courtesy, the School Fund Operating Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 10:53 p.m.

Vote on the School Fund Operating Budget of \$25,610,249 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: 42 Nays: 5 at 10:54 p.m.

Finance Committee Recommendation on the School Fund Operating Budget Passed.

Mr. Ring moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 2 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Seconded at 10:55 p.m.

Article as voted:

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,610,249.00 for School Charges and \$39,645,938.00 for the Town Charges totaling \$65,256,187.00 for the ensuing Fiscal Year of 2013. Funding to be provided from the Tax Levy, available funds, and estimated receipts.

Unanimous Voice Vote at 10:55.5 p.m.

Article 2 Passed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Doherty moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 6 as recommended.

Seconded at 10:56 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capital improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$909,000.00 for capital improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system. This will be funded from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust in the amount of \$459,000.00 and General Fund obligation borrowing in the amount of \$450,000.00

Yeas: 46 Nays: 0 at 10:56 p.m.

Article 6 Passed as recommended.

Mr. Boesel moves, as a courtesy to William Cross, to take Article 16 out of order.

Seconded at 10:56 .5 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to take Article 16 out of order.

Ms. Maureen Dever moves to refer Article 16 back to the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded at 10: 57 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the arbitration award of the Joint Labor Management Commission relative to award settlement for pay raises for FY2011, FY2012 and Fiscal Year 2013 for the Saugus Firefighters Union, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Vote to refer back to the Board of Selectmen.

Yeas: 45 Nays: 1 at 10:57.5 p.m.

Article 16 is referred back to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Doherty, as a courtesy, moves to refer Article 15 to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.

Seconded at 10:58 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the arbitration award of the Joint Labor Management Commission relative to award settlement for pay raises for Fiscal Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2013 for the Saugus Police Patrolmen's Union, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Ms. Maureen Dever moves to refer Article 15 back to the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded at 10:58.5 p.m.

Vote to refer back to the Board of Selectmen.

Yeas: 46 Nays 1 at 11:00 p.m.

Article 15 is referred back to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Ring moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 17 as recommended.

Seconded at 11:01 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the municipal department's computer software and technology upgrades, 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. (Town Manager)

Town Manager Scott Crabtree explained the reasoning behind the article and asked for support.

Mr. Manoogian moves to amend the article to add, at the end of the recommendation, the following: " It includes consideration of extending cable access to said buildings."

Mr. Manoogian explained his amendment. Scott Crabtree, Christopher Peatridge, 24 Harrison Avenue, Chairman of the Saugus Cable Access Committee, Peter Vadala, Maureen Dever, and Peter Rossetti all spoke on the article.

Vote on Manoogian Amendment.

Unanimous voice vote at 11:14 p.m.

Manoogian Amendment Passed.

Article as voted:

Article 17. Voted to appropriate a sum of \$600,000.00 for the purchase of municipal department's computer software and technology upgrades; this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing. It includes consideration of extending cable access to said buildings.

Yeas: 47 Nays: 0 at 11:14.5 p.m.

Article 17 passed as amended.

Mr. Doherty moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to refer Article 42 back to the Town Manager.

Seconded at 11:15 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for the purchase of a new backhoe for the cemetery department, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Cemetery Commission)

Unanimous voice vote to Refer Article 42 back to the Town Manager at 11:15.5 p.m.

Mr. DiNardo moves to take Article 7, 12, and 13 off the table.

Seconded at 11:16 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to take Articles 7, 12, and 13 off the table.

Mr. DiNardo moves to amend Article 7 by adding the following at the end of the recommendation, "adopted under Chapter 44 § 53D".

Seconded at 11:16 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting recreational programs for the community. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs. (Town Manager)

Vote on DiNardo Amendment.

Unanimous voice vote at 11:17 p.m.

DiNardo Amendment passed.

Article as voted:

Article 7. Voted to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting recreational programs for the community. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs adopted under Chapter 44 § 53D.

Unanimous voice vote at 11:18 p.m.

Article 7 passed as amended.

Mr. Ring moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to refer Article 12 to the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

Seconded at 11:20 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (FY2013 Chapter 90 Highway) a sum of money for street resurfacing. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of MGL chapter 90, section 34. (Town Manager)

Unanimous voice vote to refer Article 12 to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting at 11:20.5 p.m.

Mr. Doherty moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, to refer Article 13 to the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

Seconded at 11:21 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (18% of FY2013 Chapter 90 Highway Funds) for handicapped ramps and sidewalks. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, section 34. (Town Manager)

Unanimous voice vote to refer Article 13 to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting at 11:21.5 p.m.

Mr. Boesel moves to adjourn Sine Die.

Seconded at 11:22 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Sine Die at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Rappa, Town Clerk