

March 23, 2015
Special Annual Town Meeting
Minutes

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2015 Special Town Meeting to order on March 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 37 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from precinct 1 and Kimberly Politano from precinct 7 were appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Moderator Doherty led the meeting in the salute to the flag. Moderator Doherty asked for a Moment of Silence for our servicemen and women overseas.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent
ATTUBATO, J	A	BARTOLO, J.	P	BILLINGSLEY, S.	P
BROWN, W.	A	CANTERBURY, M.	P	CARDINALE, C.	P
CARLSON, E.	A	CICOLINI, J.	P	CONNORS, A.	A
COSTIN, J.B.	P	COTTAM, D.	A	COTTAM, J.	P
COX, R.	P	DECAREAU, E.	P	DEVLIN, F.A.	A
DINARDO, A.	P	DOCKERY, M.	P	DOHERTY, S.	P
FALASCA, T.	P	FINN, C.	P	FOWLER, J.	P
GOODWIN, P.	A	GROARK, L.	P	GUARINO, K.	P
JOHNSON, P.	P	JONES, C.	P	LEUCI, W.	A
LONG, R.	P	LOPRESTI, A.	P	MALTAIS, S.	A
MANOOGIAN, P.	P	MCCARTHY, S.	A	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P
MORESCHI, C.	P	MOSES, J.	A	PALCZYNSKI, J.	P
PAOLINI, M.	P	POLITANO, K.	P	PURACCHIO, S.	P
QUINLAN, E.	P	RANDO, P.	P	RING, D.	A
RODENHISER, J.	P	ROSSETTI, P.	P	SMITH, R.	P
SPENCER, B.	P	STEWART, W.	P	SWEEZEY, S.	P
TRAVERSE, T.	P	WITTEN, R.	P		

38 Members present, a quorum is met.

Finance Committee Report.

Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke at 7:38pm concerning such areas as:

- Budget Reports
- Snow & Ice Removal
- Legal funds
- Unemployment Funding.

Ken DePatto spoke about Articles 1, 3 & 4 as recognized funding articles from the Town Manager.

Ken spoke about Articles 2 & 6 asking management to push to the Annual Town Meeting since the town's current budget is not balanced.

Next he spoke about Articles 5, 8 & 9 asked to be pushed to the Annual Town Meeting or next Special Town Meeting because there was no funding identified.

Lastly, he spoke about Article 10 asking to be pushed to the Annual Town Meeting depending on the funding/financial implementations. Said it can be opened back up depending on Robert Luongo's recommendations.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 1 as recommend

Seconded at 7:41 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$6,114.00 for the purpose of funding unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year. Source of funding is \$1,200.00 from Town Manager FY14 Carryover; \$1,390.00 from DPW Highway Division FY14 Carryover; and \$3,524.00 from Building Maintenance FY14 Carryover.

Article 1 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:43pm.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 2.

Seconded at 7:43 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a security system at the Town Hall as recommended by the Saugus Police Chief; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Recommendation:

Voted to refer Article back to Town Manager.

Discussion:

Substitute amendment motion by Mr. Long:

Vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$87,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a security system at the Town Hall as recommended by the Police Chief.

Seconded at 7:44 p.m.

Mr. Long asks not to speak but refers to the Temporary Town Manager Bob Palleschi.

Mr. Palleschi speaks on the additional securities needed at the Town Hall for the employees. He would like a Safe Environment on an open building specifically having dealt with past incidents. Mr. Palleschi asks that Chief of Police DiMella speak more on the security system.

At 7:36pm, Chief DeMilla speaks about a security assessment of Town Hall he was asked to do by Temporary Town Manager Palleschi. He brought in a company who stated the Town Hall was lacking and received recommendations and a proposal.

Motion to accept Article 2 with Substitute Amendment.

Seconded at 7:48 p.m.

Article as voted:

Vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$87,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a security system at the Town Hall as recommended by the Police Chief.

Article 2 passed with substitute amendment by unanimous voice vote at 7:48pm.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 3.

Seconded at 7:50 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to make supplemental appropriation to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the funds shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to make a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$173, 415.00 to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year. The source of funds is \$35,000.00 from Town Manager Expense- FY14 Carryover; \$35,000.00 from Accounting Salary; \$5,000.00 from Purchasing Salary; \$2,600.00 from Town Clerk Salary; \$20,000.00 from Town Clerk Expense; \$9,400.00 from Police Department Salary; \$9,400.00 from Fire Department Salary; \$15,000.00 from Building Code Enforcement Salary; \$23,500.00 from Highway Salary; \$6,500.00 from Highway Expense-FY14 Carryover; \$6,200.00 from Building Maintenance Expense-FY14

Carryover; \$5,815.00 from Health Department Salary.

Article 3 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:50pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 4.

Seconded at 7:50 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Department of Public Works Sewer Division; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of \$90,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Department of Public Works Sewer Division. The source of funds for this article is Sewer Retained Earnings.

Article 4 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:51pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 5.

Seconded at 7:52 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a new sidewalk snow removal equipment for the Department of Public Works Highway Division; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to refer the Article to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting

Discussion: None

Article 5 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:52pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 6

Seconded at 7:52 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a new phone system; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to refer the Article to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting

Discussion: None

Article 6 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:52 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 7

Seconded at 7:53 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a Geographic Information Computer System; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend Article for Indefinite Postponement

Discussion: None

Article 7 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:53 p.m

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 8.

Seconded at 7:54 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to engage in an Information and Technology Assessment; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto.

Article as voted:

Voted to refer the Article to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting

Discussion: None

Article 8 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:55 p.m

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 9.

Seconded at 7:56 p.m.

Article as written

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of repair and/or replacement parts for immediate correction of safety concerns on equipment in areas identified by DPW Director of the Town of Saugus in the Saugus Parks and Playgrounds; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Recommendation: Voted to refer the Article back to the Town Manager.

Substitute Motion by Mr. Peter Manoogian:

Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 (\$9,000.00 Highway maintenance, \$3,000.00 from Catch Basis and \$3,000.000 Street sweeping) from the DPW Highway FY2015 Expense Budget to the DPW Parks FY2015 Expense Budget for the purpose of making repairs to the Parks & Playground

Seconded at 7:59p.m.

Discussion:

At 7:59p.m. Mr. Peter Mangooian speaks about his discussion with Fin Com and the DPW Manager on how to come up with money to fund this program. Temporary Town Manager Palleschi was able to identify funds to compensate resources for clean up to commence in May. It is not the total amount they are looking for but gives them the ability to get started.

At 8:01p.m. Mr. J. Denis Gould, 6 Serino Way (pct 10) who is a member of the Parks & Playground Committee speaking about all the funding needed for the 9 Playgrounds in Saugus.

At 8:04p.m., Mr. Marc Magliozzi, 41 Summer Street (pct 1) Chairman of the Parks & Playground Committee speaks about the total funding needed of \$105,000.00 to repair all the Parks.

Vote on the substitute motion to transfer funding of \$15,000.00 from DPW to the Parks and Playground Fund.

Seconded at 8:06p .m

Hand Vote required.

Yea: 28

Nay: 9

Article as voted:

Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 (\$9,000.00 Highway maintenance, \$3,000.00 from Catch Basis and \$3,000.000 Street sweeping) from the DPW Highway FY2015 Expense Budget to the DPW Parks FY2015 Expense Budget for the purpose of making repairs to the Parks & Playground

Article 9 Motion had passed at 8:07p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rando moves Article 10.

Seconded at 8:07 p.m.

Article as written

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including editions, amendments or modifications thereto, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy. A copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation: Voted to refer the Article back to the Town Manager.

Substitute Motion by Mr. Peter Manoogian to adopt Article 10 as written

Seconded at 8:08p.m.

Discussion: None

Hand Vote required.

Yea: 27

Nay: 9

Article as voted

Vote to adopt Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including editions, amendments or modifications thereto, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy. A copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9 Motion had passed at 8:11p.m.

Moderator moves to adjourn the 2015 Special Town Meeting sine die.

Seconded at 8:11p.m.

Unanimous voice vote adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk