

**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Session**  
**May 18, 2015**

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2015 Annual Town Meeting to order on May 18, 2015 at 9:25 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 42 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from precinct 1 and Jeffrey Moses from precinct 9 were appointed and sworn in as tellers by Town Clerk.

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

**43 Members present, a quorum is met.**

Reports from Committees:

Finance Committee Report.

Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks at 9:28pm concerning such areas as:

- Recommendations by the Financial Committee on Articles, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 17.
- Specifically on the recommended funding for Article 17, the School Feasibility Study for the Saugus High School.

Motion made by Mr. Peter Manoogian, precinct 10 to take out of order Article 17, to start the ATM.

Seconded at 9:29 p.m.

**Motion passes as per 2/3 majority hand vote at 9:29pm**

As a courtesy to the Town Manager, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 17 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:30 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,850,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Saugus High School Project Building Committee for the study of deficiencies at the Saugus High School, Pearce Memorial Drive, Saugus, MA for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. (Town Manager)

Seconded at 9:31 p.m.

Town Manager, Scott Crabtree speaks at 9:31 p.m.

- Recommend the Article along with the School Committee and Superintendent and the School Building Committee.
- The Town put in a SOI Statement for the Feasibility Study for a new High School. We have now been invited into the process.
- Now partnering with the MSBA to look at a new high school or a new high school / middle school combination is feasibility for the community. This will take a borrowing article. One feasibility study is completed, they put the designs together and what the costs will entail based on such things as enrollment numbers.
- The School Committee and Superintendent are looking at a different building configuration as an option.
- Senator McGee, Representative Wong and Vincent had done a walk through SHS in September 2014.
- If accepted into the program the feasibility costs could be reimbursed and become partners with the MSBA. Starts at 52% and goes from there depending on the different options we decide to go with.
- This is an investment to last 50 years and is long overdue for the community to move the Town forward.
- Highly recommend to support this Article.

Superintendent of Saugus Public Schools, Michael Tempesta speaks at 9:42 p.m.

- The Educational Plan is to compress to 4 schools; Early Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School / High School Complex. Save a lot with the same continuity of programming, especially for special needs students. It is tougher to do with more schools and spread out.

Town Manager, Scott Crabtree speaks at 9:43p.m regarding changing the building configuration which will close some of the school which can help in affordable housing for the community and savings for the town.

**Article as voted:**

Voted to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$1,850,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Saugus High School Project Building Committee for the study of deficiencies at the Saugus High School, Pearce Memorial Drive, Saugus MA for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Seconded at 9:45 p.m.

**Article 17 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous hand vote at 9:46pm.**

Moderator Steve Doherty informs Town Meeting Members that we still have 7 other Articles to go through and makes a motion to out of order in order Articles 7 thru 13.

Seconded at 9:46 p.m.

**Motion pass by unanimous voice vote at 9:47p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 17 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:47 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)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted:**

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.

**Article 7 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:47p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 8 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:48 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the water system cross-connection program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining the program as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. (Town Manager)

Moderator Steve Doherty informs Town Meeting Members that the word “refer” in the Finance Committee’s Recommendation is a typographical error and needs to be removed.

**Article as voted:**

Voted to refer reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the water system cross-connection program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining the program as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Article 8 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:48p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 9 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:48 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting programs and activities at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs. (Town Manager)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted.**

Voted to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting programs and activities at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining these programs.

**Article 9 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:49p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 10 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:49 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Senior Lunch Program at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program. (Town Manager)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted.**

Voted to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Senior Lunch Program at the Senior Center. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program.

**Article 10 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:49p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 11 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:50 p.m.

**Article as written**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Town of Saugus Compost program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program. (Town Manager)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted:**

Voted to reauthorize a revolving fund for the purpose of supporting the Town of Saugus Compost program. Established fees will be used for the operating expenses in connection with maintaining this program.

**Article 11 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:50 p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 12 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:51p.m

**Article as written**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (FY 2016 Chapter 90 Highway), a sum of money for street resurfacing, handicap ramps, and sidewalks. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, Section 34. (Town Manager)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted.**

Voted to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds (FY 2016 Chapter 90 Highway) the sum of \$638,005 for street resurfacing, handicap ramps, and sidewalks. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, Section 34.

**Article 12 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:51 p.m.**

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. McLaughlin moves Article 13 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:52p.m

**Article as written**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow a certain amount at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to water pipelines or take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

**No Discussion.**

**Article as voted:**

Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$662,100 at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to water pipelines.

**Article 13 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 9:52 p.m.**

Moderator will accept a motion to suspend the meeting until possible June 8<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Decareau to suspend meeting given at 9:53pm

**Unanimous voice vote at 9:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena  
Town Clerk