

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
3rd Session
June 8, 2015

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the 3rd Session of 2015 Annual Town Meeting to order on June 8, 2015 at 7:31 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 40 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Moderator Doherty led the meeting with the Pledge of Alliance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our soldiers, past and present who have served our Country. He requested that all electronics be silenced and are prohibited from tapping the meeting. Lastly, he asked for the acceptance of the minutes from the prior meeting on May 18, 2015. Minutes accepted.

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.	A	COTTAM, J.	P
COX, R.	P	DECARREAU, 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.	P
JOHNSON, P.	P	JONES, C.	A	LEUCI, W.	P
LONG, R.	A	LOPRESTI, A.	A	CHRISTOPHER, R	P
MANNOGIAN, P.	P	MCCARTHY, S.	A	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P
MORESCHI, C.	P	MOSES, J.	P	PALCZYNSKI, J.	P
PAOLINI, M.	P	POLTANO, K.	P	PURACCHIO, S.	P
QUINLAN, E.	P	RANDO, P.	P	RING, D.	A
RODENHISER, J.	P	ROSSETTI, P.	P	SMITH, R.	A
SPENCER, B.	P	STEWART, W.	A	SWEEZEY, S.	P
TRAVERSE, T.	P	WITTEN, R.	P		

41 Members present, a quorum is met.

Reports from Committees:

Finance Committee Report.

Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks at 7:38pm thanking the hard work from all the individuals on the Finance Committee. He proceeded to thank the Clerk for the Finance Committee for all her hard work and dedication. Mr. DePatto briefly addresses the remaining Articles left on the 2015 ATM Warrant.

No other committees to report.

Town Moderator Doherty states there are 13 Articles left on the Warrant to discuss this evening.

Motion by Mr. Rando, precinct 3 to move Articles 22 through 25 out of order.

Seconded at 7:40 p.m.

Hand Count vote by Tellers.

Yeas: 38
Nays: 0

Motion passes by hand vote at 7:41pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 22 as recommended. Seconded at 7:43 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 22. To see if the Town Meeting hereby recognizes the work done by the Town Meeting appointed ambulance committee and support their recommendation of starting a Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance run and managed by the Saugus Fire Department (SFD). A vote in the affirmative will the Town Manager and the Saugus Firefighters Local #1003 the opportunity to negotiate an agreement to start and maintain a Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance, operated by the Saugus Fire Department (SFD) in conjunction with an existing privately contracted ambulance service. (Ambulance Study Committee)

Recommendation: Voted to recommend Article 22 for Indefinite Postponement. (IP)

Mr. Jeff Moses precinct 9, Chairman of the Ambulance Study Committee speaks at 7:43 p.m. about the work the committee had done on the Articles.

Mr. Peter Rossetti precinct 2 makes a motion to refer the Article back to the Ambulance Study Committee at 7:43p.m.

Seconded at 7:44 p.m.

Article as voted:

Voted to refer Article 22 back to the Ambulance Study Committee.

Seconded at 7:44 p.m.

Article 22 passed as recommended by Peter Rossetti by unanimous voice vote at 7:45p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 23 as recommended.

Seconded at 7:45 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 23. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to raise an appropriate for the establishment of a new enterprise Account for the purpose of funding a Saugus Fire Department (SFD)-operated Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance. These funds will subsidize and SFD-operated BLS Ambulance, including firefighter salaries and any other related costs. (Ambulance Study Committee)

Recommendation: Voted to recommend Article 23 for Indefinite Postponement. (IP)

Mr. Peter Rossetti precinct 2 makes a motion to refer the Article back to the Ambulance Study Committee at 7:46p.m.

Seconded at 7:46 p.m.

Article 23 passed as recommended by Peter Rossetti by unanimous voice vote at 7:46p.m

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 24 as recommended.

Seconded at 7:46 p.m.

Article as written

Article 24. To establish a new Enterprise Account to allow for the flexibility to account separately for all financials activities related to the establishment and June 8, 2015 Report to Annual Town Meeting Saugus Finance Committee operation of a Saugus Fire Department (SFD)- operated Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance. This new Enterprise Account will establish a separate accounting and financial reporting mechanism for municipal services for which a fee will be charged in exchange for services. The revenues and expenses of the services for which a fee will be segregated into a fund with financial statements separate from all other government activities. This will identify the total service cost and will operate under the Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System (UMAS) rules and regulations. All investment earning and any operating surplus (actual revenues in excess of estimates and appropriations in excess of expenses) will be retained in the Enterprise Account rather than closed to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Meeting will retain control of any successive funds to be appropriated in future years. (Ambulance Study Committee)

Recommendation: Voted to recommend Article 24 for Indefinite Postponement. (IP)

Mr. Peter Rossetti precinct 2 makes a motion to refer the Article back to the Ambulance Study Committee at 7:47p.m.

Seconded at 7:47 p.m.

Article 24 passed as recommended by Peter Rossetti by unanimous voice vote at 7:47p.m

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 25 as recommended.

Seconded at 7:47 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$300,000.00 to acquire a Basic Life Support Ambulance, and required equipment, to be operated by the Saugus Fire Department (SFD). (Ambulance Study Committee)

Recommendation: Voted to recommend Article 25 for Indefinite Postponement. (IP)

Mr. Peter Rossetti precinct 2 makes a motion to refer the Article back to the Ambulance Study Committee at 7:47p.m.

Seconded at 7:48 p.m.

Article 25 passed as recommended by Peter Rossetti by unanimous voice vote at 7:48p.m

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 1 as recommended.

Seconded at 7:48 p.m.

Article as written

Article 1. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2016. (Town Manager)

Town Moderator Doherty reads off the Bottom Line numbers for Town Meeting at 7:49p.m.:

Town Moderator	\$1.00
Board of Selectmen.	\$47,800.00
Town Manager	\$581,500.00
Finance Committee	\$105,000.00
Accounting	\$413,017.00
Purchasing	\$52,376.00
Assessor	\$330,194.00
Treasurer/Collections	\$345,646.00
Legal Counsel.	\$273,053.00
Human Resources	\$140,865.00
Management Information System	\$315,027.00
Town Clerk	\$150,618.00
Election & Registration	\$116,837.00
Conservation Commission	\$53,792.00
Planning Board	\$39,836.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$26,266.00
Economic Development	\$104,200.00
Police Department	\$6,377,283.00
Fire Department	\$4,286,697.00
Building Code Enforcement	\$171,669.00
Gas & Plumbing	\$43,206.00
Weights & Measures	\$11,222.00
Electrical Inspection	\$43,685.00
Emergency Management	\$14,016.00

Animal Control	\$56,540.00
DPW Forestry Division	\$166,605.00
Harbormaster	\$1.00
Dispatcher	\$729,898.00
Regional Schools	\$3,492,727.00
DPW Administration	\$342,135.00
Engineering Division	\$12,500.00
Highway & Streets Division	\$688,959.00
Snow & Ice Removal	\$182,500.00
Street Lighting	\$550,000.00
DPW Vehicle Maintenance	\$237,191.00
Waste Collection & Disposal	\$1,450,236.00
Cemetery	\$227,938.00
Public Building / Properties	\$1,212,272.00
Health Department	\$185,930.00
Senior Center	\$221,947.00
Veteran's Services	\$435,803.00
Handicap Commission	\$2,930.00
Fair Housing Commission	\$300.00
Library	\$609,047.00
Youth & Recreation	\$125,506.00
DPW Parks Division	\$183,993.00
Lobstermen's Landing	\$15,463.00
Celebrations	\$2,001.00
710 Retirement Debt	\$1,944,000.00
751 Interest on Long Term Debt	\$669,471.00
752 Interest on Short Term Debt	\$15,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$18,150,831.00
940 Retirement Board	\$114,226.00
<u>Other Insurance</u>	<u>\$637,500.00</u>
Total Town Side	\$43,214,528.00

Mr. Al DiNardo precinct 4 speaks at 7:59p.m.

Mr. Matthew Canterbury pct 6 speaks at 7:59p.m with the concern about the lack of background information on the Budget.

Ms. Patricia Johnson pct 7 speaks at 8:00p.m. stating she just received the budget at 1:00p.m. this afternoon and would like to hold voting on the budget.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,675,250.00 for the School Department Operating Budget and \$46,706,985.00 for the Municipal Town Department Operating Budgets totaling \$74, 382,235.00 for the ensuing Fiscal Year of 2016. Funding to be provided from the tax levy, available funds, and estimated receipts.

Seconded at 8:02 p.m.

Hand Count vote by Tellers;

Yeas: 32
Nays: 10

Article 1 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee by hand count vote at 8:02pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 2 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:03 p.m.

Article as written

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations 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 money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$2,748,218.00 to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year. Source of funds shall be \$934,222.00 from the current fiscal year operating budget and \$1,823,996.00 from free cash.

Seconded at 8:03 p.m.

Hand Count vote by Tellers;

**Yeas: 35
Nays: 2**

Article 2 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee by hand count vote at 8:04pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 3 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:04 p.m.

Article as written

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 6 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

Mr. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance committee briefly speaks at 8:05p.m.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend Article 3 for Indefinite Postponement (IP)

Article 3 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:05 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 4 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:06 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 7 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wished to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted.

Voted to recommend a transfer in the sum of \$5,000.00 from sewer enterprise expense to sewer enterprise salary.

Article 4 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:06 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 5 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:07 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2016. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted.

Voted to recommend the sum of \$6,094,858.00 be appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Fund. The source of funds shall be \$5, 871,000.00 from Water Enterprise Fund Revenue and \$223,858.00 from Retained Earnings. \$467,431.00 is to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Water Enterprise Fund Revenue for Indirect Costs.

Article 5 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:08 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 6 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:08 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2016. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend that the sum of \$4,331,985.00 be appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The source of funds shall be \$3,590,057.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue and \$741,928.00 from Retained Earnings. \$448,189.00 is to be appropriated in the General Fund funded by Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue for Indirect Costs.

Article 6 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:09 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 14 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:09 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 14. To see if the Town will increase water rates with all receipts to be held within the Water Enterprise Fund to be used exclusively for water expenses, water maintenance, water debt and interest and water improvement programs, or take any action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend a 3% water rate increase with all receipts to be held within the Water Enterprise Fund to be used exclusively for water expenses, water maintenance, water debt and interest and water improvement programs.

Voice vote had an opposition.

Seconded at 8:10 p.m.

Hand Count vote by Tellers:

Yeas: 34
Nays: 7

Article 14 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee by hand count vote at 8:10pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 15 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:11 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 15. 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)

No Discussion.

Article as voted:

Voted to recommend borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust the sum of \$1,750,000.00 for capital improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

Article 15 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:11 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mr. DiNardo precinct 4 moves Article 16 as recommended.

Seconded at 8:12 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

No Discussion.

Article as voted.

Voted to recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of \$810,00 for the purpose of funding an unpaid bill from a prior fiscal year. The source of funds shall be sewer retained earnings.

Article 16 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:12p.m.

Town Moderator Doherty speaks at 8:13p.m. by thanking the Finance Committee and all the Town Meeting Members for the last 2 years.


Moderator will accept a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting Sine Die

Mr. Moses precinct 9 moves to adjourn the June 8, 2015 - 3rd Session Annual Town Meeting Sine Die.

Seconded at 8:14p.m.

Unanimous voice vote adjourn Sine Die at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk

