

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 16, 2012**

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long, called the Special Town Meeting of July 16, 2012 to order at 7:37 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 40 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from precinct 1 and Edward S. W. Boesel from precinct 9 were appointed and sworn as tellers.

Moderator Long led the meeting in the salute to the flag, followed by a moment of silence in honor of former Town Meeting member, Joe Murphy.

Town Clerk, Joanne Rappa, 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.	P	PETKEWICH, P.	P
BROOKS, W.	P	HAWKES, T.	P	POLITANO, K.	P
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.	P	LEUCI, J.	P	SERINO, A.	A
D'ANNA, S.	P	LONG, R.	P	SPENCER, B.	P
DEVER, M.	P	LOPRESTI, A.	A	STEWART, W.	P
DEVLIN, F.	P	MALONE, B.	P	SULLIVAN, B.	A
DINARDO, A.	P	MALTAIS, S.	P	SWEEZEY, S.	P
DOCKERY, M.	P	MANOOGIAN, P.	P	VADALA, P.	P
DOHERTY, S.	P	MCCARTHY, S.	A	VECCHIO, M.	A
FAIELLA, E.	P	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P	Quorum count=	41

With 41 members present, a quorum is met.

Moderator Long noted that he has been fielding more calls in the last few weeks than he can ever remember, regarding e-mails received by Town Meeting members. Mr. Long reminded members that the list of e-mail addresses was prepared in order to expedite the information to members in preparation for meetings. If you are receiving unwanted e-mails, please ask the sender to drop your name from their distribution list, or simply block the sender from your mail.

**Article 1.** Reports of committees.

Mr. Palleschi, Finance Committee Chairman, gave the report of Committee. Mr. Palleschi noted that there was very lively discussion regarding Article 2 at the Finance Committee meeting last week. However, had the Committee received certain information prior to that meeting, their vote would have been very different.

Finance Committee Reports were distributed.

Mr. Brenton Brenton Spencer moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 2.

Seconded at 7:51 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for the possible repair/renovation or construction of the science labs at Saugus High School under the MSBA Science Lab Initiative,

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. (School Committee)

Superintendent Richard Langlois and Saugus High School Science Teacher, Mr. Frank Woods, presented a power point demonstration explaining the reason for the article as well as a plan for the proposed Saugus High School Science labs. (A complete copy of the presentation is available in the Town Clerk's Office).

Michael Dockery asked if the School Department could possibly fund the study, to which Mr. Langlois stated that the building is under the Town's auspices, and it is not the responsibility of the School Department to fund any improvements.

Mr. Edward Carlson thanked the School Committee for the presentation as well as for the recent tour of the High School labs. As a retired science teacher, he is aware of the necessary preparation and requirements of the Labs. However, he has some concerns as to what will happen if the need arises for more renovations in the next five or ten years and questioned if the Town would be locked into the current site, which may prohibit a new school from being constructed at another site.

Mr. Woods stated that there is a 20 year decommission, and the Town would be responsible for the remainder, depending on how long they stay at the current site, as it would be pro-rated.

Mr. Peter Manoogian made a power point presentation, and noted that this article would be one of the most important votes of the year. Mr. Manoogian thanked the school faculty for the informative presentation but stated that he feels it is now time to make a commitment to start the process of aspiring to the idea of a "New Model High School". (A complete copy of the presentation is available in the Town Clerk's Office).

Mr. Manoogian makes a motion to refer Article 2 as follows:

1. To refer Article 2 of the July 16, 2012 Special Town Meeting to the Saugus School Committee and to request that said Committee authorize the Superintendent, in accord with M.G.L. Ch. 70B, to file a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to build a new high school for Saugus.
2. It is the desire of the Saugus Town Meeting that the SOI be known as the "District Priority SOI" and that such SOI or other appropriate method indicate the Town's desire to incorporate science labs that meet the criteria established by the MSBA's "Science Lab Initiative" as well as "Green Design Elements" that will incorporate best available energy efficient design features to a new Saugus High School, and "Model School Program" design features and/or any other elements that will result in maximum reimbursement from the MSBA.
3. It is also the desire of the Saugus Town Meeting that alternate locations for a new Saugus High School, inclusive of those previously reported to town meeting, by the former *School Building Assessment Committee*, will be explored and furthermore, that the legal and economic feasibility of leasing or selling the current high school property, or a portion thereof, be studied by the Manager, Selectmen and School Committee and their findings be reported to town meeting no later than May, 2013 in the form of a written report.

Seconded at 8:49 p.m.

Mr. Jeffrey Moses and Albert DiNardo both noted their support for Mr. Manoogian's proposal.

Fire Chief James Blanchard noted that it is unconscionable not to have a sprinkler system installed in any school in this day and age and that up-grades to the fire alarm system are desperately needed at the high school, immediately, and regardless of tonight's vote.

Jean Bartolo, and Superintendent Langlois spoke on the article, and School Committee member, Arthur Grabowski noted his support for Mr. Manoogian's motion. Peter Vadala spoke on the Article.

Maureen Dever makes a motion to move the question.

Seconded by Ellen Faiella t 9:06 p.m.

Vote to move the question:

Yea: 24 Nays: 11 at 9:07 p.m.

The question is moved.

Moderator Long explained parliamentary procedure to Mr. Vadala.

Vote on Mr. Manoogian's motion to refer:

Yeas: 36 Nays: 2 at 9:10 p.m.

**Article 2 is voted to be referred to the Saugus School Committee.**

Mr. Spencer moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 3 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:12. p.m.

**Article 3 as written:**

**Article 3.** 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)

Mr. Moses, Mr. DiNardo, and Town Manager Crabtree spoke on the article.

**Article as voted:**

**Article 3.** Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (FY2013 Chapter 90 Highway) a sum of \$505,685.80 for street resurfacing. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of MGL chapter 90, section 34.

Yeas: 39 Nays: 1 at 9:16 p.m.

**Article 3 Passed as recommended.**

Mr. Spencer moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 4 as recommended.

Seconded at 9:17 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 4.** 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)

**Article as voted:**

**Article 4.** Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$111,004.20 (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.

Yeas: 40 Nays: 0 at 9:19 p.m.

**Article 4 passed as recommended.**

Mr. Edward S. W. Boesel moves to adjourn sine die.

Seconded at 9:20 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Rappa  
Town Clerk