

**Special Town Meeting
Minutes
April 22, 2013**

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long, called the Special Town Meeting to order on April 22, 2013 at 7:32 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 42 members, plus the moderator present.

Joyce Rodenhiser, Precinct 1 and Edward S. W. Boesel, Precinct 9, were appointed and sworn as tellers.

Sean Maltais will, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, be making motions this evening.

Town Moderator Robert J. Long led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon.

Moderator Long also wished to remind Town Meeting members that all cell phones are to be turned off or put on vibrate for emergency calls only.

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.	a	CHRISTOPHER,R	p
ATTUBATO, J	p	FOWLER, J.	p	MOSCHELLA, D.	a
BARTOLO, J.	p	GILLIS, J.	p	MOSES, J.	p
BILLINGLSEY, S.	p	GOODWIN, P.	a	PALCZYNSKI, J.	p
BOESEL, E.	p	GROARK, L.	p	PETKEWICH, P.	p
BROOKS, W.	p	HAWKES, T.	p	POLITANO, K.	p
CARLSON, E.	a	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.	a	STEWART, W.	p
DEVLIN, F.	p	MALONE, B.	a	SULLIVAN, B.	p
DINARDO, A.	p	MALTAIS, S.	p	SWEEZEY, S.	p
DOCKERY, M.	p	MANOOGIAN, P.	p	VADALA, P.	a
DOHERTY, S.	p	MCCARTHY, S.	p	VECCHIO, M.	p
FAIELLA, E.	p	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	p	Quorum count=	43

A quorum is met.

Moderator Long stated that Joanne Rappa, Town Clerk, was unable to be here tonight as her mother passed away. Tim Hawkes mother passed away as well.

Article 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees.

Robert Palleschi, Finance Committee Chairman gave an update on the ongoing budget hearings. Everyone should have received the Annual Town Meeting warrant in the mail the end of last week. They will be discussing the Vocational School Budget this week and hope to have the full budget for FY2014 to Town Meeting by the middle of June. There are three articles tonight which they are recommending – a transfer to the stabilization fund; the purchase or lease of cruisers for the police dept. and a transfer of funds to the Town Clerk’s budget for training new staff members.

Sean Maltais moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 2.

Seconded at 7:45 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000.00 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Article 2: Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000.00 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.

Yeas: 43 Nays: 0 at 7:48 p.m.

Article 2 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Sean Maltais moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 3.

Seconded at 7:50 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of cruisers for the police department; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with respect to such equipment; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Mr. Long stated that we need a 2/3 vote because this is a borrowing article.

Article as voted:

Article 3: Voted that \$351,420.00 is appropriated for the purchase of cruisers for the police department; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$351,420.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority by issuing bonds or notes or entering into a lease/purchase agreement with respect to such cruisers; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into such lease/purchase agreement and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Yeas: 43 Nays: 0 at 7:52 p.m.

Article 3 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Sean Maltais moves, as a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Article 4.

Seconded at 7:52 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500.00 for the purpose of funding the FY2013 Town Clerk salary appropriation to hire additional clerical staff. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. (Town Manager)

Article as passed:

Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500.00 for the purpose of funding the FY2013 Town Clerk salary appropriation to hire additional clerical staff. Said funds will be added to Article 2 as voted at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 4 passes as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Long stated to the Town Meeting body that he would like the opportunity to speak as a member on Articles 5 and 6. He asked, as a courtesy, if someone would moderate for him on Articles 5 and 6.

Mrs. Dever moves for a 2 minute recess. The moderator called the session back to order at 8:00 p.m.

Brenton Spencer, Precinct 5, will moderate Article 5 and Article 6 for Mr. Long.

Ed Boesel moves, as a courtesy to the Board of Selectmen Article 5.

Seconded at 8:02 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Massachusetts State Legislature to amend the town charter by adding the following section:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 8A. Extension or Renewal. The selectmen may extend or renew the term of a town manager who has been previously appointed pursuant to Article 2 Section 8. Said extension or renewal shall be for a term of years by a three-fifths vote of the membership. (Board of Selectmen)

Mrs. Dever moves, to refer this article back to the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded at 8:03 p.m.

Michael Serino, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Peter Manoogian, Al DiNardo, Stephen Horlick, Selectmen Debra Panetta, William Jones and Sean Maltais all spoke in favor of this article.

Peter Manoogian asked for a roll call vote on the referral and the main motion.

Seconded at 8:10 p.m.

Ellen Faiella, Robert Long, Maureen Dever, Jeff Moses and Peter Rossetti all spoke in opposition of the passage of this charter change.

Patricia Johnson asks to move the question.

Seconded at 9:10 p.m.

A vote came on moving the question.

Yeas: 35 Nays: 7 at 9:13 p.m.

The question is moved.

Roll call vote on Mrs. Dever's referral.

Article # 5		referral			
	Vote		Vote		Vote
ALLAN, P.	n	FALASCA, T.	n	CHRISTOPHER,R	n
ATTUBATO, J	n	FOWLER, J.	n	MOSCHELLA, D.	
BARTOLO, J.	n	GILLIS, J.	n	MOSES, J.	y
BILLINGLSEY, S.	n	GOODWIN, P.		PALCZYNSKI, J.	n
BOESEL, E.	n	GROARK, L.	n	PETKEWICH, P.	y
BROOKS, W.	n	HAWKES, T.	n	POLITANO, K.	y
CARLSON, E.		JOHNSON, P.	y	RING, D. S.	n
CICOLINI, J.	n	JONES, W.	n	RODENHISER, J.	n
CONNORS, A.	n	KRAMICH, W.	n	ROSSETTI, P.	y
COTTAM, D.	n	LEUCI, J.	n	SERINO, A.	n
D'ANNA, S.	y	LONG, R.	y	SPENCER, B.	
DEVER, M.	y	LOPRESTI, A.		STEWART, W.	y
DEVLIN, F.	n	MALONE, B.		SULLIVAN, B.	n
DINARDO, A.	n	MALTAIS, S.	n	SWEEZEY, S.	n
DOCKERY, M.	y	MANOOGIAN, P.	n	VADALA, P.	
DOHERTY, S.	n	MCCARTHY, S.	n	VECCHIO, M.	n
FAIELLA, E.	y	MCLAUGHLIN, P.			

Yea= 11 Nay= 31 Abst= 0

Yeas: 11 Nays: 31 at 9:15 p.m.

Article 5 is **not** referred back to the Board of Selectmen.

Vote on the main motion.

Article as voted:

Article 5. Voted to petition the Massachusetts State Legislature to amend the town charter by adding the following section:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 8A. Extension or Renewal. The selectmen may extend or renew the term of a town manager who has been previously appointed pursuant to Article 2 Section 8. Said extension or renewal shall be for a term of years by a three-fifths vote of the membership.

Article # 5		main motion			
	Vote		Vote		Vote
ALLAN, P.	y	FALASCA, T.	y	CHRISTOPHER,R	y
ATTUBATO, J	y	FOWLER, J.	a	MOSCHELLA, D.	
BARTOLO, J.	y	GILLIS, J.	y	MOSES, J.	n
BILLINGLSEY, S.	y	GOODWIN, P.		PALCZYNSKI, J.	y
BOESEL, E.	n	GROARK, L.	y	PETKEWICH, P.	n
BROOKS, W.	y	HAWKES, T.	y	POLITANO, K.	n
CARLSON, E.		JOHNSON, P.	n	RING, D. S.	y
CICOLINI, J.	y	JONES, W.	y	RODENHISER, J.	y
CONNORS, A.	y	KRAMICH, W.	y	ROSSETTI, P.	n
COTTAM, D.	y	LEUCI, J.	y	SERINO, A.	y
D'ANNA, S.	n	LONG, R.	n	SPENCER, B.	
DEVER, M.	n	LOPRESTI, A.		STEWART, W.	n
DEVLIN, F.	y	MALONE, B.		SULLIVAN, B.	y
DINARDO, A.	y	MALTAIS, S.	y	SWEEZEY, S.	y
DOCKERY, M.	a	MANOOGIAN, P.	y	VADALA, P.	
DOHERTY, S.	y	MCCARTHY, S.	y	VECCHIO, M.	y
FAIELLA, E.	n	MCLAUGHLIN, P.			

Yea= 29 Nay= 11 Abst= 2

Yeas: 29 Nays: 11 Abst: 2 at 9:17 p.m.

Article 5 passes as written.

Ed Boesel moves, as a courtesy to the Town Meeting Charter Study Committee, Article 6.

Seconded at 9:20 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6. To see if the Saugus Town Meeting will vote to petition the Massachusetts State Legislature to amend the town charter as described below hereinafter known as “An Act providing for staggered elections of selectmen and school committee and establishing annual town elections” with the understanding that such amendments will be put before the voters of Saugus at the next scheduled town election.

By adding a new section - Article 1 Section 2A.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 2A

The Representative Town Meeting Membership shall consist in each precinct of five members, who shall be elected for terms of two years each by official ballot at a biennial town election in an even numbered year. The 50 Town Meeting Members who are elected in November 2013 will serve until the annual town election in April 2016. Every two years thereafter the entire membership of Town Meeting will be up for re-election.

By adding a new section - Article 1 Section 13A.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 13A

Amendments to this act adopted on or before the 2013 Annual Town Meeting establishing staggered elections of selectmen and school committee with three year terms of office and establishing annual town elections shall be submitted to the registered voters of the Town of Saugus at the town election to be held in November in the year 2013. The vote shall be taken in precincts by ballot in accordance with the provisions of the general laws, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said meeting: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year two thousand and thirteen, entitled '*An Act providing for staggered elections of selectmen and school committee and establishing annual town elections be accepted by this town?*'"

By amending Article 2 Section 1A by adding the phrase "on the same election ballot" after the words 'major town-wide office' and before the last sentence so that the amended Article 2 Section 1A will read as follows.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1A.

Candidacy Limit on Town-wide Elective Office. For the purposes of this section, "major town-wide elective office" shall mean the selectmen's office, the school committee and the housing authority and "town-side office" shall mean all other elected offices in the town. No person's name may appear on the ballot for more than 1 major town-wide elective office on the same election ballot. A person's name may appear on the ballot for any town-side office and town meeting within such person's precinct.

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To add a new section - Article 2 Section 1B

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1B.

Beginning with the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, the regular town election of said town for the purpose of electing town officers, including town meeting members, and Housing authority, and for the submission of questions to the voters of the town if required to be submitted thereat shall be held on the first Wednesday following the third Monday in April, or the Wednesday following the state holiday, Patriot's Day between the hours of seven ante meridian and eight post meridian.

To delete Article 2 Section 2 and replace with a new Article 2 Section 2:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 2.

Election of Selectmen. At the town election held in each year, the registered voters of the town shall elect five selectmen who shall hold office for a term of three years from the annual town election at which they are elected, except that upon acceptance of this act, these changes will take effect at the annual town election in April 2014; The term of the 5th place candidate elected for selectman elected in November 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2014; the term of the 4th & 3rd place candidates elected in 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2015; and the term of the 1st & 2nd place candidates elected in 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2016. In the event a selectman duly elected by the voters shall fail to serve out his term of office, the town clerk shall declare said office vacant and declare the candidate for selectmen at the most recent town election who failed to be elected, but received the next highest number of votes as selectman, provided such person remains eligible and provided such person received votes at least equal to thirty percent of the vote total received by the person receiving the largest number of votes for the office of selectmen at the said election. Such person shall serve until the next annual town election at which the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the voters.

If no such 'runner-up' candidate exists the vacancy shall be filled by a joint convention of the remaining members of selectmen. The selectmen shall nominate one or more candidates to fill the position. Persons so elected to fill a vacancy on the selectmen shall serve only until the next regular election at which time the remaining term of office, if any, shall be filled by the voters and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall forthwith be sworn and shall serve for the then remaining unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Persons serving

as selectmen under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for re-election" printed against their names on the election ballot.

To delete Article 2 Sections 4, 4A and 4B and add a new Section 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 4.

Election of School Committee, the registered voters of the town shall elect five members of the school committee, who shall hold office for three years. These changes will take effect April 2014. The term of the 5th place candidate elected for school committee elected in November 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2014; the term of the 4th & 3rd place candidates elected in April 2013 will expire at the annual town election in 2015; and the term of the 1st & 2nd place candidates will expire at the annual town election in April 2016.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of school committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the candidate for election to the school committee at the most recent town election who failed to be elected, but who received the next highest number of votes, provided such person remains eligible and provided such person received votes at least equal to thirty percent of the vote total received by the person receiving the largest number of votes for the office of school committee at the said election. Such person shall serve until the next annual town election at which the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the voters.

If no such 'runner-up' candidate exists the vacancy shall be filled by a joint convention of the remaining members of school committee and the Board of Selectmen. The school committee shall nominate one or more candidates to fill the position and a majority vote of the joint convention shall be required to confirm such nomination.

Persons so elected to fill a vacancy on the school committee shall serve only until the next regular election at which time the remaining term of office, if any, shall be filled by the voters and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall forthwith be sworn and shall serve for the then remaining unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Persons serving as school committee member under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for re-election" printed against their names on the election ballot.

To add two new sections to Article 2 known as Section 6A and 6B:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 6A

Housing Authority.

The provisions of Chapter 756 of the acts of 1967 governing the election of members of the Saugus Housing Authority is hereby recognized, confirmed and continued. Two members of the Saugus Housing Authority shall be elected at the town elections held in odd numbered years for terms of four years each, to fill the expiring terms of office. The two terms of office which are scheduled to expire at the town election held in November 2013 shall expire instead at the town election held in April 2014 and the two terms of office which are scheduled to expire at the town election held in November 2013 shall expire instead at the town election held in April 2015. Thereafter as the terms of office expire successors shall be elected for terms of four years each expiring on the first business day of the month following the town election.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 6B

Other Officers to be Elected at Town Elections

In addition to the town officers who are to be elected under articles one and two of this charter, members of a housing authority as provided in MGL chapter 121 B, section 5, the third paragraph, and such members of regional authorities or districts as may be established by statute, inter-local agreement, or otherwise, may also be elected at town elections.

(Town Meeting Charter Review Committee)

Mr. Manoogian made a motion to amend Article 6 as follows:

To amend the newly proposed Article 2 Section 1B by changing the word Patriot's to Patriots.

Discussion / Explanation: MGL Chapter 6 Section 12J reads as follows: "The governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling for a proper observance of April nineteenth as Patriots' Day, in commemoration of the opening events of the War of the Revolution and the struggle through which the nation passed in its early days." This grammatical change is consistent with grammar used in the M.G.L.

To amend the newly proposed Article 2 Section 6A that reads in the warrant as follows:

ARTICLE 2
SECTION 6A

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By changing "2013" and "2015" to "2015" and "2016" respectively and striking "the first business day of the month following the town election" and replacing with "at the annual town election."

ARTICLE 2
SECTION 6A

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Discussion / Explanation:

- ◆ There is special legislation that dates back to 1967 which allows the voters of Saugus to elect four members of the Housing Authority for staggered four year terms.
- ◆ Under our present system at each town election two members are elected. The article as written would continue those four year terms and move the date from November to April in the even numbered years.
- ◆ There is, however, an error in the dates of the terms and elections in the article as written. Specifically the two office holders elected in November 2009 should have their re-election moved from November 2013 to April 2014.
- ◆ The two office holders elected in November 2011 should have their re-election moved from November 2015 to April 2016.
- ◆ The article as written specifies that the term of office would be expiring on the first business day of the month following the town election. This is inconsistent with every other town office.
- ◆ The proposed amendment makes this consistent by replacing the "expiring on the first business day of the month following the town election" to "expiring at the annual town election" which is the same for other town offices.

Jeff Moses made a motion to refer this article back to the Town Meeting Charter Study Committee out of courtesy to the Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars.

Seconded at 9:21 p.m.

Mr. Rossetti wanted to thank the Committee for all their hard work on this article.

Gary Butt, 10 Knowles Ave., Saugus, MA, Chairman, Board of Registrars spoke on the article.

Maureen Dever, Arthur Grabowski, Corinne Riley, Peter Manoogian, Jeff Moses, Stephen Doherty, Robert Long and Wendy Reed all spoke regarding Article 6.

Peter Manoogian asked for a roll call vote.

Stephen McCarthy moves the question.

Seconded at 10:19 p.m.

Vote to move the question

Yeas: 36 Nays: 2 at 10:20 p.m.

Mr. Manoogian's motion to amend the article is seconded at 10:21 p.m.

Mr. Manoogian withdrew his request for a roll call vote.

A vote came on the amendment.

Yeas: 38 Nays: 0 at 10:24 p.m.

Manoogian amendment passes.

A vote came on the referral of Article 6.

Article # 6	referral					
	Vote		Vote		Vote	
ALLAN, P.	n	FALASCA, T.	n	CHRISTOPHER,R	n	
ATTUBATO, J	y	FOWLER, J.	n	MOSCHELLA, D.		
BARTOLO, J.	n	GILLIS, J.		MOSES, J.	y	
BILLINGLSEY, S.	n	GOODWIN, P.		PALCZYNSKI, J.	n	
BOESEL, E.	y	GROARK, L.	n	PETKEWICH, P.	n	
BROOKS, W.	n	HAWKES, T.	n	POLITANO, K.	n	
CARLSON, E.		JOHNSON, P.	n	RING, D. S.	n	
CICOLINI, J.	n	JONES, W.	n	RODENHISER, J.	n	
CONNORS, A.	n	KRAMICH, W.	n	ROSSETTI, P.	y	
COTTAM, D.	n	LEUCI, J.	n	SERINO, A.	n	
D'ANNA, S.	n	LONG, R.	y	SPENCER, B.		
DEVER, M.	y	LOPRESTI, A.		STEWART, W.	n	
DEVLIN, F.	n	MALONE, B.		SULLIVAN, B.	n	
DINARDO, A.	n	MALTAIS, S.	n	SWEEZEY, S.	n	
DOCKERY, M.	n	MANOOGIAN, P.	n	VADALA, P.		
DOHERTY, S.	y	MCCARTHY, S.	n	VECCHIO, M.		
FAIELLA, E.		MCLAUGHLIN, P.				
				Yea= 7	Nay= 32	Abst= 0

Yeas: 7 Nays: 32 at 10:25 p.m.

Referral does not pass.

A vote on the main motion as amended.

Article as voted:

Article 6. Voted to petition the Massachusetts State Legislature to amend the town charter as described below hereinafter known as “An Act providing for staggered elections of selectmen and school committee and establishing annual town elections” with the understanding that such amendments will be put before the voters of Saugus at the next scheduled town election.

By adding a new section - Article 1 Section 2A.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 2A

The Representative Town Meeting Membership shall consist in each precinct of five members, who shall be elected for terms of two years each by official ballot at a biennial town election in an even numbered year. The 50 Town Meeting Members who are elected in November 2013 will serve until the annual town election in April 2016. Every two years thereafter the entire membership of Town Meeting will be up for re-election.

By adding a new section - Article 1 Section 13A.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 13A

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By amending Article 2 Section 1A by adding the phrase “on the same election ballot” after the words ‘major town-wide office’ and before the last sentence so that the amended Article 2 Section 1A will read as follows.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1A.

Candidacy Limit on Town-wide Elective Office. For the purposes of this section, “major town-wide elective office” shall mean the selectmen’s office, the school committee and the housing authority and “town-side office” shall mean all other elected offices in the town. No person’s name may appear on the ballot for more than 1 major town-wide elective office on the same election ballot. A person’s name may appear on the ballot for any town-side office and town meeting within such person’s precinct.

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To add a new section - Article 2 Section 1B

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1B.

Beginning with the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, the regular town election of said town for the purpose of electing town officers, including town meeting members, and Housing authority, and for the submission of questions to the voters of the town if required to be submitted thereat shall be held on the first Wednesday following the third Monday in April, or the Wednesday following the state holiday, Patriots’ Day between the hours of seven ante meridian and eight post meridian.

To delete Article 2 Section 2 and replace with a new Article 2 Section 2:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 2.

Election of Selectmen. At the town election held in each year, the registered voters of the town shall elect five selectmen who shall hold office for a term of three years from the annual town election at which they are elected, except that upon acceptance of this act, these changes will take effect at the annual town election in April 2014; The term of the 5th place candidate elected for selectman elected in November 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2014; the term of the 4th & 3rd place candidates elected in 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2015; and the term of the 1st & 2nd place candidates elected in 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2016. In the event a selectman duly elected by the voters shall fail to serve out his term of office, the town clerk shall declare said office vacant and declare the candidate for selectmen at the most recent town election who failed to be elected, but received the next highest number of votes as selectman, provided such person remains eligible and provided such person received votes at least equal to thirty percent of the vote total received by the person receiving the largest number of votes for the office of selectmen at the said election. Such person shall serve until the next annual town election at which the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the voters.

If no such 'runner-up' candidate exists the vacancy shall be filled by a joint convention of the remaining members of selectmen. The selectmen shall nominate one or more candidates to fill the position. Persons so elected to fill a vacancy on the selectmen shall serve only until the next regular election at which time the remaining term of office, if any, shall be filled by the voters and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall forthwith be sworn and shall serve for the then remaining unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Persons serving as selectmen under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for re-election" printed against their names on the election ballot.

To delete Article 2 Sections 4, 4A and 4B and add a new Section 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 4.

Election of School Committee, the registered voters of the town shall elect five members of the school committee, who shall hold office for three years. These changes will take effect April 2014. The term of the 5th place candidate elected for school committee elected in November 2013 will expire at the annual town election in April 2014; the term of the 4th & 3rd place candidates elected in April 2013 will expire at the annual town election in 2015; and the term of the 1st & 2nd place candidates will expire at the annual town election in April 2016.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of school committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the candidate for election to the school committee at the most recent town election who failed to be elected, but who received the next highest number of votes, provided such person remains eligible and provided such person received votes at least equal to thirty percent of the vote total received by the person receiving the largest number of votes for the office of school committee at the said election. Such person shall serve until the next annual town election at which the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the voters.

If no such 'runner-up' candidate exists the vacancy shall be filled by a joint convention of the remaining members of school committee and the Board of Selectmen. The school committee shall nominate one or more candidates to fill the position and a majority vote of the joint convention shall be required to confirm such nomination. Persons so elected to fill a vacancy on the school committee shall serve only until the next regular election at which time the remaining term of office, if any, shall be filled by the voters and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall forthwith be sworn and shall serve for the then remaining unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Persons serving as school committee member under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for re-election" printed against their names on the election ballot.

To add two new sections to Article 2 known as Section 6A and 6B:

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 6A

Housing Authority.

The provisions of Chapter 756 of the acts of 1967 governing the election of members of the Saugus Housing Authority is hereby recognized, confirmed and continued. Two members of the Saugus Housing Authority shall be elected at the town elections held in odd numbered years for terms of four years each, to fill the expiring terms of office. The two terms of office which are scheduled to expire at the town election held in November 2013 shall expire instead at the town election held in April 2014 and the two terms of office which are scheduled to expire at the town election held in November 2015 shall expire instead at the town election held in April 2016. Thereafter as the terms of office expire successors shall be elected for terms of four years each expiring at the annual town election.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 6B

Other Officers to be Elected at Town Elections

In addition to the town officers who are to be elected under articles one and two of this charter, members of a housing authority as provided in MGL chapter 121 B, section 5, the third paragraph, and such members of regional authorities or districts as may be established by statute, inter-local agreement, or otherwise, may also be elected at town elections.

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main motion

Vote		Vote		Vote	
ALLAN, P.	y	FALASCA, T.	y	CHRISTOPHER,R	y
ATTUBATO, J	y	FOWLER, J.	y	MOSCHELLA, D.	
BARTOLO, J.	y	GILLIS, J.		MOSES, J.	n
BILLINGLSEY, S.	y	GOODWIN, P.		PALCZYNSKI, J.	y
BOESEL, E.	n	GROARK, L.	y	PETKEWICH, P.	y
BROOKS, W.	y	HAWKES, T.	y	POLITANO, K.	y
CARLSON, E.		JOHNSON, P.	y	RING, D. S.	y
CICOLINI, J.	y	JONES, W.	y	RODENHISER, J.	y
CONNORS, A.	y	KRAMICH, W.	y	ROSSETTI, P.	n
COTTAM, D.	y	LEUCI, J.	y	SERINO, A.	y
D'ANNA, S.	y	LONG, R.	y	SPENCER, B.	
DEVER, M.	y	LOPRESTI, A.		STEWART, W.	y
DEVLIN, F.	y	MALONE, B.		SULLIVAN, B.	y
DINARDO, A.	y	MALTAIS, S.	y	SWEEZEY, S.	y
DOCKERY, M.	y	MANOOGIAN, P.	y	VADALA, P.	
DOHERTY, S.	y	MCCARTHY, S.	y	VECCHIO, M.	
FAIELLA, E.		MCLAUGHLIN, P.			

Yea= 36 Nay= 3 Abst= 0

Yeas: 36 Nays: 3 at 10:30 p.m.

Article 6 passes as amended.

Mr. Boesel makes a motion to adjourn sine die.

Seconded at 10:31 p.m.

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne E. Moses
 Asst. Town Clerk