

**November 17, 2014
Special Annual Town Meeting
Minutes**

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2014 Special Town Meeting to order on November 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 39 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from precinct 1 and Jeffrey Moses from precinct 9 were appointed and sworn as tellers.

Moderator Doherty led the meeting in the salute to the flag. Moderator Doherty asked for a Moment of Silence with the respect of the recent passing of Bill Diotte (Saugus Police Officer) and Norman Hansen (Former Town Manager)

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.	P	CANTERBURY, M.	P	CARDINALE, C.	A
CARLSON, E.	P	CICOLINI, J.	A	CONNORS, A.	A
COSTIN, J.B.	P	COTTAM, D.	P	COTTAM, J.	A
COX, R.	P	DECAREAU, E.	P	DEVLIN, F.A.	P
DINARDO, A.	P	DOCKERY, M.	P	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.	P	LEUCI, W.	P
LONG, R.	P	LOPRESTI, A.	A	MALTAIS, S.	A
MANOOGIAN, P.	P	MCCARTHY, S.	A	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.	P
RODENHISER, J.	P	ROSSETTI, P.	P	SMITH, R.	P
SPENCER, B.	P	STEWART, W.	P	SWEEZEY, S.	P
TRAVERSE, T.	P	WITTEN, R.	P		

40 Members present, a quorum is met.

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

Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke at 7:39pm thanking Bob Palleschi for his service and dedication to the Finance Committee over the last few years.

Ken DePatto, spoke that there was a typo in Article 2 of the Warrant that the dates should read 2011-2013 (not 2004). All other Financial Articles are self explanatory.

Peter Manoogian Pct 10, spoke on behalf of the Sidewalk Committee at 7:40pm. He reported on the following Handout submitted to Town Meeting with regards to; the DWP taking initiative for repairs, the new concrete sidewalks installed, drainage improvements, DPW Directors future plan; How Saugus can be in line for Federal funding Grant FY 15-16 in the areas of the Veterans School area – corner of Central Street and Lincoln Ave at \$480,000 and \$150,000 for Central and School Street. Mr. Manoogian also spoke about his upcoming deposition about an accident in December 2011 corner of Maine and Newhall.

Al DiNardo spoke at 7:49pm concerning all the hard work many have done on the Sidewalk Committee for many years.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 1 as recommend

Seconded at 7:51 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 of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,348.00 to fund unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. The source of funds for this article is the Fiscal Year 2015 tax levy.

Article 1 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:52pm.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 2.

Seconded at 7:53 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,807.13 from overlay surplus for the purpose of funding the overlay deficit in Fiscal Year 2004 overlay account. This amount has been approved by the Town of Saugus Board of Assessors in accordance with MGL Ch. 59 §25. (Town Manager)

Amendment to motion by Mr. Long to revise wording from FY 2004 to 2011-2012.

Seconded at 7:54 p.m.

Yeas: 40 Nays: 0 at 7:54 p.m.

Motion to accept Article 2 with Amendment.

Seconded at 7:54 p.m.

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,807.13 from overlay surplus for the purpose of funding the overlay deficit in Fiscal year 2011-12 overlay account. The source of funds for this article is Overlay Surplus.

Article 2 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:54pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 3.

Seconded at 7:55 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a backhoe for the Cemetery 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 action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to appropriate by borrowing a sum of \$112,000.00 for the purchase of a backhoe for the Cemetery Department. The Source of funds for this article is short term borrowing.

Article 3 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:56pm

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

Seconded at 7:56 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 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. (Town Manager)

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum \$585,000.00 to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. The source of funds for this article is the Fiscal Year 2015 tax levy.

Article 4 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 7:57pm

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 5 to be referred back to the Town Manager.

Article as written:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws of the Town of Saugus by adding to Article 7.4.2(h) the following sentence: The Board of Selectmen by majority vote may waive the requirement of the posting of a bond. (Town Manager)

Seconded at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Peter Rossetti, Pct 2 spoke at 7:58pm in favor of the Article. By approving the article it will help those non-profit organizations to be removed from Bond.

Yeas: 22 Nays: 17 at 8:01 p.m.

Article 5 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 6

Seconded at 8:02 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, including the sewer enterprise fund, a sum of money to perform repairs, upgrades or replacement(s) to Saugus Wastewater Pumping Station that are consistent with the recommendations made in the Weston and Sampson Environmental and Infrastructure Consultants dated September, 2014. Said repairs, upgrades and replacement(s) shall include, but may not be limited to the Bristow Street and Floyd Street stations recommended by the Town Manager. (Peter Manoogian)

Author of the Article Mr. Peter Manoogian speaks at 8:03p.m... He gives "Thanks" to the Finance Committee and Town Manager for their assistance on this Article. The Article is for an evaluation of the 11 water water pump stations with the newest on Broadway. He cites various Precincts with the worst or need or repair; Pct 3, Pct 10 and Pct 5. Mr. Manoogian also sites a total of \$4 million in total for repair. He speak about how Saugus did win a court case (Supreme Court) to not

Reimburse developers a saving of \$1.5 million plus interest and penalties. This article is to begin a preliminary process design to line a Financial Plant to get the work completed and on time. Saugus should start to be pro-active.

Chairmen of The Board of Selectmen, Ellen Faiella speaks at 8:09 p.m. stating this type of Article should go to the DPW prior to submittal. However, the Board of Selectmen does support the Article.

Mr. Decareau speaks at 8:10p.m that he needs clarification on this article. If \$65,000 was to repair stations he is opposed but if it is used for an evaluation/priority list he would be in favor.

Mr. Brendan O'Regan, DPW Director speaks at 8:12 p.m that the Article is about preliminary designs to repair the Station. He cites Floyd Street and Bristow Street location as examples needed for repair.

Moderator Steve Doherty speaks at 8:14 p.m. for clarification that the money will be used for preliminary design work not the actual work itself.

Mr. Ken DePatto speaks at 8:15 p.m. that the article was written by a report laid out for \$4 million in potential repairs. The Finance Committee was only used for the planning and development of the Article.

Board of Selectmen, Maureen Dever speaks at 8:16 p.m. about this was commissioned months ago to clean up the drainage issues in Saugus.

Mr. Moses, Pct 9 speaks at 8:17pm that he agrees with Mr. Decareau that this confusing how it is written.

Mr. Manoogian speaks at 8:18 p.m. how the discussion took place at the Finance Committee level and the process of Saugus Gov't section 3.5 of the Charter. Tonight is consistent with government process.

Temporary Town Manager, Robert Palleschi speaks at 8:22 p.m. that he attended the Finance Commission meetings and he met with the DPW Director specifically on the Floyd Street Station concerning what would happen if it fails. He said a disaster. The town of Saugus needs this study.

Mr. Decareau speaks at 8:24 p.m. that the Article doesn't read about 'evaluation'.

Mrs. Pam Goodwin, pct 5 speaks at 8:25 p.m. to add language to the article requesting from Town Counsel who agreed.

Amendment on floor to insert "and associated design reports" in the Article.

Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote at 8:28 p.m.

Michael Serino speaks in support of the Article at 8:29 p.m.

Article as voted:

Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, including the sewer enterprise fund, a sum of \$65,000.00 to perform repairs, upgrades or replacement(s) to Saugus Wastewater Pumping Station that are

consistent with the recommendations made in the Weston and Sampson Environmental and Infrastructure Consultants dated September, 2014. The recommendation for the funding source is the Sewer Rehabilitation Account.

Article 6 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:29 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Finance Committee, Mrs. Politano moves Article 7

Seconded at 8:30 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote a Resolution Regarding Waste to Energy, Ash Disposal, Solid Waste Facilities Within the Town of Saugus.

As previously established as a Town Policy by the Saugus Board of Selectmen in 2013, the Saugus Town Meeting hereby adopts the following concurrent resolution.

Be it resolved that the Saugus Town meeting wishes to encourage and support practices and policies which will result in a net decrease in air emissions and ash disposal from solid waste facilities.

We are therefore opposed to any additional forms of combustion of solid waste that will yield additional air and ash emissions.

We hereby vote to support existing dates and height limitations for ash landfill closure established by the Commonwealth.

The Town Clerk will communicate this resolution, upon adoption, to our state delegation, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Saugus Board of Health. (Peter Manoogian)

Author of the Article, Mr. Manoogian speaks at 8:30 p.m. based on the concerns by Saugus Citizens on Resco. Adopted by Town Meeting in 1989 the resolution is to communicate to State Delegation that Saugus wants to close the Landfill.

Ms. Ann Devlin, pct 1 speaks at 8:33 p.m. that she is in favor of this Article.

Board of Selectmen, Debra Panetta speaks at 8:34 p.m. that she is President of Saugus Water slip Council and is in favor of this article to continue to keep Saugus a healthy community.

Yeas: 36 Nays 1 at 8:36 p.m.

Article 6 passed as recommended.

As a courtesy to the Floor, Mrs. Politano moves Article 8.

Seconded at 8:42 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to rename the Saugus Alternative Energy Commission to the Saugus Energy Research Committee (SERC) and accept the following statement as the purpose of SERC:

The SERC will study and gather information on all forms of energy, including but not limited to alternative, fossil fuels and renewable to evaluate, by data analyses, their consideration in Saugus for purposes of promoting greater energy efficiency, cost effectiveness and exploring new methods to reduce usage/costs.

In all studies, full consideration of public safety, public health, and the environment will be upheld to the highest standards.

Said Committee will be responsible for education the public (Town Government, public facilities as well as residential and commercial businesses). In this process, reports will be generated on relevant findings.

THE SERC will not seek, study or advocate for the placement of industrial sized turbines (>= 1MW) within the Area of Critical Environmental Concern at the Rumney Marsh Reservation.

Furthermore, the SERC will not seek the placement of industrial size wind turbines anywhere else in Saugus unless and until it is determined that newer technologies of such turbines will produce wind power that is not detrimental to public or environmental health and safety.

Goals of the Committee will be broadly based:

To research all forms of energy generation.

To promote greater energy effectiveness in conservation and production.

To educate the public (Town government, public and commercial facilities, residents) on the types of energy generation and conservation.

To generate reports to facilitate access to information and support strategies proposed as well as evaluate energy saved.

To research, explore and present energy grant opportunities for the Town.

Three main short-term goals will be established by the committee for each year. There will be one year to complete these goals. If goals are not met, a new chair would be voted in to lead the committee.

To hold monthly open meetings, a minimum of 11 times a year. Each meeting will aim to have a minimum of one guest from the community by invitation from the chair.

Reports to be generated are as follows:

A minimum of bimonthly (every two months) reports generated and given to: The Town Moderator, The Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, The Economic Development Coordinator, The School Committee, Saugus Action Volunteers for the Environment (SAVE) and the Town Clerk for SERC records. This correspondence will be administered electronically and copies will be available on the SERC website. In the month of July, a questionnaire will be distributed to the above mentioned boards/committees/officers to evaluate the progress of the committee and as an opportunity to state suggestions. Two weeks prior to any action of submitting grant applications or similarly significant activity, the Town Manager, Town Moderator and Board of Selectmen will be contacted. Open communication among all branches of government: Town Meeting (legislative), Board of Selectmen (executive) and Town Manager (administrative/executive) directly and indirectly through the Economic Development Coordinator will be a requirement for this committee to proceed with the assigned tasks. Any disruptions in communication should be reported to the Town moderator in writing. (Joanne T. Vannah)

Ms. Joanna Vannah, 9 Thomas Street speaks at 8:38 p.m. that this was original set up in 2007 as an exploratory Committee to make energy more efficient in the town.

Mr. Manoogian speaks at 8:41 p.m. to make an Amendment to the Article in Paragraph 6 to strike out “unless and until it is determined that newer technologies of such turbines will produce wind power that is not detrimental to public or environmental health and safety.”

Ms. Vannah speaks at 8:42 p.m. that by removing that sentence would be redundant to strike out.

Mr. Robert Cox, pct 4 speaks at 8:44 p.m. has been doing research on Wind Mills and that we do not have to make the Amendment since it is already in our laws. It would be redundant.

Ms. Vannah speaks at 8:46 p.m. about health issues is the most important aspect.

Amendment passed.

Yeas: 23 Nays: 12 at 8:50 p.m.

As a courtesy to the Floor, Mrs. Politano moves Article 8.

Seconded at 8:52 p.m.

Article as written

Article 9. To see if Town will vote to accept the following membership terms for the Saugus Energy Research Committee (SERC).

There will be five members on this committee. One member is required to be a Town Meeting Member. Each member shall serve a term of two years, three members in one six month interval, and two in the other. Two months prior to the term limit, a member may request to continue through a letter to the Town Moderator. A response should be issued at least three weeks before the individual’s term renewal. This response should be given to the individual and a copy sent to the committee chair.

If a member does not choose to continue their service, they will actively seek a replacement by the criteria listed below. If unable to find a replacement, it will become the responsibility of the chair.

All members must be interested in researching all aspects including its generation, sources, limitation and evolving technology. At least two members should have a technical background, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification is preferred. One member should be an educator, or involved in another capacity in the educational system (e.g. student, administrator).

The Chairman will be determined by a vote of the committee and will be reviewed yearly following the Annual Town Meeting. (Joanne T. Vannah)

Ms Vannah speaks at 8:52 p.m. about 2 year terms on the board. Need to be active with the Town Manager. End of Annual Town Meeting the board can meet and discuss if the chairman needs to leave or have accomplished their goals.

Article 9 passed as recommended by the Finance Committee, by unanimous voice vote at 8:56 p.m.

Since Articles 8 and 9 have passed – motion on the floor is to indefinitely postpone Article 10

Seconded at 8:57p .m.

Motion to postpone Article 10 passes by unanimous voice vote at 8:58 pomp

Moderator moves to adjourn the 2014 Special Town Meeting sine die.

Seconded at 8:58p.m.

Unanimous voice vote adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena
Town Clerk