



SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 – 7:00 PM
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
300 QUAKER HIGHWAY, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium, in Precinct 3, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on May 10, 2016:

Moderator Charles E. Maharay called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00pm, declaring the presence of a quorum (50 required, 125 voters present). Rules for conducting business and taking votes of the meeting were announced.

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ARTICLE 1: INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY16 budget approved under Article 4, 7, 8, 9, & 11 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting or its continued date, or to/from any other enterprise and/or enterprise capital fund;
Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

General Commentary: *The purpose of this article is to transfer funds within department budgets or from one department to another. Per MGL, transfers between individual municipal budgets require town meeting action.*

MOTION (Table A): *Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amounts as stated in Table A, totaling \$131,500 for any legal purpose for which funds may be expended, each item being considered a separate appropriation for FY16.*

	Source of Funding	Available Appropriation	Use of Funding	New Appropriation Amount
1	Clerk Expenses	\$14,263	Manager Expenses	\$1,200
2	Blanchard Hall Expenses	\$4,128	Manager Expenses	\$1,800
3	Street Lighting	\$17,791	Computer/MIS Expenses	\$1,800
4	Police Salaries	\$542,902	Police Expenses	\$10,000

5	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$96,995	Police Expenses	\$5,000
6	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$91,995	Fire Expenses	\$5,000
7	Highway Salaries	\$139,741	Highway Expenses	\$18,000
8	COA Salaries	\$39,371	COA Expenses	\$3,500
9	Street Lighting	\$15,991	Historical Expenses	\$200
10	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$56,995	Municipal Capital	\$35,000
11	Health Insurance	\$1,107,447	Municipal Capital	\$50,000
Total Reallocated				
Table A	Appropriations			\$131,500

Commentary: *These transfers are needed to eliminate potential deficits in the receiving accounts.*

Transfer to Manager expenses: Offset increased costs of new copier, and other miscellaneous expenses

Transfer to Computer/MIS Expenses: Purchase of three-year licensing on Town Hall firewalls

Transfer to Police Expenses: Stock up on supplies and materials (bullets, tires, etc.)

Transfer to Fire Expenses: Additional maintenance funds required.

Transfer to COA Expenses: Vehicle maintenance that would normally be paid from donations

Transfer to Historical Expenses: Remainder of bill from unanticipated work on furnace of the Farnum House

Transfer to Municipal Capital: Surplus in these accounts to be used to clear unanticipated municipal maintenance.

The motion for Table A is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

Motion (Table B): *Move that the Town vote to transfer, appropriate and repurpose, if required, the amounts as stated in Table B, totaling \$281,750, for any legal purpose for which funds may be expended, to be carried until said appropriation is moved via town meeting action and/or exhausted.*

	Source of Funding	Available Appropriation	Use of Funding	New Appropriation Amount
1	Retained Earnings - Ambulance	\$182,697	Ambulance Expenses	\$4,000
2	Retained Earnings - Ambulance	\$178,697	Ambulance Salary	\$8,000
3	Retained Earnings - Wastewater	\$690,116	Wastewater Expenses	\$30,000
4	Water Enterprise expenses	\$193,525	Water Enterprise Salaries	\$10,000

5	Stabilization	\$229,750	Capital Purchase: Mack 10 Wheeler	\$229,750
Table B	Total Reallocated Appropriations			\$281,750

Commentary: *These transfers are needed to eliminate potential deficits in the receiving accounts.*

Transfer to Ambulance Expenses: Increased maintenance costs

Transfer to Ambulance Salaries: Required for filling shifts due to an injury

Transfer to Wastewater Expenses: Increase maintenance cost due to unexpected equipment breakdown, and increased sludge disposal costs.

Transfer to purchase new Mack ten-wheel combination: This transfer request would normally be a separate warrant article like the street sweeper requested via Article 10. However, on April 3rd, H6, a 1989 Mack six wheel, was in an accident, which caused severe damage to the sander, front axle, plow underbody and frame. As a result, we are requesting for a transfer to replace this vehicle. Upgrading to a ten wheeler with a wing plow will allow this vehicle to replace one to two contracted plow trucks.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). These transfers are needed to cover unexpected expenses, some capital improvements and to replace a 1989 10 wheeled truck that was totaled. The truck proposed is a more versatile vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority vote provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3rds vote per MGL c.44 § 33B.

The motion for Table B is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 2: FY 2016 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Stabilization Fund a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY16 budget approved under Article 4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting or its continued date;

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

	Source of Funding	Amount	Use of Funding	Amount
Table C	Stabilization Fund	\$3,569,468	Snow and Ice Expenses	\$270,000

Commentary: *The Town budgeted \$255,109 for snow and ice removal in FY 2016. M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31D allows the Town to incur liability and make expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal, upon the approval by the Town Manager and the Finance Committee. The excess liability can be either raised on the Recapitulation Sheet when the tax rate is set, or paid for via operating budget of Stabilization Fund transfer. The Town does not have levy capacity available to allow it to be raised, nor the available funds in the general budget to allow for transfer. A transfer from Stabilization fund transfer is currently the only mechanism to cover this deficit. A chart showing the annual snow/ice deficits for the past seven years is listed below:*

Year	Deficit	Method used to pay deficit
<i>FY 2007</i>	<i>\$57,882.00</i>	<i>Recap Sheet</i>
<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>\$340,528.89</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>
<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>\$321,537.30</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>
<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>\$82,415.00</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>

<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>\$211,271.00</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>
<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>Done within budget</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>\$305,000</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>
<i>FY 2014</i>	<i>\$426,823.00</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>
<i>FY 2015</i>	<i>\$725,000.00</i>	<i>Stabilization Transfer</i>

Motion (Table C): *Move that the Town vote to transfer the amounts as stated in Table B, totaling \$270,000, for any legal purpose for which funds may be expended, to be carried until said appropriation is moved via town meeting action and/or exhausted.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (4-2-0).** This transfer is to pay for the extra cost of snow and ice treatment/removal from the winter.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (5-0-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3rds vote per MGL c.44 § 33B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 3: CMRPC PER CAPITA RATE/APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to approve a per capita rate of 0.26593, as assessed upon the population of 13,457 persons in the Town of Uxbridge, as listed on the 2010 national census, and in doing so, vote to confirm the amount of \$3,578.57 appropriated for this purpose in Article 4 to pay the Town’s portion of the FY 2017 operating expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC); pursuant to MGL Chapter 40B, Section 7;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: *This article seeks funding for the FY 2017 assessment by CMRPC, as approved by the Regional Planning Commission pursuant Chapter 40B, Section 7 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assessment was previously raised within the general fund budget, but this year it was noted that Town Meeting must also approve the per capita rate upon which the assessment is based, which necessitates a special article.*

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** Belonging to this organization affords the town the ability to receive economic development assistance as well as tools.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (4-1-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a simple majority vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 4: TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all officials of the Town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for fiscal year 2017 (FY17) – approve the budget;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: *Please see the revenue and expenditure details in the FY 2017 Budget document on Tables D & E included within this warrant. Budgeted FY 2017 salaries and expenses total \$41,417,025, a*

change of \$826,381 or 2.04% from FY 2016. Both municipal and local school budgets are increasing by 2.84%.

FY 2016 Budget Summary by Category (See Exhibits 3 and 4 for expanded detail)

	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 TM Budget	Difference	% Change
General Government	\$1,248,138	\$1,321,993	\$73,855	5.91%
Public Safety	\$2,834,234	\$2,918,874	\$84,640	2.98%
Local Education	\$20,067,248	\$20,637,809	\$570,561	2.84%
Regional Education	\$1,975,853	\$2,062,344	\$86,491	4.37%
Public Works	\$1,268,154	\$1,309,935	\$41,781	3.29%
Health & Human Services Culture & Recreation	\$799,363	\$823,427	\$24,064	3.01%
Unclassified	\$12,397,655	\$12,342,643	\$55,012	-0.44%
Total	\$40,590,645	\$41,417,025	\$826,381	2.04%

FY 2017 Budget Summary separated by municipal, school and fixed cost budget categories

	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 TM Budget	Difference	% Change
Municipal Budget	\$6,484,452	\$6,668,545	\$184,093	2.84%
Uxbridge Public Schools*	\$20,067,248	\$20,637,809	\$570,561	2.84%
Fixed Costs**	\$14,038,945	\$14,110,672	\$71,727	.51%
Total	\$40,590,645	\$41,417,025	\$826,381	2.04%

*Includes Uxbridge School and Student Transportation budgets.

** Includes Regional School Budgets, Town-wide debt, retirement, and insurance

FY 2017 Budget by percentage

Municipal Budget	\$6,668,545	16.10%
Local Education	\$22,700,153	54.81%
Unclassified Budget*	\$12,048,328	29.09%
Total	\$41,417,025	100.00%

* Includes town-wide employee benefits such as retirement, employer Medicare, and health insurance

MOTION: *Move that \$41,417,025 be appropriated, as set forth in individual budget appropriations listed under the column “FY 2017 TM Budget”, on the sheet entitled “Table D – Total Estimated Funding Uses” in the budget prepared by the Town Manager, included in this warrant, for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting on May 10, 2016, as most recently revised; and as funding therefore; to transfer from local revenue, funds raised via taxation, and any other available funds; to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$41,417,025 as set forth the column entitled “Table E – Total Estimated Funding Sources”, included in this warrant, each item considered a separate appropriation.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** The finance committee feels that the Town Manager has presented a well-balanced budget and it should be approved by town meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (4-1-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority vote, assuming no funding is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries

**ARTICLE 5: ADDITIONAL FY 2017 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATION –
AMBULANCE SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the FY 2017 budget dedicated to the provision of ambulance services for the ensuing fiscal year;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: Ambulance services have been funded via enterprise for a number of years. However, as its operations and personnel are interchangeable with the Fire Department, the Ambulance Enterprise Fund will be discontinued as of July 1, 2016, with ambulance revenues becoming a general fund receipt. It is a separate article for this year only in order to demonstrate that overall budget increases for municipal and school budgets as noted in article 4 are identical; ambulance revenues will fund this addition to the FY 2017 budget.

MOTION: Move that the sum of \$578,921 as set forth in the column below (“FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation”), up to and including the line entitled “Total Budget Appropriation” be raised and appropriated to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation

Fire Department Budget request – Ambulance			FY 15 Budget	FY16 Budget	FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation
650.450.5100	Ambulance	Salaries	\$448,941	\$473,837	\$489,454
650.450.5200	Ambulance	Expenses	\$80,054	\$83,767	\$89,467
		Total Budget Appropriation	\$528,995	\$557,604	\$578,921

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). This article will take the ambulance costs and remove them from an enterprise fund and place them in the general budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority vote, assuming no funding is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 6: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize GLc.44, §53E ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$15,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health; operational and restoration costs associated with the Uxbridge Community Garden, not to exceed \$12,000, to be derived from user fees and donations, under the Community Garden Committee; first aid/CPR training, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from course tuition and fees, under the Fire Chief; securing and/or demolition of buildings deemed unsafe and associated site cleanup, not to exceed \$30,000, derived from fees charged for those activities and 2.5% of permit revenue generated by

the Inspectional Services Department, under the said department; Operation and restoration costs associated with Pout Pond; under the Pout Pond Recreation Committee, not to exceed \$12,000, derived from user and activity fees and concession sales;
 Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: Annual re-establishment of revolving funds as required by MGL. No appropriation is required; funded by fees charged.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** An affirmative vote will reaffirm the use of these accounts for FY17 as required by MGL.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (5-0-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority (MGL c. 44, § 53 E ½)

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 7: WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Sewer Department (Wastewater) Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2017;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: The Wastewater Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of sewer charges to 3,457 billing units and is entirely self-supporting. Debt, fuel and benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a charge against wastewater departmental revenue. The FY 2017 Wastewater Enterprise budget shows an increase of \$292,651 or 23.97% from FY 2016 (Excluding special purpose articles). Most of the increase (\$195,000) is for new capital acquisitions.

MOTION: *Move that the sum of \$1,522,927 as set forth in the column below (“FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation”), up to and including the line entitled “Total Budget Appropriation” be appropriated to the FY17 Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.*

Wastewater Department Enterprise Fund			FY 15 Budget	FY16 Budget	FY 17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation
651.440.5100	Wastewater	Salaries	\$503,305	\$467,426	\$510,261
651.440.5200	Wastewater	Expenses	\$654,900	\$677,850	\$732,666
651.440.5800	Wastewater	Capital	\$45,000	\$85,000	\$280,000
		Total Budget Appropriation	\$1,203,205	\$1,230,276	\$1,522,927
		Deductions from Gross Revenues	\$290,561	\$304,916	\$325,510
		Total Departmental Expense	\$1,493,766	\$1,535,192	\$1,848,437

\$1,848,437 anticipated to be charged to Wastewater Enterprise revenues.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). This article reflects a moderate increase to salaries with the majority of the funds going to capital improvements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority (MGL c. 44, § 53 F ½)

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 8: WATER DEPARTMENT ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2017;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: The Water Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of water charges to 4,097 billing units and is entirely self-supporting. Debt, fuel and benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a charge against water departmental revenue. The FY 2017 water enterprise budget shows an increase of \$82,426 or 9.23% from FY 2016 operating budget (excluding special articles).

MOTION: Move that the sum of \$974,977 as set forth in the column below (“FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation”), up to and including the line entitled “Total Budget Appropriation” be appropriated to the FY17 Water Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.

Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget			FY 15 Budget	FY16 Budget	FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation
650.450.5100	Water	Salaries	\$382,482	\$369,379	\$454,892
650.450.5200	Water	Expenses	\$438,000	\$458,172	\$460,085
650.450.5800	Water	Capital	\$15,000	\$65,000	\$60,000
		Total Budget Appropriation	\$835,482	\$892,551	\$974,977
		Deductions from Gross Revenues	\$785,732	\$758,893	\$847,036
		Total Departmental Expenses	\$1,621,214	\$1,651,444	\$1,822,013

\$1,822,013 anticipated to be charged to Water Enterprise revenues.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). The finance committee believes this is a properly proportioned budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority (MGL c. 44, § 53 F ½)

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 9: CABLE PEG ACCESS TELEVISION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Community Access Television budget for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset revenues received during FY 2017 by the Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund;
Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Cable Committee

Commentary: The Community Access Television budget is funded by charges unrelated to the tax levy. Benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a charge against departmental revenue. The FY 2017 Cable PEG access operating budget shows an increase of \$124,542 or 82.83% from FY 2016.

MOTION: Move that the sum of \$225,099, as set forth in the column below (“FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation”), up to and including the line entitled “Total Budget Appropriation” be appropriated to Community Access Television Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation:

Community Access Television			FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	FY17 Budget Town Manager Recommendation
660.675.5100	Cable	Salaries	\$93,054	\$95,177	\$97,649
660.675.5200	Cable	Expenses	\$13,133	\$35,290	\$27,450
660.675.5800	Cable	Capital	\$67,343	\$20,000	\$100,000
		Total Budget Appropriation	\$173,530	\$150,467	\$225,099
		Deductions from Gross Revenues	\$51,730	\$46,326	\$46,326
		Total Departmental Expense	\$225,260	\$189,917	\$271,425

\$271,425 anticipated to be charged to Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund revenues

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). This article funds the PEG cable access, which is widely used for broadcasting town events, meeting, school functions, sporting events and citizen produced programs. This budget will also be funding the replacement of the video cameras used at public meeting. The old cameras will be installed in less used venues.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 10: FY 2016 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – STREET SWEEPER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$195,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund and to authorize expenditure of up to that amount to purchase a new street sweeper, said expenditures to be offset by the acceptance of any grants or gifts given for these purposes;
Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: Funding of this request will allow the Town to replace and retire two sweepers, a 1998 Elgin and a 2001 Elgin Pelican, both of which are in poor condition. The 2001 sweeper is essentially a parts unit. The replacement for them would be an Elgin Pelican Sweeper Tier 4i, which would be

purchased off the state bid list. The new sweeper will help the town with its storm water management by removing sand, salt and other contaminants from the town roads.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** This article will be used to replace an aging street sweeper that is no longer in service.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (5-0-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 11: FY 2016 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – SCHOOL DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Town Stabilization Fund and to authorize expenditure of up to that amount to purchase vehicles for school purposes, said expenditures to be offset by the acceptance of any grants or gifts given for these purposes;

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

Commentary: *The purpose of this article is to transfer \$37,000 for the purchase of School Department vehicles to replace current contract services for Special Education transportation. Forecasted annual expense savings is approximately \$88,000 and the FY17 School Budget reflects this reduction.*

MOTION: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$37,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund and to authorize expenditure of up to that amount to purchase new School Department vehicles for special education transport, said expenditures to be offset by the acceptance of any grants or gifts given for these purposes.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** This article will allow the school system to eliminate two transportation contracts in order to save money.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (5-0-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 12: AUTHORIZATION OF LEASE GREATER THAN THREE YEARS – UXBRIDGE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CENTRAL OFFICE

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Uxbridge General Bylaws, Article 4, to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement to run for a period of 10 (ten) years, the cost and start date of such lease to be subject to negotiation, with Andrew J. Mosher and Richard S. Mosher, owners of River Glen Office Building located at 10 River Road, Uxbridge, MA, for the purpose of providing office space for school administrative staff and school district educational programs;

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

Commentary: *The purpose of this article is to seek Town Meeting approval for the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement that is beyond three years to comply with Chapter 20 Article 4 of the Uxbridge General Bylaws. The lease for relocation of central office and school programs totals \$399,000 for a ten (10) year period beginning July 1, 2016. This lease agreement translates to a total savings of \$218,699 versus current annual expenses which total \$617,700 over the same ten (10) year period not including any future expense increases.*

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). Passage of this article will alleviate a weight structural issue in town hall as well as saving the town money on leasing costs.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (4-1-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares, Motion Fails

Motion to take Article 20 Out of order.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares, Motion Fails

ARTICLE 13: FY 2016 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – INSTALLATION OF WELL AT HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Town Stabilization Fund to account #100.303.5290 of the School Department budget to reimburse the said account for the installation of a water well at the Uxbridge High School;

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

Commentary: The purpose of this article is to transfer \$22,000 for the installation of a water well at Uxbridge High School for field irrigation use that will yield an annual savings of \$27,000 in water expense before annual water rate increases. The FY17 School Budget reflects a \$27,000 reduction for this project.

MOTION: Move that the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$22,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund to account #100.303.5290 of the School Department budget to reimburse said account for the installation of a water well at the Uxbridge High School.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-1-0). By adding a well to the high school fields this will reduce the water usage charged to the school budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (4-0-1)

VOTE NEEDED: A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares, Motion Fails by standing count- 54 for, 51 against

ARTICLE 14: FY 2016 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Town Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding a performance audit for the Uxbridge Public Schools;

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

Commentary: The purpose of this article is to transfer \$25,000 for a Best Practices performance audit should the Town agree that such an audit is warranted and should be performed.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$25,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding a performance audit for the Uxbridge Public Schools.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-0). This type of audit has never been done and it will either show that the school department is running as well as it can or will show areas for improvement.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (4-0-1)

VOTE NEEDED: A transfer from/to Stabilization requires a 2/3rds majority vote per MGL c.40 § 5B.

The motion is seconded
Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 15: PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to renew participation in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 252, Section 5A and other applicable sections of said law, effective July 1, 2016;
 Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: The Town voted to participate in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project at the June 13th, 2007 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Project was created by the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1973, and currently consists of 40 cities and towns in Central Massachusetts, from both Worcester and Middlesex Counties, covering nearly 700 square miles. The Town was required to commit and pay for its portion of the project in three year increments. The following chart shows the breakdown of costs, via local aid assessment, for the fiscal years during which the Town was a participant in the project:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Local Aid Assessment</i>	<i>\$ Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>\$58,782</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>n. a.</i>
<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>\$60,160</i>	<i>\$1,378</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<i>FY 2010</i>	<i>\$61,514</i>	<i>\$1,354</i>	<i>2.22%</i>
<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>\$61,027</i>	<i>-\$487</i>	<i>-.80%</i>
<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>\$61,403</i>	<i>\$376</i>	<i>.62%</i>
<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>\$65,542</i>	<i>\$4,139</i>	<i>6.74%</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$368,428</i>	<i>\$6,760</i>	<i>11.50%</i>
<i>FY 2017 Cost</i>	<i>\$71,000</i>	<i>\$5,548</i>	<i>8.32%</i>

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Unfavorable action (5-1-0). This expense really only benefits some town residents and not the town as a whole, also there are more important items these funds could be used for.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority

The motion is seconded
Moderator declares, Motion Fails

ARTICLE 16: LEASE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY (20 ACRES OF 285 SUTTON STREET); PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT.

To see if the Town will vote to lease a portion of Town owned property, located at 285 Sutton Street, Uxbridge Ma, known locally as the “100 Acre lot” encompassing about 20 acres more or less, and to authorize a lease thereof for the purposes of development/operation of a ground mounted solar electricity generating facility, for a period of at least 20 years, said installation to be subject to the acceptance of an annual lease payment and other terms as negotiated by the Town Manager; furthermore through

acceptance of the this article, the Town authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate a PILOT agreement pursuant to an affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of personal property taxes over the period of the agreement; furthermore the Town authorizes the Town Manager to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary pursuant to a favorable vote by the Board of Selectmen;

Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: Passage of this article will authorize the Town to engage a solar energy developer on a parcel of Town owned land on 285 Sutton Street. The annual lease payment and terms would be negotiated. The article further authorizes the Town Manager to enter into negotiations to establish a payment-in lieu-of-tax or PILOT agreement. MGL requires PILOT agreements to collect essentially the same amount of revenue that would be generated if the subject property and equipment was subject to full and fair taxation. MGL C. 59, §38H requires a vote by Town Meeting in order to authorize such a negotiation.

If approved, the funds received annually from the lease will be placed into a revolving fund and used for the clearing, maintenance, and improvement of the Sutton Street property. In addition, we have worked with the abutters to position the solar array on a portion of the property that will not have a sight line from the road or the playing fields, and now have their support.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable Action (4-2-0). This article will allow the Town Manager to lease a portion of the Sutton Street property to be used as a solar farm therefore adding income to the town without burdening tax payers to be used for the upkeep of the property.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rds majority (MGL c. 40, §15A)

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

ARTICLE 17: ADDITION OF CHAPTER TO UXBRIDGE GENERAL BYLAWS: DOG PARK COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town, by inserting a new general bylaw, Chapter 122; to be titled “Dog Park Committee” to read as follows:

Chapter 122

DOG PARK COMMITTEE

§ 122-1. Organization

§ 122-2. Composition and Appointment

§ 122-3. Duties and Responsibilities

§ 122-4. Authority to accept grants, gifts or donations

§ 122-5. Deposit of sums from programs and activities

§ 122-6. Financial procedures

§ 122-7. Expenditure of funds

§ 122-8. Park rules

- § 122-9. Compliance with Open Meeting Law
 - § 122-10. Criminal Offender Records Inquiry
 - § 122-11. Violations and fees
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§ 122-1. Organization

The Dog Park Committee is hereby created pursuant to the Uxbridge Home Rule Charter, Article 5 Section 1.

§ 122-2. Composition and appointment

The Dog Park Committee shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the Town Manager for a term of office of three (3) years, said terms to be staggered in the Committee's first year to 2 three-year appointments, 2 two-year appointments and 1 one-year appointment.

§ 122-3. Duties and responsibilities

The Dog Park Committee shall oversee and manage the activities of the Town owned dog parks within the Town of Uxbridge in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws. Said Committee will also be authorized to, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, design, plan, promote, acquire and/or designate Town owned land for the construction of such facilities.

§ 122-4. Authority to accept grants, gifts or donations

The Dog Park Committee is hereby authorized to accept grants or gifts from the state and federal government, from a charitable corporation, from a private corporation, or from an individual. Such funds as may be received shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer and held as a separate account.

§ 122-5. Deposit of sums from programs and activities

The Dog Park Committee is further authorized to deposit to said account all sums received in connection with the conduct of programs or activities it is authorized to conduct.

§ 122-6. Financial procedures

The Dog Park Committee shall account for all program-related revenues in accordance with procedures set by the Town Manager or his/her designee

§ 122-7. Expenditure of funds

The Dog Park Committee may, with approval through the warrant process, expend funds from said account for any purpose it is authorized to perform without further appropriation; said expenditures to be in compliance with all Massachusetts procurement laws and regulations.

§ 122-8. Dog Park Rules

The Dog Park Committee shall promulgate park rules to promote the health and safety of all visitors to the Uxbridge Dog Park.

§ 122-9. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law, meetings of the Dog Park Committee shall take place in a public place and shall be posted with the Town Clerk at least 48 hours in advance. Approved minutes of those meetings shall be filed with the Town Clerk in a timely manner.

§ 122-10. Criminal Offender Records Inquiry (CORI)

All individuals seeking membership to the Dog Park Committee shall be required to submit a signed CORI request form.

§ 122-11. Licenses and fees

The Dog Park Committee will require an annual usage license fee, which will be issued by the Town of Uxbridge. Fees collected from this licensing procedure will be placed into the dog park revolving fund as set by the Town. Violations of established Dog Park rules and regulations will be enforced by a fee schedule as approved by the Board of Selectmen. Violation Fees will be placed into the dog park revolving account;
Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: This proposed addition to the general bylaws would create a committee to manage a dog park. No such parks yet exist, but the Town has applied for a grant from the Stanton Foundation to fund the design and construction of a dog park in the near future. Revenues generated by the operation of such a park will be placed into a revolving fund to be established at a future town meeting, assuming that this article is passed and the park is constructed.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable (4-2-0).** This article would create an area for residents to walk their dogs with no cost to the town.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (4-1-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: Amendments to the Uxbridge General Bylaws requires a 2/3rds Majority.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

**ARTICLE 18: AMENDMENT TO THE UXBRIDGE GENERAL BYLAWS SECTION 125-2
DATE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 125-2 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge by removing “The fall session of the Annual Town Meeting shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of November, unless the date coincides with Veteran’s Day and then the meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in November.” And inserting “The fall session of the Annual Town Meeting shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of October.”

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

Commentary: There are several calendar events that can interfere with the scheduling of the Fall Annual Town Meeting, such as Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving week, and Election Day. Moving it to the fourth Tuesday in October will eliminate the prospect of rescheduling it. There is no chance that October 31st will fall on a Tuesday...the closest that it comes to that date is October 30 in the year 2040.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Favorable action (6-0-0).** This change would make sure that the Fall Town Meeting would never fall on Veteran’s Day or interfere with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: **Favorable action (5-0-0)**

VOTE NEEDED: Amendments to the Uxbridge General Bylaws requires a 2/3rds Majority.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a unanimous vote, motion carries

**ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAWS – ACCESSORY USES AND
STRUCTURES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend 400-11 Accessory Uses and Structures by striking 400-11 and replacing it with 400-11 as revised herein.

A. In General. Normal and customary accessory uses, accessory to a principal use lawfully conducted on the same premises, are permitted, and structures supporting such accessory uses are permitted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow an additional dwelling unit beyond what this zoning bylaw allows, or an additional principal use on one lot of land, or a use that is specifically prohibited or which is addressed more specifically in another section of this bylaw.

B. Home occupations. Home occupations, conducted in a one or two-family dwelling and as a use accessory to the principal use of the dwelling as a residence, are permitted subject to the following:

- 1) Unless otherwise permitted by special permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals, no display or advertising is permitted except a sign of not more than two square feet in area;
- 2) Adequate off-street parking shall be provided at all times to any employees or customers;
- 3) If the occupation has employees or is open to the public for customer visits, all state and federal laws regarding health, fire, safety, and access are met;
- 4) All structures retain their exterior appearance as a residential dwelling.

C. Outdoor advertising. Advertising signs or displays visible from the outdoors are permitted which advertise, contain, or indicate the entity or principal activity taking place on the property where the sign is located, or that the property itself where the sign is located is for sale or lease, and which contains no other matter.

1) If a special permit, site plan review, or a license is required for any structure or use on the property, the permitting authority or the licensing authority may determine the size, shape, lighting, timing and/or location of the advertising.

2) An advertising sign or display painted on or attached to the surface of a vehicle or common carrier, provided the vehicle is used primarily for purposes other than advertising, and is not stored or regularly parked for the purpose of advertising within view of a public way, is permitted.

3) Outdoor advertising signs and displays may be further subject to regulation in other sections of this Zoning Bylaw or in the General Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge. (e.g. See Zoning Bylaw section 400-10D (3) and General Bylaws section 218 "Historic District").

4). Artistic signs or displays which do not constitute advertising, or tend to promote goods, services, or commercial activity, or result in income to any person or entity, are permitted. Temporary signs relating to public elections are permitted. Directional signs, and other official signs required by law are permitted.

SPONSOR: Zoning Board of Appeals

Commentary: Article put forward by the ZBA to allow and regulate home occupations.

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation without prejudice (5-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Favorable Action (5-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Amendments to the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws requires a 2/3rds majority.

No Motion, No Action

ARTICLE 20: CITIZEN'S PETITION - AMENDMENT TO THE UXBRIDGE ZONING BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge by adding, under Article III, Section 400-10, paragraph D, "Prohibited Uses" following (after paragraph 7)

"8. Commercial land filling operation and/or dumping ground."

SPONSOR: Citizen's Petition

MOTION: *Move that the article be accepted as written*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation without prejudice (6-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Unfavorable action (5-0-0)

It would not affect any current operations, as this would be pre-existing non-conforming activities.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Favorable action (4-1-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Amendments to the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws requires a 2/3rds majority.

The motion is seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries

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A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the May 10, 2016 Spring Annual Town meeting. The motion carried unanimously and town meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

A true copy attest,

Kelly J. Dumas
Uxbridge Town Clerk