

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4th, 2015,

The first Monday of May, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the

Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium.
1001 Main Street, Boylston MA

Immediately preceding the Annual Town Meeting to transact fiscal year end 2015 town business.

MAY 4, 2015

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within The Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of the Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on May 4, 2015. With 193 registered voters. Selectmen James Wood, James Underwood and Michael May were present. Also, present were Town Administrator, Martin McNamara, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Sandra Bourassa. Dennis Pojani, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. Mr. Pojani stated we had the required quorum present, Calling of the meeting and officer's return of service are in order as required. He set the bounds of the hall and introduced the Town officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A MOTION by Mr. Wood was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote on the MOTION passed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING In accordance with the above notice and Article III, Section 1 of the Town of Boylston By-Laws, the following articles will be considered on **Monday, May 4th, 2015, the first Monday of May, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA.**

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations, hitherto made to other accounts;

MOTION by Mr. Butler was made to make the following amounts: \$3,500.00 from Highway Salary account to Treasurer/Collector Salary, \$1,500.00 from Highway Salary account to Treasurer/Collector Expenses, \$47.00 from Highway Salary account to County Retirement, \$4,270.00 from Highway Salary account to Assessors Expense, \$45,000.00 Highway Salary account to Snow & Ice Overtime, \$5,000.00 Highway Salary account to Town House Expenses. \$8,000.00 from Highway Salary account to Town Garage Expenses, \$50,000.00 from Vocational Tuition account to Snow & Ice Expense, \$500.00 Vocational Tuition to Vocational Transportation, \$500.00 Planning Board

Expense account to Planning Board Clerical Salary for a total of \$118,317.00. Seconded by Mr. Broz. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION taken, MOTION passes.

MOTION made to adjourn this meeting with the completion of this article, seconded. MOTION passes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Bourassa, Boylston Town Clerk.

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2015**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

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GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

1. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2015

on **Monday, the fourth (4th) of May AD, 2015 at seven-ten (7:10) P.M., at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA**, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through thirty-three (33) of this Warrant; and at its adjournment, which shall be upon completion of Town Meeting action upon all articles listed on the Warrant.

2. ELECTION AND BALLOT – MAY 11, 2015

on **Monday, the eleventh (11th) of May AD, 2015**, to vote by ballot at the Town's annual election, at the Boylston Town Hall, at the Hillside Municipal Complex located at 221 Main Street within the Town of Boylston, **with polls opening at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and closing at eight o'clock (8:00) P.M.** on the following:

ARTICLE 34. To vote by official ballot for the necessary Town Officers, namely:

One Selectman for three (3) years; One Assessor for three (3) years ; One Board of Health member for three (3) years; One Planning Board member for five (5) years; One Municipal Light Board member for three (3) years; Two Library Trustees for three (3) years each; One Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years; One Parks & Recreation member for five (5) years ; One Parks & Recreation member for four(4) years; One Parks & Recreation member for three(3) years: One School Committee member for three (3) years; and to vote the following ballot questions:

1. Shall the town of Boylston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs to design, construct and equip a new Highway Department building/garages, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

_____YES _____NO

2. Shall the town of Boylston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs to design, construct, and equip renovations to the Boylston Public Library located at 695 Main Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

_____YES _____NO

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Wood, James Underwood and Michael May were present. Also, present were Town Administrator, Martin McNamara,, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Sandra Bourassa. Dennis Pojani, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M. Mr.Pojani calling of the meeting and officer's return of service are in order as required. He set the bounds of the hall. A MOTION by Mr. Wood was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Butler. Vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Wood to group articles 1-14 together, Mr. Pojani explained that they are articles we approve every year, seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote was taken on motion. MOTION passed. MOTION made on articles 1-14 to be accepted as written, seconded Mr. Sasso. Board of Selectmen recommends approval, Finance Committee recommends approval and John McQuade, Light Dept. recommends approval on their article. Vote was taken on the MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously.

***ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary Town officers; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officials and committees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ Counsel where, in their judgment, it may be necessary; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to issue a note or notes therefor and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Public Library to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

***ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Commissioners of the Cemetery to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, including the appointment of a Cemetery Superintendent, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

***ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and to fix the compensation therefor, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

***ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Library grant-in-aid for the purpose of purchasing books and other items at the discretion of the Library Trustees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote that the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expensed by the manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and for the purchase, sale, installation and servicing of merchandise and equipment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937; and for any out of state travel expense in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and if said sum and income shall exceed said expense for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and fix the compensation of the Municipal Light Board members for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as provided by Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows: Chairman - \$800.00 and two (2) members - \$800.00 each, a total of \$2400.00, and such compensation to be paid from the operating account of the Municipal Light Plant; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any highway funds from County, State or Federal agencies, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with MassDOT – Highway Division, so-called, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance, in conformity with the provisions of Section 6A of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, for maintenance, repair, construction of Town roads and programs consistent with Chapter 90 funds, to be expended by the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to continue its use of the revolving fund, established at the May 1995 Annual Town Meeting, under and subject to the provisions of Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, for the following purposes:

- 1.To be the depository for all departmental receipts of the Cemetery Commission.
- 2.To authorize expenditures for the following:
 - a. For wages, salaries and fringe benefits associated with such wages or salaries for Cemetery Commission Employees.
 - b. For operational purposes other than regular wages and including the cost of grave openings and related expenses
 - c. For payment of maintenance expenses including supplies and materials and part-time labor
 - d. For payment of expenses related to the expansion of the cemetery
 - e. For compensation for part time commissioners and clerk; and
- 3.To set the expenditure limit as not to exceed \$30,000

Or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation:

***ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 8, 2000 Annual Town Meeting, established in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Planning Board to various developers for the plan review process;
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process;
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$20,000; and
4. To have the Planning Board be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account

Or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation:

***ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 14, 2002 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Conservation Commission to various developers for the plan review process;
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process;
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$10,000; and
4. To have the Conservation Commission be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account;

Or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation:

***ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the 2012 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be a depository for reimbursements from the administration of flu vaccinations at Board of Health clinics;
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay for additional vaccine, materials and supplies associated with Public Health Clinics;
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$3,000.00; and
4. To have the Board of Health be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account;

Or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Health

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for the following Town Officers: three (3) Selectmen, Town Clerk, Moderator, three (3) Assessors, three (3) School Committee members, three (3) Board of Health members, three (3) Cemetery Commissioners, five (5) Planning Board members, all in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, and to instruct the Selectmen or other boards to fix a given compensation for the persons hired or appointed by such boards;

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments:

Selectmen, Chair	\$ 1,447	2 members each at \$ 1,206
Town Clerk	\$ 32,452 plus fees	
Town Moderator	\$ 15	
Assessors, Chair	\$ 1,500	2 members each at \$ 1,000
School Committee, Chair	\$ 100	2 members each at \$ 50
Board of Health, Chair	\$ 277	2 members each at \$ 185.50
Cemetery Commission, Chair	\$ 213	2 members each at \$ 160
Planning Board, Chair	\$ 370	4 members each at \$ 53
Planning Board, Vice-Chair	\$ 53	
Planning Board Clerk	\$ 53	

Or act in any way thereon.

The Moderator asked for a MOTION to let Mr. Butler give a summary of the rest of the articles being voted on, MOTION was made, seconded and passed. Mr. Butler explained how much was in “free cash” and what articles would be funded from “free cash” and what the balance of “free cash” would be if these article pass.

MOTION was made by Mr. Wood to accept this article as written, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on the MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Personnel Plan and By-laws by replacing Schedules A, B and C with the following; or act in any other way thereon.: (proposed changes are in **bold**)

Section 15: Classification Schedule Amended May **2015** - Effective July 1, 2015

Classification	Position Status	Grade	Hourly Rates	
			Min	Max
Library Page	Hourly		9.49	9.79
Election Worker	Hourly		9.49	9.79
Town Meeting Checker	Hourly		9.49	9.79
Election Clerk	Hourly		10.57	10.57
Election Warden	Hourly		10.57	10.57
Clerical	Special Temp		9.49	9.79
Library Housekeeper	Special Part Time		10.76	11.50
Asst. Laborer	Special Hourly	2		
Library Assistant/Sr. Technician	Reg. Part Time	3		
Laborer/Custodian	Reg. Full Time	3		
Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	3		
Firefighter	Hourly	3		
Deputy Chief	Hourly	3+\$500		
Fire Captain	Hourly	3+\$300		
Fire Lieutenant	Hourly	3+\$200		
Asst Town Clerk	Special Part Time	5		
Police Service Aide	Hourly	5		
Asst. Inspector/Electrician	Hourly	5		
Assessors' Clerk	Reg. Part Time	5		
Children's Librarian	Reg. Part Time	5		
COA Co-ord./Community Outreach	Reg. Part Time	5		
P&R Program Coordinator	Reg. Part Time	5		
Equipment Operator/Laborer	Reg. Full Time	6		
Facilities Technician	Reg. Full Time	6		

Assistant Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Part Time	6
Asst Library Director	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst. Board of Assessors	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Hwy Supt.	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Chief of Police	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Planning Board	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Board of Selectmen	Reg. Full Time	7
Equipment Operator/Mechanic	Reg. Full Time	7
Working Foreman	Reg. Full Time	8
Admin Asst to Health & Conservation	Reg. Part Time	8
Town Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Full Time	9
Foreman	Reg. Full Time	9
Building Inspector	Salaried	10
Library Director	Salaried	11
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	Salaried	12
Hwy/Cemetery Superintendent	Salaried	12+\$845
Police Chief	Salaried	14
Town Administrator	Salaried	14

Schedule B: Salary Compensation Schedule

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Mid</u>	<u>Max</u>
1	10.94	12.87	14.83
2	11.81	13.95	16.02
3	12.80	15.10	17.39
4	13.79	16.25	18.67
5	14.92	17.55	20.16
6	16.13	18.96	21.80
7	17.43	20.37	23.52
8	18.79	22.11	25.41
9	20.33	23.86	27.41
10	21.95	25.79	29.65
11	23.75	27.82	32.01
12	25.58	30.06	34.54
13	27.63	32.45	37.31
14	29.82	35.05	40.28
15	32.24	37.87	43.50
16	34.81	40.91	46.98
17	37.58	44.19	50.76
18	40.51	46.48	54.79

Schedule C: Salary Compensation Schedule-

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chairman, Registrar of Voters	\$ 693
Council on Aging, Meal Coordinator	\$ 1,102
Director of Veteran's Services	\$ 212
Electrical Inspector	\$ 8,743
Assistant Electrical Inspector	\$ 602

Plumbing Inspector	\$ 9,382
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	\$ 781
Gas Inspector	\$ 2,822
Assistant Gas Inspector	\$ 242
Registrar of Voters	\$ 306
Health Agent	\$ 40,957
Dog Officer	\$ 2,304
Animal Inspector	\$ 1,324
Nurse	\$ 1,500
Vital Stat Clerk	\$ 200
Tree Warden	\$ 1,242

MOTION was made by Mr. Wood to accept this article as written, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury from the Hillside Receipts Reserved Account a sum not to exceed \$175,800 to the Hillside Expenses Account(# 193-5780), and a sum not to exceed \$70,000 to the Hillside Salaries Account (# 193-5110) and to appropriate both sums for the maintenance, upkeep, repair, operations and improvements of Town-owned buildings, property and land, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Wood to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Underwood to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Butler. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. McNamara explained this article. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$305,000 to the pay off the borrowing authorized under Article 14 at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, as ratified under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting on February 3, 1997; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Butler to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Mr. Butler explained the article, this would pay off the loan on the Hillside Balance and would save the Town some money. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote was taken on the MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$167,000 to the Fire Department budget to supplement that portion of the operating budget associated with ambulance operations; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ronn, Deputy Fire Chief to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,289 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account; such funds to be used for the town's 5% matching portion of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant program; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ronn, to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing replacement tires for fire apparatus; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ronn, to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$40,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account; such funds to be used for the purchase of a new command vehicle for the Fire Department; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ronn, to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote

1. To amend Section 4.02 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled “Schedule of Use Regulations”, to regulate the use of commercial greenhouse and nursery facilities by requiring a special permit for such facilities in the Industrial Park (IP) Zoning District, and to regulate certain agricultural, horticultural and floricultural uses and to allow building trade supply and contractor’s yards in the Industrial Park (IP) Zoning District and to regulate the use of self-storage facilities in all Zoning Districts, all as shown on the document entitled “Use Table Amendments” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during regular Town Hall business hours; and
2. To amend Section 9.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled “Schedule of Dimensional Requirements”, to regulate the minimum lot size, lot frontage, setbacks, lot width and lot depth requirements for commercial greenhouse and nursery facilities, contractor’s yards, auto dealerships, religious and public education uses, private non-profit educational uses, building trade supply uses, and wholesale or warehouse uses, all as shown on the document entitled “Dimensional Table Amendments” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during regular Town Hall business hours; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Viscomi, Planning Board Chairman to accept this article as read, just the first paragraph explaining the seconded was not needed, seconded by Mrs. Levy. Mr. Viscomi explained the article and stated that the planning Board had held a public hearing as required. The Planning Board recommends approval. Ms. Johnson, 5 Pine St. asked a question about the zoning and Mr. Viscomi answered her question. Vote was taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously, which required a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10, Special Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw by inserting a new Section 10.06, Solar Energy Facilities, amend Section 4.01, Basic Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw, and amend Section 4.02, Schedule of Use Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw, to regulate solar energy facilities in all zoning districts and to require site plan review or a special permit for certain solar energy facilities, as shown on the document entitled “Solar Energy Facilities Zoning Amendments” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during regular Town Hall business hours; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Baker, Planning Board member to accept this article as written in the warrant and the hand- outs that were given out as everyone who came into the meeting, seconded by Mr. Brose. Mr. Baker explained the article and answered a few questions. He stated the Planning Board had held a public hearing. Planning Board recommends approval. Vote was taken on the MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously, which required a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale the property known as the Sewall Street Gravel Pit, located on the easterly side of Sewall Street and containing approximately 11.94 acres of land; said property is shown as Parcel 39 on Boylston Assessor's Map 7 and is further described in a deed to the Town dated April 5, 1949, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3178, Page 587; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. May to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Wood. Mr. May explained the article. After a few questions a vote was taken on the MOTION. MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Transfer to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of disposing of by sale a portion of the property known as "Hillside," located along the westerly side of Main Street and acquired by the Town by an Order of Taking dated April 14, 1997, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18761, Page 25, as originally acquired for the purpose of public convenience and for public and municipal purposes, including the Town's public safety and other municipal services and open space and recreational purposes, said portion of land to be transferred to the Board of Selectmen for disposal by sale, is located along the southerly sideline of Elmwood Place, contains approximately 5.4 acres+/- of land and is shown on a sketch plan entitled, "Proposed Lot Plan", dated April 9, 2015, prepared by Brassard Design & Engineering, Inc., and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, and provided that the portion of land shall be sold for no less than a minimum amount as determined by Town Meeting; and
2. Further authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a petition for Special Legislation as may be required by the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, to authorize the sale of a portion of the property known as "Hillside," 215-221 Main Street, acquired by the Town by an Order of Taking dated April 14, 1997, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18761, Page 25, said portion of land to be sold being located along the southerly sideline of Elmwood Place, contains approximately 5.4 acres+/- of land and is shown on a sketch plan entitled, "Proposed Lot Plan", dated April 9, 2015, prepared by Brassard Design & Engineering, Inc. and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk; or act in any other way thereon.

Mr. May recused himself from this article and left the room. MOTION was made by Mr. Underwood to pass over this article, seconded by Mr. Butler. Vote on the MOTION was taken. MOTION to pass over this article passed. Mr. May returned to the room.

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ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a petition for Special Legislation to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the members of the Town's Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for terms not to exceed three (3) years, and to provide that, on the date such legislation becomes effective, any incumbents serving on the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners shall be entitled to continue to serve and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of their elected term or until the incumbent vacates the office; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this Article; and
2. Amend Section 4, entitled "Officers and Boards Authorized by Town Meeting Vote", of Article I of the Town's General By-Laws by revising sub-section 4.03, entitled "Parks and Recreation Commission", which currently reads:

4.03 Parks and Recreation Commission

At a Special Town Meeting on December 16, 1976, it was voted by unanimous vote to elect a Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners consisting of five (5) members, said Board to have the powers and duties described in

Chapter 45 of the General Laws including the power to acquire land for park and recreation purposes, conduct and promote recreation, physical education and similar activities.

to read as follows:

4.03 Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

There shall be a Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners consisting of five (5) members, each to serve a term of three years; said Board shall have the powers and duties described in Chapter 45 of the General Laws, including the power to acquire land for park and recreation purposes, conduct and promote recreation, physical education and similar activities.

Provided, however, that on the date this revision to the General By-laws becomes effective, any incumbents serving on the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners shall be entitled to continue to serve and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of their elected, five-year term or until the incumbent vacates the office; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Underwood to accept this article as written, seconded by Mr. Butler. Mr. Underwood explained the article and why the Selectmen had put this on the warrant. Mrs. Blaney-Anderson stated this would take the vote away from the residences. Mrs. Barber stated that in the last 10 years the Parks & Recreation positions had gone vacant and Selectmen needed to appoint the positions. A stand vote was taken and the article was defeated Yes – 33 No -117.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, including but not limited to the Highway Building Stabilization Fund, the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, State Grant, and Free Cash, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$3,500,000, or some other sum, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new Highway Department building/garages, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k); or act in any other way thereon.

The moderator asked for a motion to be made to allow Mr. Butler to explain the impact of the next two articles would have on the tax rate. MOTION was made, seconded and MOTION passed. Mr. Butler stated what the tax rate would be if we approved each article or both and the borrow cost for each project. MOTION was made by Mr. Wood as the following: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new Highway Department building/garage, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto: and to meet this appropriation, that: \$143,087.46 be transferred from the Highway Building Stabilization Fund; \$56,868.90 be transferred from Capital Projects Stabilization Fund; \$191,226.00 be transferred from the proceeds of a grant from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to \$3,108,817.64 in accordance with Chapter 44, sections 7(3) and 7(21) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor: provided, however, that is appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under General laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. The designer for the Highway project gave a presentation explain the project. Mr. McGarth from Conversation Comm. Stated that this would met the new codes, which the existing build doesn't. MOTION was made by Ms. Johnson to have a paper ballot vote on this article, SECONDED. Vote taken on MOTION. MOTION was defeated by a voice vote. Vote was taken on the article MOTION passed by a stand vote Yes-176, No-3. Which a 2/3 vote was required.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$2,219,000, or some other sum, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and equipping renovations to the Boylston Public Library located at 695 Main Street,

including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k); or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Baker, Library Trustee, Chairman as the following: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,219,000 for the purpose of pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping renovations to the Boylston Public Library located at 695 Main St., including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow \$2,219,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, sections 7(3) and 7(21) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor: provided, however, that is appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under General laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), seconded by Ms. Foley. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Barker gave a presentation explain the project. After few statements from residences. Vote was taken on the MOTION. MOTION passed unanimously. Which a 2/3 vote was required.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck/sander to replace the 1998 dump truck/sander for the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Mero, Supernatant of Highway to accept this article as read, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Mero explained how old the truck is that is presently being used and how repairs are getting costly on it. Vote was taken on MOTION. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$150,000 and direct the Board of Assessors to utilize the same to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Butler to accept this article as read, seconded by Mrs. McGahie. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote was taken on MOTION. MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sums as may be necessary to defray and pay all Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as the Town sees fit for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015, and to fix the compensation and salaries of all Town Officers, as may be shown in whole or in part by the Town Budget, so-called, as shown in the Fiscal Year 2016 Report of the Finance Committee; or act in any other way thereon.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Butler as written with the amendment of deleting Hillside Debt under maturing debt #5915 for the amount of \$155,055.00. This will reduce the total budget to \$13,184,743, seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on the MOTION. MOTION passes.

With all business completed a MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting and continue to the election on May 11, 2015, seconded. MOTION passed to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Bourassa, Town Clerk