

## Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – June 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Goddard at 7:30 PM at the King Philip Regional High School Auditorium. As of June 6, 2022 there were 9,457 registered voters of which 76 were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman William Harrington. Tellers appointed were Jeffrey Hall and Chuck Adelsberger.

The warrant was properly posted and all motions were received in a timely fashion. Selectman, Joseph Botaish motioned to waive the reading of the Town Meeting Warrant.

The Moderator announced the appointments to the Finance Committee: Joseph Kajano, Stephen Johnson and Kristen Andreozzi. He recognized Marj Immonen and Andrea Sweed for their hard work and dedication by serving on the Finance Committee.

Allan Cameron, Superintendent of the Wrentham Elementary gave a brief update on the status of applying for funding to the Mass. School Building Authority for the Roderick Elementary School.

Mr. Goddard also recognized State Representative Shawn Dooley and State Senator Rebecca Rausch who were in attendance at this evenings meeting.

### **TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

Article 1 – Move that the Town accept the 2021 Annual Town Report.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 2 – Move that the Town vote to fix the salary and the compensation of elected officials as provided Chapter 41, Section 108, of the Massachusetts General Laws:

Town Clerk	\$78,813
All Other Elected Officials	\$0.00

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 3 – Move that the Town vote to authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials in the best interest of the Town.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$245,719 to snow and ice expense for FY2022.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 5 – Move that the Town vote to approve the Town of Wrentham’s Water Enterprise Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for the sum of \$2,819,963 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee’s Recommendations under Table B-1.

The appropriation will be allocated as follows:

To direct expenses the sum of	\$2,227,678
By transfer to the general fund for indirect expenses the sum of	\$592,285
<b><i>Said sum is to be sourced as follows:</i></b>	
From Water Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of	\$2,744,963
By transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Operating Capital Budget the sum of	\$75,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 6 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$49, 838,574 to fund the Town’s Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) to be expended as follows:

General Government	\$3,661,423
Public Safety	\$7,097,464
Public Works	\$2,484,372
Human Services	\$504,036
Culture & Recreation	\$545,991
Education – Wrentham	\$13,420,097
Education – King Philip Regional	\$12,114,216
Education – Tri-County, Norfolk Agricultural	\$1,286,084
Debt Service	\$529,433
Insurances & Employee Benefits	\$8,195,458
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,838,574</b>

And that the foregoing appropriation be sourced as follows:

Raise and Appropriate the sum of	\$46,646,050
Appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of	\$870,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of	\$10,000
Appropriate by transfer from the Septic Loan Program the sum of	\$20,239
Appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of	\$592,285
Appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of	\$1,700,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 7 – Move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$40,000 and to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$60,000 to the Town’s “Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB)” trust fund.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 8 - Move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$346,284 for the following capital items:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Public Safety-Fire	ALS Ambulance (Lease payment 3 of 5)	\$57,258
Public Safety-Fire	Engine 2 (Lease payment 4 of 7)	\$83,633
Public Safety-Fire	SCBA Replacement (Lease payment 5 of 5)	\$55,393
Public Works	Mini Excavator – 304 (1/2 split w/ water)	\$34,000
Recreation	Replacement Mower – 108” Riding	\$82,000
Water	Mini Excavator – 304 (1/2 split w/ GF)	\$34,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 9 – Move the Town appropriate \$613,125 to pay costs of the Well Exploration and Replacement Improvements Project, so-called, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount shall be transferred from surplus funds originally borrowed to pay costs of the Madison Street Water Main Project, which are no longer needed to complete that project, as permitted by G.L. c. 44 §20.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 10 – Move the Town vote to transfer through the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Revenue the sum of \$700,000 to pay for the cost associated with the Well Exploration and Replacement improvements Project.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 11 – Move that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b), to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of water meters; installation; associated infrastructure; service; software and infrastructure support; to provide resident and department portals; and replacement of required system upgrades as may be required for a period of up to 15 years.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 12 – Move that the Town vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to MGL c. 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Approved Total Expenditures</u>
Police Equipment	\$50,000
Recycling and Solid Waste	\$50,000
Firearms Licenses	\$30,000
Wrentham Cultural Council	\$10,000
Communications	\$30,000
Public Health Alliance	\$125,000

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 13 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws Zoning Map §390-3.2 “Zoning Map” to read as follows:

“Said districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled “Zoning Map of Wrentham, Massachusetts”, dated June 6, 2022, produced by CAI Technologies and on file with the office of the Town Clerk.”

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 14 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws §390-13.5.E(1) by increasing the affordable ownership units to not less than 15%.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 15 – Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws §390-Attachment 3 “Approved Shade Tree List” by removing the tree species White Ash and Green Ash from the approved shade tree list and replace them with Pin Oak and Tulip Tree, in alphabetical order:

<b>Approved Shade Tree List</b>				
<b>Botanical Name COMMON NAME</b>	<b>Height To</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>Roots</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>35-FOOT-DIAMETER TREES (canopy)</b>				
Liriodendron Tulipifere TULIP TREE	70 feet	Fast	Shallow	Deciduous, spring blooms, fall color, verticillium wilt
Quercus Palustris PIN OAK	70 Fee	Fast	Shallow	Deciduous, fall color, dense shade, tolerates heat, air pollution, does not tolerate alkaline soils, Leaf scorch

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 16 – Vote that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws §390-3.4A(2) to read as follows:

“The minimum required setbacks shall be as follows: 25 feet front, 13 feet side, and 13 feet rear, and the lot coverage shall not exceed 30%”.

*Passed unanimously.*

Article 17 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, committee preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2023:

**Appropriations:**

From FY2023 estimated revenues for committee administrative expenses:	\$10,000
From FY2023 estimated revenues for bond payments	\$52,600

**Reserves:**

From FY2023 estimated revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve:	\$36,000
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:	\$36,000
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve:	\$36,000
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve:	\$189,400

*Passed unanimously.*

Motion by Selectman Gallo to adjourn sin die at 8:00 p.m. *Motion carries.*

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia L. Thompson, Town Clerk