

**2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Fine and Performing Arts Center
Natick High School
April 28, 2015
Third Session**

The Third Session of the 2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by the Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting Members and interested parties to the Third Session of 2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office. The oath was given to any members who had not already been sworn in. All members and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving on our behalf throughout the world.

The Moderator introduced the officials present on the stage and in the well of the auditorium. The following people were present: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; James Brown, Finance Committee Vice Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Martha White, Town Administrator; Brandon Moss, Town Counsel; and Charles Hughes, Chair of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator for Operations and Mr. Towne, Deputy Town Administrator for Finance.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by *Town Meeting Time*, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No person shall speak upon any article more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon.

Mr. Foss made several announcements regarding upcoming events open to the public.

Moved by Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. Sidney to table Article 15. *Motion to table Article 15 passed by a two-thirds vote.* Moved by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Linehan to postpone consideration of Article 36 until the first order of business on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. *The motion passed unanimously.* Moved by Mr. Awkward, seconded by Mr. Sidney to postpone consideration of Articles 32, 34, 33 and 35, in the order determined by Town Meeting to a date certain of Tuesday, May 12, 2015. *The motion passed unanimously.* Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Awkward to put Article 15 back on the table. *The motion passed unanimously.*

ARTICLE 15: Fiscal 2016 Omnibus Budget Article (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest during Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2016; or otherwise act thereon.

Motion B under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motions for Section B: Public Safety

Motion for Section B under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Emergency Management	
Expenses	\$ 35,600
Total Emergency Management	\$ 35,600
Parking Enforcement	
Salaries	\$ 52,844
Expenses	\$ 79,560
Total Parking Enforcement	\$ 132,404
Police	
Salaries	\$ 6,365,202
Expenses	\$ 251,513
Other Chgs. & Expenses	\$ 7,500
Total Police	\$ 6,624,215
Fire	
Salaries	\$ 7,848,621
Expenses	\$ 231,000
Total Fire	\$ 8,079,621
Motion Total	\$ 14,871,840
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 14,791,840
Parking Meter Revenues	\$ 80,000
	\$ 14,871,840

Motion B under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion C under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motions for Section C: Public Works

Motion for Section C under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Department of Public Works	
Salaries	\$ 3,461,165
Expenses	\$ 1,861,301
Municipal Energy	\$ 1,427,107
Snow & Ice	\$ 150,000
Total Department of Public Works	\$ 6,899,573
Motion Total	\$ 6,899,573
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 6,899,573
	\$ 6,899,573

Motion C under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion D under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Brown

Motions for Section D: Health and Community Services

Motion for Section D under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Community Services	
Salaries	\$ 1,245,967
Expenses	\$ 456,745
Total Community Services	\$ 1,702,712
Board of Health	
Salaries	\$ 433,994
Expenses	\$ 35,250
Other Changes & Expenditures	\$ 15,000
Total Board of Health	\$ 484,244
Motion Total	\$ 2,186,956
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 2,186,956
	\$ 2,186,956

Motion D under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion E under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Brown

Motion for Section E under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown under the associated categories, said funds are to be expended under the direction of each Department Head or Director:	
Board of Selectmen	
Salaries	\$956,270
Expenses	\$252,450
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$21,000
Contract Settlements	\$450,000
Recruitment	\$ -
Total Board of Selectmen	\$1,679,720
Personnel Board	
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$1,000
Total Personnel Board	\$1,000
Town Report	
Professional Services	\$4,100
Total Town Report	\$4,100
Legal	
Expenses	\$278,400
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$10,000
Total Legal Services	\$288,400
Finance	
Salaries	\$1,079,438
Expenses	\$356,400
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$75,000
Total Finance	\$1,510,838
Information Technology	
Salaries	\$323,364
Expenses	\$469,100
Other Chgs. & Expenditures	\$286,400
Total Information Technology	\$1,078,864
Town Clerk	
Salaries	\$232,766
Expenses	\$22,050
Total Town Clerk	\$254,816
Elections	
Salaries (Registrars)	\$37,306
Expenses (Registrars)	\$34,400
Total Elections	\$71,706
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salaries	\$14,715
Expenses	\$875
Total Sealer Weights/Meas.	\$15,590
Community Development	
Salaries	\$802,189
Expenses	\$26,800
Total Community Development	\$828,989
Motion Total	\$5,734,023
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$5,734,023
	\$5,734,023

Mr. Ostroff moved, seconded by Ms. Ball to amend the budget for Administrative Support Services by increasing the salaries appropriation within the Community Development Department by \$37,784 for a new total of \$839,977 for salaries, which will increase the bottom line amount for the community Development Budget to \$866,777. The new grand total for Motion E: Administrative Support Services will be \$5,771,811 and the funding source is the Tax Levy.

Discussion ensued on the main motion and the amended motion. Mr. Hughes moved seconded by Ms. Foss to move the question and close debate on this issue. *The motion to close debate passed by two-*

thirds vote. The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote. The amended main motion as detailed below passed by majority vote.

Motion for Section E under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Board of Selectmen	
Salaries	\$ 956,270
Expenses	\$ 252,450
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$ 21,000
Contract Settlements	\$ 450,000
Total Board of Selectmen	\$ 1,679,720
Personnel Board	
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$ 1,000
Total Personnel Board	\$ 1,000
Town Report	
Professional Services	\$ 4,100
Total Town Report	\$ 4,100
Legal	
Expenses	\$ 278,400
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$ 10,000
Total Legal Services	\$ 288,400
Finance	
Salaries	\$ 1,079,438
Expenses	\$ 356,400
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$ 75,000
Total Finance	\$ 1,510,838
Information Technology	
Salaries	\$ 323,364
Expenses	\$ 469,100
Other Chgs. & Expenditures	\$ 286,400
Total Information Technology	\$ 1,078,864
Town Clerk	
Salaries	\$ 232,766
Expenses	\$ 22,050
Total Town Clerk	\$ 254,816
Elections	
Salaries (Registrars)	\$ 37,306
Expenses (Registrars)	\$ 34,400
Total Elections	\$ 71,706
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salaries	\$ 14,715
Expenses	\$ 875
Total Sealer Weights/Meas.	\$ 15,590
Community Development	
Salaries	\$ 839,977
Expenses	\$ 26,800
Total Community Development	\$ 866,777
Motion Total	\$ 5,771,811
And that the above <u>Total Budget Amount</u> be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 5,771,811
	\$ 5,771,811

Motion F under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motions for Section F: Committees and Commissions

Motion for Section F under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Finance Committee	
Expenses	\$ 20,800
Total Finance Committee	\$ 20,800
Commission on Disability	
Expenses	\$ 750
Total Commission on Disability	\$ 750
Natick Cultural Council	
Expenses	\$ 700
Total Natick Cultural Council	\$ 700
Historical Commission	
Expenses	\$ 750
Total Historical Commission	\$ 750
Historic District Commission	
Expenses	\$ 550
Total Historic District Commission	\$ 550
Motion Total	\$ 23,550
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 23,550
	\$ 23,550

Motion F under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion G under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Brown. It was noted at this time that this motion requires a two-thirds vote.

Motions for Article 15, Section G: Shared Expenses (Unclassified)

Motion for Section G under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of funding the accounts and funds shown	
Employee Fringe	
Other Personnel Services	\$ 17,246,599
Other Personnel Services - Merit / Performance	\$ 135,850
Total Employee Fringe	\$ 17,382,449
Property & Liability Insurance	
Purchased Services	\$ 644,300
Total Prop. & Liab. Insurance	\$ 644,300
Contributory Retirement	
Pension Assessment	\$ 7,646,153
Total Contributory Retirement	\$ 7,646,153
Non-Contributory Retirement	
Pensions	\$ 42,368
Total Non-Contributory Retirement	\$ 42,368
Debt Service	
Leased Equipment	\$ 150,371
Principal	\$ 7,860,855
Interest	\$ 2,706,374
Total Debt Service	\$ 10,717,600
Reserve Fund	
Other Charges	\$ 250,000
Total Reserve Fund	\$ 250,000
Facilities Management	
Salaries	\$ 2,427,068
Expenses	\$ 504,650
Total Facilities Management	\$ 2,931,718
Motion Total	\$ 39,614,588
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 11,194,338
State Aid	\$ 11,199,601
Local Receipts	\$ 11,335,542
Free Cash	\$ 2,270,597
Overlay Surplus	\$ 500,000
Title V Septic	\$ 7,684
Water-Sewer User Fees	\$ 2,207,400
Golf User Fees	\$ 34,087
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 635,414
Premiums	\$ 106,758
School Building Assistance	\$ 123,167
	\$ 39,614,588

Motion G under Article 15 passed by two-thirds vote.

Motion H1 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motions for Section H: Water/Sewer Enterprise

Motion 1 for Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund - Section H under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Water & Sanitary Sewer Operations	
Salaries	\$ 1,857,696
Expenses	\$ 6,932,896
Total Sanitary Sewer	\$ 8,790,592
Utility Billing	
Salaries	\$ 104,550
Expenses	\$ 83,000
Total Utility Billing	\$ 187,550
Fringe Benefits	
Other Personal Services	\$ 510,767
Other - Chgs. & Expenditures	\$ 280,719
Total Benefits	\$ 791,486
Water & Sewer Debt Service	
Principal	\$ 1,998,403
Interest	\$ 464,325
Total Debt Service	\$ 2,462,728
Water & Sewer Reserve Fund	
Expenses	\$ 200,000
Total W & S Reserve Fund	\$ 200,000
Motion Total	\$ 12,432,355
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Water-Sewer User Fees	\$ 12,432,355
	\$ 12,432,355

Motion H1 under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion H2 under Article 15 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motions for Section H: Water/Sewer Enterprise

Water/Sewer Indirect Cost Allocations - Motion 2 under Section H Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to APPROVE the following indirect cost allocations raised in the General Fund:	
PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL
DPW ADMINISTRATION	\$ 140,547
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	41,488
ENGINEERING SERVICES	359,481
GIS SERVICES	(75,666)
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	371,522
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	287,225
PUBLIC SAFETY	130,190
FINANCIAL / ADMINISTRATIVE	576,997
PROPERTY INSURANCE	257,720
ENERGY	117,896
SUBTOTAL - GENERAL FUND	2,207,400
And that the Sum of \$2,207,400 appropriated in the General Fund be raised from the following source:	
Water-Sewer User Fees	\$ 2,207,400
(See Motion for Section G, Article 15: Shared Expenses (Unclassified))	\$ 2,207,400

Motion H2 under Article 15 passed unanimously.

Motion I1 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Everett.

Motions for Section I: Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund	
Motion 1 for Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund - Section I under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to appropriate the Total Budget Amount shown below for the purpose of operating the departments shown	
Sassamon Trace Operations	
Salaries	\$ 287,028
Expenses	\$ 298,899
Total GC Operations	\$ 585,927
Sassamon Trace Fringe Benefits	
Other Personal Services	\$ 58,828
Other - Chgs. & Expenditures	\$ 5,201
Total GC Fringe Benefits	\$ 64,029
Sassamon Trace Debt Service	
Principal	\$ 213,500
Interest	\$ 46,454
Total GC Debt Service	\$ 259,954
Motion Total	\$ 909,910
And that the above Total Budget Amount be raised from the following sources:	
Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 280,000
Golf User Fees	\$ 594,971
Golf Retained Earnings	\$ 34,939
	\$ 909,910

Motion I1 under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

Motion I2 was moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Everett.

Motions for Section I: Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund	
Motion 2 for Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund - Section I under Article 15:	
Move that the Town vote to APPROVE the following indirect cost allocations raised in the General Fund:	
PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS	PERSONNEL FRINGE
	EXPENSES
	TOTAL
LF & NR	\$ 8,362
RECREATION	\$ 9,363
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 4,845
FINANCE	\$ 5,890
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 2,993
GASOLINE/DIESEL	\$ 2,635
SUBTOTAL - GENERAL FUND	34,087
And that the Sum of \$34,087 appropriated in the General Fund be raised from the following source:	
Golf User Fees	\$ 34,087
(See Motion for Section G, Article 15: Shared Expenses (Unclassified))	\$ 34,087

Motion I2 under Article 15 passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 10: Committee Article (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: By a vote of 10-0-0 on March 3, 2015, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 10.

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Brown that the Town vote to receive the reports of town officers, boards, and committees. Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff to receive a report from the Zoning Bylaw Review committee. **The motion to hear the report passed unanimously.** Mr. Hughes gave a report. Mr. Ostroff moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes to receive the report from the Strategic Planning Review Committee. **The motion to hear the report passed unanimously.** Mr. Ostroff made a report.

ARTICLE 11: Fiscal 2015 Omnibus Budget Article (Town Administrator)

To determine what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) and to provide for a reserve fund for

Fiscal Year 2015, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2015 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 11-0-0 on March 10, 2015, the Finance Committee recommends **No Action** with regard to the subject of Article 11.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to take no action on the subject matter of Article 11. ***The motion to take no action passed by majority vote.***

ARTICLE 12: Elected Officials Salary (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town of Natick for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *By a vote of 10-0-0 on March 5, 2015, the Finance Committee recommends **Favorable Action** with regard to the subject of Article 12.*

MOTION (requires majority vote):

Moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Everett that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officer of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws: Town Clerk - \$80,000 provided, however, that such salary may be presented for adjustment, retroactive to July 1, 2015, at the 2015 Fall.

Discussion ensued on this article. ***The main motion under Article 12 passed by majority vote.***

Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Sidney to adjourn. ***The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM until Thursday, April 30th at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Third Session of
2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting
April 28, 2015

Diane Packer, Town Clerk