

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

May 23, 2016

Milford, Massachusetts

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Milford TV recorded the Town Meeting. Recorded copies are available at the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

The Town Moderator, Michael Noferi called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

The Town Moderator then welcomed students from Memorial School who were invited to perform the Pledge of Allegiance.

The students who performed were Sarah Silva, William Brown, Cristiano DeSimone, Sofia Ferreira, Ana Julian Pereira, Alexander Kerr, Ethan Charczenko, Sadie Carter, Katelyn Kearnan, Chloe Murdock, Aaron Korpi, and Catherine Quintela.

The Town Moderator then welcomed the Chorus Director, Kristen Grillo and students from Woodland Elementary School to perform the National Anthem accompanied by Joanne Hickey.

The students who performed were Leah Neves, Hannah Murphy, Patricia Fernandes, Giana Duquette, Brooke Donnelly, Raphael Moreto, Igor Durante-Barros, Nicholas White, Nelle Norris, Kelly Truong, Josie LaPrad, Joshua Rodriguez, Owen Caron, and Madeleine Frye.

The Town Moderator then announced that the Precinct Captains will take attendance; the quorum was set at 127 members. The precinct Captains reported 145 members Present, 102 members Absent. A quorum was attained.

The Town Clerk, Amy E. Hennessy Neves then read the Annual Town Warrant. A motion was made to dispense the Reading of the Warrant...Voice Vote Carried. The Town Clerk then read the Return of Service.

The Town Moderator asked if there were any Resolutions to present. The following Resolutions were presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Milford have learned, with great sorrow and deep regret, of the passing of Ernest E. O'Brien;

WHEREAS, Ernest E. O'Brien was for many years an elected member of the Town Meeting;

WHEREAS, Ernest E. O'Brien served this community faithfully and unselfishly as a loyal and sincere citizen;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that, as a mark of respect, the business of this meeting be suspended while members stand in solemn and silent tribute to his memory, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

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William D. Buckley, Chairman

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The Town Moderator then asked to hear any reports of Town Officers and Committees of the Town.

The Finance Committee Chairman, Marc Schaen presented a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.

The Capital Improvement Committee, Greg Johnson presented a report on behalf of the C.I.C. (Copies of all reports can be seen in the Town Clerk's Office)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Salary Schedule of the Wage and Salary Administration Plan by establishing new position levels and salary levels, as recommended by the Personnel Board for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows:

A POSITION LEVELS – SALARIED POSITIONS

LEVELS	POSITION TITLE
I	Assistant Town Counsel Community Development Director
II	Facilities Director Network Administrator Town Accountant Benefits Coordinator Tax Collector Town Treasurer*
III	IT Manager Highway Supervisor

Senior Center Director
 Town Planner
 Assessor/Administrator
 Building Commissioner
 Parks and Recreation Administrator
 Police Lieutenant
 Health Agent

IV Town Engineer
 Director, Sewer Operations
 Finance Director*
 Deputy Police Chief

V Town Counsel*
 Town Administrator*
 Police Chief*
 Fire Chief*

*contract

B Compensation Schedule – Salaried Positions

STEP	LEVELS:	I	II	III	IV	V
1		50,298	60,042	61,958	70,958	89,558
2		53,352	63,687	65,720	75,266	94,996
3		56,406	67,333	69,481	79,574	100,433
4		59,460	70,978	73,243	83,883	105,871
5		62,513	74,623	77,004	88,191	111,308
6		65,567	78,269	80,766	92,499	116,746
7		68,621	81,914	84,527	96,807	122,183
8		71,675	85,560	88,269	101,115	127,621

C POSITION LEVELS – HOURLY RATED POSITIONS

LEVELS	POSITION TITLE
I	Clerk, Community Development PT/FT Clerk/Receptionist, Senior Center Jr. Building Custodian Legal Secretary Planning Assistant Van Driver/Senior Center Volunteer Services Coordinator/Senior Center
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Asst. to Police Chief
 Client Services Coordinator/Senior Ctr. PT
 Deputy Wiring Inspector
 Deputy Plumbing/Gas Inspector
 Dispatcher PT
 Health Inspector FT
 Lister/Data Collector
 Local Building Inspector PT
 Outreach Coordinator/Senior Ctr. PT
 Paralegal/Legal Assistant
 Plumbing/Gas Inspector
 Program Coordinator/Community Development PT/FT
 Program Coordinator/Senior Center PT
 Property Rehab. Specialist/Community Development PT
 Senior Custodian
 Technology Support Technician
 Transportation Coordinator/Senior Center
 Wiring Inspector

III Animal Control Officer
 Asst. Town Accountant
 Asst. Town Treasurer
 Financial Analyst PT
 Maintenance Supervisor
 Youth Center Director

D Compensation Schedule – Hourly Rated Positions

STEP	LEVELS	I	II	III
1		15.48	19.34	20.34
2		16.42	20.51	21.57
3		17.36	21.69	22.80
4		18.30	22.86	24.03
5		19.24	24.04	25.26
6		20.18	25.21	26.49
7		21.12	26.38	27.72
8		22.05	27.56	28.95

E. HOURLY NON-RATED POSITIONS PER HOUR

Assistant Pool Manager PT	16.48
Call Firefighter \$100 Stipend (plus)	13.91
Cemetery Groundskeeper	17.46
Cemetery Working Foreman	24.04
Clerk of Works/Senior Center PT (temporary)	26.29
Clerks/Seasonal – All Departments	17.46
Clerks/Substitute – All Departments	17.46
Highway Seasonal Heavy Equipment Operator	27.60

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Matrons/Police	17.46
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Milford Youth Center: Program Coordinator PT	18.55
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Pool Lifeguard PT	14.88
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Student Police Officer	22.81
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F MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Health Agent PT	7630
Board of Health Physician PT	6673
Burial Agent	1051
Board of Registrars Chairperson	2757
Board of Registrars Members PT (2)	2206
Fair Housing Director PT	2100
Foreign Language Translator	569
Inspector of Animals	2445
Municipal Hearings Officer	2838
Pest Control Officer PT	3307
Sealer of Weights and Measures	8465

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(Personnel Board)

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*After debate, a Motion was made to Move the Previous Question...
164 Members Voted For...12 Members Voted Against Moving the Question...
Motion to Move the Question Carried.*

*A Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented was unclear so a Standing Vote was then taken.
129 Members Voted For...39 Members Voted Against.... Motion Carried.*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

FY 17

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Town Clerk	\$81,044.00
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Vernon Grove Trustee (Clerk)	\$3,710.00
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Park Commissioner (Members)	\$2,181.00
Planning Board (Chairman)	\$2,497.00
Planning Board (Members)	\$2,181.00
Moderator	\$2,400.00

(Board of Selectmen)

It was moved to waive the reading of the Motion because it is the same as it appears in the warrant. Voice Vote on Motion to Waive Reading...Carried.

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Planning Board (Members)	\$2,181.00
Moderator	\$2,400.00

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

A Motion was made to Waive the Reading of the Article because the wording is the same as the handout given to all Town Meeting Members.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to Waive the Reading...Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town Meeting receive the report of the Finance Committee and that the Moderator inquire if any voter wishes to consider any item separately; that if any voter so wishes he or she shall ask the Moderator to remove this item from the report and when this is done, that the town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer, where indicated in the report, the amount recommended in the Finance Committee Report as amended and that the meeting shall then consider the items which have been removed from the report by taking up each item individually.

A Motion was made by Michael Visconti (Pr. 8) that the Town vote "under line item "education", strike the dollar amount of \$46,016,084 in column entitled FY2017 Proposed budget and replace with the dollar amount of \$45,453,182"

A motion was made for Mr. Visconti to clarify the line item, he clarified that it was for the "300 School Department". Finance Committee asked for clarification on the line items.

The Town Moderator made a motion to take a two minute recess.

Town Meeting resumed and the motion made by Michael Visconti was clarified to reflect line item 300 and all line items from 5110, 5320, 5331, 5440, 5510, 5520, 5530 to total \$43,660,000.

A motion was made to accept the Amendment of the Motion...Voice Vote on Amendment to the Original Motion...Not Carried...Amendment Defeated.

A Motion was made by Joseph DiAntonio (Pr.2) to Move the Question.

*A Standing Vote was taken...167 Member Voted For...1 member Voted Against.
Motion to Move the Question...Carried.*

**TOWN OF MILFORD
ARTICLE 4
MAY 23, 2016**

	<u>FY2013 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY2014 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY2015 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY2016 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY2017 PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,956,933	2,944,026	3,420,849	4,105,290	4,334,093	5.6%
PUBLIC SAFETY	9,336,524	9,691,679	9,966,880	10,219,198	10,522,805	3.0%
EDUCATION	40,055,945	41,391,402	42,314,613	44,344,567	46,016,084	3.8%
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	8,518,352	8,428,523	9,019,515	9,091,970	9,208,923	1.3%
HUMAN SERVICES	789,178	826,537	799,003	864,262	936,518	8.4%
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1,668,756	1,754,720	1,804,786	1,827,392	1,912,843	4.7%
DEBT SERVICE	3,683,694	3,317,380	3,218,145	3,501,000	5,695,457	62.7%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12,644,615	13,204,370	13,017,964	16,939,229	16,738,140	-1.2%
TOTALS	<u>79,653,997</u>	<u>81,558,637</u>	<u>83,561,755</u>	<u>90,892,908</u>	<u>95,364,863</u>	4.9%

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114 MODERATOR						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	2,238	2,283	2,329	2,376	2,424	2.0%
TOTAL MODERATOR	2,238	2,283	2,329	2,376	2,424	2.0%
122 SELECTMEN						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	159,388	124,241	126,541	129,391	132,679	2.5%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	70,120	109,120	107,939	95,844	98,187	2.4%
TOTAL SELECTMEN	229,508	233,361	234,480	225,235	230,866	2.5%
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	27,152	28,052	28,970	30,941	31,474	1.7%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	441	840	483	2,475	2,475	0.0%
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	27,593	28,892	29,453	33,416	33,949	1.6%
132 RESERVE FUND						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	-	19,355	103,000	103,000	0.0%
TOTAL RESERVE FUND	-	-	19,355	103,000	103,000	0.0%
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIR.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	72,000	77,000	92,000	93,840	168,266	79.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	5,302	6,919	3,928	6,850	6,850	0.0%
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	77,302	83,919	95,928	100,690	175,116	73.9%
141 ASSESSORS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	221,377	230,815	265,354	259,912	265,816	2.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	87,839	113,352	121,319	113,150	115,400	2.0%
TOTAL ASSESSORS	309,216	344,167	386,673	373,062	381,216	2.2%
145 TOWN TREASURER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	198,872	194,033	206,586	271,754	294,580	8.4%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	12,742	14,023	20,556	15,250	15,631	2.5%
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	211,614	208,056	227,142	287,004	310,211	8.1%
146 TAX COLLECTOR						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	162,411	153,948	167,412	179,592	186,392	3.8%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	10,664	9,367	14,050	20,328	20,428	0.5%
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	173,075	163,315	181,462	199,920	206,820	3.5%

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148 OTHER GENERAL GOVT.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	531,895	567,565	586,265	642,799	673,972	4.8%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	163,191	140,924	143,555	179,810	169,310	-5.8%
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVT.	695,086	708,489	729,820	822,609	843,282	2.5%
151 LAW DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	107,424	116,826	120,980	124,590	127,705	2.5%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	7,244	4,940	4,562	5,150	5,250	1.9%
TOTAL LAW DEPARTMENT	114,668	121,766	125,542	129,740	132,955	2.5%
152 PERSONNEL BOARD						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	4,720	4,767	4,815	4,863	4,912	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	262	330	334	1,000	1,000	0.0%
TOTAL PERSONAL BOARD	4,982	5,097	5,149	5,863	5,912	0.8%
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	N/A	N/A	158,415	261,777	180,000	-31.2%
5110-3 PERSONAL SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	132,490	
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	110,000	
5300-3 GENERAL EXPENSES	N/A	N/A	73,000	206,100	101,500	-50.8%
TOTAL INFORMATION TECH	-	-	231,415	467,877	523,990	12.0%
158 TAX TITLE/FORECLOSURE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	4,878	461	6,428	15,000	15,000	0.0%
TOTAL TAX TITLE/FORECLOSURE	4,878	461	6,428	15,000	15,000	0.0%
161 TOWN CLERK						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	186,697	144,330	161,092	204,751	191,266	-6.6%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	5,491	3,234	5,053	5,798	5,798	0.0%
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	192,188	147,564	166,145	210,549	197,064	-6.4%
162 ELECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	27,124	9,103	26,494	17,847	29,510	65.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	33,098	18,492	32,495	41,373	51,371	24.2%
TOTAL ELECTIONS	60,222	27,595	58,989	59,220	80,881	36.6%
163 REGISTRATIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	8,709	8,619	8,772	9,044	9,132	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	7,880	7,627	7,078	8,824	8,824	0.0%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	16,589	16,246	15,850	17,868	17,956	0.5%

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171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	3,775	3,813	3,851	3,890	3,929	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	2,365	2,254	2,533	2,461	2,510	2.0%
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMM.	6,140	6,067	6,384	6,351	6,439	1.4%
174 TOWN PLANNER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	81,383	83,361	85,021	86,715	88,542	2.1%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	11,388	11,225	14,827	18,648	19,450	4.3%
TOTAL TOWN PLANNER	92,771	94,586	99,848	105,363	107,992	2.5%
175 PLANNING BOARD						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	15,776	16,093	16,363	16,638	16,810	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	862	373	1,324	1,869	2,160	15.6%
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	16,638	16,466	17,687	18,507	18,970	2.5%
182 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	2,798	2,600	2,800	2,870	2.5%
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	-	2,798	2,600	2,800	2,870	2.5%
186 FAIR HOUSING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	1,998	2,018	2,058	2,512	2,533	0.8%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	-	-	200	200	0.0%
TOTAL FAIR HOUSING	1,998	2,018	2,058	2,712	2,733	0.8%
189 CAPITAL PLANNING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	2,438	2,859	2,888	2,918	2,948	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	340	157	-	825	825	0.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL PLANNING	2,778	3,016	2,888	3,743	3,773	0.8%
192 PUBLIC PROP & BLDGS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	228,614	216,901	240,435	255,125	293,214	14.9%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	266,612	266,749	284,694	413,960	373,960	-9.7%
5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS	134,498	139,930	159,826	144,000	164,000	13.9%
5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	2,664	10,966	1,469	6,000	6,000	0.0%
TOTAL PUBLIC PROP & BLDGS	632,388	634,546	686,424	819,085	837,174	2.2%
194 OTHER INSURANCE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	85,061	86,763	86,800	86,800	87,000	0.2%
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE	85,061	86,763	86,800	86,800	87,000	0.2%

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195 TOWN REPORT						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	6,555	-	6,500	6,500	0.0%
TOTAL TOWN REPORT	-	6,555	-	6,500	6,500	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,956,933	2,944,026	3,420,849	4,105,290	4,334,093	5.6%
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	4,529,876	4,595,605	4,719,907	4,766,247	5,014,993	5.2%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	370,934	382,248	381,479	387,083	347,406	-10.3%
5420 REPAIR/MAINT: VEHICLES	60,998	62,208	62,112	62,220	63,776	2.5%
5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	30,765	61,196	61,072	61,200	62,730	2.5%
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	4,992,573	5,101,257	5,224,570	5,276,750	5,488,905	4.0%
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	3,284,938	3,282,977	3,376,356	3,559,496	3,643,592	2.4%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	136,093	139,132	131,023	138,558	128,558	-7.2%
5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS	10,031	10,232	10,191	10,232	10,232	0.0%
5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	97,741	90,780	98,280	90,780	100,780	11.0%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,528,803	3,523,121	3,615,850	3,799,066	3,883,162	2.2%
240 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	186,464	204,565	212,811	223,435	224,227	0.4%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	9,758	11,987	11,991	11,990	12,982	8.3%
TOTAL DEPT. OF INSPECTIONS	196,222	216,552	224,802	235,425	237,209	0.8%
244 SEALER OF WGHT/MEAS.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	8,054	8,135	8,298	8,381	8,465	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	459	-	460	460	0.0%
TOTAL SEALER OF WGHT/MEAS.	8,054	8,594	8,298	8,841	8,925	1.0%
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	3,231	382	6,307	3,362	3,362	0.0%
TOTAL EMERGENCY MNGMNT.	3,231	382	6,307	3,362	3,362	0.0%
292 ANIMAL CONTROL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	69,393	70,768	73,560	74,904	76,359	1.9%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	8,999	8,752	7,682	11,575	11,575	0.0%
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	78,392	79,520	81,242	86,479	87,934	1.7%

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296 HYDRANT SERVICE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	529,249	762,253	805,811	806,000	810,000	0.5%
TOTAL HYDRANT SERVICE	529,249	762,253	805,811	806,000	810,000	0.5%
299 INSECT CONTROL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	3,275	3,308	1.0%
TOTAL INSECT CONTROL	-	-	-	3,275	3,308	1.0%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	9,336,524	9,691,679	9,966,880	10,219,198	10,522,805	3.0%
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	38,376,387	31,344,778	32,851,632	33,755,962	35,914,138	6.4%
5320 VOCATIONAL PRGM TUITION	-					
5331 TRANSPORTATION	-					
5440 MAINTENANCE	-					
5510 EDUCATION EXPENSE	-	8,415,489	7,744,773	8,844,038	8,176,862	-7.5%
5520 NET SPED TUITION	-					
5530 UTILITIES	-					
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	38,376,387	39,760,267	40,596,405	42,600,000	44,091,000	3.5%
350 BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	1,442,854	1,424,499	1,484,327	1,434,567	1,615,084	12.6%
TOTAL BLACKSTONE VALLEY REG.	1,442,854	1,424,499	1,484,327	1,434,567	1,615,084	12.6%
351 VOCATIONAL TUITION						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	225,371	195,790	221,039	285,000	285,000	0.0%
TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION	225,371	195,790	221,039	285,000	285,000	0.0%
352 MEDICAID RECOVERY EXP.						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	11,333	10,846	12,842	25,000	25,000	0.0%
TOTAL MEDICAID RECOVERY	11,333	10,846	12,842	25,000	25,000	0.0%
TOTAL EDUCATION	40,055,945	41,391,402	42,314,613	44,344,567	46,016,084	3.8%
411 TOWN ENGINEER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	101,300	86,903	91,445	93,274	95,139	2.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	3,211	3,218	3,329	3,329	3,396	2.0%
TOTAL TOWN ENGINEER	104,511	90,121	94,774	96,603	98,535	2.0%

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421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	896,237	891,572	870,640	960,461	991,889	3.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	56,067	63,359	61,447	67,500	72,200	7.0%
TOTAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	952,304	954,931	932,087	1,027,961	1,064,089	3.5%
422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCT. & MAINT.						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	342,759	358,658	320,681	354,867	368,560	3.9%
5420 REPAIR/MAINT:VEHIC/EQUIP	91,856	86,167	112,000	110,000	110,000	0.0%
5430 REPAIR/MAINT:MJR ST PRJ	499,999	510,000	485,867	500,000	500,000	0.0%
TOTAL HWY CONSTUCT. & MAINT.	934,614	954,825	918,548	964,867	978,560	1.4%
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	152,571	187,337	267,964	90,000	90,000	0.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	601,609	816,434	1,052,415	510,000	510,000	0.0%
TOTAL SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	754,180	1,003,771	1,320,379	600,000	600,000	0.0%
424 STREET LIGHTING						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	226,218	217,164	253,471	380,000	330,000	-13.2%
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	226,218	217,164	253,471	380,000	330,000	-13.2%
425 ON STREET PARKING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	42,647	43,861	44,905	48,915	49,715	1.6%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	4,094	2,165	4,332	12,350	12,350	0.0%
TOTAL ON STREET PARKING	46,741	46,026	49,237	61,265	62,065	1.3%
431 WASTE COLLECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	53,699	59,348	47,987	62,260	63,505	2.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES - W/R	1,630,293	1,660,779	1,645,312	1,579,260	1,632,663	3.4%
5330 GENERAL EXPENSES - DISP	27,002	42,874	36,877	70,000	70,000	0.0%
5340 METAL & APPLIANCES	5,250	14,465	8,346	12,500	12,500	0.0%
5350 CONSTRUCTION/DEMO	22,713	29,817	21,749	31,000	31,000	0.0%
TOTAL WASTE COLLECTIONS	1,738,957	1,807,283	1,760,271	1,755,020	1,809,668	3.1%
440 SEWER DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	1,155,794	1,171,478	1,216,651	1,347,622	1,392,455	3.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	1,417,687	1,299,010	1,335,621	1,574,175	1,601,992	1.8%
5310 PLANT REPLACEMENT FUND	321,005	207,693	282,722	358,506	358,506	0.0%
5440 REPAIR.MAINT: SWR STAT	223,417	113,040	310,967	383,506	383,506	0.0%
5900 MATURING DEBT	334,420	269,360	265,440	246,960	238,000	-3.6%
5910 SHORT/LONG TERM INTEREST	124,955	102,267	80,387	82,644	75,265	-8.9%
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT	3,577,278	3,162,848	3,491,788	3,993,413	4,049,724	1.4%

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491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	80,392	87,995	91,798	104,721	105,463	0.7%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	20,269	17,647	21,216	21,216	21,746	2.5%
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	100,661	105,642	113,014	125,937	127,209	1.0%
495 TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	6,162	6,285	6,411	6,622	6,688	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	76,726	79,627	79,535	80,282	82,385	2.6%
TOTAL TREE WARDEN DEPT	82,888	85,912	85,946	86,904	89,073	2.5%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES	8,518,352	8,428,523	9,019,515	9,091,970	9,208,923	1.3%
510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	239,678	257,284	240,803	262,466	268,086	2.1%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	14,552	12,634	13,836	21,780	22,040	1.2%
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	254,230	269,918	254,639	284,246	290,126	2.1%
522 VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	66,090	66,090	43,750	67,090	67,090	0.0%
TOTAL VISITING NURSES ASSOC.	66,090	66,090	43,750	67,090	67,090	0.0%
524 DENTAL CLINIC						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	6,514	6,044	6,985	7,272	7,400	1.8%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	199	199	200	210	210	0.0%
TOTAL DENTAL CLINIC	6,713	6,243	7,185	7,482	7,610	1.7%
528 INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	2,327	2,350	2,397	2,421	2,446	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	-	-	531	545	2.6%
TOTAL INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	2,327	2,350	2,397	2,952	2,991	1.3%
541 COUNCIL ON AGING						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	57,048	58,189	54,272	58,189	59,640	2.5%
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	57,048	58,189	54,272	58,189	59,640	2.5%
542 YOUTH SERVICES						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	49,785	53,754	57,714	60,722	116,417	91.7%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL YOUTH SERVICES	49,785	53,754	57,714	60,722	116,417	91.7%

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543 VETERANS SERVICES						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	31,958	32,275	32,918	33,251	33,584	1.0%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	319,917	336,730	346,128	349,200	357,930	2.5%
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	351,875	369,005	379,046	382,451	391,514	2.4%
549 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	1,110	988	-	1,130	1,130	0.0%
TOTAL DISABILITY COMMISSION	1,110	988	-	1,130	1,130	0.0%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	789,178	826,537	799,003	864,262	936,518	8.4%
610 LIBRARY						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	842,286	901,079	910,785	915,085	980,339	7.1%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	213,733	220,308	238,337	232,900	235,800	1.2%
5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS	7,316	8,500	16,955	7,500	8,000	6.7%
TOTAL LIBRARY	1,063,335	1,129,887	1,166,076	1,155,485	1,224,139	5.9%
650 PARKS AND RECREATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	416,643	432,796	433,682	456,898	466,956	2.2%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	156,570	158,869	173,562	180,400	186,274	3.3%
5400 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	30,819	31,940	29,582	32,257	33,063	2.5%
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	604,032	623,605	636,826	669,555	686,293	2.5%
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	1,389	1,228	1,884	2,352	2,411	2.5%
TOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,389	1,228	1,884	2,352	2,411	2.5%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	1,668,756	1,754,720	1,804,786	1,827,392	1,912,843	4.7%
710 MATURING DEBT						
5900 DEBT SERVICE	2,356,389	2,161,949	2,110,369	2,178,849	3,507,809	61.0%
TOTAL MATURING DEBT	2,356,389	2,161,949	2,110,369	2,178,849	3,507,809	61.0%
751 LONG TERM INTEREST						
5910 DEBT SERVICE	1,284,682	1,153,935	1,024,775	1,172,151	2,037,648	73.8%
TOTAL LONG TERM INTEREST	1,284,682	1,153,935	1,024,775	1,172,151	2,037,648	73.8%

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752 SHORT TERM INTEREST						
5920 INTEREST	42,623	1,496	83,001	150,000	150,000	0.0%
TOTAL SHORT TERM INTEREST	42,623	1,496	83,001	150,000	150,000	0.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	3,683,694	3,317,380	3,218,145	3,501,000	5,695,457	62.7%
911 RETIREMENT/PENSIONS CONTRIB.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	3,532,591	3,609,706	3,815,444	4,044,229	4,267,864	5.5%
TOTAL RETIRE/PENSION CONTRIB.	3,532,591	3,609,706	3,815,444	4,044,229	4,267,864	5.5%
912 WORKERS COMPENSATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	217,000	383,953	403,085	375,000	412,500	10.0%
TOTAL WORKERS COMPENSATION	217,000	383,953	403,085	375,000	412,500	10.0%
913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	71,873	47,002	30,974	200,000	200,000	0.0%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	71,873	47,002	30,974	200,000	200,000	0.0%
914 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	8,823,151	9,163,709	8,768,461	12,320,000	11,857,776	-3.8%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	8,823,151	9,163,709	8,768,461	12,320,000	11,857,776	-3.8%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12,644,615	13,204,370	13,017,964	16,939,229	16,738,140	-1.2%
TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS BUDGET	79,653,997	81,558,637	83,561,755	90,892,908	95,364,863	4.9%

And further of the total of \$95,364,863 as above, \$4,049,724 shall be raised from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; and further the following amounts be transferred from certain line items above to the accounts listed as set forth below:

<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Other Insurance 194-5740	Liability Claims 8501-4971	\$ 87,000
Sewer Liability Insurance 440-5740	Liability Claims 8501-4975	\$ 49,901
On-Street Parking 425-5740	Municipal Building Fund 8500-4971	\$ 400
Employee Health Liability 914-5176	OPEB Liability Fund 8475-4971	\$ 600,000

A Motion was then made to Vote on the Original Motion as Presented...Voice Vote taken on Original Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried.

ARTICLE 5: 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 the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town Vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Town Moderator announced that a 2/3rd Vote is Required and a Standing Vote will be taken if the Voice Vote is not Unanimous.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend from funds received by the Town as fines for parking violations during Fiscal Year 2017, such sum or sums of money as are necessary to pay the costs and expenses of collecting such fines and otherwise complying with the provisions of Section 20A of Chapter 90 of the General Laws during said fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend from funds received by the Town as fines for parking violations during Fiscal Year 2017, such sum or sums of money as are necessary to pay the costs and expenses of collecting such fines and otherwise complying with the provisions of Section 20A of Chapter 90 of the General Laws during said fiscal year.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote for Fiscal Year 2017, to authorize any and all departments to utilize, without further appropriation, any amounts received from insurance companies or other third parties as damages or payment for damage to any Town-owned property, for the purpose of repairing or replacing such property, or, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, directly depositing such funds to the Municipal Building & Property Insurance Fund established by vote under Article 45 of the June 11, 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote for Fiscal Year 2017, to authorize any and all departments to utilize, without further appropriation, any amounts received from insurance companies or other third parties as damages or payment for damage to any Town-owned property, for the purpose of repairing or replacing such property, or, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, directly depositing such funds to the Municipal Building & Property Insurance Fund established by vote under Article 45 of the June 11, 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented... Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize all persons, boards or agencies of the Town otherwise authorized to contract for or on behalf of the Town, during Fiscal Year 2017 to enter into such contracts or agreements for up to five years, except in the case of contracts or agreements dealing with real estate which may be for up to ten years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize all persons, boards or agencies of the Town otherwise authorized to contract for or on behalf of the Town, during Fiscal Year 2017 to enter into such contracts or agreements for up to five years, except in the case of contracts or agreements dealing with real estate which may be for up to ten years.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5C ½ , which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under G.L. c. 59, § 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5C ½ , which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under G.L. c. 59, § 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 77C of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town vote authorize the Town Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 77C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented... Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money, consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in the Milford School district, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for purposes of Student Activities not funded in the School Department budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(School Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,007.70 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in the Milford School district, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for purposes of Student Activities not funded in the School Department budget.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented... Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain Town Departments which departments have been previously authorized, under M. G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Various Departments)

A Motion was made to waive the reading of the article because it is the same as the text in the handout....Voice Vote on Motion to Waive Reading...Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to establish revolving funds for certain Town Departments under M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 with the specific receipts credited to each fund the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Fund Use FY17</u>	<u>Spending Limit</u>
Council on Aging Van	Council on Aging	Receipts Derived from From use on Council on Aging Van	Defray Cost of Providing transportation for the elderly and disabled	\$16,000
Lost or Damaged Library Property	Library Trustees	Restitution for Damages to and loss of Library property	Replacement of lost or damaged property	\$5,000
Zoning Board of Appeals Receipts	Zoning Board of Appeals	Receipts from the filing of applications With the ZBA	Funds to be expended processing of Applications Before the ZBA	\$40,000
Youth Commission Operations	Youth Commission	Receipts, grants and gifts derived from the Operations of the Youth Commission	For the activities of and to defray the cost of providing youth activities and Service	\$150,000
North Purchase Cemetery	Park Commission	Receipts from the Operation of the North Purchase Cemetery	To be spent as necessary for the operations of the Cemetery	\$10,000
Commission on Disability Activities	Commission on Disabilities	All receipts, grants and gifts from the operation of The Commission on Disabilities	To fund the activities and to defray the costs of providing Services	\$5,000

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for the repair or replacement of the front stairs and railings at the Milford Police Headquarters, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for the repair or replacement of the front stairs and railings at the Milford Police Headquarters.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to delete the provisions of Article 18 of the General By-Laws entitled "Capital Improvement Committee" and at the same time amend Article 2 of said By-Laws entitled "Finance Committee" by inserting a new paragraph within Section 4 thereof which paragraph shall state as follows:

The Finance Committee shall have a permanent sub-committee on Capital Improvements which sub-committee shall evaluate the capital needs of Town and its various departments and shall report and recommend thereon to the full Finance Committee.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to delete the provisions of Article 18 of the General By-Laws entitled "Capital Improvement Committee" and at the same time amend Article 2 of said By-Laws entitled "Finance Committee" by inserting a new paragraph within Section 4 thereof which paragraph shall state as follows:

The Finance Committee shall have a permanent sub-committee on Capital Improvements which sub-committee shall evaluate the capital needs of Town and its various departments and shall report and recommend thereon to the full Finance Committee.

A Motion was made to Amend the Main Motion under Article 16 by Greg Johnson (Pr.3)

I Move that the town vote to amend the main motion under Warrant article 16 by inserting a further sentence to the proposed new paragraph within Section 4 of Article 2 which sentence shall read as follows:

"Further, in the event of future vacancies on the Finance Committee, the Selectmen shall appoint those individuals currently serving on the Capital Improvement Committee, in order of their seniority on that committee, to vacancies in said Finance Committee, if those individuals accept such appointment at the time it is first offered."

A Voice Vote was taken to Accept Amendment as Presented...Defeated.

A Voice Vote was then taken on the Original Motion as Presented...was undecided so a Standing Vote was taken...119 Members vote For...46 members voted Against...Carried.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 27 of the general By-Laws of the Town by striking the first two sentences of sub-section (a) and replacing said sentences with the following:

The Commission shall consist of 9 members, all of whom shall be appointed initially by the Board of Selectmen. Membership preference shall be given to persons with disabilities. The remaining members shall be parents, friends, or other persons with expertise regarding persons with disabilities.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Commission of Disability)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend Article 27 of the general By-Laws of the Town by striking the first two sentences of sub-section (a) and replacing said sentences with the following:

The Commission shall consist of 9 members, all of whom shall be appointed initially by the Board of Selectmen. Membership preference shall be given to persons with disabilities. The remaining members shall be parents, friends, or other persons with expertise regarding persons with disabilities.

A Motion was made by Stephanie Abisla (Pr. 3) to Amend Article 17, striking the last sentence (the remaining members shall be parents, friends, or other persons with expertise regarding persons with disabilities.) with the following: The remaining members shall be persons with SPECIFIC INTERESTS OR expertise regarding persons with disabilities.

Voice Vote Taken to Accept the Amendment as Presented...Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend Article 27 of the general By-Laws of the Town by striking the first two sentences of sub-section (a) and replacing said sentences with the following:

The Commission shall consist of 9 members, all of whom shall be appointed initially by the Board of Selectmen. Membership preference shall be given to persons with disabilities. The remaining members shall be persons with SPECIFIC INTERESTS OR expertise regarding persons with disabilities.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Amended...Carried.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized to fully fund the salary of the Finance Director for Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be added to the Finance Director’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2016, Account #135-5110.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$150,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of Louisa Lake Rehabilitation and Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Highway Surveyor)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of Louisa Lake Rehabilitation and Maintenance.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw relating to retail uses by special permit within the OR Office Residential District by adopting the following:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule.

ACTIVITY OR USE	DISTRICT											
	RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC
COMMERCIAL USES												
Retail sales or service ¹	O	O	O	O	A ²⁷	O	P	P	P	P	P	P

²⁷ Provided the special permit granting authority finds that such uses are being proposed within existing conforming non-residential structures, are consistent with the historic development pattern in the immediate neighborhood, and can provide adequate off-street parking.

or take any other action related thereto.

(5 Water Street, LLC.)



PLANNING BOARD OF MILFORD, MASS.

TOWN HALL, 52 MAIN STREET
634-2317

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Planning Board Report on Article 20 May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Town Meeting Members
FROM: Planning Board
DATE: April 20, 2016
SUBJECT: Article 20: Zoning Bylaw Amendment re retail uses by special permit within the OR Office Residential zoning district.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Milford Planning Board conducted a duly posted and noticed Public Hearing on April 19, 2016 regarding the subject of Article 20, at which time it voted unanimously to make a favorable recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 20 is an application of 5 Water Street LLC to amend Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw relating to retail uses by special permit within the OR Office Residential District.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw relating to retail uses by special permit within the OR Office Residential District by adopting the following:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule.

					DISTRICT									
ACTIVITY OR USE	RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC		

COMMERCIAL USES

Retail sales or service¹

O O O O A²⁷ O P P P P P P

²⁷ Provided the special permit granting authority finds that such uses are being proposed within existing conforming non-residential structures, are consistent with the historic development pattern in the immediate neighborhood, and can provide adequate off-street parking.

The Town Moderator announced that a 2/3rd vote is required and because no one has spoken in opposition he will take a voice vote. If the voice vote is not unanimous, a standing vote will be taken.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 3.9 Sign Regulations in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Section 3.9:

3.9 Sign Regulations

3.9.1 Purpose: The purpose of this section is to improve pedestrian and traffic safety; to avoid the proliferation of signs and minimize their adverse effect on nearby public and private property; to enhance economic development and the esthetic environment; to encourage the effective use of signs; and, to enable fair and consistent enforcement by adopting content-neutral regulations.

3.9.2 Applicability: No sign shall be erected, placed, established, painted, created, or maintained in the town except in conformance with these sign regulations.

3.9.3 Definitions: The following words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings set forth below:

Sign - Any device, fixture, placard, or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol, or writing to advertise, attract attention to or announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public. For purposes of this bylaw, the term “sign” shall not include the following:

- (a) Official traffic control devices required, maintained, or installed by a Federal, State, or local governmental agency or an active railroad.
- (b) House/building (address) number, including a nameplate displaying the surname of the occupant of a single family residential dwelling.
- (c) Building marker indicating the name of a building and date and incidental information about its construction, which marker is cut into a masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.
- (d) National flags, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution.

(e) War Veteran markers installed within the public right-of-way at locations designated by the Board of Selectmen as “Memorial Square” intersections.

(f) Holiday lights and decorations.

(g) Devices on residential properties that otherwise might be considered signs, but are only intended for the personal enjoyment of the residents thereof, and not intended to attract the attention of the public and not generally visible from a public way.

Banner - Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is affixed to a pole or a building at one or more edges or corners. National, state or municipal flags shall not be considered banners.

Billboard – A large, standardized third-party freestanding outdoor advertising structure, characterized by providing off-premise advertising space intended for viewing from extended distances, generally more than 50 feet.

Community Bulletin Board - A single- or double-faced freestanding sign frame structure with a glass or plastic covered message surface designed for the short-term posting of multiple, individual announcements. A community bulletin board shall not exceed 6 feet in height, and the message surface shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. Postings shall be limited to announcements of local cultural, social, educational or special events or public services.

Freestanding sign - Any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that are independent from any building or other structure.

Inflatable Sign – Any sign capable of being expanded by air or other gas.

Official traffic control devices - devices required, maintained, or installed by a Federal, State, or local governmental agency or an active railroad for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

Pennant - Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

Portable sign - Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; signs converted to A or T frames; menu and sandwich board signs.

Roof sign - Any sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building, supported by the roof structure, and extending vertically above the highest portion of the roof.

Temporary sign - Any sign of lightweight material that is used only for a limited period and not for permanent display.

Wall sign - Any sign attached parallel to, but within six inches of, a wall, painted on the wall surface of, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.

Window sign - Any sign that is placed on the exterior of a window, or upon the inside of the window glass and is visible from the exterior of the window, including signs placed inside a building that are visible beyond five feet from the exterior of the window.

3.9.4 Signs Prohibited: Any sign not permitted in these sign regulations shall be prohibited. Moreover, the following signs shall be specifically prohibited:

3.9.4.1 Any sign within the right-of-way of a public or private street or way, except for those specifically exempted by Section 3.9.5.1 herein.

3.9.4.2 Any sign that may be confused with an official traffic control device.

3.9.4.3 Pennants, banners, and strings of lights.

3.9.4.4 Inflatable signs.

3.9.4.5 Flashing signs, any part of which moves or flashes, or signs of the traveling light or animated type, and all beacons and flashing devices whether a part of, attached to, or apart from a sign.

3.9.4.6 Changeable copy electronic message panels and/or signs displaying images or messages that change more than eight times a day and for less than one hour duration per each image or message displayed.

3.9.4.7 Roof signs.

3.9.4.8 Temporary and portable signs except as permitted in Section 3.9.12 herein.

3.9.4.9 Signs placed so as to obscure vision as per Section 2.4.6 herein.

3.9.5 Exemptions: The following shall be exempt from regulation under this by-law:

3.9.5.1 Exemptions for sign placement within the right-of-way of a public or private street shall be limited to the following:

3.9.5.1.1 Changeable copy electronic message panels utilized by the Police Department for traffic control and/or safety purposes.

3.9.5.1.2 Official legal notices, or public warning/informational bulletins posted by the Town.

3.9.5.1.3 Public Utility warning/informational signs regarding poles, lines, pipes, or similar facilities.

3.9.5.1.4 Within the CA Central Commercial district, temporary banner suspended across Main Street if authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

3.9.5.1.5 Emergency warning signs installed by a governmental agency, a public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.

3.9.5.1.6 Any sign installed or placed within the public right-of-way or on public property not in conformance with the requirements of these sign regulations, may be removed by the Town.

3.9.5.2 Exemptions for sign placement on lots shall be limited to the following:

3.9.5.2.1 Any public notice or warning required by a valid and applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, or by-law.

3.9.5.2.2 Any sign inside a building, including signs attached to the inside of a window or door, not visible beyond five feet from the exterior of the window.

3.9.5.2.3 Any sign inside an athletic facility, including inward facing signs attached to the inside of a wall or fence.

3.9.5.2.4 Traffic directional signs, utilized solely as traffic control devices on private property, the face of which meet Department of Transportation standards and which have been shown on a site plan approved by the Planning Board, or on a common signage plan as per Section 3.9.10 herein.

3.9.5.2.5 Emergency warning signs installed by a governmental agency, a public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the right-of-way of an adjacent street.

3.9.6 Computations: The following shall control the computation of sign area and sign height:

3.9.6.1 Sign Area - shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework, bracing, or decorative fence or wall when such fence or wall otherwise meets zoning by-law requirements and is clearly incidental to the display itself.

3.9.6.2 Area of Multi-faced Signs - shall be computed by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two sign faces of identical dimensions are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed at the same time, and when such sign faces are part of the same sign structure and are not more than 42 inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of only one of the faces.

3.9.6.3 Sign Height - The distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of (1) existing grade prior to construction or (2) the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavating done solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

3.9.7 Signs Permitted: Within the districts noted below, the following signs are permitted:

3.9.7.1 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts - One wall sign or one free-standing sign per lot, and

one home occupation sign in accordance with Section 3.3.3 if applicable.

3.9.7.2 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts – wall signs or free-standing signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.

3.9.7.3 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts - free-standing signs shall not exceed six feet in height.

3.9.7.4 OR District - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 5% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.5 BP District - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 10% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.6 OR and BP Districts - one free-standing sign per street frontage provided that the aggregate of all free-standing signs does not exceed 80 square feet in area.

3.9.7.7 OR District - free-standing signs shall not exceed 20 feet in height.

3.9.7.8 BP Districts - free-standing signs shall not exceed 30 feet in height.

3.9.7.9 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 20% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.10 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - One free-standing sign per street frontage provided that that the aggregate of all free-standing signs does not exceed one square foot per foot of lot frontage on the street towards which they are oriented.

3.9.7.11 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - Free-standing signs shall not exceed 30' in height.

3.9.7.12 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - The total area of all signs, either wall mounted or free-standing, shall aggregate not more than four square feet per foot of lot frontage on the street towards which they are oriented.

3.9.7.13 Within all zoning districts - Community Bulletin Boards maintained by the Town on Town owned or operated property to the extent authorized and approved by such board or agency with jurisdiction over such property. Such bulletin boards shall not be included in the aggregate calculation required by Section 3.9.7.10 herein.

3.9.8 Design, Construction, and Maintenance: Except for banners, flags, temporary signs, and window signs, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground, a building, or another structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame, or structure, and shall be maintained in good structural condition at all times. Banners affixed directly to the exterior surface of any building or wall shall be prohibited.

3.9.9 Permits Required: A building permit is required for the placement, construction, erection, or modification of any sign except within the RA, RB, RC, and RD zoning districts. The permit application shall be accompanied by detailed drawings to show the dimensions, design, structure, and location of each sign, to the extent that such details are not contained on a Common Signage Plan then in effect for the premises. A single application and permit may include multiple signs on the same premises.

3.9.10 Site Plan Required: Site plan approval by the Planning Board shall be required for all free-standing signs prior to the issuance of a building permit, except for temporary signs as provided for in Section 3.9.12 herein.

3.9.11 Common Signage Plan: On lots containing existing multiple uses and/or buildings where a change to the signage is proposed, a common signage plan shall be submitted to the Building Commissioner to provide coordination among the various interests in providing signage on such lots. Such common signage plans may be approved by the Building Commissioner prior to the issuance of applicable permits.

3.9.11.1 The Common Signage Plan shall contain the following elements:

3.9.11.1.1 An accurate site plan of the premises, at such scale as the Building Commissioner may reasonably require.

3.9.11.1.2 Location of buildings, parking lots, driveways, and landscaped areas on such premises.

3.9.11.1.3 Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the premises included in the site plan.

3.9.11.1.4 An accurate indication on the site plan of the proposed location of each present and future sign of any type, whether requiring a permit or not.

3.9.11.2 Provisions: The Common Signage Plan shall specify standards for consistency among all signs on the premises affected by the Plan with regard to Type, Lighting, Location, and Sign proportions.

3.9.11.3 Existing Nonconforming Signs: For Common Signage Plans filed for a property on which existing nonconforming signs are located, all such signs and the extent of their nonconformity shall be noted on the plan.

3.9.11.4 Binding Effect: After approval of a Common Signage Plan, no sign shall be erected, placed, painted, or maintained, except in conformance with such plan. In case of any conflict between the provisions of such a plan and any other provision of this by-law, the by-law shall control.

3.9.11.5 Common Signage Plan - New Construction: A Common Signage Plan shall be included with the submittal of required Site Plans to the Planning Board for all new development proposals and for all re-development proposals.

3.9.12 Temporary Signs: On lots within the RA, RB, RC, RD and OR zoning districts, and within non-residential zoning districts where the principal use on a premises is residential, temporary freestanding signs relating to one-time events shall be allowed subject to the following requirements:

3.9.12.1 No more than 1 such sign shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time, except that during the months of March, April, September, October and November no more than 4 such signs shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time.

3.9.12.2 Such signs shall not exceed 6 square feet in area per sign.

3.9.12.3 Such signs shall not exceed 3 feet in height.

3.9.12.4 Such signs shall not be displayed more than 45 days before the event being announced, and shall be removed within 72 hours following said event.

3.9.12.5 Such signs shall not be illuminated in any way.

On lots within the BP, CA, CB, CC, IA, IB, and IC zoning districts, temporary banner signs announcing one-time special community events or similar public service announcements shall be allowed subject to the following requirements:

3.9.12.6 No more than 1 such banner shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time.

3.9.12.7 Such banner shall not exceed 12 square feet in area.

3.9.12.8 Such banner shall not be displayed more than 30 days before the event being announced, and shall be removed within 72 hours following said event.

3.9.12.9 Such banner shall not be illuminated in any way.

3.9.13 Temporary Sign/Substitution: Where a permit has been issued as per Section 3.9.9 herein, a temporary sign may be utilized in place of the permanent sign so permitted, but only for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days prior to such time as the permanent sign is installed.

AND IN ADDITION, by deleting under Section 4.1 Definitions the following words and their definitions: "Sign, Accessory", "Sign, Directional", "Sign - Non-accessory", "Sign, Portable", "Sign, Area of" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Sign - See Section 3.9.3 herein."

AND FURTHER IN ADDITION, by inserting in Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule the following:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule

DISTRICT														
ACTIVITY OR USE	RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC		

OTHER PRINCIPAL USES

Billboard	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
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ACCESSORY USES

Signs ²⁶	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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²⁶ Signs subject to the requirements of Section 3.9 herein.

or take any other action related thereto.

(Planning Board /Board of Selectmen)

A Motion was made to Waive the Reading of the article because the wording is the same as it appears in the Warrant.

A Voice Vote was taken on Motion to Waive the Reading...Carried.



PLANNING BOARD OF MILFORD, MASS.

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**Planning Board Report on Article 21
May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting**

TO: Town Meeting Members

FROM: Planning Board

DATE: April 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Article 21: Zoning Bylaw Amendment re sign provisions.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Milford Planning Board conducted a duly posted and noticed Public Hearing on April 19, 2016 regarding the subject of Article 21, at which time it voted unanimously to make a favorable recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 21 is a joint application by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to amend Article III of the Zoning Bylaw by adopting a comprehensive revision of Section 3.9 Sign Regulations.

The Planning Board recommends the adoption of Article 21 as printed in the Warrant.

Article 21 Narrative

As you saw in our letter mailed with the warrant, our original proposal for a simple revision to the sign section of the zoning bylaw was slightly complicated by last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring strict content neutrality in all aspects of sign regulation. The upshot of that decision has been that we must focus only on a sign's physical characteristics, and not at all on its message.

To break our old habit of automatically thinking of the message on signs, we first established new definitions to clarify what actually constitutes a "sign". For example, official traffic control devices will not be considered "signs" for zoning purposes. This includes street lights, speed limit, stop and yield signs, street name markers, etc.

Second, we clarified sign location, or placement, to prevent anything other than those official traffic control devices from being installed within the right-of-way of streets and highways. Signs may be installed on lots or parcels, but not in streets. This will improve safety and reduce sign clutter.

And finally, we addressed the physical characteristics of signs including their type, size, height, lighting, motion, duration, etc. In this regard, the new regulations are in many ways similar to the current regulations. One noticeable improvement however, is the provision for temporary signs for one-time events. These signs will be in addition to the permanent sign allocation for a property, and range from one to four temporary signs depending upon the season of the year.

It is of no small consequence that the Board of Selectmen is co-sponsoring this article, and we thank them for their support. We have invested many months of work to offer this comprehensive amendment to the sign section that is in line with the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The Planning Board urges your adoption of Article 21 as printed in the warrant.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend Article III of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 3.9 Sign Regulations in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Section 3.9:

3.9 Sign Regulations

3.9.1 Purpose: The purpose of this section is to improve pedestrian and traffic safety; to avoid the proliferation of signs and minimize their adverse effect on nearby public and private property; to enhance economic development and the esthetic environment; to encourage the effective use of signs; and, to enable fair and consistent enforcement by adopting content-neutral regulations.

3.9.2 Applicability: No sign shall be erected, placed, established, painted, created, or maintained in the town except in conformance with these sign regulations.

3.9.3 Definitions: The following words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings set forth below:

Sign - Any device, fixture, placard, or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol, or writing to advertise, attract attention to or announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public. For purposes of this bylaw, the term “sign” shall not include the following:

- (a) Official traffic control devices required, maintained, or installed by a Federal, State, or local governmental agency or an active railroad.
- (b) House/building (address) number, including a nameplate displaying the surname of the occupant of a single family residential dwelling.
- (c) Building marker indicating the name of a building and date and incidental information about its construction, which marker is cut into a masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.
- (d) National flags, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution.

(e) War Veteran markers installed within the public right-of-way at locations designated by the Board of Selectmen as “Memorial Square” intersections.

(f) Holiday lights and decorations.

(g) Devices on residential properties that otherwise might be considered signs, but are only intended for the personal enjoyment of the residents thereof, and not intended to attract the attention of the public and not generally visible from a public way.

Banner - Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is affixed to a pole or a building at one or more edges or corners. National, state or municipal flags shall not be considered banners.

Billboard – A large, standardized third-party freestanding outdoor advertising structure, characterized by providing off-premise advertising space intended for viewing from extended distances, generally more than 50 feet.

Community Bulletin Board - A single- or double-faced freestanding sign frame structure with a glass or plastic covered message surface designed for the short-term posting of multiple, individual announcements. A community bulletin board shall not exceed 6 feet in height, and the message surface shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. Postings shall be limited to announcements of local cultural, social, educational or special events or public services.

Freestanding sign - Any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that are independent from any building or other structure.

Inflatable Sign – Any sign capable of being expanded by air or other gas.

Official traffic control devices - devices required, maintained, or installed by a Federal, State, or local governmental agency or an active railroad for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

Pennant - Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

Portable sign - Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; signs converted to A or T frames; menu and sandwich board signs.

Roof sign - Any sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building, supported by the roof structure, and extending vertically above the highest portion of the roof.

Temporary sign - Any sign of lightweight material that is used only for a limited period and not for permanent display.

Wall sign - Any sign attached parallel to, but within six inches of, a wall, painted on the wall surface of, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.

Window sign - Any sign that is placed on the exterior of a window, or upon the inside of the window glass and is visible from the exterior of the window, including signs placed inside a building that are visible beyond five feet from the exterior of the window.

3.9.4 Signs Prohibited: Any sign not permitted in these sign regulations shall be prohibited. Moreover, the following signs shall be specifically prohibited:

3.9.4.1 Any sign within the right-of-way of a public or private street or way, except for those specifically exempted by Section 3.9.5.1 herein.

3.9.4.2 Any sign that may be confused with an official traffic control device.

3.9.4.3 Pennants, banners, and strings of lights.

3.9.4.4 Inflatable signs.

3.9.4.5 Flashing signs, any part of which moves or flashes, or signs of the traveling light or animated type, and all beacons and flashing devices whether a part of, attached to, or apart from a sign.

3.9.4.6 Changeable copy electronic message panels and/or signs displaying images or messages that change more than eight times a day and for less than one hour duration per each image or message displayed.

3.9.4.7 Roof signs.

3.9.4.8 Temporary and portable signs except as permitted in Section 3.9.12 herein.

3.9.4.9 Signs placed so as to obscure vision as per Section 2.4.6 herein.

3.9.5 Exemptions: The following shall be exempt from regulation under this by-law:

3.9.5.1 Exemptions for sign placement within the right-of-way of a public or private street shall be limited to the following:

3.9.5.1.1 Changeable copy electronic message panels utilized by the Police Department for traffic control and/or safety purposes.

3.9.5.1.2 Official legal notices, or public warning/informational bulletins posted by the Town.

3.9.5.1.3 Public Utility warning/informational signs regarding poles, lines, pipes, or similar facilities.

3.9.5.1.4 Within the CA Central Commercial district, temporary banner suspended across Main Street if authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

3.9.5.1.5 Emergency warning signs installed by a governmental agency, a public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.

3.9.5.1.6 Any sign installed or placed within the public right-of-way or on public property not in conformance with the requirements of these sign regulations, may be removed by the Town.

3.9.5.2 Exemptions for sign placement on lots shall be limited to the following:

3.9.5.2.1 Any public notice or warning required by a valid and applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, or by-law.

3.9.5.2.2 Any sign inside a building, including signs attached to the inside of a window or door, not visible beyond five feet from the exterior of the window.

3.9.5.2.3 Any sign inside an athletic facility, including inward facing signs attached to the inside of a wall or fence.

3.9.5.2.4 Traffic directional signs, utilized solely as traffic control devices on private property, the face of which meet Department of Transportation standards and which have been shown on a site plan approved by the Planning Board, or on a common signage plan as per Section 3.9.10 herein.

3.9.5.2.5 Emergency warning signs installed by a governmental agency, a public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the right-of-way of an adjacent street.

3.9.6 Computations: The following shall control the computation of sign area and sign height:

3.9.6.1 Sign Area - shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework, bracing, or decorative fence or wall when such fence or wall otherwise meets zoning by-law requirements and is clearly incidental to the display itself.

3.9.6.2 Area of Multi-faced Signs - shall be computed by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two sign faces of identical dimensions are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed at the same time, and when such sign faces are part of the same sign structure and are not more than 42 inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of only one of the faces.

3.9.6.3 Sign Height - The distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of (1) existing grade prior to construction or (2) the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavating done solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

3.9.7 Signs Permitted: Within the districts noted below, the following signs are permitted:

3.9.7.1 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts - One wall sign or one free-standing sign per lot, and

one home occupation sign in accordance with Section 3.3.3 if applicable.

3.9.7.2 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts – wall signs or free-standing signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.

3.9.7.3 RA, RB, RC and RD Districts - free-standing signs shall not exceed six feet in height.

3.9.7.4 OR District - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 5% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.5 BP District - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 10% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.6 OR and BP Districts - one free-standing sign per street frontage provided that the aggregate of all free-standing signs does not exceed 80 square feet in area.

3.9.7.7 OR District - free-standing signs shall not exceed 20 feet in height.

3.9.7.8 BP Districts - free-standing signs shall not exceed 30 feet in height.

3.9.7.9 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - One wall sign on each side of a building per use per lot provided that the aggregate of all wall signs does not exceed 20% of the wall area upon which they are displayed.

3.9.7.10 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - One free-standing sign per street frontage provided that that the aggregate of all free-standing signs does not exceed one square foot per foot of lot frontage on the street towards which they are oriented.

3.9.7.11 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - Free-standing signs shall not exceed 30' in height.

3.9.7.12 CA, CB, CC, IA, IB and IC Districts - The total area of all signs, either wall mounted or free-standing, shall aggregate not more than four square feet per foot of lot frontage on the street towards which they are oriented.

3.9.7.13 Within all zoning districts - Community Bulletin Boards maintained by the Town on Town owned or operated property to the extent authorized and approved by such board or agency with jurisdiction over such property. Such bulletin boards shall not be included in the aggregate calculation required by Section 3.9.7.10 herein.

3.9.8 Design, Construction, and Maintenance: Except for banners, flags, temporary signs, and window signs, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground, a building, or another structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame, or structure, and shall be maintained in good structural condition at all times. Banners affixed directly to the exterior surface of any building or wall shall be prohibited.

3.9.9 Permits Required: A building permit is required for the placement, construction, erection, or modification of any sign except within the RA, RB, RC, and RD zoning districts. The permit application shall be accompanied by detailed drawings to show the dimensions, design, structure, and location of each sign, to the extent that such details are not contained on a Common Signage Plan then in effect for the premises. A single application and permit may include multiple signs on the same premises.

3.9.10 Site Plan Required: Site plan approval by the Planning Board shall be required for all free-standing signs prior to the issuance of a building permit, except for temporary signs as provided for in Section 3.9.12 herein.

3.9.11 Common Signage Plan: On lots containing existing multiple uses and/or buildings where a change to the signage is proposed, a common signage plan shall be submitted to the Building Commissioner to provide coordination among the various interests in providing signage on such lots. Such common signage plans may be approved by the Building Commissioner prior to the issuance of applicable permits.

3.9.11.1 The Common Signage Plan shall contain the following elements:

3.9.11.1.1 An accurate site plan of the premises, at such scale as the Building Commissioner may reasonably require.

3.9.11.1.2 Location of buildings, parking lots, driveways, and landscaped areas on such premises.

3.9.11.1.3 Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the premises included in the site plan.

3.9.11.1.4 An accurate indication on the site plan of the proposed location of each present and future sign of any type, whether requiring a permit or not.

3.9.11.2 Provisions: The Common Signage Plan shall specify standards for consistency among all signs on the premises affected by the Plan with regard to Type, Lighting, Location, and Sign proportions.

3.9.11.3 Existing Nonconforming Signs: For Common Signage Plans filed for a property on which existing nonconforming signs are located, all such signs and the extent of their nonconformity shall be noted on the plan.

3.9.11.4 Binding Effect: After approval of a Common Signage Plan, no sign shall be erected, placed, painted, or maintained, except in conformance with such plan. In case of any conflict between the provisions of such a plan and any other provision of this by-law, the by-law shall control.

3.9.11.5 Common Signage Plan - New Construction: A Common Signage Plan shall be included with the submittal of required Site Plans to the Planning Board for all new development proposals and for all re-development proposals.

3.9.12 Temporary Signs: On lots within the RA, RB, RC, RD and OR zoning districts, and within non-residential zoning districts where the principal use on a premises is residential, temporary freestanding signs relating to one-time events shall be allowed subject to the following requirements:

3.9.12.1 No more than 1 such sign shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time, except that during the months of March, April, September, October and November no more than 4 such signs shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time.

3.9.12.2 Such signs shall not exceed 6 square feet in area per sign.

3.9.12.3 Such signs shall not exceed 3 feet in height.

3.9.12.4 Such signs shall not be displayed more than 45 days before the event being announced, and shall be removed within 72 hours following said event.

3.9.12.5 Such signs shall not be illuminated in any way.

On lots within the BP, CA, CB, CC, IA, IB, and IC zoning districts, temporary banner signs announcing one-time special community events or similar public service announcements shall be allowed subject to the following requirements:

3.9.12.6 No more than 1 such banner shall be permitted on the same lot at any one time.

3.9.12.7 Such banner shall not exceed 12 square feet in area.

3.9.12.8 Such banner shall not be displayed more than 30 days before the event being announced, and shall be removed within 72 hours following said event.

3.9.12.9 Such banner shall not be illuminated in any way.

3.9.13 Temporary Sign/Substitution: Where a permit has been issued as per Section 3.9.9 herein, a temporary sign may be utilized in place of the permanent sign so permitted, but only for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days prior to such time as the permanent sign is installed.

AND IN ADDITION, by deleting under Section 4.1 Definitions the following words and their definitions: "Sign, Accessory", "Sign, Directional", "Sign - Non-accessory", "Sign, Portable", "Sign, Area of" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Sign - See Section 3.9.3 herein."

AND FURTHER IN ADDITION, by inserting in Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule the following:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule

DISTRICT														
ACTIVITY OR USE		RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC	

OTHER PRINCIPAL USES

Billboard	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
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ACCESSORY USES

Signs ²⁶	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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²⁶ Signs subject to the requirements of Section 3.9 herein.

The Town Moderator announced that a 2/3rd vote is required and because no one has spoken in opposition he will take a voice vote. If the voice vote is not unanimous, a standing vote will be taken.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized to complete the unfinished existing 2nd floor space at the Senior Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

A Motion was Made to Pass Over Article 22.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to Pass over Article 22...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$250,000 to be utilized for purposes for contracting with the Metrowest Regional Transportation Authority for purposes of providing a fixed loop public transportation service in Milford, with buses to be wheel chair accessible vehicles, said amount to be reduced by the amount of any grants received by the town for purposes of funding said contract and providing such services, and to accept and expend any such grants, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized for purposes of contracting with the Metrowest Regional Transportation Authority for purposes of providing a fixed loop public transportation service in Milford for F.Y. 2017, together with any funds received by the Town in the form of grants or gifts for purposes of funding said contract and providing such services, and to authorize the Town to accept and expend any such grants.

After debate on the Article, a Motion was Made by Michael Visconti (Pr. 8) to have a “Roll Call Vote”... A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to have a “Roll Call Vote”...Defeated.

A Motion was then made was made by Joseph DiAntonio (Pr.2)... to Move the Question. A Standing Vote was taken...126 Members Voted For...36 Members Voted Against...Motion to Move the Question Carried.

Voice Vote was taken on the Original Motion as Presented...Carried.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$125,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of storm water mapping completion for compliance with the EPA Storm Water Permit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Highway Surveyor)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of storm water mapping completion for compliance with the EPA Storm Water Permit.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$10,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Town Administrator for the retainage of Engineering Consultants to assist with preliminary design, cost estimates, limited site investigations, and grant writing, for the purpose of planning for and funding engineering projects for the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Town Administrator for the retainage of Engineering Consultants to assist with preliminary design, cost estimates, limited site investigations, and grant writing, for the purpose of planning for and funding engineering projects for the Town.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws placing the Town of Milford Police Department under Civil Service Law, G.L. c. 31 which civil service status was accepted by vote of the 1925 annual town meeting; and further, such revocation of acceptance, in accordance with G.L. c. 4, § 4B(e) not to affect the civil service rights of any employee of the Milford Police Department entitled thereto prior to vote under this article, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Chief of Police)

A Motion was made to Pass over Article 26.

*A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Pass Over...Carried.
Article 26 Passed Over.*

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$300,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purpose of building the network infrastructure at Brookside Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School, Stacy Middle School and Milford High School, said funds to represent the Town's share with supplemental funds from the Federal E-Rate grant, and to accept and expend funds from any such grant, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(School Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purpose of building the network infrastructure at Brookside Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School, Stacy Middle School and Milford High School, said funds to represent the Town's share with supplemental funds from the Federal E-Rate grant, and to accept and expend funds from any such grant.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$150,748 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the design, bidding and construction of a storm water treatment wetland; such funds to be applied as a match to a Section 319 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a total project cost of \$376,038 and further, to see if the Town will vote to direct how such sum shall be raised whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Highway Surveyor)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer of \$150,748 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the design, bidding and construction of a storm water treatment wetland; such funds to be applied as a match to a Section 319 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a total project cost of \$376,038 and to accept and expend funds from any such grant.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the

purpose of Milford's share of the engineering costs affiliated with the Fiske Mill bridge reconstruction project, or any other action in relation thereto.

(Highway Surveyor)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of Milford's share of the engineering costs affiliated with the Fiske Mill bridge reconstruction project.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$4,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for upgrading and replacement of exterior lighting at the Milford Police Headquarters, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for upgrading and replacement of exterior lighting at the Milford Police Headquarters.

Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$25,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Police Chief for the replacement of computers and related equipment and software at the Milford Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Chief of Police)

A Motion was made to Pass Over Article 31...

A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion to Pass Over...Carried.

Article 31 Passed Over.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$5,200,000, said sum to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for all aspects of a sludge handling facility; and further to determine how said funds shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Sewer Commissioners)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,200,000, said sum to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners for all aspects of a sludge handling facility; and that of said total sum \$3,200,000 shall be transferred from the Sewer

Department Excess and Deficiency Account #8350-5963, with the remaining \$2,000,000 to be borrowed by the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to General Laws c.44, Section 7, Ch.343 of the Acts of 1906, as amended, or any other law pertaining thereto.

The Town Moderator announced that a 2/3rd vote is required and because no one has spoken in opposition he will take a voice vote. If the voice vote is not unanimous, a standing vote will be taken.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount of money to offset any fiscal year 2016 deficit in the snow and ice account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$120,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized to offset any fiscal year 2016 deficit in the snow and ice account, with \$20,100 of said sum to be added to the Highway Department Fiscal Year 2016 Personal Service Account #135-5110 and \$99,900 of said sum to be added to the Highway Department General Expense Budget #423-5300 for Fiscal Year 2016.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners for purposes of purchasing a truck to replace a 2001 year model truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Park Commissioners)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners for purposes of purchasing a truck to replace a 2001 year model truck.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire a permanent easement on Assessor's Map Sheet 6, Lot 6-0-8 for the purpose of providing a pedestrian connection from the Milford Upper Charles Trail to the Towns Conservation Land and to the Walden Woods Development and further, to authorize the Selectmen to pay the costs and damages thereof. Said land to be taken or affected is shown on the Plan entitled "Trail Easement Plan of Land, Cedar St. (Route 85), dated 10/28/15" by G&H, a copy of which is on file in the office of Planning and Engineering, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire a permanent easement on Assessor's Map Sheet 6, Lot 6-0-8 for the purpose of providing a pedestrian connection from the Milford Upper Charles Trail to the Towns Conservation Land and to the Walden Woods Development and further, to authorize the Selectmen to pay the costs and damages thereof. Said land to be taken or affected is shown on the Plan entitled "Trail Easement Plan of Land, Cedar St. (Route 85), dated 10/28/15" by G&H, a copy of which is on file in the office of Planning and Engineering.

A Standing 2/3rd Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...109 Members Voted For...5 Members Voted Against...Carried.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 2 of the February 10, 2014 Special Town Meeting by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed thereunder by \$1,576,274 which reflects the premium amount received from bonding the Woodland School Project.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend its vote under Article 2 of the February 10, 2014 Special Town Meeting by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed thereunder by \$1,576,274 which reflects the premium amount received from bonding the Woodland School Project.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purpose of upgrading the Stacy Middle School elevator to meet Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Safety Codes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(School Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be expended under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purpose of upgrading the Stacy Middle School elevator to meet Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Safety Codes.

Voice Vote on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to close out certain Special Article Accounts to the General Funds of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Director)

A Motion was made to waive the reading of the article because the wording is the same as in the handout given to all members...Voice Vote on the Motion to Waive the Reading...Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to close out certain special article accounts to the General Fund as follows:

<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Balance to be Closed</u>
Article 1 10/2014 STM	July 4th 2015 Fireworks	\$ 2,200.00
Article 4 10/2014 STM	Upper TH Audio System	12,082.00
Article 21 10/2014 STM	Replace TH Heating Units	12,980.00
Article 38 05/2015 ATM	Replace Police Boiler	1,260.00
Article 23 10/2015 STM	Purchase St. Sch Boiler	720.00
Article 18 10/2013 STM	Purchase Street Sweeper	5,602.43
Article 35 05/2011 ATM	Fino Field Well	35,000.00
Article 6 10/2012 STM	Tractor Mower	3,097.36
Article 11 10/2013 STM	Dump Truck	7,180.69
Article 5 10/2014 STM	Replace HWY Truck	161.03
		(Finance Director)

Voice Vote on Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds between certain line items voted under Article 4 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making funds available in line item accounts not sufficiently funded through the end of Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Director)

A Motion was made to waive the reading of the article because the wording is the same as in the handout given to all members...Voice Vote on the Motion to Waive the Reading...Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer funds between certain line items voted under Article 4 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making funds available in line item accounts not sufficiently funded through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
122: Selectmen	Personal Services - Health Insurance 914-5110	25,000.00	General Expenses - Selectmen 122-5300
162: Elections	General Expenses-Elections 162-5300	1,500.00	Personal Services-Elections 162-5110
192: Public Bldg & Prop	General Expenses - Public Bldg & Prop 192-5300	30,000.00	R & M: Building & Ground 192-5400
296: Hydrant Services	General Expense - General Govmnt 148-5300	2,200.00	General Expenses-Hydrant 296-5300
411: Town Engineer	Personal Services - Town Engineer 411-5100	12,230.00	General Expenses- Town Engineer 411-5300
411: Town Engineer	Personal Services - Health Insurance 914-5110	13,000.00	General Expenses- Town Engineer 411-5300
542: Youth Services	Personal Services - General Govmnt 148-5100	350.00	Personal Services - Youth Services 542-5110
135: Town Accountant	General Expenses - Public Bldg & Prop 192-5300	700.00	General Expenses- Town Accountant 135-5300
			(Finance Director)

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

A Motion was made at 11:47 pm by Pr. 2 Warden Joseph DiAntonio to dissolve the warrant.

*Voice Vote taken on Motion to Dissolve the Warrant... Carried Unanimously.
Warrant Dissolved.*

A True Copy of the Record.

**Attest: Amy E. Hennessy Neves,
Town Clerk**