



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
October 20, 2014  
Milford, Massachusetts

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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To either Constable of the Town of Milford in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Milford, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Upper Hall of the Milford Town Hall, 52 Main Street, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014 A.D. at 7:30 P.M. and then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectman)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized for the July 4, 2015 celebration, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is the annual article to provide funding for the fireworks related to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration that the Town sponsors.

**FINCOM:** This item was in the 5 year plan. This is to fund the fireworks at the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Plains Park. Discussion was held that this event provides a venue for residents to gather and celebrate the birth of our nation. It also provides an alternative to people going into Boston that can be too costly for many residents.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 2: (Town Treasurer)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Department Retained Earnings, to increase the Sewer Stabilization Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This would allow money to be placed into a stabilization account where it could be invested and earn interest versus staying in a general account. There would still be adequate money in the retained earnings account for any anticipated or unanticipated events and the money can be taken back from stabilization by the town meeting.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 3: (Highway Surveyor)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of MS4 Storm Water Permit compliance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is the annual requirement from the state.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectman)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized to obtain and install an audio system in the upper Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** There have been a number of complaints throughout the years that the present sound system is not adequate to allow town meeting members to hear the discussion. The present system also does not provide for hearing impaired members. The new system was demonstrated and will dramatically improve the quality and provide hearing loops for those who need them. Concern was that only one vendor was evaluated. The town administrator promised not to award the contract until he had at least looked at a second vendor.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT in the 5 year plan. The town administrator promised not to award the contract until he had at least looked at a second vendor. The other concern was that this was not on the 5 year plan and jumped ahead of items that were. The committee decided that this should have an exemption from the process as it is very important to help the town meeting members. The price for the system was \$41,000 but the town administrator has asked for \$50,000 as a contingency. He also agreed to look at how this audio system would fit into a total A/V package so when we decide to add the video side of the project we do not have issues.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 5: (Park Commissioners)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$18, 000.00 to be utilized to purchase a new field tractor to replace a 1979 tractor, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** General use tractor to replace the 37 year old tractor they have.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 6: (Police Chief)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Police Chief for the replacement of computers and related equipment and software at the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of a four (4) year plan and commitment to upgrade the computer systems at the police station. By approving this article, we would be meeting our commitment to the second of four \$25K payments. The next two coming in subsequent years.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 7: (Milford Pond Restoration Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a new Article 39 thereof relating to the regulation of boating on Milford Pond and Louisa Lake as follows:

**“ARTICLE 39”  
MILFORD POND AND LOUISA LAKE BOATING REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT**

- 1.1 Milford Pond, formerly known and named as Cedar Swamp Pond, was placed under the jurisdiction of the Milford Conservation Commission by vote of Town Meeting on April 24, 1979 (see Article 40 of the 1979 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting Warrant).
- 1.2 Town Meeting subsequently voted to rename Cedar Swamp Pond to Milford Pond on April 30, 1979 (see Article 48 of the 1979 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting Warrant).
- 1.3 The Board of Selectmen established the Milford Pond Restoration Committee on January 10, 1994 to oversee the long range planning effort to restore the pond.
- 1.4 The Town of Milford and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly conducted the Milford Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project in accordance with Plans dated July 25, 2014.
- 1.5 Said Restoration Project will increase the depth of approximately seventeen acres of Milford Pond by up to twelve feet to restore deep water aquatic habitat.
- 1.6 Said Restoration Project will also provide increased opportunities for boating and fishing in Milford Pond.
- 1.7 The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program, during Project planning and permitting, identified the potential for migration of invasive species into Milford Pond by result of inappropriately cleaned recreational boats.
- 1.8 The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program, during Project planning and permitting, identified the potential for protection of endangered species nesting in Milford Pond by control of noise and disturbances from recreational boating.
- 1.9 It is therefore the intent of the provisions contained herein to protect the restored Milford Pond aquatic ecosystem by strictly regulating the type of boats allowed and the maintenance of any boats launched into Milford Pond or Louisa Lake, which is upstream of Milford Pond.

**SECTION 2. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following general rules and regulations shall apply to the use of Milford Pond and Louisa Lake:

- 2.1 Any person aboard a vessel shall at all times have a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- 2.2 No person shall operate a vessel between the hours of sunset and sunrise or when vision is unduly restricted by weather.
- 2.3 No person shall operate a boat except in a safe and prudent manner, having due regard for other waterborne traffic, so as not to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.
- 2.4 The discharge or disposal of petroleum products, holding tank contents, garbage, waste, rubbish or debris on the waters, shores, or landing areas is prohibited.
- 2.5 No vessel shall be operated in an overloaded condition. "Overloaded condition" means that the number of persons on board and/or the cargo being carried exceeds the manufacturer's recommended limit for such vessel or is excessive given wind, water and weather conditions.

**SECTION 3. BOATING USES PROHIBITED**

The following boating uses are specifically prohibited on Milford Pond and Louisa Lake:

- 3.1 jet skis, surf jets, wet bikes or other so-called "personal watercraft";
- 3.2 boats powered by an internal combustion engine, in-board or out-board, except as exempted by Section 4.4 hereinafter; and sailboats other than those allowed under Section 4.3 below.

**SECTION 4. BOATING USES PERMITTED**

The following boating uses are permitted on Milford Pond and Louisa Lake:

- 4.1 canoes and kayaks;
- 4.2 rowboats and dingys, with or without electric motors;
- 4.3 small board boats or day sailers, and
- 4.4 boats powered by an internal combustion engine, in-board or out-board, but only if required for the purpose of scientific investigation, search and rescue efforts, compliance with permitting requirements, or other specific purposes as sanctioned by the Town.

**SECTION 5: CONTROL OF INVASIVE PLANTS AND SPECIES**

- 5.1 No person shall launch a vessel into the waters of Milford Pond or Louisa Lake, or at any time after such launch transfer a vessel or trailer from any public, private or commercial launch area on Milford Pond or Louisa Lake without first inspecting said vessel and trailer for visible marine growth, including macrophytes (weeds).
- 5.2 Any such visible marine growth shall be removed and disposed of in a manner so as to ensure that it is not released into Milford Pond, Louisa Lake, or any water body. In order to prevent the migration of invasive plants and species

boat owners shall:

- 5.2.1 remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals from structure before transporting equipment;
- 5.2.2 eliminate water from boat and equipment (bait buckets, pails, etc.) before transporting;
- 5.2.3 clean and dry anything that contacted water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.); and
- 5.2.4 plants, fish or animals shall not be released into Milford Pond, Louisa Lake, or any water body unless taken from such body of water.

5.3 If any transportation or migration of an invasive species is suspected, the enforcement authorities identified in Section 6 hereinafter shall be notified immediately.

#### SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement authorities for this By-Law are the Milford Police Department, the Milford Conservation Commission, or it's agents. Any person violating any provision of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per occurrence with each incident of violation, or day of violation, constituting a separate offense.

#### SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section or provision of these regulations shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof or take any other action pertaining thereto.

**INFO:** This is an amendment of the current policies and bylaws

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

#### ARTICLE 8: (Planning Board/Industrial Development Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the following parcels from General Residential (RA) District and/or Neighborhood Commercial (CB) District to Office Residential (OR) District:

Assessors Map 49 Block 0 Lot 13A; Assessors Map 51 Block 0 Lots 10 thru 12, 24 thru 26, 26A, 27 thru 29, 31 thru 33, and 35 thru 44, 46 thru 53, 53A, 54 thru 61, 61A, 61B, 62 thru 84, 84-2, 84-3, 85, 86, 89 thru 92, and 94. The 75 parcels referenced herein are located along and in the vicinity of Main Street, Nelson Heights, and the intersection of Route 16 and Route 140.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

**INFO:** This article allows the current zoning of residential to be changed to allow use of the spaces for office use also. If a home owner does not change the use of their property there would be no changes in the tax rate to the higher level used by offices.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan. The fincom understood that if someone does not change the use of their property there is no change in taxes. Some caution was expressed that people's quality of life may be affected if the property next door is changed from a home to an office. However, the fincom felt that we the planning board will take all factors into consideration.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

**ARTICLE 9: (Highway Surveyor)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of installing a new generator at the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** A grant was awarded to Milford for a generator and installation worth \$75,000. Milford's share would be \$28-\$30,000.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT in the 5 year plan as grants cannot be planned. However, this seems like a very good return to the town.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 10: (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.4 Parking Requirements of the Zoning Bylaw relating to shared parking by deleting Section 3.4.1(b)3 Shared Parking and adopting in lieu thereof the following new Section 3.4.1(b)3:

3.4.1(B) 3. Shared Parking: Notwithstanding any other parking requirements set forth in this Article for individual land uses, when any land or building is used for three or more distinguishable purposes, the minimum total number of on-site off-street parking spaces required to serve the combination of all uses may be reduced as follows, provided that the Planning Board first issues a Special Permit for such reduction:

3 thru 5 separate uses: 10% reduction  
6 + separate uses: 20% reduction

Or take any other action relating thereto.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT subject to the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

**ARTICLE 11: (Board of Selectman)**

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 purpose of a detailed Phase II Dam Inspection and Evaluation Report of the Louisa Lake Dam; to include all field work, structural analysis, reporting, permitting, cost estimating, bidding and construction administration and inspection of repairs to the Dam, the spillway, the diversion structure and the two dikes; and any other action required by the Office of Dam Safety or necessary thereto to complete the Phase II Dam Inspection, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is an unfunded mandate from the state, where we were advised in 2012 that we had to prepare a report on the status of the Louisa Lake Dam. We attempted to obtain a grant for this work but were turned down. We now have ask for an extension to file the report and allocate \$100,000 for the inspection and the preliminary design work on what needs to be done to the dam to meet the regulations. This is only the planning phase and can cost much more depending on the condition of the dam.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT in the 5 year plan. Concern was expressed over why we waited until the last moment to address this. The fincom also felt that we have no choice so we need to allocate the money, however in the future a large potential money article like this should be considered in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 12: (Lynn Lovell)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be utilized for tree related services at the North Purchase Cemetery, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is for the Purchase Street Cemetery. There are several trees that are either dead or are a danger. Tree warden was able to get a bid for \$9,300. Several alternative bids were obtained and it appears that we can take care of removing 2 trees and trimming 3 others for \$2,150 - \$3,895 plus \$400 for ant treatment to save the other trees.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT in the 5 year plan. These issues were not anticipated. At present there is no department responsible for the Purchase Street Cemetery. The fincom would like to see a formal budget created and the responsibility assigned so that the cemetery is taken care of in the future. This will be taken up when we create a budget for next year. The committee agreed we should take care of the trees \$2,150 and spray the others for ants \$400.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 13: (Senior Center Director)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended to complete the second floor at the Ruth Anne Bleakney Senior Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** \$75,000 is the estimate. There are 2 unfinished rooms on the second floor. This would allow one room to be outfitted as a fitness center. The current room is too small for all the programs they want. The seniors are intimidated going to a gym, whereas they are comfortable at the senior center.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT in the 5 year plan. The committee was very favorable to the idea but raised concern over the fact that it was brought forward only weeks before the meeting and the committee had not had time to review the plan. A discussion was held that the town could use some of its levy capacity and fund articles such as this one. Although a viable strategy, the fincom felt that raising taxes by using this strategy was not one it wanted to consider unless the issues are true emergencies.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 14: (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw relating to uses allowed within the Office Residential (OR) zoning district as noted hereinafter:

BY ADDING in Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule references to Hospital, Secondary Food Service, Helistop, and Solar Energy System uses as follows:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule  
DISTRICT

ACTIVITY OR USE	RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC
<b>INSTITUTIONAL USES</b>												
Hospital <sup>1</sup>	P	A	A	A	P	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
<b>BUSINESS USES</b>												
Food Service as Secondary Use <sup>1,19</sup>	O	O	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	P	O
<b>OTHER PRINCIPAL USES</b>												
Helistop <sup>1</sup>	O	O	O	O	O <sup>24</sup>	P	O	O	O	P	P	P
<b>ACCESSORY USES</b>												
Large Scale Solar Energy System <sup>22</sup>	O	O	O	O	S	P	O	O	O	P	P	P

<sup>24</sup> Helistop permitted as accessory to Hospital use only.

AND BY ADDING in Section 2.5 Intensity of Use Schedule references to height requirements in the Office Residential (OR) district by inserting a new footnote "j" as follows:

2.5 Intensity of Use Schedule

INTENSITY OF USE <u>HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS</u> <sup>f</sup>	DISTRICT											
	RA	RB	RC	RD	OR	BP	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	IC
Maximum Height (feet) <sup>f</sup>	35	35	35	35	35 j	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Maximum number of stories (whichever is less)	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 j	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

j Maximum non-residential building height to be determined by the Planning Board upon issuance of a special permit, but in no case shall the height exceed 4 stories or 50' whichever is less.  
or take any other action relating thereto.

**FINCOM:** This article was NOT subject to the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

**ARTICLE 15: (Milford Armory Renovation Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money, said sum to be utilized to reduce the amount of money authorized to be borrowed under Article 24 of the May 19, 2014 annual Town Meeting for the renovation of the Milford Youth Center and facilities; said sum further to be utilized together with funds appropriated for all of the purposes as authorized under said Article 24, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This article is to reduce the total borrowing cost and not add any additional expense. The estimate today is on target for approximately \$5 million.

**FINCOM:** This article was not subject to the 5 year plan. Allocating \$3 million of excess funds toward this project in addition to the \$1.1 million already allocated would leave us with having to borrow \$900K. If we have excess money in the spring, the committee would like to see if we can allocate more money and not have to borrow any additional funds. This strategy would keep down the borrowing costs we faced.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 16: (Highway Surveyor – Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of replacing two sections of the Godfrey Brook culvert, one section between Congress Terrace and Westbrook Street and the second section on Main Street; and further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the rights in land, being permanent and/or temporary easements, necessary for the above project, to provide the sum or sums of money necessary to pay the costs of damage of thereof and to direct how all of said sums shall be raised whether from the current tax levy, by transferring from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** Cost estimates were much higher than expected. More research is required

**FINCOM:** This article was not in the 5 year plan. Discussion was held and the recommendation is to perform more research and come back to the fincom in the spring when we know the exact amount and the financial status. Discussion was held on going forward with the land taking which would be \$20,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**



**ARTICLE 17: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be used to perform an assessment of the Middle School East building and of said buildings suitability to support other uses for occupancy, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The \$40,000 assessment of the Middle School East infrastructure by an architect / engineer that is needed to be able to discuss the options for reuse and the associated costs.

**FINCOM:** This article was not in the 5 year plan. Although this was not in the plan the reuse of the facility is an ongoing discussion. The committee asked for an update every six months to remain current in the options.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized by the Board of Selectmen for consultant services associated with the implementation of the town-wide Geographic Information System Project including the lease and/or purchase of hardware/software/peripherals, digitizing aerial photos and planimetric mapping, network/database integration, technical support, and training, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The actual plan was not ready for a formal review before the meeting. The Selectmen wanted to wait until the future to discuss this plan.

**FINCOM:** This article was not in the 5 year plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS TO PASS THIS OVER**

**ARTICLE 19: (Highway Surveyor)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$190,000.00 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of replacing an existing truck with a new truck for plowing, sanding, and road maintenance purposes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is an old truck that has been in the 5 year plan and was put off for a number of years already.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 20: (Board of Library Trustees)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading the Milford Town Library's electric grid/data access points and security cameras, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** Library patrons now bring in many more devices than they ever did. This poses a large safety issue as cords are strong out around the floor. We need to increase the number of outlets and the configuration.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan and the Library Director cut back the plan to the current amount.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 21: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized to replace heating units and to renovate and upgrade the boiler room in the Milford Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The project involves replacing and updating the current heating system in the town hall. This includes \$98,500 to replace 13 wall mounted units with high efficiency heating systems. We may be eligible for a rebate of \$10,000 on this in the future but that is not certain. We also need to replace the air handler that provides make up air to maintain the air quality in the building. This will cost \$37,700 and that may receive a rebate of \$2,500 in the future.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan. The question was raised if the boiler was in need of updating. At this point the town administrator was advised that the boiler does not need any work.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 22: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized to install lead copper gutters, downspouts, roof edge aprons, valleys, re-flashing around the tower base, snow guards, and snow melt systems over the entrances at the Milford Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The gutters on the town hall are in need of replacement. This was planned for last spring but when the roof and gutters were put out to bid, there was not enough money to do both. The project was rebid with only the roof. The lack of gutters caused safety issues as large icicles formed and the Fire department had to remove them before they fell and hurt people. The entire replacement of gutters and downspouts project will cost \$264,000. However there is \$194,507 remaining from the painting and roofing projects on Town hall and therefore a net \$70,000 will be needed as new funds to be added to complete this project.

**FINCOM:** This article was in the 5 year plan. The merit of the project was not questioned. However the fact that we have known about this since spring and the additional funds were not included in the 5 year plan was questioned.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 23: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Town Accountant Personal Services Budget Account No. 135-5110 as voted under Article 4 of the May 19, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is the salary addition negotiated after the budget was formulated and approved in the spring.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan. Funding of the balance of labor contracts closed after the budget is concluded is normal for the first year. The department then has to absorb the amount in subsequent budgets.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 24: (Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the following parcels from General Residential (RA) District to Neighborhood Commercial (CB) District:

Assessors Map 48 Block 0 Lots 261, 727, and 728.

Assessors Map 52 Block 0 Lots 268, 298, and 319.

AND BY rezoning the balance of the following parcels not already entirely within the CB District from General Residential (RA) District to Neighborhood Commercial (CB) District:

Assessors Map 48 Block 0 Lots 197, 198, 199, 200, 216, 217, 222, 260, 260A, and 262.

Assessors Map 52 Block 0 Lots 269, 296, 297, 322 thru 328, 343, 350, 351, 360, 361, and 367.

The 31 parcels or portions thereof referenced herein are located along and in the vicinity of Main Street between Water Street and Orrin Street.

or take any other action relating thereto.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

**ARTICLE 25: (Board of Library Trustees)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Board of Library Trustees for new computer work stations, chairs and related fixtures for use with upgraded electrical or data systems, or take any other action relating thereto.

**INFO:** This is for new furniture that fits into the new device model and the new electric outlets.

**FINCOM:** This article is in the 5 year plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 26: (Milford Youth Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Milford Youth Commission FY 2015 budget as voted under line item 4 of the May 19, 2014 annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The Youth commission is facing some uncertain financial times this year. Rental revenues will be reduced as the building is closed. Transition expenses are not actually known but only estimated. There are some extra costs as there is now rent that did not exist. Sen. Moore and Rep Fernandes were able to get the Youth center a \$50,000 grant from the state to help. This article is setting up a buffer in case expenses go much higher. The commission hopes to not need this money but would like to have it as a reserve.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan. There is an amount already budgeted in the general government account to take care of electricity and heating of the Youth Center. This money will not be needed due to the construction. The fincom suggested that that budgeted amount be identified and transferred into an account that can be accessed by the Youth Center if needed. This should make it so that there is no additional funds required.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 27: (Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee to expend any unused funds from those funds appropriated under article 28 of the May 19, 2014 annual Town Meeting for the purpose of installing pedestrian push buttons on existing flashing beacon signals on all trail roads crossings and for other signal improvements as may be required, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** Six poles do not have a manual push buttons. A sensor is counted on to pick up pedestrians does not always pick up a person which poses a safety issue.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan as the \$23,000 was allocated previously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 28: (Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee to expend the remaining balance in Capital Project Fund 4033-5000-5840 for the purpose of preparing a Phase 3 As-Built Plan and for trail improvements which may include but not be limited to bank stabilization, erosion control, drainage and handicapped accessibility enhancements or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** There is a list of items that should be taken care of to address the items above as well as making the benches handicap accessible.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan as the \$44,000 was allocated previously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 29: (Fire Chief)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$86,000.00 said sum to be utilized to rehabilitate and upgrade various systems in the areas within both Milford Fire Stations, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This is for \$3,000 to begin replacing computers as well as \$5,100 for windows; \$32,374 for flooring; \$6,000 for an HVAC condenser; \$5,000 for cabinets and \$2,000 for an evaluation of the fire tower.

**FINCOM:** This article is in the 5 year plan \$53,474 favorable as it takes care of the immediate needs of the facilities. If the evaluation of the tower requires unanticipated repairs, the fincom can take the funding up out of the emergency account.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 30: (Fire Chief)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be utilized to repair and upgrade the Birch Street Fire Station training building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** This article was to set up some money in case after having the tower inspected, repairs are needed in order to use the tower. The chief did not know if any money will be needed or the amount.

**FINCOM:** This article is in the 5 year plan. The entire question of whether we should have a tower and how much we should open it to surrounding towns was discussed. The Chief is looking at models that other regional towers operate under to determine the best solution for Milford. We currently offer to train our staff as well as surrounding towns and towns such as Framingham to help the region. There is a benefit to train with towns we will work with under mutual aid. They key is to find out what options we have and understand the true costs. If the tower needs some repairs during this year to operate, the Chief will come back to the fincom and funding can be discussed from the emergency account.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS TO PASS THIS OVER**

**ARTICLE 31: (Fire Chief)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$15,000.00 to replace the UHF Dispatch Radio Repeater at the Highland Street Tower site or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The current unit has passed its useful life and needs to be replaced.

**FINCOM:** This article is in the 5 year plan. It seemed obvious that we should replace this unit as was planned for the last few years.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 32: (Milford Retirement Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of sub-section (4)(d) ½ of Section 20 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws through which acceptance of the Milford Retirement Board may compensate the Town Accountant for services in an amount of not less than \$200 no more than \$3,000.00 per year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** The compensation for the town accountant has been held at \$1,500 for the past 36 years. The new law allows up to \$3,000 to be paid as a stipend. The town accountant must be part of this committee by law.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 33: (Finance Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to be added to the Town Stabilization Funds, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** \$1,400,000 was planned be allocated to the stabilization account. This leaves the town \$1.4M in free cash and extra levy capacity to deal with any issues that may arise and / or paying any debt that town meeting would like.

**FINCOM:** This article is included in the 5 year plan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE**

**ARTICLE 34: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to be utilized to off-set operating, capital and debt expenses to fix the tax rate for fiscal year 2015, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**INFO:** \$1,400,000 was proposed to offset the tax rate.

**FINCOM:** This article is not subject to the 5 year plan. Discussion was held over the fact that the fincom was happy that the Selectmen

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS REFER TO SPONSOR**

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting at least fourteen days before said meeting attested copies of this warrant in ten or more public places located in said Milford.

HEREOF, FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Milford this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dino B. DeBartolomeis, Chairman

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Atty. Brian W. Murray

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William D. Buckley

A true copy attest:

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Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Chief of Police

			5 year plan	
1	Selectmen	Fireworks	YES	\$18,000
2	Town Treasurer	Sewer Stabilization Account	N/A	\$0
3	Highway Surveyor	Storm Water Permit	YES	\$20,000
4	Selectmen	Town Hall Sound System	NO	\$50,000
5	Park Commissioners	Tractor	YES	\$18,000
6	Police Chief	Installation ¼ for Computer Upgrades	YES	\$25,000
7	Milford Pond Restoration	Regulations	N/A	\$0
8	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw	N/A	\$0
9	Highway Surveyor	New Generator Grant	NO	\$30,000
10	Planning Board	Parking Requirements	N/A	\$0
11	Selectmen	Dam Inspection	NO	\$100,000
12	Lynn Lovell	North Purchase St Cemetery Trees	NO	\$2,550
13	Senior Center Director	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor renovation	NO	\$75,000
14	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw	N/A	\$0
15	Armory Renovation	Operating expense reserve		\$0
16	Highway Surveyor	Godfrey Brook	NO	\$20,000
17	Selectmen	Middle School East	NO	\$40,000
18	Selectmen	GIS Project	NO	\$0
19	Highway Surveyor	New Truck	YES	\$190,000
20	Library Trustees	Electric Upgrade	YES	\$20,000
21	Selectmen	Boiler Upgrade	YES	\$136,000
22	Selectmen	Gutters	YES	\$70,000
23	Selectmen	Town Accountant Personal Services	N/A	\$10,000
24	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw	N/A	\$0
25	Library Trustees	Electric Upgrade Station	YES	\$15,000
26	Youth Commission			\$0
27	Upper Charles Trail	Unused Funds	N/A	\$0
28	Upper Charles Trail	Unused Funds	N/A	\$0
29	Fire Chief	Fire station upgrade	YES	\$53,474
30	Fire Chief	Birch Street station upgrade	YES	\$0
31	Fire Chief	UHF Radio	YES	\$15,000
32	Retirement Board		N/A	\$1,500
33	Fincom	Stabilization Account	YES	0
34	Selectmen	Appropriations	N/A	0
				\$909,524