

CONDENSED TOWN RECORDS FOR 2016

**Town of Weston
Massachusetts**

Office of the Moderator

Declaration of Recess and Continuance of February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting

In consultation with members of the Board of Selectmen and Town of Weston public safety officials, I hereby declare that voters will be unable to attend the February 8, 2016 Special Town meeting due to the snowstorm on that date. The Weston Public Schools closed on February 8th, making it difficult for parking lots to be plowed prior to the meeting. In addition, the snow is ongoing and may be a hazard to voters attempting to drive to the Weston High School to participate in the Special Town Meeting.

The February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting is continued to Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the Weston High School at 7:00 p.m.

Thomas S. Crane
Moderator

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 24, 2016**

Pursuant to a Warrant, duly served, Thomas Crane, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

The Moderator called the February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting to order, requested a motion to adjourn the February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting and a motion was made, seconded and voted. The Moderator called the February 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting to order and then recessed to consider the February 8, 2016 Warrant. The Moderator requested a motion to re-open the February 8th Special Town Meeting, the motion was made, seconded until the conclusion of the February 8th Special Town Meeting for the purpose to handle the business of the February 8th Warrant. The Moderator requested a motion to re-open the Special Town Meeting; a motion was made, seconded and voted to return to February 8th Warrant and take action on three articles.

ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Douglas Gillespie moved to vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District," to accept the amendments to said Agreement, which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town; or take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by majority vote

ARTICLE 2: WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF WESTON FROM THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Gillespie moved to withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District effective July 1, 2017, contingent upon the acceptance, on or before March 1, 2016, by all of the current members of the Minuteman District, and the approval, on or before December 31, 2016, by the Commissioner of Education, of the Amended Regional Agreement dated December 21, 2015, which has been submitted to the member towns by the Minuteman Regional School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Peter Kidwell of Jericho Road asked for a no vote due to Minuteman offering a different environment for children to excel who do not typically do well in a public school setting.

Ms. Mary Shaw of Pond Brook Circle expressed concern over the loss of alternative education options for children.

Mr. Gillespie agreed with the previous speakers' points and said that Minuteman would remain an option for Weston students, but on an out-of-district, tuition basis if room allows. He added that there are other excellent vocational schools in the area that Weston students could select.

Mr. Bryan Nicholson of Concord Road requested a no vote saying the article is a referendum on public education, as well as flawed in the logic that students may be able to attend Minuteman if there is room.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pincroft Road moved the question, which was seconded and carried by two-thirds majority.

Standing Vote Count: Yes - 231 No - 137

The motion was approved by majority vote

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE INSURANCE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FOR DAMAGE TO POLICE CRUISER

Mr. Christopher Houston moved to appropriate a sum of money to the use of the Police Department for the replacement of a vehicle, the money so appropriated to be transferred from the account "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Insurance Reimbursement in Excess of \$20,000".

The motion was approved by unanimous vote

A motion to dissolve the February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting was made, seconded, and adopted.

The Moderator requested a motion to re-open the February 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting. The motion was made, seconded and voted to return to February 24, 2016 Warrant and take action on one article.

ARTICLE 1: MOVE TAVERNSIDE PLAYGROUND TO CASE ESTATES INSTEAD OF LAMSON PARK (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Mr. Henry Viles of Conant Road moved that the May 14, 2014 vote of Town Meeting approving Article 27 APPROPRIATE FOR LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE - MOVE TAVERNSIDE PLAYGROUND TO LAMSON PARK shall be amended by striking "Lamson Park, Town House Road, and substituting "available land at the Case Estates, Wellesley Street" as the location of the new playground.

Ms. Brooke Freeland of Cherry Brook Road, who is the current president of the Weston Children's Community Association (WCCA), spoke for herself and the past four presidents of the WCCA by saying a playground in the Town Center is important for community gathering and there is currently a collaborative effort to design a playground that fits in the space and meets expectations of different constituencies.

Ms. Nancy Fleming of Meadowbrook Road reminded Town Meeting that Arthur Shurtleff designed the Town Green and Lamson Park was a part of the natural landscape design. Mr. Shurtleff came from the school of thought that the hand of man should not be seen and for that, Ms. Fleming said the integrity of the land should be maintained.

Ms. Isabella Jancourtz of Gun Club Lane spoke to the history of the land, including Colonel Lamson and the Minutemen that mustered on the site.

Ms. Jill Kushner of Bakers Hill Road, who was the original co-chair of the Tavernside Playground design committee, recounted the issues her committee encountered from residents who opposed a playground at that location and said none of those concerns ever came true. She linked the similarities between the two projects and asked for Town Meeting to support the young parents of today.

Mr. Harvey Boshart of Dean Road countered some of the history of Lamson Park that was previously mentioned, including the land being taken by eminent domain after the Town Green was designed and Colonel Lamson's house being located elsewhere.

Ms. Christine Kendall of Winter Street spoke about the soil contaminations that have been found at the Case Estates and the health affects from exposure for children and fetuses.

Mr. Eric Rosenthal of Lincoln Street called the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority.

The Moderator called for a standing count.

Standing vote count: Yes - 69 No - 302

The motion failed to carry

A motion to dissolve the February 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting was made, seconded, and adopted at 9:23 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 7, 2016

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served, the Annual Town Election was called to order in the Town Hall Auditorium by Warden Susan Banghart at 8:00 a.m. on May 7, 2016, for the election of Town Officers. Ms. Banghart swore the election officers to the faithful performance of their duties.

Total ballot cast were as follows:

Precincts 1 & 2	523
Precincts 3 & 4	391
Total	914

The results of the election were as follows:

	Precincts 1 & 2	Precincts 3 & 4	Grand Total
Moderator - One Year (vote for 1)			
Thomas S. Crane	401	289	690
Blanks	107	91	198
Write-Ins:			
Harvey Boshart	10	8	18
Scattering	5	3	8
Total	523	391	914
Selectman - Three Years (vote for 1)			
Douglas P. Gillespie	398	286	684
Blanks	116	101	217
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	9	4	13
Total	523	391	914
Assessor - Three Years (vote for 1)			
Paul L. Zorfass	377	278	655
Phyllis R. Kominz	146	113	259
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	0	0	0
Total	523	391	914
School Committee - Three Years (vote for 2)			
Edward E. Heller, Jr.	327	240	567
Sanjay Saini	302	218	520
Tricia C. Liu	231	184	415
Blanks	185	140	325
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	1	0	1
Total	1,046	782	1,828

Recreation Commission - Three Years (vote for 2)			
Matthew G. Schulman	379	278	657
Victoria A. Whalen	357	258	615
Blanks	301	246	547
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	12	9	21
Total	1,046	782	1,828
Planning Board - Five Years (vote for 1)			
Susan J. Zacharias	342	255	597
Olga Shulman	147	122	269
Blanks	34	14	48
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	0	0	0
Total	391	914	
Library Trustees - Three Years (vote for 2)			
Emily Hutcheson	405	294	699
Doris A. Sullivan	390	285	675
Blanks	251	203	454
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	0	0	0
Total	1,046	782	1,828
Board of Health - Three Years (vote for 1)			
Karl T. Benedict, Jr.	379	284	663
Blanks	144	107	251
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	0	0	0
Total	523	391	914
Board of Health - Two Years (vote for 1)			
Elizabeth K. DiPietro	380	284	664
Blanks	143	107	250
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	0	0	0
Total	523	391	914
Commissioner of Trust Funds (for 3 years)(vote for 1)			
Janell Phillips	371	278	649
Blanks	150	113	263
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	2	0	2
Total	523	391	914

Measurers of Lumber - One Year (vote for not more than three)			
James K. Barry	364	256	620
Robin Peakes Coutts	345	255	600
Cameron G. Peters	349	262	611
Blanks	509	393	902
Write-Ins:			
Scattering	2	7	9
Total	1,569	1,173	2,742
Question No. 1 - Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion			
Yes	373	262	635
No	108	114	222
Blanks	42	15	57
Total	523	391	914

BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1: PROPOSITION 2½ DEBT EXCLUSION

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond(s) issued in order to design, engineer, construct and equip the following, including all costs incidental and related thereto: (1) DPW Drainage Improvements; (2) South Side Drainage Project; (3) Middle School Paving; (4) Police Department Fiber Loop; (5) Cook’s Pond Dam and Pump Rehabilitation; (6) Case House Rehabilitation Design Fees; (7) Case Campus Master Plan; and (8) Proctor Field Design Fees?

Yes: 635 No: 222 Blanks: 57

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

Pursuant to a Warrant, duly served, Thomas Crane, the Moderator, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service. The Moderator appointed tellers and the Town Clerk swore them to their duties.

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined the change in procedures to be followed, including speaking times and the use of a consent agenda.

Dr. Jerome Haber of Bradyll Road moved to amend Town Meeting procedure so that any speaker at Town Meeting, whether an individual presenting an Article or commenting on any Article, declare whether or not he or she has a personal financial interest in the outcome of such Article, whether such financial interest is in a vote in favor of or against such Article, and that as part of such declaration the speaker briefly provide sufficient information so that voters meaningfully understand the nature of such financial interest.

The motion was approved by majority vote. The Moderator took that vote to include the procedural changes he outlined, as well.

ARTICLE 1: Town Clerk Deborah M. Davenport read the results of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Election, of which the results appear in the report of the Town Election above.

Mr. Douglas Gillespie expressed gratitude to retiring elected and volunteer officers of the Town of Weston. Following is a list of persons who have left or are leaving office whose service to the Town is greatly appreciated and should be duly recognized.

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS		
<i>Office</i>	<i>Elected Officer</i>	<i>Served Since</i>
BOARD OF HEALTH	Peter Taylor	1999
COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Served Since</i>
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	Steve Charlip	2011
COUNCIL ON AGING	Elizabeth Hochberger	2011
HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE	Alfred Aydelott	2015
	Leslie A. Glynn	2015
	Susan Haber	2015
	Michael H. Harrity	2015
	John Heine	2015
	John Hennessey	2015
	Hugh Jones	2015
	Mark R. Mendell	2015
	James N. Polando	2015
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	Leslie A. Glynn	2015
PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE	Mary Louise Hatten	2009
	Rosemary McCready	2005
	Else "Tinka" Zeitvogel	2005
RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE	David Harmon	2014
	Mary Ann Papanikou	2014
	William Rousseau	2014
	Donald Stewart	2014
	Thomas Szekely	2014
	Ann Wiedie	2014
	Mary Wong	2014
TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE	Brad Dutot	2013
TOWN CENTER PLANNING COMMITTEE	Katy Harding	2014

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Joseph Butt	2011
	Jessica Berk	2011
	Diana C. Chaplin	2011
	Haidong Liu	2011
	Jean E. MacQuiddy	2011
	Michael D. Rosen	2011
	Gerri Scoll	2011
	Toni Wolf	2011
TREE ADVISORY GROUP	Kevin Bernier	2012
	Dee Freiberg	2012
WESTON CULTURAL COUNCIL	Audrey Pepper	2010
	Inge Thorne Engler	2010
	Carmenelisa Perez-Kudzma	2010
SELECTMEN TOWN MEETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Harvey R. Boshart	2013
	John A. Fiske	2013
	Leslye Fligor	2013
	Christopher E. Houston	2013
	Richard A. Manley	2013
	John F. McCahan	2013
	David O. Mendelsohn	2013
	T. Alex Shimada-Brand	2013
	Patricia K. Shotwell	2013
J. Barry Tubman	2013	
Douglas P. Gillespie	2013	

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Served Since</i>
ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE	Ted Kirchner	2007
	Charlotte Donaldson	2015
MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE	Glenn Cardozo	2015
	Patricia Siek	2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Served Since</i>
CASE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE	Laura Sher	2012
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE	John Messervy	2007

ARTICLE 2: (Motion 1) APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the several sums of money recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in accordance with Section 5 of Article II of the General By-laws, as amended, and set forth in pages 9-11 of the report entitled, "Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget," be raised and appropriated for their respective purposes as set forth on said pages, and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

- a. \$2,100,000 from the Free Cash Account;
- b. \$335,000 from Overlay Surplus;
- c. \$7,500 from the "Accrued Income, Well Litigation Settlement" account;
- d. \$35,000 from the Cemetery Trust Fund;
- e. \$6,000 from the Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund;
- f. \$50,000 from the account "Document Management System - Article 3, 5/15;"
- g. \$32,515 from the account "Fire Equipment - Air Packs - Article 24, 5/14"

and that the Board of Assessors be authorized to use such available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for fiscal year 2017.

The motion was approved by a majority vote

ARTICLE 2: (Motion 2) APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town transfer \$125,000 from the Well Litigation Settlement Account to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 2: (Motion 3) APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that five persons be appointed by the Moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 2017 with authority to expend funds for the 2017 Memorial Day observance from the World War Trust Fund for this purpose.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote

FISCAL YEAR 2018 RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET

TITLE OF ACCOUNTS		Expended Fiscal Year 2015	Expended Fiscal Year 2016	Appropriated Fiscal Year 2017	Recommended Fiscal Year 2018*
UNCLASSIFIED					
Insurance	Insurance, Workers' Compensation	173,751	188,210	231,000	250,000
	Public Safety - Injured on Duty+	36,810	10,631	20,000	20,000
	Unemployment Compensation	92,011	115,745	130,000	120,000
	Insurance-Property & Liability	320,231	350,288	381,000	385,000
	Uninsured Losses+	12,880	1,338	15,000	-
	subtotal	635,684	666,212	777,000	775,000
Fringe Benefits	Insurance-Group Health/Life, Medicare	9,832,523	10,367,341	10,896,278	11,509,385
	Contributory Retirement-Middlesex	4,139,155	4,270,242	4,557,886	4,792,481
	Compensated Absence Fund+	112,103	131,711	140,000	150,000
	subtotal	14,083,782	14,769,294	15,594,164	16,451,866
Reserve Fund	(see Appendix 2 for list of transfers)	283,083	-	595,000	606,900
Debt Svc (non-excluded)	Principal & Interest	29,064	31,401	33,720	32,280
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		15,031,613	15,466,908	16,999,884	17,866,046
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town Manager's Office	Salaries	417,326	442,470	454,249	467,661
	Expenses	53,797	52,815	75,555	123,410
	Consulting & Professional Services+	63,933	28,061	40,000	40,000
	subtotal	535,056	523,346	569,804	631,071
Merit Pay	Transfer Account	69,073	107,091	128,936	290,175
Legal	Expenses	134,022	132,898	180,000	170,000
Facilities Maintenance	Salaries	60,324	62,983	68,434	68,173
	Expenses	92,630	82,376	97,175	96,025
	Town Hall Equipment+	1,181	909	3,000	3,000
	subtotal	154,135	146,268	168,609	167,198
Town Clerk & Registrars of Voters	Salaries	147,505	158,272	181,441	163,633
	Expenses	30,351	51,901	39,755	30,535
	subtotal	177,856	210,173	221,196	194,168
Information Systems	Salaries	249,652	277,443	283,456	288,949
	Expenses	227,545	251,981	286,700	303,700
	Computer Hardware & Maintenance+	62,407	108,800	98,250	98,300
	subtotal	539,603	638,224	668,406	690,949
Weston Vet. Mem. Ed. Fund Comm.	Expenses	2,162	2,536	2,850	2,850
Sr & Vet Svc Programs	Salaries	12,520	10,490	25,000	22,000
Weston Media Ctr Grant	Expenses	110,000	110,000	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,734,426	1,881,026	1,964,801	2,168,411
FACILITIES TOWN-WIDE	Salaries	279,846	314,434	362,250	362,749
	Expenses	677,987	688,970	735,900	853,580
	Facilities Improvements-Town-wide+	944,936	683,901	509,237	534,699
	Equipment Replacement	-	-	108,000	228,000
TOTAL FACILITIES TOWN-WIDE		1,902,769	1,687,305	1,715,387	1,979,028

TITLE OF ACCOUNTS		Expended Fiscal Year 2015	Expended Fiscal Year 2016	Appropriated Fiscal Year 2017	Recommended Fiscal Year 2018*
FINANCE					
Finance Committee	Expenses	254	204	400	400
Finance	Salaries-Elected Officials	-	-	-	-
	Salaries	648,301	700,184	711,449	771,725
	Expenses	125,794	124,455	147,315	142,215
	subtotal	774,095	824,639	858,764	913,940
TOTAL FINANCE		774,349	824,843	859,164	914,340
LAND USE, PLANNING & INSPECTIONAL SERVICES					
	Salaries	539,957	539,938	573,097	574,154
	Expenses	157,180	215,284	179,003	206,720
TOTAL LAND USE , PLANNING & INSPECTIONAL SERVICES		697,137	755,222	752,100	780,874
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	Salaries	2,758,812	2,753,511	2,883,094	3,151,697
	Expenses	275,839	271,100	334,290	330,840
	Equipment and Apparatus+	124,425	138,664	130,000	150,000
	subtotal	3,159,076	3,163,276	3,347,384	3,632,537
Fire	Salaries	2,879,565	2,904,090	2,854,118	2,873,734
	Expenses	303,670	268,587	313,270	314,470
	Hydrant Service	42,930	42,930	44,000	44,000
	Emergency Management+	5,161	-	2,000	2,000
	Equipment - Chief's Vehicle+	4,122	398	-	-
	Equipment - Fire Radios+	-	-	-	-
	Equipment - Fire Pumper+	5,660	-	-	-
	Equipment - Air Packs+	232,485	66	-	-
	Equipment and Apparatus+	26,910	310,063	135,000	130,000
	subtotal	3,500,504	3,526,134	3,348,388	3,364,204
Animal Control Officer	Salaries	20,602	20,978	21,520	22,020
	Expenses	5,920	4,919	6,300	6,500
	subtotal	26,522	25,897	27,820	28,520
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		6,686,102	6,715,306	6,723,592	7,025,261
EDUCATION					
School Department	Salaries	31,703,744	30,478,583	32,465,815	33,409,760
	Instructional, Maint. & Other Expenses	5,209,441	6,688,305	6,280,826	5,964,842
	Practice Wall+	-	-	-	-
	subtotal	36,913,185	37,166,887	38,746,641	39,374,602
Minuteman Regional Voc. Technical School District	Assessment	110,127	91,498	122,810	137,284
TOTAL EDUCATION		37,023,312	37,258,385	38,869,451	39,511,886
PUBLIC WORKS					
	Salaries	1,841,345	1,817,975	1,928,880	2,023,597
	Expenses	1,170,412	1,037,101	1,204,020	1,207,020
	Snow and Ice Control	1,134,900	448,422	252,900	252,900
Continuing Balance Accts.	Construction of Public Ways+	51,236	111,963	650,000	750,000
	Departmental Equipment +	297,221	158,092	245,000	245,000
	Reconstruction/Maintenance of Sidewalks+	30,395	40,533	110,000	120,000
	Construction of Sidewalks+	-	-	-	-
	Stone Retaining Wall Repairs+	-	9,132	10,000	10,000
	Access to 40 Acre Field+	-	-	-	-
	Guard Rail Rehabilitation Program+	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
	Town Center Planning+	-	-	-	-
	Transfer Station Bridge Replacement +	-	-	-	-
	Monitoring Groundwater - Landfill+	14,570	30,825	25,500	25,500
	Roundabout at Case Corner+	-	-	-	-
	Wellesley/Brown Traffic Study+	-	-	-	-
	Traffic & Sidewalk Committee+	72,240	13,209	15,000	15,000

TITLE OF ACCOUNTS		Expended Fiscal Year 2015	Expended Fiscal Year 2016	Appropriated Fiscal Year 2017	Recommended Fiscal Year 2018*
	Pedestrian Crossing Signals Project+	-	-	-	-
	Parks & Cemeteries Improvements+	8,633	12,715	11,500	0
	subtotal Cont Bal Accounts	524,295	376,469	1,117,000	1,215,500
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		4,670,952	3,679,966	4,502,800	4,699,017
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health	Salaries	239,808	245,384	250,293	254,522
	Expenses	7,789	7,363	7,800	22,800
	Mental Health Services	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	subtotal	272,597	277,747	283,093	302,322
Mosquito Control, E. Middlesex Project	Expenses	37,802	38,558	41,718	42,761
Council on Aging	Salaries	272,390	278,179	312,233	320,806
	Expenses	31,400	34,589	36,325	36,325
	Contrib. to Community Center Maintenance	-	-	30,000	30,000
	subtotal	303,790	312,768	378,558	387,131
Veterans' Services	Expenses	73,107	63,096	77,761	77,300
TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES		687,296	692,169	781,130	809,514
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
Libraries	Salaries	979,221	1,020,474	1,086,630	1,098,571
	Expenses	116,930	144,086	155,759	155,759
	Library Materials	68,200	74,999	75,000	75,000
	Minuteman Library Network	40,027	40,021	40,520	42,096
TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY		1,204,378	1,279,580	1,357,909	1,371,426
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		70,412,334	70,240,711	74,526,218	77,125,803
DEBT SERVICE (EXCLUDED)		7,055,821	7,926,753	8,197,436	8,976,159
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		77,468,155	78,167,464	82,723,654	86,101,962

*FY18 Recommended Operating Budget does not include amounts to be appropriated under separate articles, such as Enterprise Fund budgets, OPEB Trust Fund

NOTE: Accounts indicated by + are continuing appropriations that carry balances forward to the next fiscal year.

ARTICLES 3 – 18: CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town approve Articles 3 through 18 as printed below and with additional detail as set forth:

- \$200,000 to be transferred from free cash under Article 3
- \$17,385 to be transferred from Water Enterprise fund retained earnings under Article 4
- \$110,000 to be raised and appropriated under Article 5
- \$1,652,517 to be raised and appropriated to the OPEB Fund under Article 6
- An income eligibility limit of \$75,000 to be established under Article 9
- \$3,510,890 to be appropriated from water receipts and \$100,000 from Water Enterprise fund retained earnings under Article 10
- \$140,000 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for Water Main Rehabilitation under Article 11
- \$1,093,449 from departmental receipts, \$45,000 from Recreation Enterprise fund retained earnings and \$514,069 to be raised from the tax levy, under Article 12
- \$1,009,152 to be appropriated from rental receipts and \$100,000 from Brook School Apartments Enterprise fund retained earnings under Article 13
- \$300,000 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for Drainage Improvements under Article 14
- \$350,000 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for the South Side Drainage Project under Article 15
- \$170,500 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for the Cook’s Pond Dam and Pump Rehabilitation under Article 16
- \$350,000 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for Middle School Paving under Article 17
- \$92,000 to be appropriated to be raised by borrowing for the Police Department Fiber Loop under Article 18

The Moderator read the titles of the articles for motions to pull articles out of the consent agenda.

ARTICLE 3: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

To amend the following line items in the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget adopted under Article 3 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line items and appropriating additional funds to other line items as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Public Works – Snow and Ice Control	\$252,900	\$452,900	\$200,000

And as funding therefor, that \$200,000 be transferred from available funds (free cash); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2016 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To amend the following line item in the Fiscal Year 2016 Water Enterprise Budget adopted under Article 12 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, by appropriating additional funds as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
MWRA Assessments/Water Purchases	\$2,240,675	\$2,247,675	\$7,000
Debt Service (non-exempt)	516,232	526,617	10,385

And as funding therefor, that \$17,385 be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATE FOR WESTON MEDIA CENTER, INC.

To raise and appropriate \$110,000 as a grant to Weston Media Center, Inc., to provide continued support for PEG (Public Educational and Government) television programming on local cable channels; said sum to be expended by the Town Manager pursuant to a grant agreement between the Town Manager and the Weston Media Center, Inc., on such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE TO OPEB TRUST FUND

That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,652,517 to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund for costs of post employment benefits.

ARTICLE 7: CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

To continue revolving funds for certain Town departments pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as set forth below:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY17 Budget
Recreation Skating Programs	Recreation Director	Program Fees	Program Costs	\$40,000
Historic Marker	Historical Commission	Program Fees	Costs Related to Purchase of Historic Markers	\$1,500
Josiah Smith Tavern	Town Manager	Rental Fees from Women's Community League	Building Repairs and Maintenance (Improvements)	\$30,000
Council on Aging Special Programs	Council on Aging Director	Program Fees	Program Expenses	\$40,000
Town Building Rentals	Town Manager	Rental Fees Town Hall	Utilities, Cleaning, Building Monitor	\$6,000
Board of Health	Health Director	Insurance Reimbursement for Flu Clinics and Fees for Public Health Initiatives	Public Health Education, Outreach, Health Initiatives, Emergency Preparedness	\$20,000
Affordable Housing Monitoring	Town Manager	Fees from Original Sale and Resale of Affordable Homes	Monitoring Costs, including Salaries and Benefits	\$40,000
Fiske Law Office	Town Manager	Rental Fees	Building Repairs and Maintenance including Salaries and Benefits	\$55,000
Planning Board	Planning Board	Application Fees	Expenses Related to Action on Applications	\$75,000
Melone House	Conservation Commission	Rental Fees	Building Repairs and Maintenance including Salaries and Benefits	\$10,000
Solar Array Revenue	Town Manager	Payments to the Town for the generation of solar energy from solar arrays on Town property	Electricity expenses	\$200,000

ARTICLE 8: ACCEPT CHAPTER 90 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to permanently construct, reconstruct, resurface, alter or make specific repairs upon all or portions of various Town Ways and authorize the expenditure of any sums of money that may be received for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

ARTICLE 9: APPROVE PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL INCOME LIMITS

That the Town establish a fiscal year 2017 income eligibility limit of \$75,000 under Chapter 421 of the Acts of 2004, An Act Authorizing the Town of Weston to Regulate Certain Property Tax Exemption Eligibility Requirements for the Elderly.

ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

That the Town appropriate \$3,610,890, allocated by line item as shown below, to operate the Water Division of the Department of Public Works during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53F½; and that \$3,510,890 be funded from water receipts and \$100,000 from Water Enterprise fund retained earnings.

	Expended FY14	Expended FY15	Appropriated FY16	Recommended FY17
Salaries	\$271,658	\$257,464	\$290,947	\$279,162
Expenses	227,890	236,515	234,280	234,280
MWRA Assessment/ Water Purchases	1,923,712	2,025,205	2,240,675	2,491,600
Debt Service (non-exempt)	454,368	444,649	516,232	540,848
Capital Outlay	52,170	26,629	65,000	65,000
Total	\$2,929,798	\$2,990,462	\$3,347,134	\$3,610,890

ARTICLE 11: APPROPRIATE FOR WATER MAIN REHABILITATION

That the Town appropriate \$140,000 to pay costs of laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 12: APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 RECREATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET

That the Town appropriate \$1,652,518, allocated by line item as shown below, to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½; and that said \$1,652,518 be funded as follows: \$1,093,449 from departmental receipts, \$45,000 to be transferred from Recreation Enterprise fund retained earnings, and \$514,069 to be raised from the tax levy.

	Expended FY14	Expended FY15	Appropriated FY16	Recommended FY17
Salaries	\$976,099	\$1,001,088	\$1,093,018	\$1,129,368
Expenses	402,272	439,200	427,900	441,400
Community Center	75,387	73,864	76,250	81,750
Total	\$1,453,758	\$1,514,152	\$1,597,168	\$1,652,518

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BROOK SCHOOL APARTMENTS ENTERPRISE BUDGET

That the Town appropriate \$1,109,152, allocated by line item as shown below, to operate the Brook School Apartments during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2009; and that said \$1,109,152 be funded as follows: \$1,009,152 from Brook School rental and other receipts and \$100,000 from Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

	Expended FY14	Expended FY15	Appropriated FY16	Recommended FY17
Salaries	\$165,010	\$169,359	\$179,545	\$180,314
Expenses	319,674	295,271	369,000	385,300
Repairs and Replacements+	80,156	159,874	130,623	138,460
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	21,168	21,697	22,239	22,795
Capital Improvements+	96,190	309,162	250,000	100,000
Debt Service	257,217	334,472	307,917	282,283
Total	\$939,415	\$1,289,835	\$1,259,324	\$1,109,152

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

That that that the Town appropriate \$300,000 to pay costs of the construction or reconstruction of surface drains and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 15: APPROPRIATE FOR SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT

That the Town appropriate \$350,000 to pay costs of the construction or reconstruction of surface drains and all incidental costs related thereto, including the acquisition by gift, purchase or eminent domain of such temporary or permanent easements as may be necessary for this project, and to authorize appropriate Town officials to acquire such interests, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 16: APPROPRIATE FOR COOK'S POND DAM AND PUMP REHABILITATION

That the Town appropriate \$170,500 to pay costs of the repair and rehabilitation of the Cook's Pond dam and pump and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 17: APPROPRIATE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAVING

That the Town appropriate \$350,000 to pay costs of the resurfacing of school roadways and parking areas, and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 18: APPROPRIATE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FIBER LOOP

That the Town appropriate \$92,000 to pay costs of computer hardware and other data processing equipment, and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager,

the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

The consent agenda was approved by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 19: APPROPRIATE FOR CASE HOUSE REHABILITATION DESIGN FEES

Ms. Danielle Black moved that the Town appropriate \$270,000 to pay costs of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for the design and construction of the rehabilitation of the Case House School Administration Building, and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be borrowed under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

Mr. Keith Johnson of Pond Brook Circle said as a point of clarification the true cost of the project is \$3.2 million and because it is an old building the cost will most likely go even higher once construction begins.

Ms. Sky Olander of Glen Road asked why the decision was not made to find another location or tear down and build anew.

Mr. Allan Goroll of Summer Street said this project is a poor reflection of the Town's priorities and funds should be put towards the Town's infrastructure, instead.

Mr. Michael King of School Street said the Case Family was a major benefactor of the Town and the condition of the house is a disgrace that is not honoring the Town's history.

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority vote

ARTICLE 20: APPROPRIATE FOR CASE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Mr. Michael Harrity moved that the Town appropriate the total sum of \$2,330,000 for the purposes set forth in Article 20, of which \$1,200,000 shall be to pay costs to design and reconstruct, resurface or alter the configuration of roadways, walkways and parking areas on the Case Campus, generally located on either side of Alphabet Lane and within the boundaries of School Street and Wellesley Street, and all incidental costs related thereto, and \$1,130,000, shall be to create and rehabilitate open space on the Case Campus, under the Community Preservation Program, to create pedestrian walking trails, plant trees, provide landscaping, related site improvements and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager; and as funding therefor, to authorize the sum of \$1,200,000 to be borrowed under the authority of M.G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and the sum of \$1,130,000 to be borrowed under M.G.L. Chapter 44B, section 11, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

Amendment - Ms. Nina Danforth of Wellesley Street moved to amend article 20 to improve the survival of the living landscape as follows:

1. Ensure that there is keyed access to outside water spigots for the living landscape in the vicinity of each building on the Case Campus. The amount needed for these outside fixtures is to be determined by the Town Manager and Permanent Building Committee.
2. Ensure that a portion of the Package 4 Tree and Field Care Funds (\$100,000 and \$140,000) is used to establish four seasons hands-on tree and landscape training for Weston grounds staff and Case Campus volunteers, under guidance of professional arborists already contracted within

Package 4. The amount allotted for the training sessions would be at the discretion of the Town Manager.

3. Repair and retain the Case gravel parking lot, as now designed and built. This would not require any new funding.

Mr. Harrity asked Town Meeting to oppose the amendment, as the first two points are unnecessary and micromanaging professionals in place. He acknowledged that the original intention of the gravel parking lot was supposed to be for overflow event parking, but time has shown there are needs for the additional, paved lot, as well as trail access for the soon to be acquired Case Estates.

Mr. Clint Schuckel of Pembroke Road said 120 spaces have been added to the campus, but no parking study has been completed to justify the expense of paving the extra lot. He requested a yes vote on the amendment.

Ms. Melisa Galton of Ridgeway Road and Board of the Council on Aging Chair addressed the parking lot needing to be paved due to it being used and the current snow plowing operations not being able to clear off the surface to safe enough standards. She requested a no vote on the amendment.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pincroft Road called the question, which was seconded and passed by two-thirds majority.

The amendment failed to carry

Article 20 standing vote count: Yes - 161 No - 145

The motion failed to meet the required two-thirds majority

ARTICLE 21: APPROPRIATE FOR PROCTOR FIELD REHABILITATION DESIGN FEES

Mr. Alex Cobb moved that the Town appropriate \$325,000 to pay costs of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for the design and construction of the rehabilitation of Proctor Field, 444 Wellesley Street, inclusive of the track and all incidental costs related to the project, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be borrowed under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor.

Mr. Franz Loeber of Tamarack Road and a member of the Recreation Commission said the Recreation Commission is unanimously opposed to this article and believes the funding should be from private sources.

Standing vote count: Yes - 198 No - 86

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority vote

ARTICLE 22: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF CAT ROCK RECREATION LAND TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. George Bates moved that the Town authorize the transfer from the Recreation Commission for recreational purposes to the Conservation Commission for recreational and conservation purposes the parcel of land commonly known as Cat Rock, located at 0 Drabbington Way, shown as Assessors Map 14, Lot 6, and described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as Book 9040, Page 366; with the areas currently used on that parcel for active recreation, and those that may possibly be

used therefor, to be delineated on a sketch plan filed with the Town Clerk, which plan shall also be incorporated into a memorandum of agreement between the Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission confirming the understanding of both commissions that the Recreation Commission shall be designated as the Conservation Commission's agent for purposes of operating, managing, and, with the approval of the Conservation Commission and consistent with the sketch plan and memorandum of agreement, constructing fields and structures for active recreational purposes; provided further that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to petition the General Court for special legislation pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, sign instruments, record notice of such action at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, or take any additional action needed to effectuate the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action relative thereto.

Ms. Mary Shaw of Pond Brook Circle asked if the transfer of this land would preclude the Town from being able to use the land for other purposes, such as affordable housing. Mr. Harrity, speaking for the Board of Selectmen, said the land was originally acquired for Recreational Purposes and that intended use should be maintained.

Mr. Anthony Flynn of Merriam Street asked if the article 97 designation would bind the Recreation Commission going forward. Mr. Loeber said it would not due to the Memorandum of Understanding between his commission and the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Keith Johnson of Pond Brook Circle asked if the procedure to remove the article 97 designation is the same for Recreation land. Mr. Harrity said while legal precedence is unclear, Town Counsel has opined that it would follow the same procedure.

Ms. Patricia Siek of Merriam Street called the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority.

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority vote

ARTICLE 23: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF BURT FIELD RECREATION LAND TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Harrity moved that Article 23 be passed over and so disposed of.

Mr. Harrity explained that the Board of Selectmen has recently discovered the land in question is Municipal land and not Recreation and as such proper public discussion has not occurred, but this request will come back to a future Town Meeting.

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 24: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF NOLTE FOREST RECREATION LAND TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Bates moved to authorize the transfer from the Recreation Commission for recreational purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes, the following two parcels of land: One parcel known as Lot C (0 Highland Street) and shown as Assessors Map 37, Lot 10_30), and one parcel known as Lot D (0 Highland Street) and shown as Assessors Map 37, Lot 10-20), and described in a deed recorded with the Registry of Deeds as Plan 293 of 1970, and described in a deed dated April 8, 1970, recorded with the Registry of Deeds in Book 11818, Page 489; provided further that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to petition the General Court for special legislation pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, sign instruments, to record notice of such action at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, or take

any additional action needed to effectuate the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 25: PRESERVE CAT ROCK AND DEDICATE ITS 64.3 ACRES OF MUNICIPAL TOWN LAND TO CONSERVATION (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Ms. Erica DeBenedictis, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 26: PROVIDE ARTICLE 97 PROTECTION FOR CAT ROCK AND BURT FIELD (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Ms. Jane Bybee, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 27: PROVIDE ARTICLE 97 PROTECTION FOR BROOK SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Ms. Jane Bybee, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 28: PROVIDE ARTICLE 97 PROTECTION FOR BALL FIELDS (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Ms. Jane Bybee, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

Mr. Gillespie moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11th. The motion was made, seconded and passed. Town Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

**ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 11, 2016**

Pursuant to a Warrant, duly served, Thomas Crane, the Moderator, called the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

The Moderator reminded voters of the change in procedures, including Dr. Jerome Haber's amendment that any speaker at Town Meeting, whether an individual presenting an Article or commenting on any Article, declare whether or not he or she has a personal financial interest in the outcome of such Article, whether such financial interest is in a vote in favor of or against such Article, and that as part of such declaration the speaker briefly provide sufficient information so that voters meaningfully understand the nature of such financial interest.

ARTICLE 29: SHORTENING PLANNING BOARD TERMS FROM FIVE YEARS TO THREE YEARS (SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

Ms. Jane Bybee moved to see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.41, s.2 to fix the terms of members of the elected Planning Board at three years, as permitted by the provisions of G.L. c.41, s.81A; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall not affect the terms of any incumbent member of the Planning Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Anthony Flynn of Merriam Street presented the Planning Board's response.

Mr. Harvey Boshart of Dean Road spoke in favor of the article saying the five year term is only found on the Planning Board and argued the learning curve would apply to other elected bodies. He continued to say the five year commitment is daunting for people who may wish to run. He also said the current board has mid-term appointments due to resignations and argued that incumbents usually win the election, and discourages other qualified residents from running as evidenced by the Planning Board rarely having contested races.

Ms. Susan Haber of Merriam Street spoke against the article, citing her experience as a former board member and the Town's first Town Planner. She argued the five years is necessary in order for a board member to acquire all the knowledge needed to perform their duties.

Ms. Bybee counted the number of the appointed members on the board in the last ten years and said that elected members are not finishing their terms, which speaks to the point of her article. She also challenged the learning curve argument, saying that there are many bright people in town and the work of the Selectmen and School Committee is just as challenging.

Mr. Charles Abrams of Wellesley Street called the question, which was seconded and passed by two-thirds majority

Standing Count: Yes - 118 No - 204

Failed to carry majority vote

ARTICLE 30: IMPOSING PLANNING BOARD TERM LIMITS (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Ms. Jane Bybee, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by a majority vote to pass over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 31: APPROPRIATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Steve Ober moved that the Town hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation budget and appropriate or reserve the following amounts from the Community Preservation Fund as set forth below.

Appropriations from fiscal year 2017 estimated annual revenues -

- \$118,000 for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses

Reservations from fiscal 2017 estimated annual revenues -

- \$422,000 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space including land for recreational use;

- \$261,000 for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and
- \$261,000 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing

Appropriations for Debt Service Payments –

- \$221,505 from the Community Housing Reserve for the expansion of the Brook School Apartments, as approved under Article 19 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting; and
- \$421,800 from the Open Space Reserve for the purchase of the Case Estates land, as approved under Article 1 of the November 8, 2006 Special Town Meeting

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 32: APPROPRIATE FOR LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE – WALKWAYS ON BROWN AND WINTER STREETS

Mr. Clint Schuckel moved that the Town transfer \$250,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for land for recreational use under the Community Preservation Program for the construction of walkways on Brown and Winter streets for recreational purposes, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer \$250,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, fee or easement interests as may be required to create said walkway or foot path, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Ms. Susan Zacharias of Sudbury Road, speaking for the Planning Board, said the Community Preservation Act fund was not an appropriate funding source for a five-foot wide sidewalk.

Mr. Keith Johnson of Pond Brook Circle said the project is too expensive and does not cover all the various constituencies who could also need sidewalk access, such as The Rivers School and the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.

Ms. Margaret Dorna of Dickson Lane spoke in favor of the article saying the sidewalk serves as a recreational facility for adults for walking and jogging.

Mr. Lee McCanne of North Avenue called the question, which was seconded and approved by a two-thirds majority vote

The motion was approved by a majority vote

ARTICLE 33: APPROPRIATE FOR LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE – MERRIAM STREET WALKWAY DESIGN FEES

Mr. Schuckel moved that the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for land for recreational use under the Community Preservation Program for the design of a walkway on Merriam Street for recreational purposes, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Paul Penfield of Bradford Road spoke in favor of the article and asked the committee to consider taking the sidewalk to the other side of North Avenue and creating a crosswalk across North Avenue.

The motion was approved by a majority vote

ARTICLE 34: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES - WESTON ART AND INNOVATION CENTER DESIGN FEES

Mr. Jay Valenta moved to appropriate \$364,000 from the Historic Resources allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for historic resources purposes under the Community Preservation Program to pay costs of engineering and architectural services for plans, specifications, and other predevelopment expenses for the design and construction of improvements to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the historic Old Library building, located at 356 Boston Post Road, as an Art and Innovation Center, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be transferred from the Historic Resources allocation of the Community preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Tom Selldorff of Pollywog Lane recommended a yes vote for article 34 because it would allow the study to move forward but he strongly believes the Old Library to be a better venue for a restaurant.

Mr. Christopher Houston of Bemis Street said the Board of Selectmen has requested the Permanent Building Committee to get the cost specific to the Art and Innovation Center so voters are aware of the cost difference between restoration and use. He also said the Selectmen are also in favor of a restaurant reuse proposal for the Josiah Smith Tavern, which will come before a future Town Meeting.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pincroft Road called the question, which was seconded and passed by two-thirds majority vote.

The motion was approved by a majority vote

ARTICLE 35: APPROPRIATE FOR DESIGN OF OLD LIBRARY RENOVATION TO ELDERLY HOUSING APARTMENTS

Mr. John Hennessey moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by unanimous vote to passed over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 36: APPROPRIATE FOR RENOVATION OF OLD LIBRARY FOR A RESTAURANT, COMMERCIAL SPACE, AND ART GALLERY/EVENT SPACE (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Mr. Tom Selldorff, the petitioner, moved that the article be passed over and so disposed of

Passed by unanimous vote to passed over and so dispose of

ARTICLE 37: APPROPRIATE FOR OPEN SPACE - CHARLES RIVER INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Ms. Laurie Bent moved to transfer \$10,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for open space purposes under the Community Preservation Program to preserve a section of the Charles River in Weston by removing invasive weeds, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be transferred from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote

ARTICLE 38: APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING - REGIONAL HOUSING OFFICE AND HOUSING STAFF SUPPORT

Mr. Harrity moved to transfer \$16,163 from the Community Housing allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for community housing purposes under the Community Preservation Program in order to provide funds needed to participate in a regional housing services office and for staff assistance for the creation, preservation, and support of community housing; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Community Housing allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote

A motion to dissolve the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was made, seconded, and adopted at 9:37 p.m.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 29, 2016**

Pursuant to a Warrant, duly served, Moderator Thomas Crane called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined the change in procedures to be followed, including the use of a consent agenda for articles 5, 6, 14, 15, and 16. The consent agenda procedures were described, as well as the request to take articles 14, 15 and 16 out of order. The Moderator requested a motion to take the articles under a consent agenda and to take articles 14-16 out of order from the printed warrant. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a two-thirds majority. The Moderator appointed tellers and the Town Clerk swore them to their duties.

ARTICLE 1: APPROPRIATE FOR TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS - LEVEL SERVICE

Mr. Michael Harrity moved to appropriate \$394,000 to be raised by borrowing and to pay costs of engineering and landscape architectural services to construct physical improvements to the Town Center, generally located along Boston Post Road between Linwood Avenue and School Street, along Church Street between Boston Post Road and Town House Road, and along Town House Road, including reconstruction and repaving of the roadway and improvements required for handicapped accessibility, and all incidental costs related thereto; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to Amend: Mr. Richard DeVito of Brook Road moved to amend article 1 in its entirety to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to continue to investigate physical improvements to Weston's historic town center generally located from Boston Post Road between Linwood Avenue to School Street along Church Street between Boston Post Road and Town House Road and along Town House Road, including all related incidental costs to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money, so

appropriated, to be raised through taxation and by transferring an amount from the unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Act fund or to take any other action related thereto. After receiving a second on the motion and Mr. DeVito's explanation, the Moderator explained the motion cannot be made due to the request for Community Preservation Act funds that have not been approved by a vote of the Community Preservation Committee and suggested the motion be revised to request another funding source. Mr. DeVito amended his amendment to strike "the money so appropriated to be raised through taxation and by transferring an amount from the unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Act fund" and instead insert "the money so appropriated to be raised by taxation." This language was reviewed by Town Counsel and the amended motion was seconded.

Mr. Harrity explained that Mr. DeVito is a property and business owner in the town center and the committee working on the project has indicated to him that there will be no taking of land and design concepts have been revised to address his concerns. Mr. Harrity continued to explain that he understands Mr. DeVito's concerns and said this amended motion will not address concerns. If this amendment is approved, it would defeat article 1 and not allow the Town to move forward with the infrastructure repairs of the town center, which are badly needed.

Mr. DeVito clarified that the project needs additional time to examine all issues and this is what the request is.

Mr. Kevin Sullivan of Cherry Brook Road explained that what Mr. DeVito is requesting is the exact purpose of the request of articles 1 and 2.

Mr. Mike Brasco of Wellesley Street spoke in support of the amendment saying more time is needed to address details, particularly for the business owners.

Mr. Stephen Larocque of Conant Road, and chair of the Town Center Planning Committee, explained that the plans were presented as concepts and the design funds will further flesh out the ideas and address business owner needs and concerns. He was uncertain how the additional money and time would be spent when it is the design funds that are needed in order to advance the concepts.

Mr. Bruce Munroe of Hickory Road asked where the master plan for the Town is and questioned if this is the right project without knowing what the future project plans are for the Town.

Mr. Todd Finard of Tamarack Road spoke against the amendment saying this money is necessary to invest in the basic infrastructure of the town center.

The amendment failed to carry

In returning to the original motion, Mr. Alex Cobb of Pincroft Road moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority.

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATE FOR TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS - MASTER PLAN

Mr. Steve Larocque moved to appropriate \$138,000 to be raised by borrowing and to pay costs of engineering and landscape architectural services to construct physical improvements to the Town Center, generally located along Boston Post Road between Linwood Avenue and School Street, along Church Street between Boston Post Road and Town House Road, and along Town House Road, including improvements to streetscape design matters such as reduction of pavement, increased green space, improved pedestrian safety and aesthetics, and more organized parking, and all incidental costs related

thereto; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto.

Ms. Isabella Jancourtz of Gun Club Lane said this project is a distraction from the Town pursuing additional affordable housing, not only in funds but energy. She said the concept design did not reflect the town's aesthetic.

Mr. Jack Sands of Conant Road said the concepts truly need to be developed because it will address the traffic issues the town center faces.

Mr. Lee McCanne of North Avenue moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE FOR TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS - BURY UTILITIES

Mr. Kevin Sullivan moved to appropriate \$456,000 to be raised by borrowing and to pay costs of engineering and landscape architectural services to construct physical improvements to the Town Center, generally located along Boston Post Road between Linwood Avenue and School Street, along Church Street between Boston Post Road and Town House Road, and along Town House Road, including burying of the utility wires and other infrastructure, and all incidental costs related thereto; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder accordance with M.G. L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Keith Johnson of Pond Brook Circle spoke against this article saying the request was too much money for a "nice to have" project.

Mr. Alan Orth of Warren Lane said that when the Town is looking ahead is when it makes the best decisions and the proposal offers a great opportunity to make the center great.

Mr. Kevin Sullivan said an important reason to bury the utilities is because it is difficult for fire-fighting apparatus to work around the overhead utilities on a portion of Boston Post Road.

Mr. Keith Johnson of Pond Brook Circle said the fire-fighting argument is not valid and after speaking with the Fire Chief, he learned that Weston's firefighters are trained to work around the wires.

Standing vote count: No - 111 Yes - 170

The motion failed to carry two-thirds majority

ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BLACK OAK BOOSTER WATER PUMP STATION

Mr. Douglas Gillespie moved to appropriate \$290,000 to be raised by borrowing to pay costs of constructing, reconstructing and making certain modifications, including site improvements, to the Black Oak booster water pump station, and all incidental costs related thereto, including the acquisition by gift, purchase and eminent domain of such temporary or permanent easements as may be necessary for this project, and to authorize appropriate Town officials to acquire such interests; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Gillespie called this project a wake-up call for the Board of Selectmen to better review Public Works projects.

Mr. John McDonald of the Finance Committee reminded voters that the project was originally approved by 2014 Town Meeting and there were two public hearings to review the plans. He said the Finance Committee believes the money should be spent elsewhere and not on a beautification project.

Mr. Paul Capasso of Nobscot Road said a mistake has been admitted and this project needs to be addressed. There are many single-family homes within the designated scenic road area, which generates a lot of tax money and the eye sore of the large generator needs to be mitigated. He continued to say that money is not the issue.

Ms. Lauren Sabet said the size and the obtrusiveness of the generator were not well represented and its presence is not within the typical Weston aesthetic.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pinecroft Road moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority.

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority

ARTICLES 5,6,14, 15 & 16: CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town approve Articles 5, 6, 14, 15 and 16 as printed in the warrant, and with the additional detail as set forth below:

- \$120,000 to be transferred from free cash under Article 6

Mr. Gillespie read the titles of the articles for voters to call to pull out an article from the consent agenda.

Mr. Henry Viles of Merriam Street moved to pull out article 5 from the consent agenda. Ten votes were received. The article was removed from the consent agenda

Mr. David Rolde of South Avenue moved to pull out article 14 from the consent agenda. Ten votes were not received. The article remained in the consent agenda.

The Moderator called for a majority vote of the consent agenda consisting of articles 6, 14, 15 and 16.

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE FOR REPAIRS TO AND REHABILITATION OF MEMORIAL POOL

That the Town Transfer \$120,000 from free cash to repair and rehabilitate the Memorial Pool and related facilities, located on Alphabet Lane, and all incidental costs related thereto; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS-ARTICLE II - MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

To amend Article II of the General By-laws of the Town of Weston by adding a new Section:

- 16. There shall be a Memorial Day Committee consisting of three members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and charged with planning a Memorial Day event for that year.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS-ARTICLE XXIX - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To amend Article XXIX of the General By-laws of the Town of Weston establishing the composition of the Community Preservation Committee by deleting the words "One member of the Housing Partnership as designated by the Committee" and inserting in place thereof, the words, "One member of the Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees as designated by the Board." Or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: RESCIND BOND AUTHORIZATION

To rescind all or a part of a certain authorization to borrow funds, which was approved in a prior year, where the purpose of the borrowing has been completed and/or it was unnecessary to borrow the amount approved, or take any other action relative thereto:

- Article 18 May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting- Construction of New Police Station
\$550,000

The consent agenda was approved by majority vote

ARTICLE 5: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved to amend the following line items in the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget adopted under Article 2 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Finance - Salaries	\$711,449	\$746,449	\$35,000
Fire - Salaries	2,889,118	2,854,118	(35,000)

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Gillespie explained this is a shift in salaries to cover a new position of a Procurement Officer that would be shared between school and municipal, and which would manage new purchasing requirements as set by the state.

Mr. Henry Viles of Merriam Street asked if this was a permanent reduction to Fire salaries and what the true cost is of the position. Mr. Gillespie said the fire position would not be filled this fiscal year, but in an unknown future year and the new position would be approximately \$90,000.

Ms. Isabella Jancourtz of Gun Club Lane asked for clarification on what the new position would be doing and what the changes in the law are that calls for this need. Mr. Gillespie said the law has become much more complex and the position would serve town-wide purchasing throughout all departments.

The motion was approved by majority

ARTICLE 7: APPROPRIATE FOR LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE - MERRIAM STREET WALKWAY FINAL DESIGN FEES

Mr. Steve Ober moved that the Town transfer \$25,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for land for recreational use under the Community Preservation Program for the design of a walkway on Merriam Street for recreational purposes, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by majority

ARTICLE 8: APPROPRIATE FOR LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE - ASH STREET WALKWAY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FEES

Mr. Ober moved that the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for land for recreational use under the Community Preservation Program for the design of a walkway on Ash Street for recreational purposes, including all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by majority

ARTICLE 9: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES - CASE HOUSE REHABILITATION DESIGN FUNDS

Mr. Steve Wagner moved that the Town transfer \$27,000 from the Historic Resources allocation of the Community Preservation Fund for historic purposes under the Community Preservation Program to pay costs of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Case House School Administration Building, including design, construction, and all related incidental costs; to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Historic Resources allocation of the Community Preservation Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was approved by majority

ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES - 55 COBURN ROAD

Mr. Wagner moved that the Town transfer \$216,000 from the Historic Resources allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise for historic resource purposes under the Community Preservation Program the fee or other interests, which may be a historic preservation restriction, on all or a portion of the property known as 55 Coburn Road, containing 3.85 acres, more or less, in the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, and shown as Assessors Map 18 Parcel 31, or on the structures located thereon, said restriction(s) to be held, managed and controlled by the Historical Commission and/or Board of Selectmen.

The motion was approved by majority

ARTICLE 11: AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW TO DEFINE ALLOWABLE MINIMUM RENTAL PERIOD FOR ROOMS OR DWELLINGS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town amend the Zoning By-law, Section V.B.1 by deleting subsection d. and replacing it as follows:

- d. The rental of a dwelling unit is permitted, subject to such regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Selectmen from time to time, provided however, that the short-term rental of a dwelling unit shall be prohibited, whether it be for the entire dwelling unit or for a room or rooms within the unit. For these purposes, a short-term rental shall be a tenancy for a period of less than ninety days.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Gillespie explained that he is presenting this article as a private citizen and not as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and further that the majority of the Board of Selectmen no longer support this article and wish to bring this to 2017 Annual Town Meeting after further development. He continued to say this is the first step towards assisting residents affected by frequent room rentals that cannot be properly addressed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Paul Martin of Whitney Tavern Road said the frequent room rental due to the Airbnb operation on his street has turned it into a commercial operation, but the current zoning by-law is vague and the new proposed language will preserve the original intent of the law.

Ms. Eileen Martin of Whitney Tavern Road said having a new resident using their home primarily as an Airbnb operation with frequent rentals has been very stressful for her neighborhood because of noise, trespassing and litter, and she fears for her safety.

Mr. Lance Fortin of Bradford Road said not passing this article is essentially the same as the Town not enforcing its own zoning by-laws because it is a commercial operation in a residential neighborhood. He continued to say that there is nothing stopping people from coming into Weston, buying homes and using them for commercial activity such as this.

Mr. Alan Day of North Avenue said he is sympathetic to the issues, but the proposed change is taking away the rights and flexibilities from the homeowners without consideration of property rights. He said the Town has noise and nuisance laws that can be enforced to help protect the safety and enjoyment of a neighborhood. He continued to say a house can be responsibly used as a source of income, particularly for those that need the money. He asked that because the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen have decided to pull their support from this article, voters should allow them that time to work through the complex issues of developing a zoning by-law.

Mr. Jonathan White of Pinecroft Road and the former attorney for the homeowner of the Airbnb house said there are two sides to this story and felt that short term rentals should be allowed but they should be regulated and urged for more consideration of this by-law change.

Mr. Christopher Houston of Bemis Road and member of the Board of Selectmen said in trying to address one issue, the Selectmen and Planning Board quickly came to realize there were several unintended consequences from the proposed language. He continued to say that from additional discussions that occurred it became evident that this language would negatively affect others and asked for the time for the Selectmen and Planning Board to address all of the issues.

Ms. Adrienne Giske of Boston Post Road said the proposed language is overreaching and takes other enforcement tools away from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. She asked for the time for the Selectmen and the Planning Board to work through the issues.

Motion to Amend: Mr. Lance Fortin of Bradford Road proposed an amendment to change the tenancy period from 90 days to 30 days, which was seconded.

Several voters spoke against the amendment asking for time for the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to work through the language.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pineroft Road moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority vote.

The amended motion failed

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pineroft Road moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority vote.

The motion failed

ARTICLE 12: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF BURT FIELD RECREATION LAND TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Christopher Houston moved to authorize the transfer from the Board of Selectmen, acting in its capacity as the Tax Title Custodian for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission for recreational and conservation purposes the parcel of land containing 25 acres, more or less, commonly known as Burt Field, located at 0 Gail Road, shown as Assessors Map 57, Lot 33, and described in a deed recorded with the Registry of Deeds in Book 5682, Page 509 (See Final Decree in Tax Lien Case, dated June 26, 1942, recorded with the Registry of Deeds in Book 6611, Page 243), excluding that parcel shown as "Land to be Excluded From Transfer," containing 5,570 square feet, more or less, and depicted on a plan entitled "Right of Way to Burt Field from Glen Road," dated October 25, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, with the areas currently used on the property for active recreation, and those that may possibly be used therefor, to be delineated on a sketch plan filed with the Town Clerk, which plan shall also be incorporated into a memorandum of agreement between the Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission confirming the understanding of both commissions that the Recreation Commission shall be designated as the Conservation Commission's agent for purposes of operating, managing, and, with the approval of the Conservation Commission, constructing fields and structures for active recreational purposes; and by such transfer to restrict, designate and dedicate such land for conservation purposes so that the land shall be protected under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; provided further that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to petition the General Court for special legislation pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, sign instruments, record notice of such action at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, or take any additional action needed to effectuate the vote taken hereunder; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Ms. Isabella Jancourtz of Gun Club Lane spoke against the article and reminded voters of the recently approved Housing Production Plan and the Town's commitment to develop affordable housing with available municipal land. She said this article is hypocritical and it is wrong to remove this parcel from consideration until the Town's affordable housing issue is resolved.

Mr. Alex Cobb of Pineroft Road moved to call the question, which was seconded and approved by two-thirds majority vote.

The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority vote

The Moderator took a moment to remind voters that this parcel is the gem that it is due to the tireless efforts of Mr. George Bates and thanked him for his work.

ARTICLE 13: INCREASE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF ELECTED RECREATION COMMISSION

Ms. Elly Pendergast moved to increase the size of the Recreation Commission from six to seven members under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 2.

The motion was approved by majority

A motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting was made, seconded, and adopted at 10:57 p.m.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 1, 2016**

Democratic Party - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference					
blanks	0	1	0	0	1
Bernie Sanders	237	152	146	155	690
Martin O'Malley	1	1	2	1	5
Hillary Clinton	436	388	315	344	1,483
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0	2	0	0	2
No Preference	0	2	1	2	5
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	0	1	0	1	2
Total	674	547	464	503	2,188
State Committee Man					
blanks	241	219	175	173	808
Ronald M. Cordes	426	323	289	330	1,368
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	7	5	0	0	12
Total	674	547	464	503	2,188
State Committee Woman					
blanks	219	197	162	159	737
Janet M. Beyer	448	346	302	344	1,440
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	7	4	0	0	11
Total	674	547	464	503	2,188
Town Committee					
blanks	14,143	11,938	9,969	11,175	47,225
John W. Hennessey	331	255	196	221	1,003
Alan T. Orth	334	245	226	215	1,020
John A. Carlton-Foss	307	234	201	198	940
Jacqueline C. Haas	343	264	228	235	1,070
Nazda K. Alam	301	225	206	207	939
Beverly S. Foster	301	235	208	219	963
Judith T. Campos	324	243	207	215	989
Habib Rahman	341	239	210	222	1,012

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Town Committee, continued					
Sandra Rahman	332	245	221	220	1,018
Isabella P. Jancourtz	301	238	210	205	954
Dolores E. Boucher	298	232	198	206	934
Roland J. Boucher, Jr.	291	223	194	199	907
Alex Selvig	332	249	226	236	1,043
Kristen Page Lamoreau	294	229	200	200	923
Anne-Louise W. Benning	311	242	201	209	963
Edmund E. Ward	288	228	195	197	908
Cheryl J. Alpert	309	241	216	228	994
Mohammad S. Alam	302	227	202	213	944
Meredith Zakia Rahman	323	237	210	213	983
Christiane E. Musinsky	292	242	197	200	931
Stefanie M. Lipton	300	233	206	203	942
Alan W. Day	313	239	200	206	958
Joyce F. Pastor	322	254	221	236	1,033
Bruce M. Pastor	308	243	214	225	990
Quentin Adams Palfrey	301	224	202	201	928
Joseph W. Mullin	350	256	212	221	1,039
Emily Mullin Fishkin	321	239	203	207	970
Joanne Cox	304	229	197	200	930
Mary E. Shaw	317	245	222	235	1,019
Joan M. Parrish	341	263	236	232	1,072
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	15	7	6	6	34
Teresa Young		2			2
Total	23,590	19,145	16,240	17,605	76,580

Republican Party - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference					
blanks	1	0	0	2	3
Jim Gilmore	0	0	0	0	0
Donald J. Trump	129	145	105	115	494
Ted Cruz	26	23	14	20	83
George Pataki	0	0	0	1	1
Ben Carson	6	4	3	2	15
Mike Huckabee	0	0	0	0	0
Rand Paul	1	0	0	2	3
Carly Fiorina	0	0	1	0	1
Rick Santorum	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Christie	1	2	0	0	3
Marco Rubio	94	88	109	112	403
Jeb Bush	4	4	1	6	15
John R. Kasich	159	127	124	150	560
no preference	0	1	0	1	2

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference, continued					
scattering	2	0	2	0	4
Mitt Romney		2	0		
Total	423	396	359	411	1,589

State Committee Man					
blanks	125	115	126	118	484
Peter Dulchinos	70	63	63	78	274
James E. Dixon	177	170	130	148	625
Jonathan A. Golnik	50	46	39	65	200
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	1	2	1	2	6
Total	423	396	359	411	1,589

State Committee Woman					
blanks	134	138	138	152	562
Sandi Martinez	287	254	221	259	1,021
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	2	4	0	0	0
Total	423	396	359	411	1,589

Town Committee					
blanks	12,567	12,089	10,828	12,337	47,821
A. Richard Hersum	205	154	153	166	678
Vadim G. Maystrovsky	168	146	132	158	604
E. Christopher Palmer	180	144	144	161	629
Richard. A. Murray	229	175	160	187	751
Michael F. Cronin	191	151	142	194	678
W. Louise Hersum	192	147	142	163	644
Carol Lutz Norquist	183	149	140	170	642
Warren E. Norquist	178	150	136	161	625
Frances Barrett Foster	163	128	128	175	594
Charles Stephen Foster	163	128	129	165	585
John J. Noone	190	155	153	174	672
Robert F. Danahy	187	142	139	164	632
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	9	2	4	10	25
Total	14,805	13,860	12,530	14,385	55,580

Green-Rainbow - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference					
blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Sedinam Kinamo Christin					
Moyowasifza-Curry	0	0	0	1	1
Jill Stein	1	0	2	0	3
William P. Kreml	0	0	0	0	0

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference, continued					
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	0	0	0	0
no preference	0	0	0	0	0
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	1	0	2	1	4
State Committee Man					
blanks	1	0	2	1	4
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	1	0	2	1	4
State Committee Woman					
blanks	1	0	2	1	4
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	1	0	2	1	4
Town Committee					
blanks	10	0	20	10	40
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	10	0	20	10	40

United Independent Party - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Presidential Preference					
blanks	0	0	0	0	0
no preference	0	0	0	0	0
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	1	1	2	2	6
Total	1	1	2	2	6
State Committee Man					
blanks	1	1	1	2	5
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	1	2	2	6
State Committee Woman					
blanks	1	0	2	2	5
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	1	0	2	2	5
Town Committee					
blanks	10	10	20	20	60
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	10	10	20	20	60

**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

Democratic Party - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Representative in Congress					
blanks	3	8	5	5	21
Katherine M. Clark	67	61	39	34	201
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	1	0	0	0	1
Total	71	69	44	39	223

Councillor					
blanks	5	8	3	2	18
Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney	27	23	19	11	80
Peter Georgiou	23	16	14	9	62
William Bishop Humphrey	16	22	8	17	63
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	71	69	44	39	223

Senator in General Court					
blanks	7	8	5	5	25
Michael J. Barrett	64	61	39	34	198
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	71	69	44	39	223

Representative in General Court					
blanks	7	12	6	4	29
Alice Hanlon Peisch	64	57	38	35	194
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	71	69	44	39	223

Sheriff					
blanks	3	11	7	3	24
Peter J. Koutoujian	66	53	35	31	185
Barry S. Kelleher	2	5	2	5	14
<u>write-ins:</u>					
Total	71	69	44	39	223

Republican Party - Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Representative in Congress					
blanks	4	3	4	2	13
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	2	6	1	2	11
Total	6	9	5	4	24

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Councillor					
blanks	6	5	4	2	17
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	0	4	1	2	7
Total	6	9	5	4	24
Senator in General Court					
blanks	4	5	4	2	15
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	2	4	1	2	9
Total	6	9	5	4	24
Representative in General Court					
blanks	6	5	4	2	17
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	0	4	1	2	7
Total	6	9	5	4	24
Sheriff					
blanks	3	4	4	2	13
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	3	5	1	2	11
Total	6	9	5	4	24

Neither the Green-Rainbow Party nor the United Independent Party had any votes cast in the State Primary.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Question 1: Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District taken on June 27, 2016, to authorize the borrowing of \$144,922,478 to pay costs of constructing a new district school, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

VOTED: That the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District (the "District") hereby appropriates the amount of \$144,922,478 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and originally equipping a new district school, to be located at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that

the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (i) forty-four and three quarters percent (44.75%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, and (ii) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Yes: 120 No: 30 Blanks: 0

**STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

Total number of voters for the Presidential Election was 8,349; of that, 6,696, or 80.2 percent, residents participated in the election. This year, Massachusetts introduced Early Voting for the State Election, which meant Weston voters could cast their vote at Town Hall during regular business hours during a two-week period starting October 24th to November 4th. The Town Clerk also made available two extended evenings and one Saturday morning during this time. At the end of the two weeks, 3,140 residents had taken advantage of voting early.

Summary Vote

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Electors of President and Vice President					
blanks	30	29	25	30	114
Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine	1,210	1,110	997	1,051	4,368
Gary Johnson and Bill Weld	99	83	80	70	332
Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka	11	20	16	10	57
Donald Trump and Mike Pence	377	418	391	462	1,648
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	43	24	33	34	134
Mitt Romney	2	9	7	11	29
Bernie Sanders	0	2	0	2	4
Charlie Baker	0	2	0	0	2
Paul Ryan	1	0	0	2	3
John Kasich	0	0	0	5	5
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Representative in Congress					
blanks	485	485	457	507	1,934
Katherine Clark	1,253	1,173	1,066	1,148	4,640
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	35	39	26	22	122
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Councillor					
blanks	578	565	509	550	2,202
Marilyn Devaney	1,168	1,096	1,016	1,105	4,385
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	27	36	24	22	109
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Senator in General Court					
blanks	582	575	768	563	2,488
Michael Barrett	1,165	1,096	759	1,097	4,117
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	26	26	22	17	91
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Representative in General Court					
blanks	527	508	483	563	2,081
Alice Peisch	1,222	1,156	1,057	1,097	4,532
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	24	33	9	17	83
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Sheriff					
blanks	536	532	496	528	2,092
Peter Koutoujian	1,214	1,136	1,029	1,135	4,514
<u>write-ins:</u>					
scattering	23	29	24	14	90
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Question 1 - Expand Slot Machine Gaming					
blanks	73	94	52	45	264
Yes	382	353	359	379	1,473
No	1,318	1,250	1,138	1,253	4,959
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Question 2 - Expand Charter Schools					
blanks	56	56	32	36	180
Yes	982	967	917	1,045	3,911
No	735	674	600	596	2,605
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Question 3 - Improve Farm Animal Confines					
blanks	46	57	22	22	147
Yes	1,349	1,265	1,198	1,277	5,089
No	378	375	329	378	1,460
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696

Question 4 - Legalize Marijuana					
blanks	36	33	13	21	103
Yes	800	727	699	694	2,920
No	937	937	837	962	3,673
Total	1,773	1,697	1,549	1,677	6,696