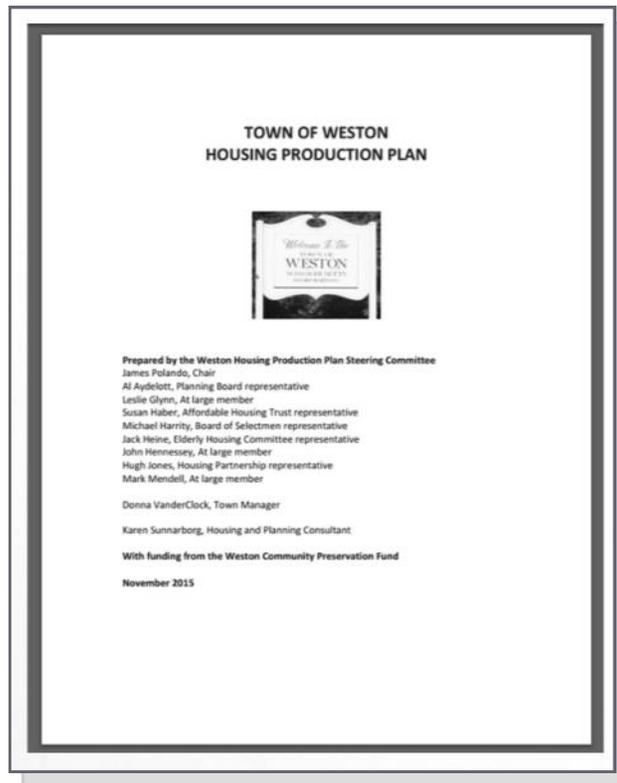


Town of Weston

General Government



After two public hearings, a Board of Selectmen vote on April 26th and a Planning Board vote on May 18th, the draft Housing Production Plan was submitted to the state for approval. The Plan is a proactive and studied means towards developing affordable housing that is in keeping with the Town's own affordable housing policies and preferences. It is intended to communicate to the state how Weston can address its affordable housing responsibilities and contains three major elements: a comprehensive assessment of the Town's housing needs; housing goals to meet those needs; and strategies towards achieving the goals. The state approved Weston's Plan on June 27th, which will expire in five years. The Town has outlined that it will need to produce 20 units of low and moderate income housing annually in order to close the 246-unit gap. Weston has identified rental housing to be of most need, especially for the elderly and young families, and a desire to work with developers through a Local Initiative Process in order to fulfill the plan.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen currently includes Douglas P. Gillespie, Michael H. Harrity, and Christopher E. Houston. As it is the custom of the Board to rotate leadership positions, Mr. Houston was subsequently elected as Chair of the Board and Mr. Gillespie became Clerk.

Agendas and minutes of meetings of the Board are available in the Selectmen's office and are posted on the Town's website (www.weston.org) under the "Town Government" tab. Highlights of actions taken and issues addressed by the Board of Selectmen in the 2016 calendar year include:

Fiscal Management

As has been noted in previous years, Weston underinvested in infrastructure in the 1970s through the early 90s like many state and local governments, spending too little on maintenance and renovations at a time when our population and student population were both dropping. Over the past 20 years Weston has carried out substantial renovations or replacements to virtually all of the town's buildings. With the upcoming planned Case House and Old Library renovations, that work is largely done. We have caught up. It has taken significant effort to do so, and the Town has had to incur considerable debt in the process. The debt level is high on an absolute dollar basis but as a percentage of the budget it is well within the range established by the bond rating agencies that continue to give Weston the highest possible ratings (more on that below).

Importantly, the financial leadership of the Town – the Town Manager, Town Treasurer, Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee – has undertaken a range of fiscally prudent steps to ensure that we are not "kicking the can down the road" again.

- The Town's bond and note issues in February received Aaa bond ratings from Moody's, the highest rating issued by this agency. This high rating allows the Town to borrow at the most favorable tax-exempt interest rates for its capital projects as evidenced by the net borrowing cost of 2.079756 percent for a \$4,389,900 bond issued on February 1, 2016, and 0.474 percent for \$6,878,193 one year note
- At the Annual Town Meeting in May, Weston adopted a fiscal year 2017 operating budget of \$76,323,735, a 1.8 percent increase over the fiscal 2016 budget. Salary increases of \$923,363, increased costs for group health insurance of \$361,476, a higher pension contribution of \$287,644, and increased funding for roadway maintenance of \$250,000 were offset by savings due to electricity credits from solar panels newly installed on the landfill, school enrollment reductions and one-time capital projects, so the overall increase was \$1,363,876. As has been true for many years now, no Proposition 2 ½ override was necessary because new construction in town contributed \$927,176 in additional tax revenues allowing increases in the existing tax base to be kept below the cap. In addition, the Town has accumulated approximately \$6.2 million in unused tax levy capacity that can be used, if needed
- The budget continues to include funding of several reserve accounts and in fiscal 2016 this reserve account funding totaled \$2,931,754, the largest amount being \$1,652,517 to fund the Town's long-term liability for retiree health insurance
- More than 86 percent of the Town's revenues comes from residential property taxes and only 5.5 percent comes from state aid, so any decline in state aid has less impact on Weston than most cities and towns in the Commonwealth
- The property tax rate increased from \$12.16 per \$1,000 of valuation in fiscal 2016 to \$12.40 per \$1,000 of valuation in fiscal 2017. The median residential valuation was \$1,162,400, up 0.9 percent
- Salaries and health and pension benefits for municipal and school employees comprise more than 79 percent of the Town's budget, and most of these costs are subject to collective bargaining

agreements with the 12 unions that together cover approximately 76 percent of the benefit eligible employees

Town Administration

Weston is managed by an experienced team led by Town Manager Donna S. VanderClock and Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director Lisa J. Yanakakis. In 2016, Town Accountant Susan Kelley was promoted to Finance Director/Town Accountant upon the departure of Sarah Johnson. These professionals have served the Town for many years and they are supported by skilled department managers who work with dedication and teamwork to provide services to our residents.

All managers and members of this team continue to focus on dual goals: 1) maintaining the level of services that Weston's residents expect, and 2) seeking efficiencies in the delivery of these services to control costs. Ongoing examples of this effort are the shared resources between the School and Municipal departments for facilities management, technology, and vehicle maintenance.

Public Works Infrastructure

Under the direction of Public Works Director Tom Cullen, the Town continued to make well-planned and considerable investments in the maintenance of its infrastructure – roads, sidewalks, water, parks and cemeteries, and stormwater management. With the Town's building stock in good shape as noted above, more time and resources are being focused on catching up on the maintenance of Weston's roadways where attention has lagged somewhat. Funding for this effort is slowly ramping up in order to reach an annual amount of \$1.5 million between state funding and the Town budget. The fiscal 2017 operating budget includes an additional \$250,000 in funding for roadway maintenance, bringing the total anticipated funding level to approximately 75 percent of the desired amount.

Town Buildings

Weston is at the forefront of municipal government in the state with its Permanent Building Committee and a town-wide Facilities Director who oversees the construction and maintenance of all Town buildings. Together they provide Weston with dedicated building expertise that enables better design and build, with more cost-effective buildings. In addition, with detailed long-term maintenance schedules, better care of our buildings can be taken, maximizing their useful lives.

The Josiah Smith Tavern/Old Library Working Group recommended that the Old Library be converted to a Weston Art and Innovation Center, proposed by the Library Director, and under the auspices of the Weston Public Library. Funding for architectural and engineering services to design needed renovations to the interior of the Old Library was approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. A proposal to re-use the Josiah Smith Tavern to house a restaurant and space for local non-profit organizations will be considered at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Construction to convert three buildings on Warren Avenue, formerly used by the Water Department, into seven units of affordable housing progressed. Two of the buildings were completed, resulting in five units of affordable housing that were occupied this year. Due to project budget constraints, the remaining building will be addressed when time and funds are available. This work has been overseen by the Permanent Building Committee, in consultation with the Weston Affordable Housing Trust, a part of Town government.

Serving as the Town's first Facilities Director starting in 2006, Jerry McCarty oversaw the replacement of the Public Works facility, construction of a new High School Science Wing, replacement of the Field School, and also the new Police Station facility. Further, he addressed numerous energy-related improvements and many smaller construction and maintenance projects in Town buildings. After ten years, Mr. McCarty resigned in October to take a position in another town. Weston owes him a huge debt

of gratitude for his capable and much needed attention to proper maintenance of the Town's buildings. His deputy director, Gary Jarobski, was promoted to the position of Facilities Director.

Energy Conservation Efforts

Since 2011, Weston has been a designated Green Community. This designation qualifies the Town for receipt of state funds to support the implementation of a five-year plan to reduce the Town's energy consumption by 20 percent. To date, Weston has received approximately \$382,000 in funds with which it has replaced the Middle School boilers, the Fire Headquarters boiler, and has improved the efficiency of the four existing school heating systems.

At the recommendation of the Solar Photovoltaic Panels Exploratory Committee, a solar energy installation was placed on the site of the former landfill. The panels went live in April, and in the first year, total savings of \$345,000 is projected. The Committee also requested proposals to place photovoltaic panels on the roof of the Public Works facility. That installation will be completed in 2017 and is expected to produce an annual \$21,000 in savings.

Land Use/Development Projects

Case Estates: The Town finally acquired the 62.5 acre Case Estates from Harvard University in June, nearly ten years after the vote of Town Meeting was taken to purchase the property. Steps were immediately taken by the Conservation Commission to clear underbrush and invasive plants and restore many of the fields. In addition, the lot known as Parcel 9 along Ash Street was remediated to remove soil contaminated by pesticides. A draft master plan is being developed with the assistance of a landscape architect. The plan will include tree and other plantings, as well as improvements to an existing path to create a "Legacy Trail" leading from the parking lot at the Community Center to the hilltop on the lot known as Parcel 1 along Wellesley Street.

Case Campus Master Plan: Funding proposed to complete the Case Campus Master Plan failed to get the required two-thirds majority vote at Annual Town Meeting. The proposed work included improvements to the roadway configuration, parking, and pedestrian safety. Additional work, including design of pedestrian walkways and accompanying tree and other plantings, was to be funded through the Community Preservation Act. The Board will pursue funding for only the traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety improvements at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Affordable Housing: In January, both the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board approved a Housing Production Plan, which was subsequently approved, as required, by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development. A key element of that Plan is to develop affordable rental housing units on property owned by Boston Properties at 133 Boston Post Road, the site of Biogen Idec and Monster. Discussions took place during the year with Boston Properties, and the Board of Selectmen expressed its unanimous support for a minimum of 275 rental housing units, of which 25 percent would be affordable, and an additional 175,000 - 350,000 square feet of office space, which was requested by Boston Properties. In order for this project to continue to receive the Board's support, agreement on site access is required. In addition, a vote of Town Meeting will be required to approve an amended Development Agreement for this property in order to allow this development to take place.

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered comprehensive permits for housing developments proposed under M.G.L. Ch. 40B as follows:

- Ten ownership housing units of which two will be affordable on 2.94 acres at 255 Merriam Street/11 Hallett Hill Road; a decision was issued by the Zoning Board and appealed by the Silver Hill Group LLC
- Sixteen rental housing units of which four will be affordable on 1.46 acres at 269 North Avenue; hearings were ongoing at the end of the year

Finally, there is a proposal being discussed for 154 rental units, of which 39 would be affordable, on 2.1 acres of land at 104 Boston Post Road.

Lamson Park Playground: The Recreation Department developed a compromise plan for the relocation of the Tavernside playground to Lamson Park. Site work began, but it was stalled when contaminated soil was discovered during the excavation process. A licensed site professional was retained, testing took place, and plans were being developed for remediation to take place in the spring of 2017, after which the site work will be completed and playground equipment installed.

Town Center Improvement Plan: Working with a consultant, the Town Center Planning Committee developed a set of recommendations for infrastructure changes and improvements for the Town Center, specifically Boston Post Road from Church Street to Linwood Avenue and the surrounding areas. Design fees were approved at the fall Special Town Meeting to pursue level service improvements, including addressing deferred maintenance by repairing curbs, streets, drainage systems, and sidewalks, as well as addressing handicapped accessibility. In addition, funds were approved to create “master plan” improvements, including safer crosswalks, more green space, traffic calming, and other pedestrian and aesthetic improvements.

Abandoned Rail Line/Rail Trail: The process of converting the abandoned Mass Central Rail Line, which covers a three-mile section of Weston, to a rail trail has been gaining momentum since 2011, when the MBTA signed a 99 year lease with the Commonwealth’s Department of Conservation and Recreation, giving it jurisdiction over the abandoned rail line. The rail line extends 23 miles from Berlin to Waltham and is known as the Wayside Corridor. Plans by Eversource to construct a gravel maintenance road along the abandoned rail line in Weston caused the Board to appoint a Rail Trail Advisory Committee to consider impacts of having a rail trail in Weston and make plans for its development, reaching out to the public for input. Those plans changed by the end of the year when the Department of Conservation and Recreation announced plans to pave the maintenance road, thus providing for the actual creation of the rail trail. At year end, the Rail Trail Advisory Committee had found an engineering consultant to develop an estimate of the cost to restore the underpass at the Conant Road bridge.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Recommendations of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee regarding improved signage and greater publicity about the need for reducing solid waste and increasing recycling have been implemented. Food waste composting and changes to the swap shed will be explored. A one-year pilot Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program concluded in September. The purpose of the program was to encourage participants to reduce the amount of trash being disposed of at the transfer station and to increase recycling, composting, and donations. There are mandatory waste bans imposed by the Commonwealth requiring that certain materials be recycled and not disposed of in the solid waste stream. The Board decided not to go forward with a mandatory PAYT program because of negative public response and the desire not to create a divisive situation. The Board did, however, challenge the public to voluntarily reduce its level of solid waste disposal over the next year, and they plan to revisit this matter in the future.

Communication Between Boards and Committees

On a Saturday morning in November, the Board of Selectmen hosted a meeting at Regis College of all boards and committees in order to share information and improve communication about projects of mutual interest. This meeting was a success, attracting more than 70 people, and is expected to be held annually in the future.

Communication With the Public

The Board continued the practice of devoting the first 10 minutes of each meeting to open public comment. Due to open meeting laws, any discussion by the Board of issues brought up during the public comment period must be added to an agenda for a future meeting.

The Town makes a considerable effort to keep the public informed about what is happening in Town government:

- Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Josiah Smith Tavern/Old Library Working Group, and School Committee meetings, as well as other public informational meetings and Town Meeting are recorded and televised on the local public access cable channel (Verizon channels 41 and 45 and Comcast channel 9) and also made available online by Weston Media Center Inc., a non-profit organization
- A wealth of information, including Town Projects coming before Town Meeting, is provided on the Town's website at www.weston.org. This website, developed on a new platform in the fall of 2015, achieved the recent distinction from the Massachusetts Municipal Association of being the best website in the Commonwealth for towns with populations of 5,000-15,000 residents. Much credit is due to Kara Fleming, Assistant to the Town Manager and Public Information Officer, who is the webmaster and also responsible for all social media for the Town
- The Town's website is designed to support civic engagement and provides multiple opportunities for residents to keep informed, from immediate news topics to meeting posts and subscriptions to various committee agendas when they are posted. Notification can be either by email or text messages. Regular electronic newsletters and notification of the "top 5" issues in town are available for subscription. To sign up, visit www.weston.org/list.aspx and select the topics of interest
- By the end of the year, Town Hall began transitioning from the use of MyGrapevine for notifications about Town activities to the email and text notification system through the Town's website described above
- The Town is continuing to use Facebook and Twitter to promote faster communication within the town and to engage residents with Town government
- A new Citizens' Academy was held for the first time in the fall, and a group of 12 residents participated in nine sessions offered by all Town departments to learn more about the structure and functions of Weston's Town government
- News is provided to and reported by the Weston Town Crier
- Finally, the Town uses a telephone notification system called WestonAlerts in order to quickly communicate with residents during emergencies. You can sign up on the Town's website at www.weston.org/WestonAlerts

Personnel

The Board wishes to recognize that during 2016, the following employees retired from Town service:

Robert Benotti	Heavy Equipment Operator, DPW	44 years of service
Eileen Bogle	Council on Aging Director	12 years of service
Antonio Butera	Supervisor, Highway & Stormwater	30 years of service
Craig Johnston	Firefighter/EMT	26 years of service
Richard Kowalski	Financial/Admin Assistant, Assessor	14 years of service
Veronica Murphy-Bouldry	Police Clerk/Dispatcher	16 years of service
John O'Gorman	Recycling Facility Attendant	37 years of service
Ann Swaine	Permit Administrator, Land Use	16 years of service
Judith Whalen	Office Manager, DPW	15 years of service

Closing Comments

The Board of Selectmen continues to work on the challenging task of maintaining Town facilities and services at a level Weston citizens expect, while limiting the rise in property taxes. Weston has the distinction of both the highest average home value and the highest average property taxes in Massachusetts, and these characteristics require special attention to programs that support diversity and support for those on limited and fixed incomes.

Although debt service constitutes a manageable 10 percent of the annual operating budget, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee are focused on carefully managing the level of debt the Town incurs. A significant percentage of the Town's outstanding debt has been incurred on four recent building projects: the new Public Works facility, the High School Science Wing, the new Field School, and the new Police Station. Together, these projects represent the completion of a program begun in the late 1990s to update or replace the outdated and worn-out infrastructure of the Town.

The Town continues to benefit from so many of its citizens who generously volunteer their time on elected and appointed boards and committees, or related non-profit organizations. Each time the Board has advertised for volunteers to serve the Town on various boards and commissions, we have been gratified by the response from well-qualified and generous residents. We are sometimes put in the awkward position of having to turn down volunteers and we hope they will maintain their interest in Town government because new opportunities for volunteer service arise each year. Without these scores of volunteers and the Town's talented and dedicated employees, the Board of Selectmen could not accomplish its goals.



Selectmen Doug Gillespie, Michael Harrity, and Chris Houston hosted an All Committees Meeting in November for the different boards and committees to share information regarding projects of mutual interest in order to improve communication

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE SELECTMEN IN 2016

Common Victualler's License

Carroll Holdings, Inc. - <i>d/b/a</i> Off Center Eateries Inc.	436 Rear Boston Post Road
David Gray Associates Inc. - <i>d/b/a</i> Cedar Hill Dairy Joy	331 North Avenue
Bruegger's Enterprises Inc. - <i>d/b/a</i> Bruegger's Bagel Bakery	31 Center Street
Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant Inc.	403 Boston Post Road
MOTAB LLC - <i>d/b/a</i> Theo's Pizzeria and Grill	456 Boston Post Road
Roche Bros. Supermarkets Company - <i>d/b/a</i> Brother's Marketplace	41 Center Street
DiDi Kendall Square LLC - <i>d/b/a</i> Dumpling Daughter	37 Center Street
P&P Donuts LLC - <i>d/b/a</i> / Dunkin Donuts	84 Boston Post Road

License to Dispense Food and Beverages

Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center Inc.	100 Brown Street
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Club License for Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises

Pine Brook Country Club Inc. - <i>d/b/a</i> Pine Brook Country Club	42 Newton Street
Weston Golf Club	275 Meadowbrook Road

License for Sale of Wine & Malt Beverages Only at a Grocery Store

Roche Brothers Supermarkets Co. - <i>d/b/a</i> Brother's Marketplace	41 Center Street
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Special One Day Liquor License

All Alcohol Beverages (<i>not for profit entities only</i>)	Granted - 3
Wine and Malt Beverages Only	Granted - 77

License to Operate Public Vehicles for Hire

Oneif O. Samuels	45 Georgian Road
Veterans Taxi of Newton LLC	224 Calvary Street, Waltham

Sign Board Permits

Granted - 109

Parades, Bicycle Tours, Road Races, etc.

Weston High School Student Council	Spring Fling	April 30, 2016
Weston High School Class of 2018	Fun Run	May 7, 2016
National Brain Tumor Society	Bicycle Race	May 15, 2016
Weston High School Class of 2016	2016 Graduation	June 3, 2016
Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program Inc.	Susan McDaniel's Run for Lovelane	June 12, 2016
Rotary Club of Weston and Wayland	Antique Car Show	September 24, 2016
Weston United Methodist Church and other Churches in Weston	Crop Walk	September 29, 2016
Weston Community Children's Association (WCCA)	Halloween Parade	October 29, 2016

License for Public Entertainment on Sunday

Weston Wayland Open Spring Horse Show Inc.	Horse Show	May 8, 2016
Southern New England Carriage Driving Association	Carriage Driving Event	September 4, 2016
Weston Wayland Open Spring Horse Show Inc.	Horse Show	September 18, 2016

SELECT VOTES TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 5th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on February 8th, and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Counsel to make any non-substantive changes for editing purposes or to comply with legal requirements, and subject to any further editorial changes made to the explanations. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

January 26th

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to approve, subject to Department of Public Works conditions, the petition by Eversource and Verizon New England to obtain a Grant of Location to relocate poles and anchors off Church Street and to install one stub pole and anchor on Church Street in the manner as described above. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to approve the sale of the \$4,389,900 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016 Bonds of the Town dated February 1, 2016 (the "Bonds"), to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC, at the price of \$4,756,800.31 and accrued interest, if any. The Bonds shall be payable on February 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2017	\$304,900	5.00%	2027	\$225,000	2.00%
2018	300,000	5.00	2028	225,000	2.00
2019	295,000	5.00	2029	225,000	2.125
2020	290,000	5.00	2030	130,000	2.25
2021	290,000	5.00	2031	130,000	2.375
2022	290,000	5.00	2032	130,000	2.50
2023	290,000	5.00	2033	130,000	3.00
2024	275,000	5.00	2034	130,000	3.00
2025	235,000	2.00	2035	130,000	3.00
2026	235,000	2.00	2036	130,000	3.00

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$6,878,193 2.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated February 3, 2016, and payable February 3, 2017 (the "Note"), to Jefferies LLC at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$104,962.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 6, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated January 20, 2016 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 13, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated January 20, 2016, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver continuing and significant events disclosure undertakings in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such forms as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertakings shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds and Notes, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Notes.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to open the warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for citizens' petitions and close it as of February 29, 2016. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to grant one tuition voucher each to Cyril Kakulu of the Middle School, Sgt. Jeremy Girouard of the Police Department, and Officer Efthimios Bousios of the Police Department for the 2016 spring quarter at Northeastern University. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

February 4th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to adopt the warrant for the February 24, 2016 petitioned Special Town Meeting. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to oppose the citizens' petition article on the February 24th Special Town Meeting. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Mr. Gillespie voted against the motion. Motion approved 2-1

February 23rd

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the removal of four pine trees around the Town Hall flagpole and, subject to the approval from the Public Spaces Committee, one spruce tree adjacent to the parking area on the east end of Town Hall. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to adopt the Resolution Concerning Lost and Unaccounted for Gas. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions. Mr. Harrity declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board and further, that the Board will not resume in open session. Mr. Harrity called for a roll call vote. Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Houston and Mr. Harrity all voted in the affirmative

March 8th

No votes taken

March 23rd

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to expand the membership of the Weston Alternative Voting Exploratory Committee to six members and to appoint Mr. Harvey Boshart, Ms. Lori Hess, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. Michael McGrath, Mr. Zachary Sadek and Mr. Russell Souza. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Crane

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to establish an income eligibility limit of \$75,000 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Property Tax Deferral Program, as permitted under Chapter 421 of the Acts of 2004; and further moved to establish an interest rate of 4.0 percent for all deferrals initiated in fiscal 2017. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to support the recommendation from the Josiah Smith Tavern and Old Library Working Group for the Weston Art and Innovation Center to reuse the Old Library, and also to support the request for design funds at the upcoming Town Meeting, and further to support the Working Group in continuing its pursuit of the reuse of the Josiah Smith Tavern Complex, using the concept presented by the Friends of the Josiah Smith Tavern. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to approve the revision to the Policy on Appointments by the Board of Selectmen, with the revised language as written below. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously: "Approximately six to eight weeks before the expiration date of a term on any board or committee, the Board of Selectmen shall publicly solicit from residents (including the current members of such board or committee) any questions, comments, or other relevant feedback regarding the charge, procedures and activities of such board or committee, as well as any informal expressions of interest in serving on such board or committee either currently or in the near future. Such solicitations should mention that any written or emailed response should be accompanied by a name and not anonymous and may be subject to disclosure under state open records laws. Responses to such solicitations may be used by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, in considering whether or not to open a reappointment and solicit formal letters of interest as described above. Such responses may also be used by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, in considering whether to potentially revise the membership, scope, charge, or duties of a board or committee and in recommending priorities or activities for a board or committee to consider or pursue."

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to approve the draft charge for a Committee to plan for the Wayside Rail Trail in Weston revised to provide for an "appointee of" instead of a "representative of" the three committees listed in the membership. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve amending the agreement with Ameresco in order to extend the fence along the property boundaries of 12 and 14 Hitching Post Lane and provide a \$10,000 landscaping allowance to be split between the homeowners. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to place the question below on the ballot for the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Election. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

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 _____ No _____

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 4 of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, to release any drainage rights and easements that the Town may have in a fifteen-foot wide portion of 12 Pond Brook Circle, which portion is shown on a plan recorded as Plan No. 1201 of 1954 and also in Plan No. 111 of 2015. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of property at 466 Glen Road. Mr. Harrity declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. Roll call vote: Mr. Houston, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Harrity each voted in the affirmative.

April 5th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to appoint Emily Fishkin and Rebekah Lord Gardiner each to the Weston Cultural Council for three year terms expiring April 5, 2019. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to appoint Robert Ferguson, Jr. to the Permanent Building Committee to fill the vacancy left by John Messervy for a term expiring October 10, 2016. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously. Mr. Houston noted that Mr. Ferguson will most likely be reappointed in October

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the revised Rules and Regulations for use of Weston Park Land and the Town Green. Further move to approve the Mobile Food Vendor Regulations for a One Day Special Event Permit. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to suspend contributions to the Stabilization Fund. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve for inclusion in the warrant and budget book the Fiscal Year 2017 proposed operating budget. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to take a formal position in favor of the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, and the individual articles 3 and 5-18 within the Consent Agenda. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to take a formal position in favor of article 20 for the Case Campus Master Plan. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to take a formal position of support for the Brown/Winter streets sidewalks and the Merriam Street sidewalk articles. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to not support the general funds request for Old Library renovation for elderly housing by the Elderly Housing Committee, and further to not support the general funds request to renovate the Old Library for a restaurant. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to formally support the request for the Regional Housing Services Office and community housing staff support. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Counsel to make any non-substantive changes for editing purposes or to comply with legal requirements. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the report of the Board of Selectmen for inclusion in the warrant and budget book. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

April 26th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the draft Housing Production Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Community Development. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to approve the Locations of the Mains petition by National Grid for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under Boston Post Road from Linwood Avenue to Church Street and including sections of Town House Road and Fiske Lane as described in the March 28, 2016 petition for work order no. 685104, subject to conditions outlined by the Department of Public Works. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to award one tuition voucher to Christina Hansberry and one to Jeremy Girouard for the 2016 summer quarter at Northeastern University. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

April 28th

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen support articles 22, 23 and 24. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously. Mr. Houston added that based upon a discussion from the last Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Harrity had voiced support of these articles, as well.

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to approve Notice of Lease and First Amendment to Lease Agreement with Ameresco with respect to the solar panels on the landfill. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

May 9th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to not support articles 27 and 28 on the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to include a provision for separate pricing in the design services request for proposal for the adaptive reuse and renovation of the Old Library to include the upgrading of the core system and the build out for an art and innovation center. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to support articles 22 and 24 but to pass over Article 23 on the 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

May 24th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to nominate Mr. Christopher Houston as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to nominate Mr. Douglas Gillespie as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to nominate Mr. Michael Harrity as the Board's representative to the MetroWest Regional Collaborative. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the Off Premise Retail Alcohol License application for the sale of wine and malt beverages only at Brothers Marketplace. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the petition to grant location of mains for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under Bogle Street and Sherburn Circle as described above and in Work Order number 926129. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to appoint Ms. Nina Danforth to the Tree Advisory Group for a term expiring June 30, 2019. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to disband the Case Campus Master Plan Committee with appreciation for its work and subject to a vote by the School Committee. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to authorize Mr. Harrity to approve the acceptance of the Deed from the President and Fellows of Harvard College, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 1 of the November 8, 2006 Special Town Meeting and the vote taken under Article 30 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to establish summer hours at the Town Hall from June 27th to September 2nd as follows: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

June 15th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to continue the status quo relationship with the Women's Community League and that the Selectmen do not anticipate the Women's Community League needing to vacate before June 30, 2017 and further, to increase the rent for fiscal year 2017 to \$584 and suspend the \$5,000 annual payment. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to reappoint Donna S. VanderClock as Town Manager for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve, subject to Selectman Michael Harrity's review with Town Counsel, the Consent, Amendment and Agreement (Power Purchase Agreement); and further moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to ratify execution of the Notice of Lease executed by the Town Manager on April 28, 2016 regarding the lease between the Town and Church Street Solar, LLC for installation of a solar electric generating facility on certain Town-owned land located off of and southerly of Church

Street, and that by this vote said Notice of Lease is hereby ratified, validated and confirmed. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Roll call vote: Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative.

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to establish the fiscal year 2017 compensation plans, effective July 1, 2016 with an increase of 1.25 percent over the fiscal 2016 amounts. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

June 28th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to not continue the trial Pay As You Throw option for the 2016/2017 permit cycle and for Tom Cullen and Bill O'Neil to follow up with:

1. contacting the former head of the Wellesley recycling facility for consultation on possible improvements to Weston's facility;
2. implementing remaining signage recommendations of the former Recycling and Solid Waste Committee;
3. a brief summary of pros and cons of single stream recycling in Weston;
4. explore improvements/changes to the swap shed, including an improved building with better light, more limited hours, volunteer staff, rules for use, as well as checking with third-party companies to see if it would be less expensive for occasional pick up instead of clearing contents into the solid waste hopper;
5. explore the creation of a recycling by-law to provide a better mechanism for enforcement; and
6. explore what other towns are doing with food waste;

and further, to have former members of the former Recycling and Solid Waste Committee, or new individuals, assist the Public Works Department to help with education. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to support the Traffic and Sidewalk Committee's recommendations that a request be made to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the design and funding of improvements at the Route 20/Wellesley Street intersection; and further moved to endorse the Concept 1 plan to widen Route 20, just west of the School Street intersection. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation regarding the proposed development at 255 Merriam Street. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board, and further, that the Board will not resume in open session. Roll call vote - Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston each voted in the affirmative

July 7th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to petition the General Court for special legislation pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution as authorized under Articles 22 and 24 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 9, 2016, and as presented at this meeting; and further, to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the General Court outlining the purposes for the legislation and formally submitting the same for filing. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

July 13th

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to approve a Conservation Restriction to be placed on portions of 215 South Avenue and 7 Ware Street that has been accepted by the Conservation Commission. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved two to one by Mr. Harrity and Mr. Houston

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to appoint Mr. Tom Benson to a three year term expiring June 30, 2019; Mr. Michael Natan to vacant term expiring June 30, 2017; and expressed appreciation for Mr. Peter Hill's service to the committee. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to appoint the following at large members of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee to serve for a term expiring June 30, 2017: Mr. Mark Horowitz, Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Mr. Paul Penfield, Mr. Jack Sands, and Mr. Christopher Stix. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to reappoint the following list of individuals to their respective board/committee for the term specified:

Office	Member	Term Expiring
Agricultural Commission	Yet-Ming Chiang Avery Chaplin	June 30, 2019
Board of the Council on Aging	Melissa Galton	June 30, 2020
Board of Registrars of Voters	Jacqueline Haas	June 30, 2019
Cable Advisory Committee	Michael Glynn Paul Zorfass	June 30, 2019
Conservation Commission	Alison Fronk Barlow Cynthia Chapra	June 30, 2019
Crescent Street Historic District Commission	Catherine Adams Fiske	June 30, 2019
Metropolitan Area Planning Council Rep and TIP Representative	Michael Harrity - Rep Tom Cullen - TIP rep	Rep: June 30, 2019 TIP: June 30, 2017
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board, Weston's Representative	Betsey Brew Boyd	One year
Tree Advisory Group	John J. Skillman Barbara Landy	June 30, 2019
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jane Fisher Carlson Steven Garfinkel - Assoc. Member	June 30, 2019
Town Counsel	KP Law, P.C.	June 30, 2017

And further to appoint Betsey Brew Boyd as Weston's Representative to the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board for a one year term expiring June 30, 2017 with sincere appreciation for all's willingness to serve and continue to serve. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the transfer of funds between accounts as described below. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Reason
Insurance-Group Health/Life, Medicare	Debt Service (excluded)	\$61,700	Unanticipated principal payment on BAN
Recreation Salaries	Recreation Expenses	\$28,000	Replacement of pool pump and greater enrollment in camps (revenue higher as a result)
Police Expenses	Police Salaries	\$15,000	Greater need for overtime use than anticipated
Insurance-Group Health/Life, Medicare	Police Salaries	\$30,000	Greater need for overtime use than anticipated

MOTION: Mr. Houston requested a motion for the Selectmen to go into Executive Session, declaring that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. Mr. Gillespie moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions; Exemption 2 - to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel - the Town Manager; and further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Roll call vote: Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Harrity and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative

July 26th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to authorize the bow hunting program of deer management to continue for the 2016 hunting season on the following properties: Blaney Aquifer, Coburn Meadows, Dickson Fields, Doublet Hill, Highland Forest, Jericho Forest, Ogilvie Forest, and Sears Land; and to be expanded to allow hunting in portions of the College Conservation Area. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to declare a State of Water Supply Conservation as provided by Article XXVIII of the Town's By-laws and restrict outdoor watering in two ways effective July 26, 2016:

- 1) Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering: Outdoor watering on property having an odd numbered address is restricted to odd numbered days. Outdoor watering on property having an even numbered address is restricted to even numbered days.
- 2) Outdoor Water Hours: Outdoor watering is only permitted between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This restriction will remain in effect until a notice of termination is voted upon by the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Article XXVIII, Section 7 of the Town of Weston Bylaws.

2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to accept the Confirmatory Deed from the President and Fellows of Harvard College, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 1 of the November 8, 2006 Special Town Meeting and the vote taken under Article 30 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting, certified copies of which are recorded with the deed at Book 67393, Page 247, this 26th day of July, 2016. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to award one tuition voucher to Christina Hansberry and one to Jeremy Girouard for the 2016 fall quarter at Northeastern University. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 2 - to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, the Town Manager; and further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Roll call vote: Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative.

August 8th

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to approve the sale of the \$1,628,400 Anticipation Serial Loan – Municipal Purpose Loan of the Town dated August 17, 2016 (the “Note”), to Eastern Bank, at the price of \$1,628,400. The Note shall be payable on February 3, 2017, and shall bear interest at the rate of 0.75 percent. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved that the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Weston adopted by the Board of Selectmen September 10, 1956, are hereby amended as follows: Article V Parking, Section 6, Schedule 1, Location: Drabbington Way; Side: Both Sides; From: Land of Town of Weston at the north end of Drabbington Way; To: a point 2,400 feet southerly from the north end of Drabbington Way; Type of Parking: Weston Residents Only. Further move that signs be placed on both sides of Drabbington Way. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to establish new water rates for 2017, using Option 1 as proposed below. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously:

- Block 1 – 0 to 5,000 cf at \$1.44 per hcf
- Block 2 – 5,000 to 15,000 cf at \$4.06 per hcf
- Block 3 – Over 15,000 cf at \$7.57 per hcf

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to award one tuition voucher to Kaitlin Nolan for the 2016 fall quarter at Northeastern University. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

August 30th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved for the Town to move forward with the partial remediation of Parcel 9 not inconsistent with the attached sketch prepared by Mr. Harrity. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to authorize Michael Harrity to work with the Planning Board to finalize a joint letter providing comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 1265 Main Street development. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 2 – to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, the Town Manager. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Mr. Houston took a roll call vote: Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative

September 14th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to grant permission to Eversource Energy Company to construct a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under Nobscot Road southerly from pole 367/7 approximately 542 feet southeast of Black Oak Road a distance of 46 +/- feet of conduit. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to submit a request for Community Preservation Act funds of up to \$630,000 for full architectural and engineering fees for the Josiah Smith Tavern, recognizing that the Board wants full plans developed. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to appoint Kristin Barbieri to the Community Preservation Committee as the Selectmen’s Representative for Parklands for a three year term expiring June 30, 2019 and with

appreciation to Tissa Hami and encouragement for her to apply for another available opening. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to place two articles on the warrant for Special Town Meeting; one for level service and master plan design fees for the Town Center Improvement Project and a second article for an amount of design fees that would include burying the utilities in addition to level service and the master plan. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to approve and sign the employment agreement for the Town Manager for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019; and further moved to award a merit pay increase, effective July 1, 2016, of 3 percent and a bonus of \$7,500. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

September 29th

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to approve the amendment application for a change of manager on the Brothers Marketplace approved off premise wine and malt beverages liquor license. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to designate the Friends of the Josiah Smith Tavern as the preferred proponent for re-use of the Josiah Smith Tavern, Barn and Connector. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to appoint Christopher Houston to the Community Preservation Committee to serve as the parks representative for the term of three years expiring June 30, 2019. Mr. Houston seconded the motion and added that he will accept the appointment with the understanding that this will be discussed again by the Selectmen after the November Special Town Meeting. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Roll call vote: Mr. Harrity and Mr. Houston voted in the affirmative.

October 13th

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to support an additional request for funds for the Black Oak Pumping Station at the fall Special Town Meeting. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to support the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Trust and Housing Partnership as presented; and further, moved to dissolve the Housing Partnership with thanks for their work. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to refer the proposed zoning by-law amendment regarding short-term rentals to the Planning Board for a public hearing and report to Special Town Meeting on November 29, 2016. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all of the Town's (i) \$6,903,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2006 Bonds dated December 15, 2006 maturing on February 1 in the years 2016 through 2026, inclusive, (ii) \$5,514,991 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2010

Bonds dated February 1, 2010 maturing on February 1 in the years 2019 through 2026, inclusive, and (iii) \$21,918,271 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2011 Bonds dated February 1, 2011 maturing on February 1 in the years 2020 through 2030, inclusive (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$14,645,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Town dated October 20, 2016 (the "Bonds") to J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at the price of \$16,041,277.75 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on December 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2016	\$ 355,000	2.00 %	2023	\$ 1,560,000	4.00 %
2017	305,000	3.00	2024	1,555,000	4.00
2018	610,000	4.00	2025	1,160,000	1.75
2019	1,680,000	4.00	2026	1,010,000	1.875
2020	1,580,000	4.00	2027	725,000	2.125
2021	1,575,000	4.00	2028	705,000	2.25
2022	1,550,000	4.00	2029	275,000	2.375

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale dated October 7, 2016, a Preliminary Official Statement dated September 29, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated October 11, 2016 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: to authorize the execution and delivery of a Refunding Escrow Agreement to be dated October 20, 2016, between the Town and U.S. Bank National Association, as Refunding Escrow Agent.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to appoint Dee Freiberg and Carol Ott to the Board of the Council on Aging for four year terms expiring June 30, 2010. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

October 19th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to rescind the vote taken on October 13th to dissolve the Housing Partnership. 2nd by Mr. Harrity with the additional comment that the Partnership will be dissolved upon the appointment of the Affordable Housing Trust and a vote of Town Meeting to amend the Community Preservation Committee general bylaw article. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved the consent agenda as follows: approve the September 29, 2016 minutes. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation regarding the proposed development at 255 Merriam Street. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. Roll call vote: Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Harrity and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative

October 26th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to grant permission to Eversource Energy Company to construct a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under Boston Post Road and as described above. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to waive and not exercise the Town's option to purchase 819 Boston Post Road. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on November 29th and authorize the Town Manager and Town Counsel to make any non-substantive changes for editing purposes or to comply with legal requirements, and subject to any further editorial changes made to the explanations. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to award one voucher to Kaitlin Nolan, one to Cyril Kakulu, and one to Jeremy Girouard for the 2016 winter quarter at Northeastern University. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Roll call vote: Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative

November 3rd

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 6 - purchase, exchange, lease or value of an interest in real property related to Boston Properties and 269 North Avenue. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Roll call vote: Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Harrity and Mr. Houston voted in the affirmative

November 15th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to continue the public hearing for the grant of locations for small cell sites on utility poles until December 7, 2016. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to authorize himself to sign the letter of support on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, subject to the two modifications discussed and further to approve the letter of support for an expansion of the development on the Boston Properties site at 133 Boston Post Road. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Harrity moved to authorize himself to approve the 20 year lease, subject to final language, with LLC c/o Ameresco for placement of solar panels on the roof of the Department of Public Works building located at 190 Boston Post Road. 2nd by Mr. Gillespie. Approved unanimously

November 29th

No votes taken

December 7th

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to appoint the following to the Affordable Housing Trust: Mr. Hugh Jones, Ms. Sarah Rhatigan and Mr. Kenneth Newberg to a two year term expiring June 30, 2018 and Ms. Susan Haber, Mr. Michael Price and Mr. Thomas Timko to one year terms, expiring June 30, 2017; and further to appoint the following as non-voting members to serve the Trustees: Ms. Shirley Dolins, Ms. Thalia Price and Ms. Geraldine Scoll each to a two year term expiring June 30, 2018. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to adopt a Residential Factor of 1.00 for fiscal year 2017. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to continue the grant of location hearing until January 25, 2017. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve a letter of support, as Mr. Harrity has amended, for an expansion of the development on the Boston Properties site at 133 Boston Post Road and also to sign on behalf of the board. 2nd by Mr. Houston. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Gillespie moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME Council 93, Weston DPW Union for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Approved unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session for the following purpose: Exemption 3 - to discuss potential litigation with respect to 255 Merriam Street. Mr. Houston declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board. And further, that the Board will not resume in open session. 2nd by Mr. Harrity. Roll call vote: Mr. Harrity, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Houston all voted in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission consists of seven residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town in the work of protecting and promoting agriculture in its many forms. The Commission met nine times in 2016 and considered several issues including:



Ikeda chicken farm

- community gardening on Town lands, such as the removal of trees shading the gardens on Merriam Street;
- continuing to assist Town boards and committees in reviewing disputes over agricultural activities;
- studying the agricultural and environmental impacts of a bad drought year; and,
- most recently, the restoration of farming activities on the newly acquired fields and farm buildings of the Case Estates, which is now under Town ownership.

The Commission was represented on the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee to prepare an updated plan for the protection and management of open space, including measures such the removal of invasive plants encroaching on farm fields, the addition of easements across private lands connecting trails to public ways, and the long-term protection of remaining farmland in Weston.

Lastly, the Commission is developing a web page with the goal of raising awareness of agricultural topics and opportunities in Weston and beyond.

2016 Agricultural Commission Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Alexander Anza	2017	Charlotte Donaldson	2018
Yet-Ming Chiang	2019	Julie Hyde	2018
Avery Chaplin	2019	Ann Wiedie	2017
Diana Chaplin	2017		

REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 2016, the Cable Advisory Committee monitored the performance of Comcast and Verizon with respect to their cable television license arrangements with the Town. In addition, because the cable license arrangements are scheduled to be renewed in 2018, the Committee took steps to prepare for the license renewal processes. This included reviewing the survey that the Committee circulated in the fall of 2015 to residents of the Town to gather information on the performance of Comcast and Verizon. The Committee will begin negotiations with Comcast and Verizon early in 2017 and will schedule a public hearing on the renewal process in due course.

The Committee also monitored the operations of the Weston Media Center Inc., the Town's non-profit cable access corporation. Executive Director Gloria Cole continued to create and develop local programming, which included local government coverage of Town Meeting and Board of Selectmen and other committee meetings with the help of staff assistants and volunteers from the Town. With the support of a grant from the Town, the Weston Media Center has maintained an expanded staff; added government programming to cover School Committee, Finance Committee, Rail Trail Advisory Committee meetings, as well as other special meetings of town-wide interest; and maintained its "on

demand" feature on its website to ensure viewing of all programming online. Roland Boucher, Gloria Cole, David Graves, Mabel Jong, Lee McCanne and Edwin E. Smith serve as directors of the Weston Media Center.

2016 Cable Advisory Committee Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Edwin E. Smith, Chair	2018	Michael Glynn	2019
Joel Angiolillo	2018	Lee McCanne	2018
Thomas Benson	2018	Paul Zorfass	2019
Roland Boucher	2017	Town Manager Donna VanderClock, ex officio	

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE COMMITTEE

The Town of Weston now has accurate data on energy consumption by municipal and school buildings for six years. The data is used for planning and verification of performance of energy upgrades. Included are all buildings, vehicles, water pumps and traffic lights. Using software developed under contract with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, the monthly utility meter readings for natural gas, electricity and fuel oil are recorded and made available to the respective towns. In Weston’s case, that is about 100 readings per month.

The table below shows the consumption of fuel by municipal and school buildings for the past six years. Each unit is one million British thermal units (MMBtu). A single Btu is equivalent to the energy released when a wooden match is lighted and allowed to burn completely. The equivalent of an MMBtu is the energy released when 8 gallons of gasoline is burned, so the following table represents significant energy. How significant? For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, municipal and school buildings consumed 75,752 MMBtu, which is equal to 606,600 gallons of gasoline. For visualization purposes, an Olympic-sized swimming pool (50 m x 25 m x 2 m) is 660,000 gallons, so the annual demand for fuel fills the pool to 90 percent of capacity.

Town of Weston Municipal and School Building Annual Energy Use

	Baseline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	% For Most Recent Year Reduction vs. Baseline
Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	
NO Weather Normalization - Accuracy better than 1 % (actual, in MMBtu)	88,840	74,609	81,611	88,695	83,972	75,752	15%
Weather Normalized (est. from above, in MMBtu)	82,893	66,743	73,390	73,818	70,966	72,063	13%

The new 10-acre solar photovoltaic panels array went online this year and one would assume it should decrease fuel consumption. The array produces electricity, which is usually measured in watt-hours,

either direct current or alternating current. Using the MMBtu equivalent, the array produces 7.5 MMBtu annually, which is equal to 60 gallons of gasoline. That is barely noticeable at the bottom of an empty pool, except for the smell. To fill the pool with gasoline, it would take 1,000, 10-acre arrays 11 years of non-stop production. There is no typo in the sentence. Fossil fuels have a huge amount of energy per unit volume. For more on the solar array, turn to the Solar Photovoltaic Panels Exploratory Committee summary found in the Land Use section of this publication.

2016 Environmental Baseline Committee Member

Appointed by the Selectmen

Donald Stewart

REPORT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

The Town and School Information Systems staff works to ensure the network communications and server infrastructure can meet the needs of every department and to provide a pathway for the integration of data systems for efficient use by Town departments and residents. We continue to invest in infrastructure projects that both meet immediate departmental needs, as well as our long term goals focused on anticipated future demand for information and communications services. Collaboration by School and Town Information Technology Services has enabled us to share equipment and services to the benefit of both.

2016 Information Systems Department Highlights

- Combined the Fire and Police Dispatch call centers into one central dispatch function within the new Police Station
- Replaced the Town's emergency response calling system (used to notify residences en mass) with a newer, more capable system
- Updated the computer management software solution for the Public Library patron machines
- Updated backend hardware used for virtual server hosts
- Virtualized (replaced) old physical hardware servers by bringing them into our virtual server management system
- Updated the Town's enterprise resource accounting software package

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Highlights

- Updated aerial photo imagery for inclusion in the GIS online services
- Expanded town use of database management software applications to assist productivity of daily departmental work
- Increased online payments options and land use permits

Planning in Action

During the years ahead, the Department will build on the Town's core network infrastructure to support individual departmental goals, as well as the overall core mission of municipal government. Our aim is to ensure the efficient operation of communications, processes, and records management throughout Town departments and the Schools.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Memorial Day is set aside each year on the last Monday in May to remember and honor those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending us and our country from tyranny and destruction. This year was the first major celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War.

The ringing of the 1801 Paul Revere Bell each year at the First Parish Church by the Weston Girl Scouts at 9:15 a.m. calls the town to gather in Sears Hall at the Weston Town Hall for the annual Memorial Day remembrance and parade. This year's was observed on May 30th.



The ringing of the Paul Revere bell in the steeple of the First Parish Church, traditionally calls the Town to gather in the Sears Hall for the annual Memorial Day remembrance

At 10:00 a.m., the Weston High School Marching Band led the participants of this remembrance ceremony into the Hall. The Weston Police and Fire departments' Honor Guard, under the direction of Police Chief Michael Goulding and Fire Chief David Soar, began the ceremony. Donald Bumpus, co-chair of the Memorial Day Committee, gave welcoming remarks and acknowledged our honored guests including Representative Alice Peisch, Town Officials, and all participants and attendees. The invocation was delivered by the Reverend Stephen Melius of the Weston United Methodist Church.

Rick Wohlers introduced the day's guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joseph A. Quinn, Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. CW5 Quinn is the state's senior ranking warrant officer who oversees the morale, welfare, training, administration, selection and management of all warrant officers in the Massachusetts National Guard. He serves on the Adjutant General's professional staff as an advisor on all warrant officer issues, policies and initiatives.

Several patriotic selections were beautifully played by the Weston High School Marching Band under the direction of Christopher Memoli, Kevin Donegan and Drum Majors Christina Ziobro and Camille Tulloss. Reverend Melius performed the Blessing. Upon conclusion of the remembrance, the band led guests out of doors where the parade assembled. A Weston Boy

Scout from Troop 157 and a Weston Girl Scout laid a wreath at the World War I memorial at the foot of the Town Hall flag pole. The Police and Fire Color Guard then led the parade, followed by the veterans, the Weston High School Band, the Weston Boy and Girl scouts, and numerous other groups.

Each year, the DeVito family provides vehicles and drivers for veterans and their widows as an honor and to facilitate those who would have difficulty marching the full parade route. The family has been very generous in providing this transportation over the years and much gratitude goes to those who bring their vintage autos to participate and augment the motorcade.

Wreath laying ceremonies were performed during the parade march at Fiske Memorial, Old Farmers' Central Cemetery, and Linwood Cemetery by a Boy and Girl Scout and assisted by Weston Veterans.

Taps was sounded in Linwood Cemetery. The parade then marched back to the Town Hall concluding the ceremonies and parade.

We are grateful for the Honor Guard participation, Fire Chief Soar and Police Chief Goulding, the Weston High School Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Memoli and Mr. Donegan, and Drum Majors Ms. Ziobro and Ms. Tulloss. Additional appreciation goes to Weston Media Center Inc. for filming the day's ceremony and Leiby's Garden Shop for designing the memorial laurel wreaths. We are so appreciative of outreach efforts by Director of Veterans' Services Sarada Kalpee and Deputy Director Stanley Spear both of the West Suburban Veterans' Services District serving Weston, Wayland, Wellesley and Needham.

Memorial Day is a community effort, well attended and supported. It was an honor and pleasure to serve.

2016 Memorial Day Committee Members

Appointed by the Moderator

Harvey Boshart	Margaret Caso
Donald Bumpus	Michael King

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

During the calendar year of 2016, projects under the purview of the Permanent Building Committee included, completing the new Police Station building; monitoring the construction phases of the Warren Avenue Affordable Housing Project; the Brook School Apartments Boiler Replacement; a study on the condition and needs of the Case House; the School Administration Building Renovation and the Weston Art and Innovation Center design and Owner's Project Manager interviews; Memorial Pool Renovation Project; Proctor Field Renovation Project; the Council on Aging Space Utilization Study; Rand House Roof Repairs; and ongoing maintenance of all Town-owned buildings.

Police Station Building Project

Construction funds approved by 2014 Annual Town Meeting

Construction activities were completed in November of 2015 and the building was successfully occupied by the Weston Police Department. Joint dispatch was set up and online early in 2016. The close-out items that are a part of any project remained active into 2016, but the project is now complete for less than the authorized funds.

In 2017, the Committee will conduct a review of the project with the Police Department leadership and senior staff.

Warren Avenue Affordable Housing Project

Construction funds were approved by December 2014 Special Town Meeting

The project scope was modified during the construction phase due to unforeseen conditions encountered in a number of locations within the project site. Based on a desire to complete as much of the construction of the initial planned project as possible and with the funds that had been appropriated by Town Meeting, the Committee, in conjunction with the Weston Affordable Housing Trust, moved forward to complete the site infrastructure, as well as full renovation of the old water department building and superintendent's house. This project added five new affordable housing units to the Town's affordable housing inventory. Construction was completed and the units were occupied in the summer of 2016.

The Committee is continuing to work with the Trustees to close-out this project. This particular project proved to be most challenging due, in part, to the nature of renovation projects within historic structures where changes in occupancy requires major reconstruction, as well as numerous unforeseeable issues that needed to be addressed during construction.

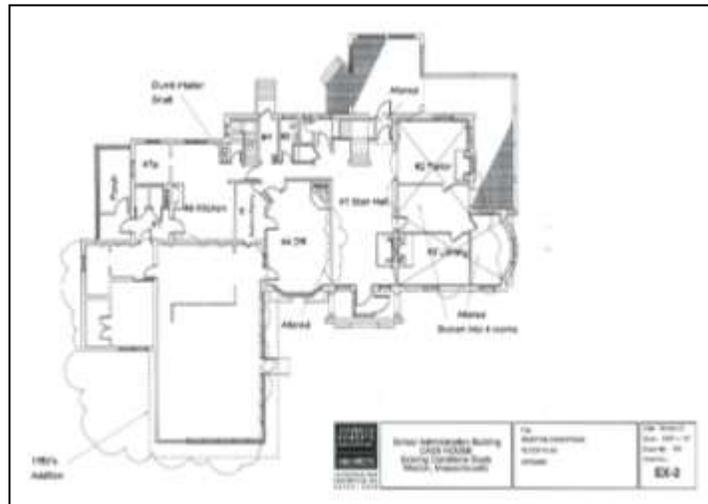
Brook School Apartments Boiler Replacement Project

The funds for this project are from the Brook School Apartments Enterprise Budget, not subject to Town Meeting approval

The Elderly Housing Committee requested assistance from the Committee to develop designs for replacement of the aging boilers at the Brook School Apartments. The boilers were beyond useful service lives, were inefficient, and in need of replacement. The contract for construction was secured with Ambient Temperature Corporation. The replacement work was completed in the allotted time and under budget. The boilers were operational by September 15th with only a few open items remaining that will be closed out in early 2017.

Case House Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

In anticipation of required renovation work to make the building accessible, including the installation of an elevator to better utilize the entire building, the Committee contracted for an existing condition study of the building that included a needs assessment. Johnson and Roberts Associates Inc. completed the study, which recommended the full replacement of all HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems within the building, as they are all beyond service life. The report also highlighted the lack of toilet facilities, accessibility problems, and the need to add a fire sprinkler system among many of the main points that should be addressed.



Floor plans of the Case House

School Administration Building Renovation

2016 Annual Town Meeting approved \$270,000 for design funds for the renovation of the Case House

The Committee advertised for design firms for the project design phase and in August proposals from multiple design firms were received. The Committee reviewed all proposals and short-listed four firms for interviews, which were conducted in October. Fee proposals were solicited before entering into design contracts.

The November Special Town Meeting approved the Historical Commission's request for an additional \$27,000 in Community Preservation Act funds allocated for historic preservation to be used in conjunction with the previously approved design for this project.

The Committee is working with the School Committee and the Historical Commission on the design portion of the project. At the close of 2016, final fee and contract negotiations were well underway, with an expected start in January or February of 2017.

Weston Art and Innovation Center Project

2016 Annual Town Meeting approved \$364,000 for the purposes of completing the design for the renovations of the Old Library for the Art and Innovation Center

The Committee decided to combine this project and the School Administration Building Renovation project from a design standpoint, as a potential benefit to the Town and also to attract the best possible design firms with expertise in historic preservation of public buildings. The ranking, interviews and final design firm ranking concluded with the selection of separate architectural firms for each of the projects. At the close of 2016, final fee and contract negotiations were well underway, with an expected start in January or February of 2017.

Owner's Project Management for the Weston Art and Innovation Center and the School Administration Building Renovation

The Committee also solicited responses from Owner's Project Management firms to assist the Town in managing both projects. Shortly after advertising for design firms, this was advertised and interested firms were short-listed and interviewed. In November, the Committee selected its preferred firm, Design Technique Inc. At the close of 2016, final fee and contract negotiations were well underway, with an expected start in January or February of 2017.

Memorial Pool Renovation Project

November Special Town Meeting approved the Recreation Commission's request for \$120,000 in construction funds for the necessary renovations

The Committee is currently working with the Chris Fitzgerald, director of the Recreation Department, in moving forward with the construction activities. The project schedule is targeting re-opening the facility in time for the 2017 summer pool season.

Proctor Field Renovation Project

The Committee is consulting with the School Committee on the proposed new concession building portion of the Proctor Field Renovation project. Bargmann, Hendrie + Archetype Inc., the architecture firm selected by the field replacement landscape architecture firm Activitas Inc., has produced optional designs for the building. The process is working well.

Council on Aging Renovation Project

Due to the retirements of the directors of the Recreation and Council on Aging departments, the ongoing study of the Community Center space utilization was further suspended. This project will be re-evaluated and reinstated only as the needs of the two departments utilizing the space become clear, since space needs are program driven and modifications may be developed by the new directors.

Rand House Repairs

Due to the 2016 acquisition of the Case Estates, the Committee engaged a third party to conduct a general building condition assessments of the three existing buildings to determine what specific repair work would be prudent to undertake in order to prevent further building structure deterioration from water infiltration or other environmental conditions. The report recommended repair or replacement to the roof of the Rand House to prevent water infiltration and resultant damage to the building. The roof was replaced in December of 2016. The other buildings were deemed to be adequately secure and protected from the elements.

Ongoing Maintenance/Additional Activities and Involvement

Energy Conservation/Improvement Projects

The Town of Weston, through the Facilities Department and in consultation with Donald Stewart of the Environmental Baseline Committee, received a \$243,707 energy grant from the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division in July 2014. The grant identified three projects: (1) Fire Department Headquarters Boiler Replacement; (2) Energy Management Systems Software Upgrades and Remote Monitoring and Control for Four Schools (Country, Woodland, Middle and High Schools); and (3) Recommissioning of the Four Schools.

The Fire Headquarters boiler replacement had been successfully completed in 2015. The school building automation and recommissioning projects included new building management systems at the High school and Middle School and will allow us to remotely monitor the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. The project, which had little impact on building operations, the staff or students, was nearing completion at the start of the school year and is scheduled to be fully complete by February of 2017. Next opportunity to apply for additional energy incentives will be in the fall of 2017.

Building Maintenance Budget

Working with the Director of Facilities Jerry McCarty, the Committee developed and submitted an overall Town Building Maintenance Budget to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee is greatly appreciative of Mr. McCarty and his staff for exemplary performance of their duties in support of the Town of Weston.

Staff Changes/Membership

The Committee is grateful to the individuals who have worked with, and are temporary members of, the Permanent Building Committee as project-specific representatives. The Committee is also thankful for the assistance of Mr. Donald Stewart of the Environmental Baseline Committee and Weston Climate Group for his continued support and diligence.

In September of 2016, the long-time Director of Facilities for the Town, Jerry McCarty, tendered his resignation. Mr. McCarty's contributions to the Town are numerous, and his diligence, focus and ever-present energy will be sorely missed. Through his tireless efforts, Mr. McCarty always found the best and most cost effective solutions for the Town. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

In December, Gary Jarobski, the former deputy director of Facilities, was selected as the new director and assumed that role seamlessly by the close of 2016.

2016 Permanent Building Committee Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee

James N. Polando, Chair	October 10, 2017	Neil Levitt	October 10, 2018
Dante Angelucci, Jr.	October 10, 2017	Josef J. D. Gazzola	October 10, 2018
Robert T. Ferguson Jr.	October 10, 2019		

Temporary Members:

Sarah L. Rhatigan, Warren Avenue Affordable Housing Project
John Thompson, Old Library
Danielle Black, School Administration Building Renovation

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

Comprised of representatives from Weston's three garden clubs, the Public Spaces Committee is charged with overseeing how key public green spaces within the Town are managed. These areas include the plantings at Town Hall, Town Green, various high-visibility traffic islands, planting beds, and memorials. The maintenance and care of existing sites is managed by the Parks and Cemeteries Department, plus a few volunteers. During 2016, the Committee focused attention to the landscaping at Town Hall. Several unhealthy white pine trees abutting the iconic flag pole were removed and a new landscape plan for that area has been approved. The Parks and Cemeteries Department will assist in the installation of the new plan as well as looking into possibilities to add proper irrigation to assist in plant health and longevity.

The Public Spaces Committee will also be working with the Parks and Cemeteries Supervisor for recommendations on new ornamental and shade trees for the newer portions of Linwood Cemetery. In every situation, care must be taken to choose varieties suitable for our New England environment and provide a sense of aesthetic sensibility.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the traffic island at the intersection of route 20 and Wellesley Street has been adopted by the Weston Tree and Landscape Company. This is an area that has previously been unattended and we are fortunate to be able to add this parcel to the carefully chosen array of focal points within the Town.

2016 Public Spaces Committee Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Lisa Williams, Convener

William C. O'Neil, ex officio, Public Works

Representing the Community League Garden Club

Regina Hajjar

Karen Morris

Representing the Country Garden Club

Cristy Ballou Brackett

Wendy Fox

Representing the Weston Garden Club

Diana K. Bonner

Dorothea Santos



An unhealthy white pine being removed from Town Hall, near the flag pole



A view of Town Hall after the tree removal

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

On December 31, 2016 there were 7,943 active registered voters in the Town of Weston, with 491 voters listed as inactive. Many newcomers register to vote electronically through the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This system automatically certifies each voter's data in the statewide voter registration database. This system has been in effect since 1995 following the state's adoption of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Any citizen aged 18 or over may register to vote in the Town Clerk's office during regular hours. In addition, the Clerk's office is open until 8:00 p.m. for a special registration session three weeks before each election and Town Meeting. Mail-in registration forms are also available in a variety of public places around the town and the state. Online voter registration is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr. Every year a census of all residents is taken by the Town through the Town Clerk's Office. If the Clerk's Office does not receive census information for a voter, that person's name is placed on an inactive voters' list. If the individual does not vote in two consecutive biennial state elections, the person is then notified by mail that his or her name will be removed from the inactive voters' list. Only registered voters may vote in state and town elections and at Town Meeting.



Early voting was initiated by the state this year ahead of the Presidential Election

Following is a summary of all voters by party and by precinct:

Party	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total
Democrat	567	495	462	444	1,968
Republican	307	329	305	352	1,293
Green Party USA		1			1
United Independent Party	8	8	13	10	39
Libertarian	1	4	4		9
Green Rainbow	1	2	3	2	8
American Independent Party			2		2
Pirate	1				1
Inter 3 rd Party	2	1		3	6
Unenrolled	1,185	1,214	1,044	1,173	4,616
Total Active Voters	2,072	2,054	1,833	1,984	7,943
Inactive Voters	110	124	143	114	491

2016 Registrars of Voters
Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Jacqueline Haas, Democrat	2019
A. Richard Hersum, Republican	2018
Nathalie D. Thompson, Democrat	2017

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, marriages and deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston:

Births	66
Marriages	32
Deaths	128
Weston Residents	91
Non-Residents	37
Total Population of the Town of Weston (per the 2016 census)	11,472

The following detailed report of marriages and deaths recorded during 2016 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts that appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. Please check the names and other data for errors, and notify the Town Clerk's Office.

Marriages Recorded in Weston

January

28th Jacqueline Marie Davis of Westborough, Mass. and Marshall Lawrence Poole of Framingham, Mass.

February

6th Laurence G. Schoen and Jean-Michael Bergognoux both of Weston, Mass.

March

5th Courtney Barrett Cronin and Nathan Scott Partridge both of Burlington, Mass.

April

None

May

9th Pavarisa Niyomsilp and Steven R. Doucette, both of Weston, Mass.

21st Samantha Nicole Allegretto and Nicholas Andrew Shea, both of Weston, Mass.

June

4th Catherine Olivia Morrow Condit and Phillip Henry Arensberg, both of Seattle, Wash.

8th Jackie Asiimwe and Ezra Barry Tindyebwa, both of Waltham, Mass.

9th Sonia Uyterhoeven of New York, N.Y. and Pawel Pieczara of Hackensack, N.J.

25th Olga Viktorovna Plekhanova and Paul Stephen Nolan, both of Weston, Mass.

25th Taylor R. Skenderian and Samuel L. Jacobs, both of Boston, Mass.

28th Dzhemilia Nishanova and Alex Anatole, both of Weston, Mass.

July

11th Cinira Alves Da Costa of Worcester, Mass. and Charles Alan Nemrow of Weston, Mass.

16th Ali K. Ahmed and Charine Tabbah, both of Newton, Mass.

23rd Hannah Jayne Scott-Lawson and Ketan Galhotra, both of Norwood, Mass.

30th Laura Mae Nigro and Jonathan Joseph Coughlin, both of Winchester, Mass.

30th Laura Russell Fusco and Peter T. Rizzo, both of Waltham, Mass.

August

9th Cynthia R. Shapiro of Waban, Mass. and Douglas A. Shapiro of Weston, Mass.

13th Elizabeth V. Arkema and Karl M.O. Haakansson, both of Solna, Sweden

September

4th Margot Tara Geffen and Adam Scott Landsman, both of Weston, Mass.
10th Sophie Ann Ascher and Cory John Walker, both of Newton, Mass.
23rd Stephanie Anne Bruno and Samuel Rockwell Gates, both of Weston, Mass.

October

14th Anand Sardjoe and Daniel Richard Thunstrom, both of Weston, Mass.
22nd Anne E. Lucas and Tyler Jonathan Durham, both of Weston, Mass.

November

3rd Qi Li and Yuanyuan Ding, both of Marlborough, Mass.
12th Holly Elizabeth Boland of Wellesley, Mass. and Travis Alexander Anza of Weston, Mass.
12th Marissa Darcel Levy and Daniel Ross Berke, both of New York, N.Y.
19th Hillary Beth Sieber and Adam Seth Russman, both of New York, N.Y.
19th Siobhan Theresa Costello and Lenny Ryan Brooks, both of Framingham, Mass.

December

17th Elizabeth Sarah Gordon of Weston, Mass. and Sahil Reddy Bloom of Redwood City, Calif.
20th Nanci Ann Gelb of Weston, Mass. and Wayne Spiegel of Westborough, Mass.

Deaths Recorded in Weston

January

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Age</i>
4 th	Parlee, Hilda Dorothy	Massachusetts	90
12 th	Springer, Robert Pincus	New York	87
15 th	Delicata, Esther G.	Italy	88
20 th	Polymeros, Nicholas C.	Greece	82
21 st	O'Connell, Kevin George	Massachusetts	77
25 th	Albano, Michael	Massachusetts	53
27 th	Penfield, Barbara B.	Pennsylvania	79
31 st	Cabot, Frederick Converse	Massachusetts	79

February

1 st	Griffith, C Wayne	Pennsylvania	82
3 rd	Oliveira, Ella C.	Massachusetts	85
9 th	Goldman, Sara Faiga	Germany	68
13 th	Palladino, Carolyn B.	Massachusetts	86
16 th	Precopio, Dominic A.	Massachusetts	94
17 th	Junkin, Sara	Massachusetts	73
20 th	Tsamtsouris, Athanassios	Greece	81

March

1 st	Mosher Sr., Robert A.	Massachusetts	81
4 th	Doherty, Catherine Cecelia	Massachusetts	99
5 th	Plocke, Donald J.	Connecticut	86
15 th	Flaherty, Paula J.	Massachusetts	52
16 th	Mancuso, Madeline A.	Maine	99
18 th	Collins, Irene T.	Massachusetts	88
18 th	Riffin, Thomas K.	Massachusetts	63
20 th	Coco Jr., Samuel Barbin	Louisiana	88
22 nd	Greenberg, Lois	Massachusetts	86

March, continued

23 rd	Erickson, Alan E.	Massachusetts	88
24 th	Crocker, Peggy W.	Tennessee	87
30 th	Cribben, Austin J.	Massachusetts	97

April

8 th	Fuller, Doris Elfriede	New Jersey	85
9 th	Scott, Rosemary T.	Massachusetts	85
10 th	Awad, Alice Katherine	New York	88
12 th	Brasco, Frederick	Massachusetts	89
15 th	Berg, Gertrude T.	Massachusetts	98
16 th	Malcolm, Neil Winfield	Massachusetts	74
17 th	Labas, Susan M.	Pennsylvania	96
21 st	Helmick, Raymond Glen	Massachusetts	84
24 th	Deutsch, Frances	Massachusetts	99
26 th	Berman, Frieda	Russia	96
30 th	Cleary, Herbert John	Massachusetts	85

May

4 th	Parla, Rena E.	Massachusetts	90
5 th	Morrow, Janice L.	Massachusetts	88
5 th	Shotkus, Linda Evans	New Jersey	68
7 th	Siegal, Roslyn	Massachusetts	89
13 th	MacLeod Jr., Charles E.	Massachusetts	67
14 th	Fries Jr., John Edwin	New York	92
14 th	Bianchi, Louis	Massachusetts	91
14 th	Reed, James W.	Massachusetts	87
17 th	Ennis, Joan	California	89
24 th	Bonica, Lucy Ann	Massachusetts	92
27 th	Cohen, Stewart Laurence	Massachusetts	62
28 th	McCarty, Paul Thomas	Massachusetts	91
29 th	Gould, Lillian L.	Massachusetts	96
31 st	Hosie, James Joseph	Massachusetts	83

June

1 st	King, Irene M.	Massachusetts	95
4 th	Karwin, John James	Connecticut	81
9 th	Harding, Richard E.	Massachusetts	76
10 th	Siciliano, Angelina E.	Virginia	96
10 th	Baiarrio Jr, Francis X.	Massachusetts	83
12 th	Fiske, John Noble	Massachusetts	85
13 th	Joyce, Leni	Massachusetts	88
16 th	Powers, Mary P.	Massachusetts	75
17 th	Uhlir, Arthur	Illinois	90
17 th	Giardina, Mary P.	Massachusetts	91
21 st	Fleischer, Aaron Nathaniel	Massachusetts	86
21 st	Litvack, Abbe	Pennsylvania	59
21 st	Jones, Jennie	Massachusetts	91
22 nd	Wong, Kwok	Hong Kong	74
23 rd	Perlman, Rita	New York	81
24 th	Fulenwider, Constance M.	California	73
26 th	Anza Sr., Santo	Massachusetts	85
27 th	Luckens, Selma	New York	98

		July		
4 th	Anastos, Effie		New York	87
12 th	Freeman, Esther B.		Massachusetts	100
12 th	Higgins, James J.		Pennsylvania	73
20 th	Cai, Junying		China	79
21 st	Wenckus, Steven		Massachusetts	52
28 th	Norton, Marie L.		Massachusetts	85
		August		
5 th	Merrill, Pricilla O.		Massachusetts	88
6 th	Rossi, Mary B.		Italy	92
6 th	Sheehy, Joan M.		Massachusetts	84
8 th	Rogers, Solomon		Massachusetts	97
8 th	Sara, Solomon		Iraq	86
16 th	Yorra, Hubert Ira		Massachusetts	88
18 th	Fallon, Henry Bernard		Massachusetts	89
19 th	Kennedy, Thomas Frank		Rhode Island	67
25 th	Giamo, Frank T.		Massachusetts	98
25 th	Johnstone, Robert McClean		New York	89
26 th	Kalman, Vivienne J.		Massachusetts	86
26 th	Cawley, David B.		Massachusetts	74
29 th	Kaplan, Anna		New York	96
		September		
11 th	Spencer, Elizabeth S.		Illinois	82
14 th	Katz, Martha Legg		New York	85
20 th	Massari, Juana		Chile	98
21 st	So, Elsa Kit-Ying		China	70
22 nd	Hirsch, Carl A.		California	87
26 th	Hall Jr., Lyle G.		Pennsylvania	86
26 th	Kouyoumjian, Karneg		Massachusetts	75
27 th	Drury, George Lawrence		Massachusetts	94
29 th	Rich, Robert W.		Massachusetts	96
30 th	DePass, Jane E.		Massachusetts	66
30 th	Luchetti, Nancy R.		Massachusetts	82
		October		
3 rd	Leschly, Lotte		Denmark	75
11 th	Nelson, Dorothy Q. B.		Massachusetts	86
18 th	Roberts, Jerome		Massachusetts	94
18 th	Messer, Paul Anthony		Massachusetts	80
25 th	Mendell, Mark Robert		New York	77
31 st	Gazzola, Josephine		Massachusetts	86
		November		
2 nd	Seixas, Judith		New York	94
8 th	Aronson, Shirley Goldwyn		Connecticut	90
12 th	Patriquin, Robert C.		Massachusetts	79
16 th	Li, Hua		China	69
18 th	McCarthy, James		Massachusetts	75
24 th	Saewert, Mark Russell		California	56
24 th	Smith, Christine J.		Massachusetts	88
25 th	O'Leary, Helen P.		Massachusetts	92

November, continued

27 th	Decot, Paul F.	Massachusetts	89
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December

2 nd	McConathy, James Stuart	Massachusetts	71
3 rd	Bigham Jr., Edward T.	Massachusetts	92
3 rd	O'Toole, Lawrence Jerome	Massachusetts	89
3 rd	Coan, Elizabeth A.	Vermont	94
10 th	Sulman, David	Connecticut	73
10 th	Richardson, William John	New York	96
14 th	Ingram, Priscilla M.	Massachusetts	77
15 th	Green, Lilly	Ireland	98
19 th	Kuzniewski, Anthony	Missouri	71
24 th	Melendez, Aida	Puerto Rico	89
25 th	Concannon, Anne S.	Massachusetts	85
25 th	Durkin, Natalie L.	Massachusetts	100
31 st	Currid, Bernard P.	Ireland	81

LICENSE REPORT - DOGS

Number	Type	Fee	Total
103	Male/Female	\$ 25.00	\$2,575.00
998	Spayed Females/Neutered Males	15.00	14,970.00
20	Late Fees	25.00	500.00
<i>Total collected</i>			\$ 18,045.00

Commercial Dog Walking Companies	Fee	Total
<i>21 companies with 32 walkers</i>		
First Walker	\$ 100.00	
Additional Walker (3 max.)	50.00	
Per Dog (5 dogs per walker)	150.00	
<i>Total collected</i>		\$ 25,450.00

REPORT OF THE TREE ADVISORY GROUP

In 2016, the Tree Advisory Group completed two Arbor Day projects. The first was an installation at Children's Park, where the old Boston Post Road splits with the Route 20 By-pass. The sign for the Town of Weston is a welcoming sight, with the greensward and spire of St. Peter's church rising in the distance. The Selectmen approved our choice of a white oak planted behind the sign, along with three witch hazels along the Route 20 side. *Quercus alba* was chosen for its longevity, stature and hardiness, a native that is high on the list of those species in Massachusetts predicted to survive the warming of the climate better than other oaks.



2016 Arbor Day planting of a Quercus alba (white oak) at Children's Park

The second project resulted from a donation to the Town and with careful restoration of an old allee of 20 sugar maples in the Wellington Farm Historic District. It was accomplished over several days in April by certified tree care professional Russell Holman and his crew from Hartney Greymont. The company had reached out to the Conservation Commission, looking to donate their skills toward improving a significant historic landscape, and the Tree Advisory Group provided the oversight. The project site is on the corner of Glen Road and Wellesley Street, on farmland donated to the Town by Nancy Wellington Danforth in 1977. The goal of such projects is not only a more beautiful landscape, but also a more sustainable one, given the severity of the higher temperatures and droughts experienced in 2016.



Restoration work on an old allee of 20 sugar maples in the Wellington Farm Historic District

Another project the Tree Advisory Group initiated this year is a tree inventory and renewed planting plan for Case Park, assisted by a small grant from the Community Preservation Act administrative fund. Landscape Architect Thomas Wirth will be circulating his design in 2017 and all interested citizens and neighbors will be invited to give input. The park was donated to the Town by Louisa Case in the 1940s and is located just south of the Weston Scout House, between Wellesley and School streets. The hope is that, when poor soil is enriched, diseased hemlocks removed, and a few sensible changes made, this small public park could become a more vibrant green space, attracting users from the schools, library and surrounding neighborhood, as well as the scouts.

The Tree Advisory Group continues to stay involved with infrastructure changes that involve public shade trees, such as the expansion of sidewalks and utility poles, new paving and storm drains. At the new playground at Lamson Park, we noted the unfortunate removal of a large healthy red oak, which had not been shown on the working drawings, but had to be removed by the contractor to make room for play equipment.

We urge residents to contact us to discuss questions about general greening, tree health, diseases or removals. We are always eager to find suitable places for new street trees, and neighbors who will help to water and get them through droughts. All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, which include informative discussion, often with input from garden club members, the Town Planner, Recreation Director or Tree Warden.

2016 Tree Advisory Group Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Nina Danforth, Chair	2019	Laura Perry	2017
Cynthia K. Chapra	2018	Edward J. Recka	2017
Marilyn Doyle	2018	John J. Skillman	2019
Beth Jakubowski	2017	Thomas Cullen, tree warden ex-officio	
Barbara I. Landy	2019	Nea Glenn	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIAM FUND

The Merriam Fund originated in a gift made by Charles Merriam in 1865 who wanted to modestly assist Weston residents caught in a temporary situation of financial hardship. The gift was accepted at the Annual Town Meeting held in 1865. Trustees of the Merriam Fund are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years.

In Weston today there are more people on limited incomes for whom paying the basics, like utilities, can be a problem. Sometimes it can be embarrassing for them to ask for help, even from relatives and friends. The Merriam Fund continues to give assistance to Weston residents in difficult, short-term situations. There is not a lot of money in the Merriam Fund, currently about \$28,092 with income only to be distributed. In fiscal year 2016, the Trustees of the Merriam Fund made no distributions. As of December 31, 2016 the Trustees had \$4,154.62 to distribute in the coming year.

By making a tax-deductible donation to the “Town of Weston-Merriam Fund” you can help the Merriam Fund Trustees help our neighbors in need in quiet and confidential ways.

2016 Trustees of the Merriam Fund Members

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Linda J. Perrin	2016
Patricia K. Shotwell	2017
Reverend Dr. Thomas Wintle	2018

REPORT OF THE WEST SUBURBAN VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT

The West Suburban Veterans' Services District includes the towns of Weston, Wayland, Wellesley, and Needham and the district board is comprised of four members each designated by the Board of Selectmen from each community. The district office assists and facilitates the needs of veterans and their families with financial benefits from both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Veteran Affairs. The central office is located in the Wellesley Town Hall with satellite offices in each town in order to provide services more conveniently for veterans and their families.

In February of this year, the district board appointed Sgt. 1st Class Sarada Kalpee as the new Director of Veterans' Services for the district towns. Ms. Kalpee has served in the U.S. Army Reserves since 2002 and was appointed to a newly established Advisory Council on Veterans' Services by Governor Charlie Baker.

Ms. Kalpee and Deputy Director Stanley W. Spear, Jr. carry out the functions assigned to the Veterans' Office by Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Together, they provide assistance in applying for U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs benefits; maintain a depository of discharges and records of veterans; and oversee the disbursements of veterans' benefits.

Office hours in Weston are Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Weston Town Hall and 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Council on Aging. A full range of benefits and services are available to veterans and their families based on certain qualifications and eligibility requirements. Further information is available on the district website at www.WestSuburbanVeterans.com. The office may also be contacted at 781-850-5504 with questions or to schedule appointments.

During 2016, Ms. Kalpee spoke with many Weston veterans, spouses, widows of veterans and relatives of veterans either in person, on the telephone, through email, or home visits. Many inquiries included picking up flags and markers for the graves of a family member and obtaining a copy of discharge papers to file for veteran benefits, burial benefits, and various other benefits that are available.

2016 Highlights

- Provided \$35,981.21 in Chapter 115 Benefits to Weston residents
- Hosted district-wide benefits presentations that were attended by Weston veterans
- Expanded community outreach
- Attended several veteran-related events at the Council on Aging
- Advised and assisted many veterans with the veteran benefit application process
- Offered support to the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Committee
- Attended formal training sessions provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services on current veterans benefits and services

West Suburban Veterans' Services District Board Representative

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Donna S. VanderClock, Town Manager



Sgt. 1st Class Sarada Kalpee, Director of Veteran Services, Weston veteran Richard Wohlers, and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joseph A. Quinn, Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Mass. Army National Guard

REPORT OF THE WESTON ALTERNATIVE VOTING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

One of the recommendations of the Selectman's Town Meeting Advisory Committee was for the creation of a follow-on committee to explore the alternate voting methods considered by the committee. In 2016 after interviewing interested candidates, the Board of Selectmen and Moderator jointly created the Weston Alternative Voting Exploratory Committee consisting of six at-large members.

The purpose of the committee is fact finding to explore remote online voting and split debate/voting approaches in more detail, including the potential effects on the Town, such as its sense of community, and on Town Meeting, including participation levels, if the alternative approaches were permitted by state law, which currently are not. Additionally, the Committee is charged with exploring the steps that would be necessary for state law to be changed to allow either or both of these alternative approaches, along with the level of support for these changes elsewhere, and to recommend a process that would put the Town as a whole in a position to discuss and possibly adopt these alternative approaches to the extent permitted by state law or to pursue changes in state law if the Town desires.

The committee has met several times in the past year and has made progress in discussing and researching this complicated issue focusing its efforts on remote online voting and split debate/voting approaches. It is no secret that there are many impediments to Town Meeting attendance and the goal of any voting change should allow whomever wants to participate in Town Meeting to do so.

There are many details to consider for both voting approaches and the committee will continue to move at a pace to allow for ample time to thoroughly explore the logistical issues and the effects on Town Meeting.

2016 Members of the Weston Alternative Voting Exploratory Committee

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator

Harvey Boshart, Chairman	Michael McGrath
Lori Hess	Zachary Sadek
John McDonald	Russell Souza