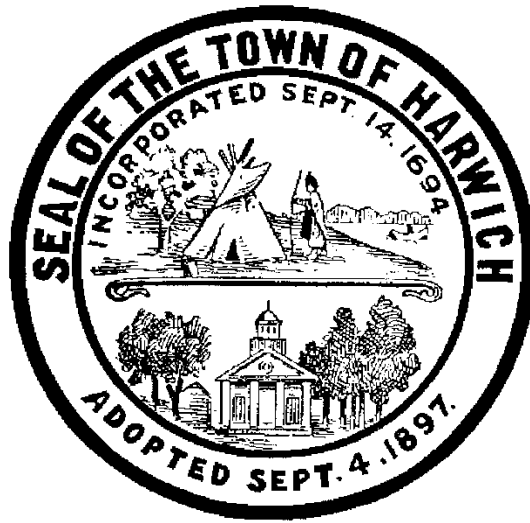


**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT  
WITH  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND  
MOTIONS**



**October 18, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
Harwich Community Center  
100 Oak Street  
Harwich, MA 02645**

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## **VOTING PROCEDURES**

- I A quorum, 150 registered voters, must be present in order to conduct business. The only motion in order when no quorum is present is a motion to adjourn.
- II A two-thirds majority of the Town Meeting shall be required for inclusion of any Capital Outlay, unless it was included in the Capital Outlay Plan adopted at the preceding Town Meeting.
- III All motions introduced at the Town Meeting shall be in writing when required by the Moderator.
- IV Voters are limited to two times speaking on any one question; the total time speaking not to exceed 10 minutes.
- V Only registered voters shall occupy the meeting “floor”.
- VI No voter will be allowed to speak until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.
- VII Motion requiring more than a simple majority to pass:
  - A. To reconsider a vote on a motion –  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority (this motion must be made prior to the next adjournment of the meeting).
  - B. To consider articles in an order other than as appears on the warrant –  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.
  - C. To pay unpaid bills –  $\frac{4}{5}$  majority at the Annual Town Meeting,  $\frac{9}{10}$  majority at a Special Town Meeting.
  - D. To move the previous question (terminate debate) –  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.
- VIII Quorum cannot be questioned after a motion has been made and seconded.

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## **MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMS**

**APPROPRIATION:** An authorization granted by a town meeting, city council or other legislative body to expend money and incur obligations for specific public purposes. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and as to the time period within which it may be expended.

**AVAILABLE FUNDS:** Balances in the various fund types that represent nonrecurring revenue sources. As a matter of sound practice, they are frequently appropriated for unforeseen expenses, capital expenditures, or other one-time costs. Examples of available funds include free cash, stabilization funds, overlay surplus, water surplus, and retained earnings.

**CHERRY SHEET:** Named for the cherry-colored paper on which they were originally printed, the Cherry Sheet is the official notification to cities, towns, and regional school districts of the next fiscal year's state aid and assessments. The aid is in the form of distributions, which provide funds based on formulas and reimbursements that provide funds for costs incurred during a prior period for certain programs or services.

**FREE CASH:** Remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year, including unexpended free cash from the previous year, actual receipts in excess of revenue estimated on the tax recapitulation sheet, and unspent amounts in budget line items. Unpaid property taxes and certain deficits reduce the amount that can be certified as free cash.

**OVERLAY (Overlay Reserve, or Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions):** An account that funds anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes. Additions to the overlay reserve need not be funded by the normal appropriation process but instead raised on the tax rate recapitulation sheet.

**RESERVE FUND:** An amount (not to exceed 5 percent of the tax levy for the preceding year) set aside annually within a community's budget to provide a funding source for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. In a town, the finance committee can authorize transfers from this fund for "extraordinary or unforeseen" expenditures. Other uses of the fund require budgetary transfers by town meeting.

**STABILIZATION FUND:** A fund designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes, although it may be appropriated for any lawful purpose (MGL c. 40 § 5B). Communities may establish one or more stabilization funds for different purposes and may appropriate any amounts into them. A two-thirds vote of town meeting is required to establish, amend the purpose of, or appropriate money from a stabilization fund. A majority vote of town meeting is required to appropriate money into a stabilization fund.

## **MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMS RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**CAPITAL ASSETS:** – Any tangible property used in the operation of government that is not easily converted into cash and that has an initial useful life extending beyond a single financial reporting period. Capital assets include land and land improvements; infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, water and sewer lines; easements; buildings and building improvements; vehicles, machinery and equipment. Communities typically define capital assets in terms of a minimum useful life and minimum initial cost.

**CAPITAL BUDGET:** An appropriation or spending plan that uses borrowing or direct outlay for capital or fixed asset improvements. Among other information, a capital budget should identify the method to finance each recommended expenditure (e.g., tax levy or rates) and identify those items that were not recommended.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM:** – A blueprint for planning a community's capital expenditures that comprises an annual capital budget and a five-year capital plan. It coordinates community planning, fiscal capacity, and physical development. While all the community's needs should be identified in the program, there is a set of criteria that prioritize the expenditures.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:** The exchange of one asset (cash) for another (capital asset) with no ultimate effect on net assets. Also known as "pay as you go," it is the appropriation and use of available cash to fund a capital improvement, as opposed to incurring debt to cover the cost.

**FIXED ASSETS:** – Long-lived, tangible assets, such as buildings, equipment and land, obtained or controlled as a result of past transactions or circumstances.

## **MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMS RELATED TO PROPOSITION 2 ½ TERMS**

Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws commonly referred to as Proposition 2 ½ (Prop. 2 ½) or the Tax Limiting Law for Cities and Towns in Massachusetts.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE EXCLUSION:** A temporary increase in the tax levy to fund a capital project or to make a capital acquisition. Such an exclusion requires a two-thirds vote of the selectmen or city council (sometimes with the mayor's approval) and a majority vote in a communitywide referendum. The exclusion is added to the tax levy only during the year in which the project is being funded and may increase the tax levy above the levy ceiling.

**CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION:** An appropriation that authorizes spending for a particular purpose only if subsequently approved in a voter referendum. Under MGL c. 59 § 21C (m), towns may make appropriations from the tax levy, available funds, or borrowing contingent on the subsequent passage of a Proposition 2½ override or exclusion question for the same purpose. If initially approved at an annual town meeting, voter approval of the contingent appropriation must occur by September 15. Otherwise, the referendum vote must occur within 90 days after the town meeting dissolves. The question may be placed before the voters at more than one election, but if the appropriation is not approved by the applicable deadline, it is null and void. If contingent appropriations are funded through property taxes, DLS cannot approve the tax rate until the related override or exclusion question is resolved or the deadline passes, whichever occurs first.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HARWICH  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
October 18, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

BARNSTABLE, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Harwich in said county,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Community Center Gymnasium, 100 Oak Street in said Town on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.  
Given under out hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

s/ Michael D. MacAskill, Chair  
s/ Mary E. Anderson, Vice Chair  
s/ Donald Howell, Clerk  
s/ Julie E. Kavanagh  
s/ Larry G. Ballantine

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Harwich

A true copy Attest:  
s/ David Robinson, Constable

Date: September 23, 2022

By virtue of this Warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Harwich community Center, 100 Oak Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022 at the time and place for the purpose herein named by posting up attested copies theon in the four (4) Pose Office buildings, in Town Hall and Community Center in the Town of Harwich, which covers all four precincts, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of said meeting as within directed, and causing an attested copy thereof to be published in the Cape Cod Chronicle publishes in Barnstable County and having its circulation in the Town of Harwich.

s/ David Robinson, Constable

The Moderator, Michael D. Ford, Esq. called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM with a quorum or more than 150 voters was met, with 151 registered voters in attendance. Before town business began, Town Clerk Emily Mitchell read the Warrant and the Return of the Warrant.

The Special Town Meeting began with:

**ARTICLE 1: Acquisition of Property Interests and Appropriation of Funds for the  
Route 28 Dry Sewer Project and Phase 3 Wastewater Project**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase and/or eminent domain, for public utility purposes, including, without limitation, the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair and replacement of utilities and other related rights, appurtenances and facilities, and to enable the Town to undertake Phase 3 of the Town of Harwich Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in a Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Certificate dated May 13, 2016, and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, the fee or easements in, on, under and near certain parcels of land located at 52 Route 28 (Parcel 10/D4-2), 62 Route 28 (Parcel 10/G2), 0 Martha Eaton Court (Parcel 116/C5-65), 3 Wilmas Way (Parcel 117/P1-1), 11 Wilmas Way (Parcel 117/P1-2), 43 Chestnut Lane (Parcel 112/A3-23), 0 Standish Woods Circle (Parcel 112/C5-64) (Parcel 113/C5-63) (Parcel 113/C5-65), land formerly owned by Annie Carnes near the intersection of Round Cove/Pleasant Bay Road and those private ways known as Brother's Lane, Perry's Way, Live Oaks Drive, Scribner Terrace, Wilmas Way, Lily Lane, McGuerty Road, Washburn Way, Bascom Hollow, Caldwell Lane and Walden Way II, and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund the cost of said land acquisition costs and all other expenses incidental thereto; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$105,000.

*Explanation: The purpose of this article is to authorize and appropriate the funds necessary to acquire interests in land that are necessary to construct Phase 3 of the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, and the interest in land necessary to construct the Dry Sewer Line Project along Route 28. It is anticipated that the appropriation for the actual construction of Phase 3 will be requested at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article as a continuation of the Wastewater Project Phase 3 along Route 28. It is intended to put in dry pipes in the ground before the State makes road improvements and resurfaces Route 28. Once Route 28 is resurfaced by the State the State will prevent future road openings on that road for 5 years.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-7, NO-0**

**ROLL CALL VOTES:**

**Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 7 (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

**Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

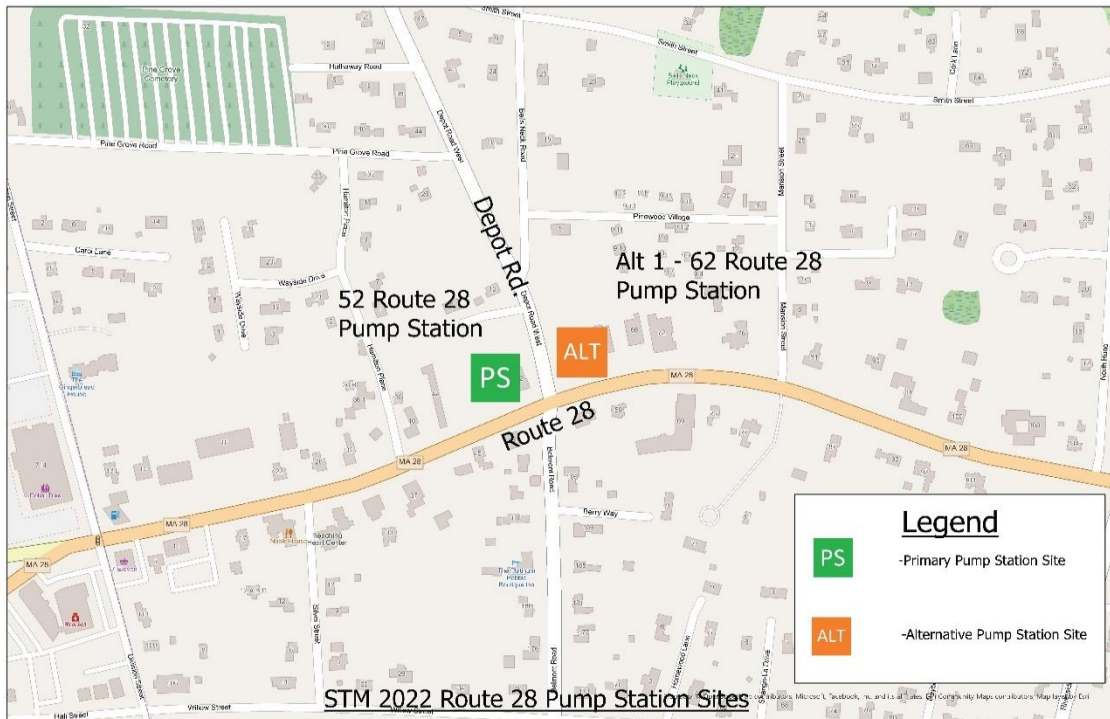
Nays: 0 (Zero): none

**Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 1 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$70,000 be transferred from Certified Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund and that \$35,000 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article.



***Two-thirds Vote required***



**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair - Finance Committee) I move that Article 1 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$105,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this article.   Duly seconded

**Action:** Unanimous vote, so declared

## **ARTICLE 2: Acquire parcel of land located at 62 Route 28**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, a parcel of land consisting of 1.560 acres, more or less, located at 62 Route 28, identified as Assessor's Map 10, Parcel G2, for housing, cemetery and sewer purposes, and including the purpose of conveyance; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to compliance with G.L. c. 30B, §16, to convey a portion of said parcel for the development of workforce or other housing; and to raise and appropriate; transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for said acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing purposes; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to retain an historic preservation restriction on the façade of the Church Building located on the parcel, and a housing restriction; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$1.00.

*Explanation: This article seeks authorization for the Board of Selectmen to acquire a parcel of land presently owned by the First Baptist Church located at 62 Route 28, and then to dispose of the property to a developer who has expressed an interest in constructing approximately 14 units of work force housing within the existing Church building. The Church is an historic building in West Harwich, but it is in a deteriorated condition. Because there may be title issues with this property, the Board of Selectmen would like the authorization to engage in a friendly taking of the property, so that the town can issue an RFP for the conveyance of the property to an eligible developer. The Town intends to retain an historic preservation restriction and a housing restriction to ensure that the historic character of the Church building is preserved and also to ensure that the use of the property is restricted to workforce housing. In order to protect the interests of the Town, the Board of Selectmen will not acquire this property until a Request for Proposals is issued and a qualified developer is selected for the development of the housing. The Town may decide to use a small portion of the property for a sewer pump station. Since a portion of this property includes a cemetery, the Town may also retain ownership of the cemetery land as one of the Town cemeteries. The Town is not seeking an appropriation of funds for this acquisition because the Town will obtain a waiver of any monetary damages before proceeding with a taking of the property.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article as this property is needed to install a pumping station along Route 28.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NO RECOMMENDATION PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION. FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTES NRPFI WHEN, AT THE TIME THE WARRANT IS PRINTED, IT HAS INSUFFICIENT OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED RECOMMENDATION. IT DOES NOT IMPLY A NEGATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE VIEW, ONLY AN INCOMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTICLE SO VOTED. FINACE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATION AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AFTER HAVING RECEIEVED FURTHER INFORMATON. YES-7, NO-0**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

No Recommendation Pending Further Information:

Yeas: 7 (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

**Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

**Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 2 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$1.00 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article.

***Two-thirds vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 2 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$1.00 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article. Duly seconded

**Motion to Amend:** Sally Urbano made a motion to amend the main motion to add that a perpetual historic preservation restriction be placed on the exterior of the West Harwich Baptist Church that meets the criteria under G.L. c. 184 §31-33. Duly seconded

**Action on the Motion to Amend:** The motion carried

**Action on the Main Motion as Amended:** The motion was ruled to have gotten the necessary two-thirds majority and passed.

### **ARTICLE 3: Bylaw/Charter Review resource funding**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to support a comprehensive review of the Town's current Code which is comprised of the Harwich Charter, General Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$75,000.

*Explanation: The purpose of this article is to appropriate funds to be used to support a comprehensive review of the Town's current Code which is comprised of the Harwich Charter, General Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws. The goal of the review is to recommend changes to the elements of the Town's Code referenced above. It is anticipated that proposed amendments to the Code will begin at the next Annual Town Meeting.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article. It is anticipated by the Finance Committee that after the consultants do their work there will be ample opportunity for public input and revisions if needed in the formation of a new charter for the Town before the document goes to Town Meeting.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-6, NO-1**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

##### **Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 6 (Six): Peter Hughes, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 1 (One): Dana DeCosta

##### **Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

##### **Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 3 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$75,000 be raise and appropriated for purposes of the Article.

##### ***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move this article be accepted and adopted by deleting the words “and Zoning Bylaws” on line three and the word “of” on line two and adding the words “restricted to” on the second line prior to the words “the Town's current code” and that the sum of \$75,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of the article. Duly seconded

**Action:** The motion carried

**ARTICLE 4: Fund the town's Owner's Project Manager (OPM) related to ongoing renovation work at Brooks Academy Museum**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sufficient sum of money to secure the services of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the ongoing construction work at Brooks Academy Museum; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$150,000.

*Explanation: The purpose of this article is to appropriate funds to be used in securing an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) as necessitated by the Commonwealth's procurement laws regarding construction projects costing more than \$1,500,000 in total construction cost. The construction project was approved by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting under the proposed Capital Outlay Program for Fiscal Year 2023 but a companion article appropriating the money for OPM services was inadvertently omitted from the final Warrant.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article for a temporary position to protect the Town while extensive renovations are made to this historic structure.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-6, NO-1**

**ROLL CALL VOTES:**

**Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 6 (Six): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 1 (One): Angelo LaMantia

**Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

**Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 4 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$150,000 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article.

***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 4 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$150,000 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article. Duly seconded

**Action:** The motion carried

## **ARTICLE 5: Fund Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to be added to the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget of several departments to fund new contractual agreements between the Town and The Management Employees Association, SEIU Local 888; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$22,916.72

*Explanation: The purpose of this article is to appropriate funds for costs resulting from collective bargaining agreement negotiations.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article to support the Board of Selectmen's good faith negotiation with employee's union representatives.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-7, NO-0**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

#### **Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 5 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$22,916.72 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the Article.

#### ***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 5 be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$22,916.72 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the article. Duly seconded

**Action:** Unanimous vote, so declared

## **ARTICLE 6: Fund the existing position of Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to fund salary and wages for the position of Surveyor for Fiscal Year 2023, including office-related expenses; and to act fully thereon. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$65,000.

*Explanation: The position of Surveyor, which is covered under the Town's collective bargaining agreement with the Harwich Employees Association (HEA), was vacated in 2019 due to a retirement. The position has remained unfilled due to funds not being appropriated since the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. This article would fund the salary & wages line items as well as some office-related expenses.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article to fund an existing position that was vacant at the time of the annual Town meeting. This position will now be filled and needs to be funded.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-7, NO-0**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 7 (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

### **Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 6 be accepted and adopted and that \$65,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of the Article

### ***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 6 be accepted and adopted and that \$65,000 be raised and appropriated for purposes of the article.

Duly seconded

**Action:** The motion carried

## **ARTICLE 7: Revised Assessment for Monomoy Regional School District**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 6 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by adjusting the amount to be raised and appropriated to pay for the Monomoy Regional School District revised assessment for Fiscal Year 2023; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$739,747.00

*Explanation: The Town has been informed by the Monomoy Regional School District (MRSD) that the proposed amendment to the regional agreement relative to the calculation of assessments for the member towns has been approved by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). This will result in a reduction in the Town's assessment for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$739,747.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article be accepted and adopted. These funds were appropriated at the last Town meeting knowing that they may not be needed as the Towns were negotiating a new cost sharing structure for the operation of the two elementary schools.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-7, NO-0**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 7 (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

### **Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 7 be accepted and adopted and that the amount to be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this article shall be reduced by the sum of \$739,747, from \$28,041,205 to \$27,301,458.

### ***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 7 be accepted and adopted and that the amount to be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this article shall be reduced by the sum of \$739,747, from \$28,041,205 to \$27,301,458. Duly seconded

**Action:** Unanimous vote, so declared.



## **ARTICLE 8: Revised Assessment for Cape Cod Regional Technical School District**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 7 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by adjusting the amount to be raised and appropriated to pay for the Cape Cod Regional School District revised assessment for Fiscal Year 2023; and to act fully thereon.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated cost: \$183,394.00.

*Explanation: The Town was notified by representatives of the Cape Cod Regional Technical School District that member towns were due to receive a credit in the Fiscal Year 2023 assessments due to favorable interest rates on borrowing for the building project.*

*Finance Committee Explanation: The Finance Committee recommends this article be accepted and adopted. An audit of the CCRT budget found the excess and deficiency fund of the school was over funded and needs to be returned to the Town.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.**

**VOTE: YES-7, NO-0**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 7 (Seven): Peter Hughes, Dana DeCosta, Karen Doucette, Mark Kelleher, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Ameres, Daniel Tworek

Nays: 0 (Zero): None

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

To accept and adopt:

Yeas: 5 (Five): Michael MacAskill, Julie Kavanagh, Mary Anderson, Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell

Nays: 0 (Zero): none

#### **Proposed Motion**

I move that Article 8 be accepted and adopted and that the amount be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this article shall be reduced by the sum of \$183,394, from \$2,079,314 to \$1,895,921.

#### ***Majority Vote required***

**Motion:** (Peter Hughes, Chair – Finance Committee) I move that Article 8 be accepted and adopted and that the amount to be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this article shall be reduced by the sum of \$183,394, from \$2,079,314 to \$1,895,921. Duly seconded

**Action:** Unanimous vote, so declared

## **Adjournment**

At 7:39 PM, Peter Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting which was duly seconded. The motion carried.