

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Manchester Memorial School on Lincoln Street, pursuant to the warrant being duly posted and the return of the Constable being received. Registrars Eileen Buckley, Gary Giusto and Bruce Warren were in charge of the check-in tables. They were assisted at the front and on the floor in the Auditorium by Becky Jaques, Caroline Johnson, Lee Simonds, Alison Anholt-White, Nancy Hammond, Beth Heisey, Pamela Thorne, Carolyn Kelly, Michelle Baer and Kathy Ryan. Two hundred and eighty voters checked in for the meeting. A quorum was reached at 6:53 PM, and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Moderator Alan Wilson asked that the meeting rise for the invocation given by Pastor David Forsythe, Fire Department Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Moderator Wilson then proceeded to the usual preliminaries consisting of the Memorial Resolution honoring deceased town officials and employees. The annual report recorded the loss of seventeen former town employees and officials in 2016. The following Memorial Resolution is submitted:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the citizens of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea note with profound regret the deaths of several of their friends and neighbors during the past year, and seek to recognize and acknowledge their varied contributions to the town's commonwealth and welfare and our mutual sense of community,

Said citizens hereby salute the departed, acknowledge our common indebtedness to them, extend the sympathy of the town to their intimates and survivors, and declare that this resolution be entered in the town archives, and a true copy sent the appropriate survivor.

The persons so memorialized and their achievements are hereby proclaimed.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard J. Lysiak

Police Officer
Town Santa Claus

Catherine M. Doyle

Teacher

Constance P. Brown

Council on Aging Volunteer
Volunteer Reader at Memorial School

Phyllis Sturtevant

Census Taker
Election Worker

Barbara L. Lations

Clerk in Assessors' Office

Thomas S. Walker

Conservation Commission

Evelyn L. Delgizzi

Clerk for the Zoning Board of Appeals

Faith G. Magoun
Memorial School Volunteer

Catherine J. Gilmore
Teacher

William C. Brewer
Finance Committee

Robert E. Powers, Sr.
DPW Worker
Call Firefighter
School Bus Driver

Virginia L. Doane
Clerk in the Water Department

Gertrude L. Borgioli
Memorial School Cafeteria Staff

William Burt III
Basketball Coach
Teacher

M. Pearl Babb
Election Worker

Timothy P. Browne
Library Trustee

Richard J. Costello
Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry and Science Teacher
Driverø Education Teacher
ADA Committee

Selectman Boling moved the Memorial Resolution as read, Selectmen Kehoe seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. The meeting rose for a moment of silence in memory of our former town citizens.

Moderator Wilson gave instructions for the use of the hand-held electronic voting devices being used for the first time at Town Meeting. The Moderator then read the usual list of procedural points and announced that red voting cards would be used for this meeting if for some reason the electronic voting system failed. He thanked the volunteers who were assisting in conduct of the meeting. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Eli Boling presented opening remarks. Chairman of the Finance Committee Mory Creighton presented comments on the Townø finances.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Essex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea qualified to vote in elections, to meet in the Memorial School, on Lincoln Street, in Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Monday, the third day of April, two thousand and seventeen AD, at seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and place on file the reports of the Town boards and committees appearing in the Annual Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Tom Kehoe moved the article as printed. Selectman Susan Beckmann seconded the motion. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 1 WAS APPROVED WITH 189 YES VOTES AND 8 NO VOTES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the 12-month fiscal year salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, as amended, as follows:

Moderator	\$0.00
Chairman, Selectmen	\$0.00
Other four Selectmen	\$0.00

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Eli Boling moved the article as written. Mory Creighton seconded the motion. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 2 WAS APPROVED WITH 245 YES VOTES AND 5 NO VOTES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town's share of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Selectman Margaret Driscoll moved that the town raise and appropriate \$69,283 and that it be funded by taxation, for the purpose stated in the article. Selectman Paul Barclay seconded the motion.

THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 WAS APPROVED WITH 247 YES VOTES AND 2 NO VOTES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will raise by taxation or otherwise to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing 12 months, effective July 1, 2017, and appropriate the same.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

**DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Item No.		Appropriations FY '17	Requests FY '18	Recommendations FY '18	Funding Sources
GENERAL GOVERNMENT 31%					
SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT					
1	Salaries	191,620	197,774	197,774	TAXATION
2	Expenses	24,350	23,600	23,600	TAXATION
3	Audit	36,000	37,000	37,000	TAXATION
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
4	Salaries	-	5,500	5,500	TAXATION
5	Expenses	102,750	101,000	101,000	TAXATION
MODERATOR					
5	Expenses	50	50	50	TAXATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
6	Salaries	2,000	3,000	3,000	TAXATION
7	Expenses	320	320	320	TAXATION
8	Reserve Fund	175,000	150,000	150,000	TAXATION 25,000 OVERLAY SUR. 125,000
ELECTION & REGISTRATION					
9	Salaries	3,800	3,800	3,800	TAXATION
10	Expenses	11,000	10,080	10,080	TAXATION
ACCOUNTING					
11	Salaries	120,533	124,620	124,620	TAXATION
12	Expenses	4,850	4,700	4,700	TAXATION
ASSESSORS					
13	Salaries	142,537	148,241	148,241	TAXATION
14	Expenses	39,675	38,605	38,605	TAXATION
TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
15	Salaries	148,149	151,827	151,827	TAXATION
16	Expenses	26,840	27,490	27,490	TAXATION
TOWN CLERK					
17	Salaries	97,698	100,010	100,010	TAXATION
18	Expenses	6,050	6,250	6,250	TAXATION
LEGAL/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
19	Expenses	100,000	118,000	118,000	TAXATION
APPEALS BOARD					
20	Salaries	18,245	21,326	21,326	TAXATION
21	Expenses	13,600	11,250	11,250	TAXATION
PLANNING BOARD					
22	Salaries	45,507	67,843	67,843	TAXATION
23	Expenses	19,050	8,950	8,950	TAXATION

43	Electrical Inspector	12,351	12,660	12,660	TAXATION	
44	Inspectors' Expenses	4,800	4,800	4,800	TAXATION	
TOWN HALL & COMMON						
24	Expenses	70,650	73,100	73,100	TAXATION	
PENSIONS						
25	Contributory	1,010,645	1,062,507	1,062,507	TAXATION	961,668
					SEWER RATES	57,622
					WATER RATES	43,217
26	Non-Contributory	2,200	2,200	2,200	TAXATION	
INSURANCE						
27	Group Health Insurance	1,559,928	1,560,000	1,560,000	TAXATION	1,442,776
					SEWER RATES	68,338
					WATER RATES	48,886
28	Workers' Compensation	65,000	65,000	65,000	TAXATION	45,500
					SEWER RATES	9,000
					WATER RATES	10,500
29	Fire/Auto/Liability	125,000	120,000	120,000	TAXATION	98,450
					SEWER RATES	10,000
					WATER RATES	11,550
30	Unemployment Comp.	10,000	7,000	7,000	TAXATION	
31	FICA-Medicare	85,495	90,000	90,000	TAXATION	83,200
					SEWER RATES	3,500
					WATER RATES	3,300
Total General Government		<u>4,258,542</u>	<u>4,341,043</u>	<u>4,341,043</u>	TAXATION	3,950,130
					OVERLAY SUR.	125,000
					SEWER RATES	148,460
					WATER RATES	117,453
						<u>4,341,043</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY						
24%						
POLICE						
32	Salaries	1,552,253	1,602,873	1,602,873	TAXATION	
33	Expenses	114,250	103,650	103,650	TAXATION	
PARKING CLERK/RESIDENT PARKING						
34	Salaries	11,518	11,808	11,808	TAXATION	
35	Expenses	11,955	11,955	11,955	TAXATION	
FIRE						
36	Salaries	1,150,217	1,223,930	1,223,930	TAXATION	
37	Expenses	124,700	126,100	126,100	TAXATION	
HARBOR MASTER						
38	Salaries	93,087	95,415	95,415	MOORING FEES	78,415
					BOAT EXCISE	17,000
39	Expenses	18,800	18,800	18,800	MOORING FEES	
BUILDING DEPARTMENT						
40	Building Inspector	44,406	46,243	46,243	TAXATION	
41	Gas/Plumbing Inspector	12,351	12,660	12,660	TAXATION	
42	Sealer Of Weights & Measures	3,395	3,000	3,000	TAXATION	
43	Electrical Inspector	12,351	12,660	12,660	TAXATION	
44	Inspectors' Expenses	4,800	4,800	4,800	TAXATION	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

45	Salaries	6,000	4,000	4,000	TAXATION
46	Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	TAXATION
47	Emergency Notification	5,500	5,500	5,500	TAXATION

ANIMAL CONTROL

49	Expenses	17,500	17,500	17,500	TAXATION
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Total Public Safety	<u>3,184,083</u>	<u>3,301,894</u>	<u>3,301,894</u>	TAXATION	3,187,679
				MOORING FEES	97,215
				BOAT EXCISE	17,000
					<u>3,301,894</u>

**PUBLIC WORKS
14%****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

50	Salaries	562,606	541,449	541,449	TAXATION
51	Expenses	394,850	412,250	412,250	TAXATION

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

81	Salaries	75,269	77,018	77,018	TAXATION
82	Expenses	45,000	46,250	46,250	TAXATION

SNOW REMOVAL

52	Salaries	32,000	32,000	32,000	TAXATION
53	Expenses	170,000	170,000	170,000	TAXATION

54	Street Lighting	95,000	100,000	100,000	TAXATION
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SANITATION/COMPOSTING/RECYCLING

55	Salaries	22,550	22,550	22,550	TAXATION
56	Expenses	59,000	45,000	45,000	TAXATION

57	Rubbish Collection/Recycling	245,000	410,000	410,000	TAXATION
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58	Disposal	108,000	82,000	82,000	TAXATION
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Total Dept. of Public Works	<u>1,809,275</u>	<u>1,938,517</u>	<u>1,938,517</u>	TAXATION	1,938,517
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**OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL
1%****HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

59	Salaries	3,000	4,279	4,279	TAXATION
60	Expenses	1,200	700	700	TAXATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

61	Salaries	61,984	63,253	63,253	TAXATION	48,253
					WETLANDS FD.	15,000

62	Expenses	2,650	2,650	2,650	TAXATION
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63	Chebacco Woods	1,250	1,250	1,250	TAXATION
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Total Other Environmental	<u>70,084</u>	<u>72,132</u>	<u>72,132</u>	TAXATION	57,132
				WETLANDS FD.	15,000
					<u>72,132</u>

HUMAN SERVICES**2%****HEALTH**

64 Salaries	62,355	63,880	63,880	TAXATION
65 Expenses	58,650	53,625	53,625	TAXATION

VETERANS' SERVICES

67 Expenses	15,050	14,500	14,500	TAXATION
68 Veterans' Benefits	500	500	500	TAXATION

COUNCIL ON AGING

69 Salaries	140,431	149,420	149,420	TAXATION
70 Expenses	16,400	16,550	16,550	TAXATION

Total Human Services	<u>293,386</u>	<u>298,475</u>	<u>298,475</u>	TAXATION	<u>298,475</u>
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LIBRARY**3%****LIBRARY**

71 Salaries	296,955	310,041	310,041	TAXATION
72 Expenses	152,962	155,723	155,723	TAXATION

Total Culture and Informational Services	<u>449,917</u>	<u>465,764</u>	<u>465,764</u>	TAXATION	<u>465,764</u>
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RECREATION**2%****PARKS & RECREATION**

73 Salaries	134,930	136,163	136,163	TAXATION
74 Expenses	8,550	8,300	8,300	TAXATION

SINGING BEACH OPERATIONS

75 Salaries	63,884	67,084	67,084	TAXATION
76 Expenses	14,325	13,800	13,800	TAXATION

LIFEGUARDS

77 Salaries	51,414	54,614	54,614	TAXATION
78 Expenses	3,400	3,400	3,400	TAXATION

TUCK'S POINT

79 Salaries	6,000	6,000	6,000	TAXATION
80 Expenses	30,370	30,370	30,370	TAXATION

OTHER RECREATION

83 MEMORIAL DAY	3,000	3,000	3,000	TAXATION
84 FOURTH OF JULY	11,000	12,000	12,000	TAXATION

Total Recreation	<u>326,873</u>	<u>334,731</u>	<u>334,731</u>	TAXATION	<u>334,731</u>
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DEBT SERVICE**12%****DEBT SERVICE**

PRINCIPAL ON BONDS	1,623,704	1,221,815	1,221,815
INTEREST ON BONDS	314,087	396,829	396,829
TEMPORARY LOANS/INTEREST	30,000	30,000	30,000
WPAT ADMINISTRATION FEES	1,025	244	244

85 Total Debt Service	<u>1,968,816</u>	<u>1,648,888</u>	<u>1,648,888</u>	TAXATION	1,266,978
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SEWER RATES 266,910

MOORING FEES 115,000

1,648,888

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS
11%**

SEWER FUND					
86	Salaries	259,899	290,315	290,315	SEWER RATES
87	Expenses	285,750	324,750	324,750	SEWER RATES
WATER FUND					
88	Salaries	236,306	245,239	245,239	WATER RATES
89	Distribution Expenses	144,300	142,800	142,800	WATER RATES
90	Treatment Expenses	532,694	540,212	540,212	WATER RATES
Total Enterprise Funds		<u>1,458,949</u>	<u>1,543,316</u>	<u>1,543,316</u>	SEWER RATES 615,065 WATER RATES 928,251 <u>1,543,316</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 4		<u>13,819,925</u>	<u>13,944,760</u>	<u>13,944,760</u>	

EXPENSES BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
31%		4,258,542	4,341,043	4,341,043	TAXATION 3,950,130 OVERLAY SUR. 125,000 SEWER RATES 148,460 WATER RATES 117,453 <u>4,341,043</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
24%		3,184,083	3,301,894	3,301,894	TAXATION 3,187,679 MOORING FEES 97,215 BOAT EXCISE 17,000 <u>3,301,894</u>
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
14%		1,809,275	1,938,517	1,938,517	<u>TAXATION 1,938,517</u>
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL					
1%		70,084	72,132	72,132	TAXATION 57,132 WETLANDS FD. 15,000 <u>72,132</u>
HUMAN SERVICES					
2%		293,386	298,475	298,475	<u>TAXATION 298,475</u>
LIBRARY					
3%		449,917	465,764	465,764	<u>TAXATION 465,764</u>
PARKS & RECREATION					
2%		326,873	334,731	334,731	<u>TAXATION 334,731</u>

DEBT SERVICE	12%	1,968,816	1,648,888	1,648,888	TAXATION	1,266,978
					SEWER RATES	266,910
					MOORING FEES	115,000
						<u>1,648,888</u>
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	11%	1,458,949	1,543,316	1,543,316	SEWER RATES	615,065
					WATER RATES	928,251
						<u>1,543,316</u>
TOTALS	<u>100%</u>	<u>13,819,925</u>	<u>13,944,760</u>	<u>13,944,760</u>		<u>13,944,760</u>

FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY

TAXATION	11,499,406	
OVERLAY SURPLUS	125,000	
MOORING FEES	212,215	
BOAT EXCISE	17,000	
WETLANDS FD	15,000	
SEWER RATES	1,030,435	
WATER RATES	1,045,704	
TOTAL	13,944,760	An increase of 0.9% over FY2017

Budget Notes:

- 1) Planning: Added hours for Planner to support the work of the Affordable Housing Trust (paid for by the Trust)
- 2) Fire: Added \$42,000 to Overtime Salaries due to fewer Call Fire Fighters available to respond to emergencies
- 3) Sanitation: One time spike due to transition costs to new hauler
- 4) Library: Added to salaries to pay for Sunday hours previously funded by grant
- 5) Debt: Decreased by over \$300,000; Article 6 seeks approval to raise \$300,000 through a capital exclusion vote instead.
- 6) Sewer: Increased cost of sludge disposal added \$23,000 to expenses

ARTICLE 4 MOTION

Eli Boling moves that the Town raise by taxation or otherwise to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing 12 months, effective July 1, 2017, and appropriate the same, the amounts presented in the Expenses Budget Summary section under the recommended and funding sources columns of the Finance Committee Report, pages 27 and 28 under Article 4, provided however that, with prior approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, the Town Administrator is authorized to transfer unexpended funds within a summary category (for example, within General Government). Mory Creighton seconds the motion.

The Finance Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

There were holds placed on Items 1, 22, 32, and 57.

ARTICLE 4, MOTION BY JACK BURKE, SECONDED BY PAUL BARCLAY, TO AMEND ITEM 32 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$10,000.00 WAS APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED WITH 117 YES VOTES AND 91 NO VOTES.

After discussion of Items 1, 22, and 57 the meeting voted the Main Motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET, AS AMENDED, APPROVED WITH 242 YES VOTES AND 21 NO VOTES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money called for under the following items, or any other sums, for the purposes indicated, and to

determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or by borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

	Dept.	Item	Requested	Recommended	Funding Source
1	DPW	Road Resurfacing	\$350,000	\$350,000	Taxation/Chap. 90
2	DPW	2 1-Ton Tucks w/Utility Boxes	\$122,000	\$122,000	Taxation
3	DPW	Flail Mower Attachment for Trackless	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Taxation
4	DPW	Guardrail Replacement	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Taxation
5	DPW	Drainage/Sidewalk Improvements	\$250,000	\$400,000	Taxation/Reallocation
6	DPW	Leaf Vacuum	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Taxation
7	DPW	Cemetery Pickup	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Taxation/Cem. Fund
8	DPW	Central Street Culver/Seawall Design	\$100,000	\$280,000	Taxation
9	DPW	Garage Site Decontamination/Improvement	\$125,000	\$125,000	Taxation
10	Library	Design Plans for Consolidated Teen Area	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	Taxation
11	General	Computer Network/IT Upgrades	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	Taxation
12	General	Town Hall Upgrades	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Taxation
13	General	Facility Planning Design	\$500,000	\$ 100,000	Taxation
14	Conservation Commission	Trail work/land improvements	\$ 10,000	\$ ---	---
15	Public Safety	Fire Chief Vehicle	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Taxation
16	Public Safety	Radio Upgrades	\$ 56,000	\$ ---	---
17	Public Safety	Fire Engine 2 Replacement	\$250,000	\$ 250,000	Fund Balance
18	Public Safety	Fire Turn Out Gear, Hose, SCBA	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	Taxation
19	Public Safety	Ambulance Equipment	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Fund Balance
20	Public Safety	Police Cruiser	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,000	Taxation
21	COA	Van Replacement Matching Funds	\$ 20,000	\$ ---	---
22	COA	Garaging Facility for COA Vans	\$ 25,000	\$ ---	---
23	Harbor	New Motor for Patrol Boat	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	Waterway Fund
24	Harbor	Reed Park Dock Expansion	\$440,000	\$ ---	(Grant Funded)
25	Harbor	Tuckø Point Floats Permitting	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	Waterway Fund
26	Water	Plant Upgrades	\$160,000	\$ 160,000	Water Enterprise
27	Sewer	Plant Upgrades	\$155,000	\$ 155,000	Sewer Enterprise & Fund Balance
		Total	\$2,944,500	\$2,278,500	

ARTICLE 5, MOTION BY TOM KEHOE, SECONDED BY MORY CREIGHTON TO APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN ORDER TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS CAPITAL ITEMS AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 5 INCLUDING PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERETO.

Item 1: \$205,000 to be funded by taxation and \$145,000 from Chapter 90 (state) funds

Item 5: \$20,000 to be funded by taxation and \$380,000 from previously approved but unexpended capital funds for the expansion/upgrades of the DPW garage

Item 7: \$20,000 to be funded by taxation and \$30,000 from the Cemetery perpetual care fund

Item 17 & 19: \$270,000 to be funded by Fund Balance

Items 23 & 25: \$47,000 to be funded by Waterway Funds

Item 26: \$160,000 to be funded by Water Rates

Item 27: \$30,000 by Fund Balance and \$125,000 by Sewer Rates

Items 2-4, 6, 8-13, 15, 18, & 20: \$846,500 to be funded by taxation

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen both recommended approval

MOTION ON NON-HOLD ITEMS WAS APPROVED WITH 231 YES VOTES AND 14 NO VOTES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting then voted on the hold items:

**ITEM 1 APPROVED WITH 259 YES VOTES AND 3 NO VOTES
ITEM 8 APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED (VOICE VOTE)
ITEM 13 APPROVED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE (VOICE VOTE)
ITEM 18 APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED (VOICE VOTE)
ITEM 19 APPROVED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 for the purpose of purchasing and converting to LEDs the streetlights in Town currently owned and maintained by National Grid; provided, however, that said appropriation shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of a Capital Expenditure Exclusion question in accordance with G.L. c.59, §21C,; or take any other action relative thereto

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen both recommended approval

Eli Boling moved to appropriate \$300,000 for the purpose of purchasing and converting to LED the streetlights in town currently owned and maintained by National Grid and that said appropriation shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of a capital expenditure exclusion question at the town general election in accordance with G.L. c.59, Section 21c. no amount shall be expended hereunder unless and until voters approve excluding the amounts required pursuant to the vote from the limitation on total property taxes contained in Chapter 59, Section 21c of the general laws (also known as Proposition 2 ½.) Susan Beckmann seconded the motion.

THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 6 WAS APPROVED WITH 223 YES VOTES AND 18 NO VOTES.

AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD MAY 16, 2017 THIS WAS QUESTION 3 WHICH WAS APPROVED BY 170 YES VOTES TO 84 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow up to \$4,000,000 for the purposes of capital improvements to Town water and wastewater systems, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen both recommended approval

Susan Beckmann moves and Margaret Driscoll seconds that the Town appropriate \$4,000,000 to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's water and wastewater systems as follows: i) \$2,000,000 to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's water system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and ii) \$2,000,000 to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's wastewater system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amounts under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and further that the incurrence of such indebtedness shall be submitted to the voters as a ballot question at a Town election in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1991 and Article II, Section 18 of the Town's General By-law. No amount shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until voters approve excluding the amounts required to repay any borrowing pursuant to the vote from the limitation on total property taxes contained in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (also known as Proposition 2 ½.) Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. Margaret Driscoll seconded the motion.

THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7 WAS APPROVED WITH 234 YES VOTES AND 7 NO VOTES.

AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD MAY 16, 2017 THIS WAS QUESTION 1 WHICH WAS APPROVED BY 223 YES VOTES TO 33 NO VOTES. THE PROPOSITION 2 ½ DEBT EXCLUSION WAS QUESTION 2 WHICH WAS APPROVED BY 203 YES VOTES TO 49 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorized, but unissued balances of various borrowing authorizations approved by the Town from time to time, which amounts are no longer needed to pay costs of completing the projects for which they were originally approved, or to take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Town Meeting Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 5, 2010	5	Dept. Equipment	\$ 246
April 6, 2015	13	Temp. Road Repairs	\$200,000
September 9, 2015	1	Water Treatment Plant Repair/Improvements	\$296,733

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen both recommended approval

Paul Barclay moved to rescind the authorized, but unissued balances of borrowing authorizations described below, which amounts are no longer needed to pay costs of completing the projects for which they were originally approved are hereby rescinded and of no further force or effect. Eli Boling seconded the motion.

<u>Town Meeting Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 5, 2010	5	Dept. Equipment	\$ 246
April 6, 2015	13	Temp. Road Repairs	\$200,000
September 9, 2015	1	Water Treatment	\$296,733

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 8 BY PAUL BARCLAY, SECONDED BY ELI BOLING, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 231 YES VOTES AND 2 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's assessment from the District for the Gross Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Manchester-Essex Regional School District including debt service - said sum to be calculated solely in accordance with the "Agreement Between the Towns of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District", as most recently amended, by invoking and approving the provision found in paragraph four of G.L. c. 71, § 16B allowing District members "to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the District in accordance with the regional agreement", for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand seventeen; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Manchester-Essex Regional School Committee

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

MOTION 1 VOTED: That the town approve the assessment calculation in accordance with the "Agreement Between the Towns of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District", by invoking and approving the provision found in paragraph four of G.L. c. 71, § 16B allowing District members "to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the district in accordance with the regional agreement", for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand seventeen.

MOTION 1, MADE BY JULIE RIORDAN, SECONDED BY SHANNON ERDMANN, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 230 YES VOTES AND 9 NO VOTES.

MOTION 2 VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$13,813,861, to fund the Town's assessment from the Manchester Essex Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand seventeen for the gross operating and maintenance budget.

MOTION 2, MADE BY JULIE RIORDAN, SECONDED BY SHANNON ERDMANN, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 191 YES VOTES AND 41 NO VOTES.

MOTION 3 VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,428,956 to fund the Town's assessment from the Manchester Essex Regional School District to cover the long-term debt for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand sixteen.

MOTION 3, MADE BY JULIE RIORDAN, SECONDED BY SHANNON ERDMANN, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 205 YES VOTES AND 21 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2018; and further to reserve for future appropriation a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for open space, including land for recreational space, historic resources, and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the 2018 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation

Act purposes; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommended approval of Items 1-4 and 7-14. It does not recommend approval of items 5 and 6.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval of all items.

1. Community Preservation Committee Expenses (studies, etc.)	(administrative)	\$ 17,220*
2. Singing Beach Bath House Restoration	(recreation/open space)	\$ 5,000
3. Tuckø Point Chowder House	(recreation/open space)	\$ 300,000
4. Masconomo Park Leveling and Reseeding	(recreation/open space)	\$ 20,000
5. Boater Safety Weather station, Inner Harbor	(recreation/open space)	\$ 20,000
6. Trail Improvements, Trail markers and Trail Brochures	(recreation/open space)	\$ 25,413**
7. Affordable Housing Trust Project Funding	(community housing)	\$ 100,000***
8. Affordable Housing Trust Administrative Expenses	(community housing)	\$ 25,000
9. Community Housing Reserve Account	(community housing)	\$ 10,000
10. Cemetery Restoration Work	(historic preservation)	\$ 30,000
11. Town Common Landscape Design work	(historic preservation)	\$ 15,000
12. Central Street Seawall/Culvert Railing	(historic preservation)	\$ 35,000
13. Town Hall ó Town Records Archiving	(historic preservation)	\$ 5,000
14. MBTA Canopy Restoration Funding	(historic preservation)	\$ 15,000
	TOTAL	\$ 622,633

(*Administrative amount limited to 5% of total annual revenue)

(**For bog bridges at Dexter Pond, trail markers at Powder House Hill Reservation, and brochure and web site maps).

(*** This \$100,000 was previously set aside in the Community Housing Reserve account.)

Christopher Kelly of the Community Preservation Committee moved, and Sue Thorne seconded that the Town appropriate the following sums of money pursuant to the provisions of the Community Preservation Act for the following purposes:

- 1) To appropriate \$17,220 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2018 estimated annual revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative costs including but not limited to: secretary, historical surveys, historical consultant, grant writing and administration and payment of CPA Coalition annual dues.
- 2) To appropriate \$5000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2018 estimated annual revenues for recreation; for Singing Beach Bath House restoration.
- 3) To appropriate \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2018 estimated annual revenues for recreation; for the Tuckø Point Chowder House restoration.
- 4) To appropriate \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund ó FY-2018 estimated annual revenues for recreation; for leveling and reseeded Masconomo Park.
- 5) To appropriate \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for recreation; for recreation; for a Boater Safety Weather Station, Inner Harbor.
- 6) To appropriate \$25,413 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for recreation; for improvements at Dexter Pond, trail markers at Powder House Hill and for trail brochures and maps, both in hard copy and digitally
- 7) To appropriate \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 Community housing reserve fund; for the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust to be used for housing projects.

- 8) To appropriate \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2018 estimated annual revenues for community housing; for the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust to be used for administrative costs of the Trust.
- 9) To appropriate \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2018 estimated annual receipts for community housing; for the community housing reserve fund.
- 10) To appropriate \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for historic preservation; for continued restoration work at Town Cemeteries.
- 11) To appropriate \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for historic preservation; for landscape design work for the Town Common adjacent to Town Hall.
- 12) To appropriate \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for historic preservation; for the restoration of railings in and around the Central Street culvert/seawall.

To appropriate \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 estimated annual revenues for historic preservation; for the archiving of town records at the Town Hall. To appropriate \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund FY-2017 undesignated fund balance for historic preservation; for the restoration of the MBTA canopy at the Manchester train stop.

FY-2018 Total estimated Annual Revenues= \$344,400 (1.5% surcharge) + \$51,660 (estimated Mass. State matching revenue at 18%) for a total of \$396,060.

Undesignated fund balances as of June 30, 2016

Reserved for Open Space and Recreation Fund balance= \$100,455

Reserved for Community Housing balance= \$184,028

CPC Undesignated fund balance= \$142,541

Estimated Total Fund Balance as of June 30, 2017 = \$634,730

MOTION ON NON-HOLD ITEMS, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 197 YES VOTES AND 16 NO VOTES.

MOTION ITEM #3 APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 164 YES VOTES AND 54 NO VOTES.

MOTION ITEM #6 APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 185 YES VOTES AND 33 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$245,864 to be deposited into the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, subject to said appropriation being expended from the Trust Fund only for the purposes authorized by section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

Susan Beckmann moved and Tom Kehoe seconded that the Town transfer from the Undesignated Fund Balance \$245,864 to be deposited into the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, subject to said appropriation being expended from the Trust Fund only for the purposes authorized by section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 11, MOTION BY SUSAN BECKMANN, SECONDED BY TOM KEHOE, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 192 YES VOTES AND 5 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½ as most recently amended, to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

ARTICLE IV SECTION 11: Revolving Funds

Program or Purpose	Representative or Board Authorized to Spend	Department Receipts
Costs Associated with Town of Manchester Recreation Programs	Recreation Director	Registration Fees or other funds intended to support the programs offered by the Recreation Department

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

And, further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

Program or Purpose: Costs Associated with Town of Manchester Recreation Programs; FY2018 spending limit: \$255,000.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

Margaret Driscoll moved and Eli Boling seconded that the Town votes to adopt a new Article IV, Section 11: Revolving Funds to the Town's General Bylaw that establishes various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 12, MOTION BY MARGARET DRISCOLL, SECONDED BY ELI BOLING, APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The next two articles were placed on the warrant at the request of Moderator Alan Wilson. He therefore, recused himself as Moderator and Jay Bothwick served as Assistant Moderator to preside over Articles 13 and 14.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II of the General By-laws by deleting in its entirety Section 12 (which states "No person, other than the Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall speak on the same subject more than twice, nor more than ten (10) minutes in all, without the consent of the meeting.") and renumbering all the following sections to be consistent with this deletion and sequential, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee took no position on this article. The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Alan Wilson moved and Susan Beckmann seconded that the Town votes to amend Article II of the General By-laws by deleting in its entirety Section 12 (which states "No person, other than

the Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall speak on the same subject more than twice, nor more than ten (10) minutes in all, without the consent of the meeting.ö) and renumbering all the following sections to be consistent with this deletion and sequential.

ARTICLE 13, MOTION BY ALAN WILSON, SECONDED BY SUSAN BECKMANN, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 188 YES VOTES AND 2 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section 15 of the General By-laws by inserting after the first sentence the following, or take any other action relative thereto: öA motion for reconsideration shall be in order only at the same session of a meeting as the action to be reconsidered.ö

Section 15 would then read in its entirety: öNo vote of the meeting shall be reconsidered except by a two-thirds vote. A motion for reconsideration shall be in order only at the same session of a meeting as the action to be reconsidered. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that question shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once.ö

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee took no position on this article. The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Alan Wilson moves and Eli Boling seconds that the Town votes to amend Article II, Section 15 of the General By-laws by inserting after the first sentence the following : öA motion for reconsideration shall be in order only at the same session of a meeting as the action to be reconsidered.ö

ARTICLE 14, MOTION BY ALAN WILSON, SECONDED BY SUSAN BECKMANN, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 197 YES VOTES AND 11 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$5,950 for the purpose of paying charges from a previous fiscal year which were received after the closing of accounts for that fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

Eli Boling moves and Paul Barclay seconds that the Town votes to transfer from the Undesignated Fund Balance \$5,950 for the purpose of paying charges from a previous fiscal year which were received after the closing of accounts for that fiscal year.

ARTICLE 15, MOTION BY ELI BOLING, SECONDED BY PAUL BARCLAY, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 197 YES VOTES AND 6 NO VOTES (MORE THAN 4/5).

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §17C, which allows the Board of Selectmen [or other entity with charge of streets] to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour in any thickly settled or business district in the Town that is not a state highway, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee took no position on this article. The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Eli Boling moved and Al Centner seconded that the Town votes to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §17C, which allows the Board of Selectmen [or other entity with charge of streets] to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour in any thickly settled or business district in the Town that is not a state highway.

ARTICLE 16, MOTION BY ELI BOLING, SECONDED BY AL CENTNER, CHAIR OF THE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 195 YES VOTES AND 10 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §18B, allowing the Board of Selectmen [or other entity with charge of streets] to establish designated "safety zones" with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour on, at or near any way in the Town that is not a state highway, and, if a state highway, with the approval of the Department of Transportation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee took no position on the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended approval

Eli Boling moved and Al Centner seconded that the Town votes to accept the provisions of G.L. c.90, §18B, allowing the Board of Selectmen [or other entity with charge of streets] to establish designated "safety zones" with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour on, at or near any way in the Town that is not a state highway, and, if a state highway, with the approval of the Department of Transportation.

ARTICLE 17, MOTION BY ELI BOLING, SECONDED BY AL CENTNER, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 189 YES VOTES AND 15 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

Susan Beckmann moved and Mory Creighton seconded that the Town votes to transfer from the Undesignated Fund Balance \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 18, MOTION BY SUSAN BECKMANN, SECONDED BY MORY CREIGHTON, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 184 YES VOTES AND 1 NO VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, as most recently revised, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval

Paul Barclay moves and Eli Boling seconds that the Town votes to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, as most recently revised, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

ARTICLE 19 MOTION BY PAUL BARCLAY, SECONDED BY ELI BOLING, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 182 YES VOTES AND 3 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to: 1. Rescind the action taken under Article 14 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; 2. Adopt a general bylaw as follows, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 5: Sewer Betterment Assessments

- A. The Board of Selectmen, acting as sewer commissioners in accordance with G.L. c.83, §§14, 15, and 23, and under the authority conferred by virtue of Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 1954, may assess betterments upon benefitted properties for all, or such lesser portion as the Board shall determine, of the cost of constructing municipal sewer system facilities;
- B. In fixing the amount of such betterments, the Board of Selectmen may, at their discretion, utilize the fixed uniform rate or the uniform unit rate method as set forth in G.L. c.83, §15.
- C. Further in accordance with G.L. c.83, §15, the Selectmen may, in assessing such betterments, separate the costs of general benefit facilities, including but not limited to pumping stations, trunk and force mains, from that of special benefit facilities, including but not limited to sewer mains, serving adjacent properties, and may apportion an equitable portion of the costs of the general benefit facilities by the uniform unit method on all properties benefitted by such facilities;
- D. The Selectmen may assess and collect estimated betterment assessments for the construction of sewer facilities in accordance with G.L. c.83, §15B.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended approval.

Tom Kehoe moved and Margaret Driscoll seconded that the Town votes to: 1. Rescind the action taken under Article 14 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; 2. Adopt a new general bylaw, Article XIII, Section 5: Sewer Betterment Assessments, as presented in the warrant:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 5: Sewer Betterment Assessments

- A. The Board of Selectmen, acting as sewer commissioners in accordance with G.L. c.83, §§14, 15, and 23, and under the authority conferred by virtue of Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1912, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 1954, may assess betterments upon benefitted properties for all, or such lesser portion as the Board shall determine, of the cost of constructing municipal sewer system facilities;
- B. In fixing the amount of such betterments, the Board of Selectmen may, at their discretion, utilize the fixed uniform rate or the uniform unit rate method as set forth in G.L. c.83, §15.
- C. Further in accordance with G.L. c.83, §15, the Selectmen may, in assessing such betterments, separate the costs of general benefit facilities, including but not limited to pumping stations, trunk and force mains, from that of special benefit facilities, including but not limited to sewer mains, serving adjacent properties, and may apportion an equitable portion of the costs of the general benefit facilities by the uniform unit method on all properties benefitted by such facilities;
- D. The Selectmen may assess and collect estimated betterment assessments for the construction of sewer facilities in accordance with G.L. c.83, §15B.

ARTICLE 20, MOTION BY TOM KEHOE, SECONDED BY MARGARET DRISCOLL, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 167 YES VOTES AND 15 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$20,000 for the purpose of funding electronic voting at Town Meetings held during FY2018, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Tom Kehoe moved and Eli Boling seconded that the Town vote to pay from Fund Balance, the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding electronic voting at Town Meetings to be held during FY2018.

ARTICLE 21, MOTION BY TOM KEHOE, SECONDED BY ELI BOLING, APPROVED, THE MOTION PREVAILED BY 116 YES VOTES AND 68 NO VOTES.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

Eli Boling moves and Mory Creighton seconds that the Town pass over article 27.

ARTICLE 22, MOTION BY ELI BOLING, SECONDED BY MORY CREIGHTON, TO PASSOVER, TAKE NO ACTION, APPROVED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

At 10:14 PM, Selectman Eli Boling moved to dissolve the meeting. Town Clerk Denise Samolchuk seconded the motion and it was a unanimous vote to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Samolchuk
Town Clerk