

**TOWN OF NORTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:04 PM at the Norton High School Auditorium. He called a 10 minute recess to allow the people who are in line at the door time to be checked into the meeting. The Moderator called the meeting back into order at 7:14pm.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence in honor of Gay Rounds, longtime Norton resident who passed away this past week. He led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator thanked the Town Clerk, Board of Selectman, Town Manager and all others who work in preparation of Town Meeting. The Moderator recognized State Representative Jay Barrows in the audience.

The Moderator reviewed some pre-meeting rules:

- I ask everyone to please find a seat for this meeting.
- If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Norton, you are welcome to visit but you must sit in the appropriate section. If you are registered voter, please sit anywhere else, because your vote will not be counted if you are sitting in the non-voting section.
- If you wish to address this meeting, you must do so only after being recognized by the Moderator. There is a microphone located in the back and one in the front. When speaking, please identify yourself by name and address for the record. Please try and keep your remarks brief and to the point, and confine them only to the matter under consideration at the time.
- All speakers at this meeting will be treated with courtesy by the Moderator and everyone else in the room. No speaker will be allowed to use the meeting for personal attacks on any individual. All remarks will be directed towards the Moderator, and although questions to be asked of individuals will be allowed, cross-examination type discussions from the floor will not be allowed.
- In recognizing people to speak, the Moderator will call upon those who have not yet spoken on a topic before recognizing those who have already spoken. The Moderator will recognize motions to move the question, but if in the Moderators opinion there are still people waiting to speak who may add to the discussion, the Moderator will exercise his authority to not accept a motion to move the question under those circumstances.
- If a standing vote is required, you will be instructed to stand at your seats until your vote is counted. If a ballot vote is required, you will be given instructions by the Moderator as to how to proceed.
- If you wish to make an amendment to any motion, you must do so in writing and present it to the Moderator.
- I remind you all that no motion to reconsider any article will be accepted by the Moderator until at least three articles following the article being reconsidered have been acted upon by this meeting. If the article is one of the last three on the warrant, I will accept any motions to reconsider them prior to adjourning.
- There may be requests this evening to allow non-voters to speak on certain articles. This must be done by a Motion voted upon by this meeting. While it is the right and the decision of the meeting to allow or not allow non-residents to speak, please keep in mind they may have information to add to the discussion.

The Town Clerk read the call and return of service as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 1 (Requires 4/5 Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,728.16 for the unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years, all as recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 1 of the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant with Finance Committee Recommendations.

ARTICLE 1 as printed in the Warrant:

\$ 289.00	Data Processing	MX Consulting Services, Inc.
\$ 145.00	Communications	Archer Electric
\$ 152.52	Inspection	Employee Clothing Allowance
\$ 23.58	Inspection	Employee Mileage Reimbursement
\$ 35.00	Inspection	Jim's Auto Services & Towing, Inc.
\$ 7,962.76	Landfill	CHA
\$ 1,630.30	Municipal Building	Boiler Equipment, Inc.
\$ 60.00	Planning	Pleasant Printing Company
\$ 60.00	Zoning	Pleasant Printing Company
\$ 370.00	Municipal Building	Atlantic Elevator

\$ 10,728.16 TOTAL

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**ARTICLE 2** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$48,000.00 and to transfer the amount of \$81,394.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$129,394.00 to fund and implement the cost increases for the first and second years of a three-year contract between the Town of Norton and the Norton Police Association for the period beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds to appropriate accounts in the budget approved under Article 16 of the May 11, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**ARTICLE 3** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$275,358.00 to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and to authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 4 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant by increasing appropriations for certain line items and, as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate the amount of \$14,839.00 and to transfer the amount of \$320,000.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$334,839.00 as displayed on the screen:

ARTICLE 4 as displayed on the screen on Town Meeting Floor:

FY16 Operating Budget Supplements			
Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-123-510	Town Manager	Salary	\$ 995.00
		Expense	\$ 2,500.00
001-135-510	Accounting	Expense	\$ 1,000.00
001-155-570	Data Processing	Expense	\$ 1,030.00
001-171-510	Conservation	Salary	\$ 1,389.00
001-176-560	SRPEDD	Assessment	\$ 79.00
001-210-510	Police	Salary:	
		Budget Reduction - Overtime	\$ 30,250.00
		NPSOA CBA	\$ 46,735.00
001-220-510	Fire	Salary:	
		Two Requested Positions	\$ 47,033.00
		Budget Reduction - Overtime	\$ 16,523.00
001-241-510	Inspection	Salary	\$ 1,200.00
001-290-510	Communications	Salary	\$ 1,140.00
001-292-570	Dog Officer	Expense	\$ 3,000.00
001-510-510	Board of Health	Salary	\$ 450.00
001-300	School	Budget Supplement:	
		Preventative Maintenance	\$ 69,000.00
		Supplies	\$ 82,000.00
		Curriculum Development	\$ 30,000.00
001-543-510	Veterans	Salary	\$ 515.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 334,839.00

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 5 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 12 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant to use \$152,995.00 of Water Retained Earnings as an additional funding source of the FY16 Water Enterprise operating budget.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 6 **LOST FOR LACK OF MOTION** (Sewer Enterprise Appropriations)**ARTICLE 7** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$600,000.00 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvements Fund established by the By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Fund," from which appropriations may be made by a two-thirds vote at any Town Meeting.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 8 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$214,500.00 from the Capital Improvements Account and the amount of \$50,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings, to supplement the Fiscal Year 2016 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 15 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing with an option to purchase for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto [all as recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 8 in the October 19, 2015, Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting with Finance Committee Recommendations]:

ARTICLE 8 as printed in the Warrant:

MUNICIPAL BUILDING (192)	Envelope Study of Municipal Buildings	\$ 70,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Turnout gear replacement (10)	\$ 19,500.00
SCHOOLS (300)	Pick Up Truck with Plow and Sander	\$ 46,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	4 x 4 Backhoe (1 of 5)	\$ 28,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	Replace 4 8-Foot Plows	\$ 20,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (1 of 5)	\$ 31,000.00
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 214,500.00
SEWER (440)	Scada System Upgrades - Pump Stations at Cobb Street (0 Reservoir Street, Norton [Map 10, Parcel 274]) and Great Woods [800 So. Main Street, Mansfield)	\$ 50,000.00
SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:		\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS:		\$ 264,500.00

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 9 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of conducting Household Hazardous Waste Collection day(s).

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 10 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 to implement the federally mandated Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #45.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 11 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$70,000.00 to the “Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund” established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees’ health care and life insurance benefits.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 12 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 12 as written in the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §59, and M.G.L. c.23A, §3E and §3F, all of the actions set forth therein.

ARTICLE 12 as printed in the Warrant:

- (a) approve a Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town, New England Ice Cream Corporation and Ginsberg Taunton Properties, LLC, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, for property located on Mansfield Avenue, which property is as described in more detail in such agreement which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; and further
- (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (“EACC”) of the TIF Plan and Agreement and Certified Project application for EACC approval, and any necessary documents relating thereto, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement those documents and carry out the purposes of this vote.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

A MOTION was made (after the vote for Article 16) by Robert Kimball, to reconsider Article 12. The Motion was 2nd. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER DECLARED LOST**

ARTICLE 13 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$480,000.00 for the engineering and design of the multi-purpose recreational Norton Rail Trail Project, including any incidental and related costs associated with the Project, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said \$480,000.00 under G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor.

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

A **MOTION** was made (after the vote for Article 16) by Robert Kimball, to reconsider Article 13. The Motion was 2nd. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER DECLARED LOST**

ARTICLE 14 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 14 as written in the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, Section 38H(b), and any other enabling authority, all of the actions set forth therein.

ARTICLE 14 as printed in the Warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes, also known as a PILOT or “Tax Agreement”, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b) and any other enabling authority, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, between the Town of Norton and SunE Solar XVI Lessor, LLC , its successor, assignee, or affiliate, on such terms and conditions and for such term not to exceed twenty (20) years as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for payment of taxes related to personal and/or real property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned, and operated by such entity on land owned by Fairland Farms, LLC, and described more particularly below, all as set forth in said PILOT; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such action as many be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto:

MAP	LOT	STREET
6	6	21 Fairlee Lane

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 15 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 15 as written in the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, Section 38H(b), and any other enabling authority, all of the actions set forth therein.

ARTICLE 15 as printed in the Warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement, also referred to as a PILOT or “Tax Agreement”, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b) and any other enabling authority, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, between the Town of Norton and Norton Landfill Solar, LLC, its successor, assignee or affiliate, on such terms and conditions and for such term not to exceed twenty (20) years as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for payment of taxes related to personal and/or real property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned, and operated by such entity, on land owned by the Town of Norton and described more particularly below, all as set forth in said PILOT; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such action as many be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto:

MAP	LOT	STREET
24	49	Hill Street
24	50	Hill Street

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**ARTICLE 16** (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to borrow the additional amount of \$300,000.00, to augment the amount appropriated for the Norton Center Sewer Extension Project under Article 5 of the May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, for the purpose of designing and constructing sewers, pump stations, land acquisition and force mains and for related legal, administrative and other pertinent expenses associated with the project, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1; that to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the additional \$300,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with G.L. c.44, G.L. c.29C, and/or any other enabling authority, such bonds or notes to be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1, provided, further, however, that it is anticipated that all funds needed to repay the principal and interest on such borrowing shall be paid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to said Chapter 29C; and, further, in connection therewith, authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; including, without limitation, a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, and to expend all funds available for the project.

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 17 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of the parcel of Town-owned land located off James Street, identified by the Assessors as Parcel 5-2-02-0, containing 0.62 acres, more or less, and acquired by the Town by Final Judgment in Tax Foreclosure Case recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Book 8028, Page 46, from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes, and further dedicate and designate said parcel to conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C, said transfer and dedication being required to compensate the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the conversion of a portion of the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest on Plain Street to public way purposes pursuant to a special act.

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 18 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the town vote to amend the MANDATORY CONNECTION TO COMMON SEWER bylaw as written under Article 18 of the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the MANDATORY CONNECTION TO COMMON SEWER bylaw by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

1. The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing Municipal Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or within five (5) years of availability of such common sewer, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain; including any owner or occupant who is subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law.
2. The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing only Private Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as it may be amended from time to time, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain, including any owner or occupant who is subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law.

(NOTE: Article 18 appears as voted. See end of Article for Record of Amendments)

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS and MOTIONS FOR ARTICLE 18

A MOTION to Amend Article 18 was made by Sue Kiley and seconded by Christine Lyons to amend the motion as follows:

Under #1 AND #2 remove: (after the words “as it may be amended from time to time”)
“, upon sale or subdivision of the property,”

AMENDMENT -- DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

A **MOTION** to move the Question on the Amendment was made by Gretchen Stalters and seconded.
DECLARED VOTED BY UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

A **MOTION** to move the Question on the Amended Article was made by Keith Silver and seconded.
DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 19 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to amend the SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM bylaw as written under Article 19 of the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 19 as printed in the Warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM bylaw by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

There shall be in the Town of Norton a Senior Tax Program in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.59, §5K allowing the Town of Norton the opportunity to utilize the knowledge and skills of its senior residents in exchange for credit toward the resident's property tax bill. The purposes of this program are to enhance municipal services and alleviate senior residents' tax burden.

The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the Senior Tax Program subject to and in accordance with the limitations imposed by G.L. c.59, §5K. Such regulations shall be adopted at an open meeting for which notice of such action was properly provided under the Open Meeting Law, and any regulations promulgated by the Board of Selectmen shall be posted in the offices of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Board of Assessors, and on the Town's website.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 20 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 20 as written in the October 19, 2015, Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and further, that the Zoning Map be amended accordingly.

ARTICLE 20 as printed in the Warrant:

To see if the Town will re-zone the parcel of land located at 133 South Worcester Street, shown on Town of Norton Assessors Map 27 as Lot 6, which presently is partially within an Industrial Zoning District and partially within a Residential R-40 Zoning District, to be zoned completely within a Residential R-40 Zoning District.

Joanne Haracz, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported that the Planning Board meet on this article on October 15, 2015 and voted 7 – 0 in favor of Recommendation of Article 20.

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

RECORD OF ADDITIONAL MOTIONS FOR ARTICLE 20

A **MOTION** to allow non registered voter Karen Keegan to speak on this article was made by Thomas DeLuca and was seconded.

(Motion for Non Voters to speak) DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR

A **MOTION** to allow non registered voter Mike Choquette to speak on this article was made by Robert Kimball and was seconded.

(Motion for Non Voters to speak) DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR

A **MOTION** to allow non registered voter Attorney Matthew Costa to speak on this article was made by Robert Kimball and was seconded.

(Motion for Non Voters to speak) DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 21 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, making the following bolded and underlined additions to the Zoning Bylaws as shown on the screen during town meeting:

ARTICLE 21 as shown on the screen during town meeting:

By adding a new category in Article IV, Section 4.5 as follows:

	R 80	R 60	R 40	VC	C	I
Digital/Electronic Billboard	N	N	N	N	N	SP

And by adding the following new definition which reads as follows:

Digital/Electronic Billboard. An electronic message display utilizing light emitting diodes (LEDs), plasma or other technology that present static or multiple static advertisements on a rotating basis, free standing, which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located, and which is subjected to the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Office of Outdoor Advertising.

And by adding the following new language (bolded and underlined below) to Section 8.4.1(h):

8.4.1(h) Off Premises Signs – Only signs pertaining exclusively to the premises on which they are located or to products, accommodations, services or activities on the premises shall be allowed, except the following may be allowed: **(1)** that an off-premises directional sign designating the route to an establishment not on the street to which the sign is oriented may be erected and maintained within the public right-of-way at any intersection or on private property if granted a Special Permit by the Board

of Appeals, **and (2) Digital/Electronic Billboards in the “Industrial” Zoning District if granted a Special Permit by the Planning Board under Section 8.4.4(b).**

No **directional** sign shall be authorized except upon the authorizing agency’s determination that such sign will promote the public interest, will not endanger the public safety and will be of such size, location and design as will not be detrimental to the neighborhood. At locations where directions to more than one (1) establishment are to be provided, all such directional information shall be incorporated into a single structure. All such directional signs shall be unlighted and each shall be not over four (4) square feet in area.

And by adding a new paragraph to Section 8.4.4(b) as follows:

In the “Industrial” Zoning District, Digital/Electronic Billboards may be erected and maintained if granted a Special Permit by the Planning Board provided that it shall not exceed more than seventy (70) feet in height and shall not exceed a fourteen foot (14’) by forty-eight foot (48’) face area. A Digital/Electronic Billboard shall not be erected except on a lot with conforming lot area and frontage or on any other lot with at least ten-thousand square feet of vacant lot area and one-hundred and twenty (120) feet of frontage and must be erected within five hundred (500) feet of Interstate 495. The minimum distance shall be five hundred (500) feet from any residential structure. A Digital/Electronic Billboard visible to a major artery/highway shall contain the name and address of the user of the property. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected within one thousand (1000) linear feet of another and only one Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be permitted per lot. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected if the Special Permit Granting Authority determines that it will obstruct a view of scenic beauty and interest or a place of historic interest. No Billboard shall be located upon another structure. The Planning Board may only issue a Special Permit upon a finding that the Billboard shall not endanger the public safety or be detrimental to the neighborhood or constitute a nuisance to any abutting uses or to any nearby residential uses by virtue of its size, dimension, location, design, construction, illumination, or visibility, that sufficient utilities, servicing and maintenance of the Billboard can be provided, and that adequate provisions, by way of security, are provided in the event that the Billboard is decommissioned so that its removal is ensured and timely.

Joanne Haracz, Chairman of the Planning Board reported that the Planning Board meet on this article on October 13, 2015 and voted 3 – 4 NOT in favor of recommending Article 21. She also reported that the Planning Board also voted 7-0 in favor of recommended changes from the Board of Selectmen original article and what was moved on town meeting floor.

DECLARED FAILED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 22 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §5B.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

The Annual Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

ATTEST:

Danielle M. Sicard
Town Clerk