



Town of Wilmington

Finance Committee
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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MA

Finance Committee Chairman John F. Doherty III called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Theresa Manganelli, Vice-Chairman, Marianne Gallezzo, Secretary, Chris DiOrio, Brad Jackson, Joseph Lavino, Scott Neville, and David Tamang.

Present: Jeffrey M. Hull, Town Manager, Susan L. Inman, Assistant Town Manager, Shawsheen Tech Director Tony McIntosh, and Business Manager Jenna Lesko

Mr. Doherty had previously requested hard copies of Shawsheen Tech's budget presentation be provided at this evening's meeting; however, they were only shared with the Finance Committee electronically.

Mr. McIntosh introduced himself and the Business Manager Jenna Lesko who assisted with the preparation of the budget presentation. Mr. McIntosh provided an overview of the Shawsheen School system which serves five local communities. He stated that a two-year contract extension was signed with the teachers' union which locks in the school at a 2.75% COLA increase for FY 24. Mr. McIntosh noted that maintenance workers and paraprofessionals had unionized and have been contracted with a 2.75% COLA as well. Mr. McIntosh added that contracts are still being negotiated with Cafeteria Workers and clerical staff.

Mr. McIntosh emphasized Shawsheen Tech's goals in developing the guidance department to assist with transition periods to ease the turnover of students within the first 6 months of freshman year, which would include one additional guidance counselor. The Tech is also looking to hire an additional science teacher to support offering more courses within the field.

Mr. McIntosh informed the Finance Committee of an expected \$660,000 for building repairs which is included in the capital budget. \$475,000 to repair two original brick façade wall sections located above the pool area. It has been recommended by a structural engineer to remove the brick façade.

More concerns regarding the budget are the rising costs of health insurance as well as the bussing contract for which the Tech has reached its fuel escalation clause, which has generated additional costs. An English language learners' program which includes software and testing costs have also created added costs. The Tech has also allocated additional resources for Special Education students.

Mr. McIntosh stated that looking back at the past 5 years the budget has increased 2.67%. However, for FY24, for the previously mentioned costs, and taking advantage of multiple grant opportunities, the budget is expected to increase by 7.9%.

Mr. Doherty noted his concern with the budget increasing by 7.9%, in respect to Wilmington Public Schools Budget having increased by only 3.5%. Mr. McIntosh explained the costs of course materials, specifically supplies related to the plumbing program have greatly contributed to the budget increase. Mr. McIntosh noted similar budget increases for other Technical Schools including Whittier Tech in Haverhill.

Mr. McIntosh added that enrollment had gone down by 28 students, with seniors graduating and incoming freshmen.

Ms. Lesko explained that Wilmington's minimum contribution increased by 8% from FY23 to FY24. Ms. Lesko explained that this calculation is completed by the state and looks at components such as property values, wealth of the town, enrollment of students in Wilmington Public Schools, and enrollment of students of Wilmington students at Shawsheen Tech. Ms. Lesko provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Finance Committee, this presentation delegated contributions of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington.

Mr. Doherty noted his concern was the lateness of the budget, this did not allow the residents of Wilmington to attend the Public Hearing for the Town Warrant. Mr. Doherty opened up the meeting to questions.

Mr. Lavigne asked for Ms. Lesko to review the first page of her presentation. Mr. Lavigne asked what the biggest contributors for driving the 2.7-million-dollar contribution. Mr. McIntosh noted the capital budget increases, the English learner's program, increases in health insurance, and fuel price increases.

Ms. Gallezzo asked what percentage of students BLL in the English Learners program are. Mr. McIntosh noted that there are only about ten students, however the Tech was told by the DESE that they needed to meet requirements. Mr. McIntosh noted that there are also about 20 FEL who also require annual testing by the DESE.

Ms. Manganelli asked Mr. McIntosh to elaborate on the issue of the facade walls located at the pool, if regular inspections are completed, and when the issue was discovered. Mr. McIntosh noted that it was brought to his attention in July of 2022. The facade walls do not affect the structure of the building, but they could potentially damage the rubber roofing membrane which would stop the use of the pool and various classrooms located in the vicinity. Ms. Manganelli asked if the repairs were to be completed over the summer, would it stop regularly scheduled swimming classes and how it would affect revenue from such programs. Mr. McIntosh noted that this project had not been out to bid, and preparation of a bid hasn't been worked on, as appropriation of funds for the project have not yet been allocated.

Ms. Manganelli asked if Shawsheen Tech had a grant writer and if so, is the grant writer a full-time employee or a consultant. Mr. McIntosh noted they have a contracted grant writer who works 1000 hours per year.

Mr. DiOrio questioned the line item of \$350,000 for telecommunications fiber optic in home theatre wiring. Mr. McIntosh informed the committee that this was an additional curriculum component of the Electrical Program to align the program with the updated Chapter 70 framework.

Mr. Doherty asked if the Tech was using MFA for sign-ins. Mr. McIntosh added that the Tech will be implementing MFA after MCAST Testing, early in April. Ms. Lesko noted that the Tech had recently purchased Cyber Insurance. Mr. Doherty questioned if the Tech had a July 1, 2023 deadline for Implementation; as the Town is subject to a July 1, 2023 deadline for the same coverage.

Ms. Gallezzo asked how the Bobcat being purchased would be used. Mr. McIntosh noted this new add would be used for snow removal by maintenance staff and shared by multiple programs.

Ms. Gallezzo added that in future budget presentations, it would be helpful to have an analysis of individual line items. She complimented their detail in the initial analysis. Mr. DiOrio added that it would be helpful to know which line items were subject to a mandate.

Mr. McIntosh apologized again for the outcome of the timeline for the budget presentation.

RECOMMENDATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES

Mr. Doherty noted that in previous years the Committee members rotated reading the Articles and he would like to continue that this year.

ARTICLE 1 To bring in your votes on one ballot respectively for the following named offices to wit: Two Select Board Members for the term of three years, two members of the School Committee for the term of three years and one member of the Housing Authority for the term of five years.

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington who are qualified to vote on elections and Town affairs therein to assemble subsequently and meet in the Town Meeting at the Wilmington High School Joanne M. Benton Auditorium, Church Street, in said Town of Wilmington on Saturday the twenty-ninth day of April, AD. 2023 at 9:00 a.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of previous years; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Select Board, to enter into an agreement, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws, with one or more banks doing business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during Fiscal Year 2024 for a term not to exceed three years, which will permit the Town of Wilmington to maintain funds on deposit with such institutions in return for said institutions providing banking services; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Mr. Lavigne, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 4

ARTICLE 5. To see how much money the Town will appropriate for the expenses of the Town and the salaries of several Town Officers and Departments and determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action related thereto.

- **Municipal Budget**

A motion was made by Mr. Diorio, Seconded by Mr. Lavino, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 5 Municipal Budget

- **Wilmington Public Schools**

A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, Seconded by Mr. Tamang and by the affirmative vote of 7-1-0 it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 5 Municipal Budget

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- **Shawsheen Tech Budget**

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 5 Shawsheen Tech Budget

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase and equipping of new and/or replacement capital equipment, including but not limited to the following items, including any incidental or related expenses, and further to authorize the sale, trade-in, conveyance or other disposition of any equipment being so replaced, such funds to be spent by the Town department, so indicated, with the approval of the Town Manager and, to the extent set forth in Chapter 592 of the Acts of 1950, the Select Board, as follows:

- **Police Department**

Purchase of four (4) replacement police cruisers.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

- **Fire Department**

Purchase of one (1) replacement fire prevention vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

- **Department of Public Works**

Purchase of one (1) heavy duty $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup truck with plow to be assigned to the Cemetery Division.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

Purchase of one (1) heavy duty dump truck with plow and swappable dump body, flatbed and sander to be assigned to the Highway Division.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

Purchase of one (1) heavy duty winged field mower to be assigned to the Parks and Grounds Division.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, Seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

- School Department

Purchase of one (1) replacement Handicap Accessible Wheelchair Minivan. or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 6

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) requirements as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), including design and engineering costs and any other incidental and related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 7

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,649.20, or such other amount as Town Meeting may approve, from the Transportation Infrastructure Receipts Reserve Account for the purpose of Roadway Surface Crack Sealing, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezo, Seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 8

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Special Revenue Fund a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Select Board for PEG access services pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 9

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the funding of a Fourth of July celebration, or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 10

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans' Day; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Lavigne, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 11

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute the sum of \$750.00 each (a total of \$1,500) for the purpose of renewing under the authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of:

- a. Veterans of Foreign Wars Clubhouse for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;
- b. American Legion Clubhouse, Inc. for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post 136 of the American Legion; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Mr. Lavino, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 12

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to determine the spending limits for revolving accounts established pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Section 5 of Chapter 73 of the Town of Wilmington Inhabitant By-Laws for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 as follows; or take any other action related thereto.

Revolving Fund Account	Spending Authority Limit	Fiscal Year
Compost Bin Revolving Fund	\$ 4,500	Fiscal Year 2024
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Upgrade Revolving Fund	\$ 200,000	Fiscal Year 2024

A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, Seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 13

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase of three (3) cardiac monitors to be used by the Fire Department, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Mr. Lavigne, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 14

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the Information Technology Department to continue the replacement of a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone systems at all municipal buildings and the public safety building, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 15

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase of four (4) mobile computers, antennas and appropriate mounting to be installed in Police Vehicles/Cruisers, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 16

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase of one (1) stainless steel salter for the Highway Division, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 17

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase of one (1) laser grader attachment for the Highway Division, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 18

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the purchase of one (1) leaf box attachment to be assigned to the Parks and Grounds Division, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 19

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from

available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the replacement of the existing playground at the Boutwell School, including design and engineering costs, site preparation and construction costs, and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Lavino, Seconded by Mr. Lavigne, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 20

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for engineering services to replace the high school turf field carpet, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 21

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to resurface the existing tennis courts at the Boutwell School, including design and engineering costs, site preparation and construction costs, and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Ms. Gallezo, and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 22

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to replace three hundred twenty (320) feet, more or less, of existing four (4) foot high chain link fence between 175 and 171 Middlesex Avenue, at the Wilmington Memorial Library's southwest property line, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 23

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the continued phased cemetery development, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 24

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from department receipts or user fees a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works Sewer Division Enterprise; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Mr. Lavigne and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 25

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for a replacement pump at the Pilcher Drive Pump Station, including design and engineering costs and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugas, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 26

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the replacement of approximately 19,124 square feet of roofing at the West Intermediate School, including design and engineering costs, site preparation and construction costs, and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 27

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the design phase to replace windows and exterior doors at the West Intermediate School,

including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 28

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the design phase and replacement or restoration of historical windows at the Harnden Tavern Museum, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 29

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the design and replacement of roofing at the Harnden Tavern Museum Carriage House, including construction costs and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Manganello, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 30

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the design, engineering and replacement of roofing at the Harnden Tavern, including construction costs and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 31

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to renovate sections of the Wilmington Middle School to accommodate the relocation of Wildwood Early Childhood Center staff and students, and for relocation costs and furnishings and equipment including design and engineering costs, site preparation and construction costs, and any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

To be voted on at Town Meeting

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the replacement and upgrade of Public Address (PA) systems at the Early Childhood Centers, Elementary and Intermediate Schools, including any incidental or related expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Lavino, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 33

DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the School Department for the replacement of a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system at all school buildings, including any incidental or related costs and expenses; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Mr. Lavigne and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 34

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Law Chapter 40, Section 5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth's Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled "Abatement Strategies", and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said \$5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that previously received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town's participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 35

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ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to deposit in the Other Post Employment Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 36

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to deposit in the "Capital Stabilization Fund" as established by vote on Article 23 at the April 27, 1991 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Lavino, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 37

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to pay the Middlesex Retirement System in addition to the annual assessment; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Neville, Seconded by Mr. Lavino and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 38

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer into various line items of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget from other line items of said budget and from other available funds; or take any other action related thereto.

To be voted on at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise all or a portion of the property or any interest therein located at 333 Andover Street and shown on Assessors Map RI as Lot 21A, including any structures and improvements thereon, for municipal purposes including but not limited to location of a fire/police substation and various active and passive recreational uses, as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for the acquisition of such property and structures and improvements thereon, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and further to authorize the Select Board to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 40 to be finalized at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 64, Section 64-1 of the Inhabitant By-laws, to rename the second floor conference room at the Wilmington Memorial Library the Christina Stewart Room, and to have a sign installed to commemorate the same; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 41

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a certain parcel of land owned by the Town of Wilmington hereafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington and for the express purpose of constructing a municipal turnaround for Polk Street (formerly Cedar Street) upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, Section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised. Said parcels and interest is described as a portion of Map 6, Parcels 33 and 34; more particularly described as lots 281, 282, 283, 2284 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Wilmington

Gardens Addition" recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book 26, Plan 36 and containing approximately 10,000 square feet of land for a sum no less than \$5,000; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo for disapproval, Seconded by Ms. Manganelli and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend disapproval of Article 42

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Legislature authorize Joanne Ricardelli to have her results for the 2022 and 2023 Massachusetts Civil Service Firefighter Exam be allowed for employment without regard to the applicant's age as a Firefighter in the town of Wilmington. Notwithstanding the provisions of the general laws, rules, regulations to the contrary regulating the age of the applicant; provided she meets all other requirements; she shall be eligible for certification and appointed to the Wilmington Fire Department by the appointing authority regardless of her age; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Lavigne, Seconded by Mr. DiOrio and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 43

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ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following: That the police department range and firearms training facility located in North Wilmington on a parcel of town-owned land known as Abigail's Island be named the "Officer Lawrence L. Redding Firearms Training Facility". Larry Redding is a 1964 graduate of Wilmington High School, a decorated US Army Special Forces Veteran of the Viet Nam War, a former Massachusetts State Police trooper, a retired Wilmington Police Officer and former longtime resident of the town. Officer Redding, during his tenure with the police department, was a fierce advocate of specialized training for police officers in the fields of tactics, officer safety, firearms and physical fitness. He was instrumental in transitioning the police department from revolvers to semi-automatic sidearms in 1986, one of the first department's in the Commonwealth to do so. The following year he was the driving force in the department obtaining its first firearms range. Simultaneously to his time as a Wilmington Police Officer, he was also a decorated member of the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council's regional Tactical Police Force and founding member of its Special Operations Unit. Officer Redding retired in 1999 after suffering a traumatic line of duty injury in 1997 that was brought about and exacerbated by a previous, unrelated line of duty injury. This being done in recognition of Officer Redding's many years of dedicated service to

the Town of Wilmington; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. DiOrio Seconded by Mr. Neville and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend approval of Article 44 to be finalized at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting held on November 19, 2022 to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$36,880,766), more or less, by reducing the overall approved funds by not less than One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), reducing total funds available to construct the Town Hall School Administration building to Thirty-Five Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$35,380,766), or less; or take any other action related thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend disapproval of Article 45

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Five-Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), more or less, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the School Committee, Wildwood School Building Committee and the Town Manager for the purpose of constructing a safe and conducive learning environment including site preparation, design costs, costs to retrofit and or build age appropriate restrooms for Pre-Kand Kindergarten students, costs to build age appropriate play structures, equipping and furnishing classrooms for Pre-Kand Kindergarten students to be educated at the Wilmington Middle School, and all such costs incidental and related thereto to provide a safe and conducive learning environment; with funding for said appropriation anticipated as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, Seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and by the affirmative vote of all it was:

Voted: to recommend disapproval of Article 46

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1.9 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw, which currently reads as:

"4.1.9 Fairs, Bazaars, Antique Shows and Carnivals - In all districts, any building or premises owned or operated by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge

or club may be used with the owner's permission for fairs, bazaars, antique shows, or similar events. In all districts, open-air carnivals on premises owned by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be authorized by special permit from the Board of Appeals provided such uses are limited to appropriate restrictions on the number of days and hours of operation."to, as amended, read as follows:

"4.1.9 Fairs, Bazaars, Antique Shows and Carnivals - In all districts, any building or premises owned or operated by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be used with the owner's permission for fairs, bazaars, antique shows, or similar events. In all districts, open-air carnivals on premises owned by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be authorized by the Select Board, provided such use is limited to appropriate restrictions on the number of days and hours of operations." or take any other action related thereto.

To be voted on at Town Meeting

DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

At the conclusion of the discussion, being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson for the Finance Committee to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Gallezzo and unanimously:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Donahue

Recording Secretary