

REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Spring Annual Town Meeting - April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the several Boards and Officers and Committees of the Town thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 2. Approval of this article allows boards and committees to place their reports on file with the Town Clerk. Most Board and Committee reports can be found in the Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the Town will take under the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E 1/2 regarding the establishment, annual re-authorization or renewal as the case may be of revolving funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 3. Town Meeting approval is required to reauthorize and establish revolving funds on an annual basis in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E ½. In addition to reauthorization of revolving funds, the following are changes in the spending cap requests for FY2017:

Revolving Fund	Change	FY2017 Spending Limit
Animal Adoption	Decrease \$5,000	\$5,000
Cable Services	Decrease \$5,000	\$33,000
Cemetery Repair & Beautification	Increase \$8,734	\$26,734
CPA Conservation Land	Decrease \$250	\$750
Fire Alarm Services	Increase \$10,000	\$85,000
Plymouth Beach	Increase \$19,600	\$248,300
Recreation	Increase \$10,000	\$440,000
State Boat Ramp	Increase \$1,000	\$61,000
Vocational/Technical Services	Decrease \$10,000	\$315,000

ARTICLE 4: To see what action the Town will take pursuant to Chapter 173 of the General By-Laws regarding the formation, reformation, organization, continuation or discharge of existing Committees created by vote of Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 4. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Plymouth Center Steering Committee and Cedarville Steering Committee to continue, with a review in three years at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see what action the Town will take pursuant to G.L. c.41, §108 with regard to fixing the salaries of elected Town Officials, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 6. Approval of this article will authorize the annual stipends for the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator. There are no changes to the stipend amounts this year. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen will receive \$4,500, the four remaining Selectmen will receive \$4,000 each, and the Moderator will receive \$2,000.

ARTICLE 7A: To see what action the Town will take to provide a reserve fund and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$197,740,657 (Unanimous, 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 7B: To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the water enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$3,529,243 (Unanimous, 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 7C: To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the sewer enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$5,526,327 (Unanimous, 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 7D: To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the solid waste enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$2,205,124 (Unanimous, 13-0-0).

ARTICLE 7E: To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the airport enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$2,608,646 (Unanimous, 13-0-0).

ARTICLES 7A-E: Total Recommendations: \$211,609,997.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Articles 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E comprising the FY2017 Operating Budget of \$211,609,997. Reports of the Advisory & Finance Committee's budget sub-committees can be found in the Article back-up of the [Report & Recommendations of the Advisory and Finance Committee](#) and details of each departmental budget can be found in the [FY2017 General Government Proposed Operating Budget Book](#).

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the repair and/or purchase and/or lease and/or replacement of departmental equipment for the various departments substantially as follows:

	DEPARTMENT	EQUIPMENT
A	Procurement	Shredder for Town Hall 2nd Floor (*)
B	Information Tech.	Payroll Printer (*)
C	Information Tech.	PCs (*)
D	Information Tech.	Clerk - MUNIS Animal Licensing Program
C	Police	Marked Utility Vehicle (*)
E	Police	Marked Sedan (*)
F	Police	File Storage System
G	Fire	Station Maintenance for 6 Stations (*)
H	Fire	Firefighting Gear (*)
I	Fire	Portable Radio (*)
J	Fire	Upgrades to Dispatch Systems at 7 Stations (*)
K	DPW-Operations	Engr-Magnetic Manhole Cover Lifter
L	DPW-Operations	Hwy-Plate Compactor
M	DPW-Operations	Hwy-9' Sander for Existing Truck
N	DPW-Operations	Hwy-8 Ton Tilt Trailer
O	Marine & Env. Affairs	Dam Inspections
P	Marine & Env. Affairs	Animal Shelter Kennels
Q	Marine & Env. Affairs	Safe Boat Bottom Paint (*)
R	Marine & Env. Affairs	Navigation Electronics 24' ARC (*)
S	DPW-Utilities	Sewer - Portable Area Velocity Flow Meter
T	DPW-Operations	Cemetery - Leaf Vacuum (*)
U	DPW-Operations	Cemetery - Truck Leaf Box
V	DPW-Operations	Cemetery - Mud Tracks
W	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Parks-Morton Park Utility Vehicle
X	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Parks-Morton Park Steel Storage Container
Y	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Parks-Morton Park Infrastructure Improvements
Z	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Parks-Wood Fiber Playground Surfacing (*)
AA	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Rec-MYC Floor Resurfacing (*)
BB	DPW-Grounds&Rec	Rec-Rescue Board (*)
CC	1749 Court House	Fireproof Storage Cabinet
DD	1749 Court House	Museum Vacuum

or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$487,826 (Unanimous, 14-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 8. Approval of this article will authorize the purchase of the departmental equipment indicated above. The FY2017 Article 8 department requests totaled \$776,823 of which \$487,826 is recommended by the Town Manager. The Advisory & Finance Committee concurs with the Town Manager's recommendation. Funding sources for these items will be \$8,580 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings, \$9,000 from Waterways Fund, \$11,877 from Cemetery Perpetual Care and the remaining \$458,369 will be funded from Raise and Appropriate and Other Available Funds.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the construction and/or repair and/or purchase and/or lease and/or replacement of departmental buildings and/or equipment and/or capital facilities for various departments of the Town and/or for feasibility and other types of studies as follows:

PROJECT NUMBER	DEPARTMENT OR SPONSOR	
A1	Fire/Police/MEA Departments	Public Safety Radio System Repeaters
A2	Town Clerk	Voting Machine Replacement
A3	DPW Operation-Engineering	Taylor Ave. Roadway Improvements
A4	DPW Operation-Engineering	Water St. Stormwater Remediation Grant Match
A5	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 2000 Pickup Truck C71
A6	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 2000 Trash Packer
A7	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Fleet Fuel Efficiency Replacement Program
A8	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 1996 Backhoe
A9	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 2003 Pickup ME6
A10	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 2005 SUV ME1
A11	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace 1996 Truck P61
A12	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Purchase New Pickup Truck
A13	Marine & Environmental	Harbor Master Facility Designer
A14	School Repairs Hedge	Replace Gutters, Downspouts and Fascia Boards
A15	School Repairs Manomet	Replace Gutters, Downspouts and Repaint Fascia Boards
A16	School Repairs Nathaniel Morton	Paint Exterior Trim exterior trim
A17	School Repairs PCIS	Digitize Blake Planetarium
A18	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace Floor Drains & Oil/Water Separator at 159 Camelot Dr
A19	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Brick Re-Pointing at Memorial Hall
A20	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Repair Brick Veneer at Memorial Hall
A21	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Masonry Sealing at Memorial Hall
A22	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace HVAC Controls at Memorial Hall
A23	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Replace ADA Ramp at Manomet Youth Center
A24	DPW Operations-Maintenance	1749 Court House (repair per facilities assessment report)
A25	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Animal Shelter (repair per facilities assessment report)
A26	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Fresh Pond Bath House (repair per facilities assessment report)
A27	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Morton Park Bath House (repair per facilities assessment report)
A28	DPW Operations-Maintenance	Plymouth Beach Restrooms (repair per facilities assessment report)
A29	Fire Department	Replace & Equipment Command Vehicles C7, C14, and C1
A30	DPW Operation-Engineering	Robotic Surveying Instrument
A31	School Department	Replace 2004 Trash Compacting Truck
A32	School Department	Replace 1999 Dump Truck 946
A33	DPW Grounds & Rec-Parks	Brewster Garden Stair Replacement
A34	DPW Grounds & Rec-Parks	Restroom Trailer
A35	Fire Department	Fire Station Alerting System
A36	Police Department	CAD RMS System
A37	Police Department	Locker Replacement
A38	DPW Utilities (Sewer)	Capacity, Management, Operation & Maintenance (CMOM) Plan
A39	DPW Utilities (Sewer)	Sewer System Upgrades
A40	DPW Utilities (Water)	Water Infrastructure
A41	DPW Utilities (Water)	New Mini Excavator
A42	DPW Utilities (Water)	Replace 2007 Utility Truck W44

B1	DPW Admin	Water Street Promenade - South Phase
B2	DPW Operation-Engineering	Newfield St. Bridge Construction
B3	DPW Operation-Engineering	Town Center Sidewalk Rehabilitation (3 phases)
B4	DPW Utilities (Sewer)	Water Street Pump Station Upgrades
B5	DPW Utilities (Water)	Replace Water Mains - Stafford and Town Streets

or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of \$19,707,591 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 9. The Advisory & Finance Committee is in agreement with the Town Manager’s Recommendation for Capital Projects. Capital requests totaled \$37.1 million for FY17 of which \$19,707,591 is recommended by the Town Manager. The General Fund Capital requests total \$11,487,591 to be funded with \$3,408,158.34 from Free Cash, \$389,432.66 from other available funds, and \$7,690,000 from debt. The Enterprise Fund Capital requests total \$8,220,000 to be funded by \$750,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, \$6,000,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund debt, \$650,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, and \$820,000 from Water Enterprise Fund debt.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish an “Environmental Affairs Fund” as follows; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Plymouth may establish an “environmental affairs fund” into which shall be deposited revenues received pursuant to renewable energy payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreements. Any income derived from the investment or reinvestment of the special fund shall remain with and become part of the special fund. The special fund shall be available for appropriation by town meeting to meet costs related to environmental projects including but not limited to design and engineering, mitigation, land acquisition, water quality assessments, stormwater control improvement, river restoration, or as a local grant match to other state and/or federal related environmental grant opportunities.

Section 2. The town treasurer/collector shall be the custodian of the special fund and shall make an accounting of the special fund to each annual town meeting.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Not Approve (Unanimous, 0-13-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting not approve Article 10. Town Meeting approval of this article requests the Board of Selectmen seek special legislation to permit the Town to earmark renewable energy generation PILOT receipts (e.g., solar farms) for various environmental projects. The Committee believes that the concept is a good one, but questions the timing of the proposal given the challenges the community is facing at the present time since the proposal would earmark funds for special use at a time when operating budgets have become constrained by several variables. The Committee also believes it may be premature for the Town to commit all of its renewable energy PILOT receipts to a special fund given the early stage development of these PILOT arrangements.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Promotion Fund created pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1993, a sum of money for programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services and public improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$656,280 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 11. Town Meeting approval of this article will allow expenditures from the Town's Promotion Fund. The Promotion Fund, created by special legislation, is funded with 45% of the receipts from the Hotel/Motel Tax and is used to fund special events and celebrations. The Town Promotion Fund also is used to pay a marketing and promotions contract with Destination Plymouth, which provides the Town with television and print advertising around the country, maintains a waterfront information booth, and provides access to a Destination Plymouth website.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money as the State's share of the cost of work under G.L. c.90, §34(2)(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 12. Positive action on this article will enable the Town to accept State Highway (Chapter 90) Funds for repairs and reconstruction of public roads. While the actual amount of Chapter 90 funds for FY17 was not known at the time this report was prepared, Plymouth did receive more than \$1.5 million for FY16. The Town expects a similar amount in FY17 unless there is change in policy and/or the state's financial health.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$200,000 for the purposes of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners; including without limitation, the payment of all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under G.L. c.44 or any other enabling authority, which amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; or take any other action relative thereto.
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 14. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Town to borrow \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust for use in making loans to local homeowners for septic system repair or replacement or for sewer hook-ups; the septic system must be failed to qualify. The state loans the funds to Plymouth at 2% interest rate. Homeowners are eligible for loans up to \$15,000 from the Town at 5%; the additional interest offsets the program administration costs. The loans are recorded as liens on the property and are billed by the Assessor's Office as a tax bill attachment, which ensures repayment of the loan.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purchase and acquisition of land for general municipal purposes, and to design, construct, and equip a new Fire Station thereon, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Please see Annual Town Meeting Supplement I.

ARTICLE 16A: To see if the Town will vote to revise the funding sources and thereby amend the vote taken under Article 16A of the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting for the restoration of the 1820 Court House, as previously amended, by reducing the amount to be borrowed by the sum of \$500,000 and transferring the sum of \$500,000 from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Act estimated annual revenues for such purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16A. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize a \$500,000 reduction to the remaining \$4,000,000 borrowing authorization for the restoration of the 1820 Court House and authorize the Community Preservation Committee to set aside \$500,000 of FY17 CPA revenue for 1820 Court House restoration expenses. This will enable the Community Preservation Committee to reduce borrowing for the project, thereby saving the Town money on interest costs.

ARTICLE 16B: To see if the Town will vote to revise the funding sources and thereby amend the vote taken under Article 16A of the 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting for the historical preservation, restoration and rehabilitation for the Simes House, by reducing the amount to be borrowed, originally approved as \$2,500,000, by the sum of \$500,000 and by transferring the sum of \$500,000 from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Act estimated annual revenues for such purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16B. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize a \$500,000 reduction to the \$2,500,000 borrowing authorization for the restoration of the Simes House and authorize the Community Preservation Committee to set aside \$500,000 of FY17 CPA revenue for Simes House restoration expenses. This will enable the Community Preservation Committee to reduce borrowing for the project, thereby saving the Town money on interest costs.

ARTICLE 16C: To see if the Town will vote to revise the funding sources and thereby amend the vote taken under Article 16B of the 2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting for the restoration and rehabilitation of Stephens Field by reducing the amount to be borrowed, originally approved as \$2,000,000, by the sum of \$200,000 and further by transferring the sum of \$200,000 from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Act estimated annual revenues for such purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16C. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize a \$200,000 reduction to the \$2,000,000 borrowing authorization for the renovation, preservation and rehabilitation of Stephens Field and authorize the Community Preservation Committee to set aside \$200,000 of FY17 CPA revenue for the Stephens Field project expenses. This will enable the Community Preservation Committee to reduce borrowing for the project, thereby saving the Town money on interest costs.

ARTICLE 16D: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space and recreational purposes pursuant to G.L. c.44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or less of land containing 14.6 acres, more or less, located off Black Cat Road in the Town of Plymouth, shown on Assessor's Map 90 as Lot 22C, Lot 23A and Lot 23B, and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor to appropriate \$46,000 for the acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto, from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow said total sum pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §11 or G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; provided, however, that any amounts to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to any borrowing; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G.L. c.44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33; and to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$46,000 (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16D. Town Meeting approval of this article will appropriate \$46,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to purchase approximately 14.6 acres of land off Black Cat Road for open space purposes. The acquisition of this parcel, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, is intended to protect the headwaters of Town Brook. Water from this property runs to Billington Sea and into Town Brook.

ARTICLE 16E: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space and recreational purposes pursuant to G.L. c.44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or less of land containing 7.8 acres, more or less, located off Hedges Pond Road in the Town of Plymouth shown on Assessor’s Map 55 as a portion of Lot 36B and Lot 37B, and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor to appropriate \$45,000 for the acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto, from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow said total sum pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §11 or G.L. c. 44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; provided, however, that any amounts to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to any borrowing; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G.L. c. 44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33; and to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$45,000 (8-3-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16E. Town Meeting approval of this article will appropriate \$45,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to purchase approximately 7.8 acres of land located off Hedges Pond Road for open space and recreational purposes. The acquisition of this parcel, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, is intended to square off existing Town-owned land at Hedges Pond Recreational Area & Preserve; the land contains trails that are currently used by visitors to the recreational area and is recognized as an area of Critical Environmental Concern by the Commonwealth’s Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

ARTICLE 16F: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space and recreational purposes pursuant to G.L. c.44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or less of land containing 9.98 acres, more or less, located off Fisherman’s Lane, Ship Pond Marsh, Surfside and Bayside Beaches in the Town of Plymouth, shown on Assessor’s Map 50 as Lot 3, and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor to appropriate \$140,000 for the acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow said total sum pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §11 or G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; provided, however, that any amounts to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to any borrowing; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G.L. c. 44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 184, §§31-33; and to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$140,000 (7-3-1). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16F. Town Meeting approval of this article will appropriate \$140,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to purchase approximately 9.98 acres of land located off Fisherman’s Lane for open space and recreational purposes. The acquisition of this parcel, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, is intended to preserve 1,200 feet of frontage on Ship Pond Marsh and 1,000 feet of frontage on Cape Cod Bay. The parcel consists of a barrier beach between Cape Cod Bay and Ship Pond and will provide opportunities for hike-in shore recreation from Fisherman’s Lane, Bayberry Road and Douglas Avenue.

ARTICLE 16G: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space and recreational purposes pursuant to G.L. c.44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or less of land containing 26 acres, more or less, located off Little Sandy Pond Road and Livingston Drive in the Town of Plymouth shown on Assessor’s Map 59 as Lot 27-66; and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor, to appropriate \$175,000 for the acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow said total sum pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §11 or G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; provided, however, that any amounts to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to any borrowing; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G.L. c.44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33; and to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$175,000 (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16G. Town Meeting approval of this article will appropriate \$175,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to purchase approximately 26 acres of land located off Little Sandy Pond Road and Livingston Drive for open space and recreational purposes. The acquisition of this parcel, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, is intended to provide passive recreational walking trails. The land borders Town-owned open space property to the north, which includes the well that provides residential water for the Ponds of Plymouth.

ARTICLE 16H: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2017, future appropriation amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for open space, including restoration and rehabilitation of land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$2,655,429 (11-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16H. Town Meeting approval of this article will allow the Community Preservation Committee to set aside for later spending 10% of the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following: a) open space in the amount of \$275,543; b) historic resources in the amount of \$275,543; and c) community housing in the amount of \$275,543. Also, \$110,217 (4%) of the annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund will be set aside for the purpose of funding administrative and operational expenses. The balance of the annual CPA revenue, \$1,818,583, will be held as a reserve balance which can be used for any CPA purpose at future Town Meetings.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following parcel from the Town Treasurer for the purpose of sale at auction to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of conveyance, and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to convey the property upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate to the Affordable Housing Trust for the purpose of affordable housing:

Parcel ID	Road	Legal Reference	Tax Title
053-000-032-006	2106 State Road	Bk#41632 Page 144	#10287

Or take any other action relative thereto,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 17. Town Meeting approval of this article will transfer the property from the Town Treasurer, who acquired the property through the tax title process, to the Affordable Housing Trust for rehabilitation of the existing structure and marketing it as an affordable home. The home would be deeded affordable in perpetuity and count toward the Town’s affordable housing inventory.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following parcel from the Town Treasurer for the purpose of sale at auction to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of conveyance, and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to convey the property upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate to the Affordable Housing Trust for the purpose of affordable housing:

Parcel ID	Road	Legal Reference	Tax Title
084-000-010-002	227 Long Pond Road	Bk#10542/ Page 085	#11425

Or take any other action relative thereto.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 19. Town Meeting approval of this article will transfer the property from the Town Treasurer, who acquired the property through the tax title process, to the Affordable Housing Trust for marketing to builders to demolish the existing uninhabitable structures, clear the lot and construct at least one housing unit to be deeded affordable in perpetuity and count toward the Town’s affordable housing inventory.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and allow as a public way the following street or portions thereof as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and reported to the Town, and as shown on plans on file with Town Clerk; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Plymouth, and all associated easements; and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money, or accept gifts for this purpose and any expenses related thereto; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition(s);

- Raymond Road
- Camelot Drive

or take any other action relative thereto.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 12-0-1). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 22. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Raymond Road and Camelot Drive as public ways. Both roads have been evaluated and approved for acceptance by the Roads Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise fund \$500,000 in improvements to Private Roads including all costs necessary and related thereto, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Acts of 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$500,000 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 23. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize appropriation of \$500,000 for improvements of private (unaccepted) roads. This is the fourth consecutive year that Plymouth will provide funding for repair and maintenance of the Town's unaccepted roads.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-19: Signs, as on file with the Town Clerk, to allow School Information Display Boards for High Schools, grades nine through twelve (a School Information Display Board is illuminated by internal Light Emitting Diodes (LED) and used as a community communication tool), as well as amend associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 24. Town Meeting approval of this article will extend the zoning bylaw change approved by Town Meeting in 2013 to permit use of the illuminated school information display board at Plymouth North High School to a similar device that will be installed as part of the construction of Plymouth South High School. The board at PSHS will be placed on the entrance/access road to the schools approximately 630 feet from Long Pond Road to minimize unintentional effects of the illuminated board on homes in the area.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-27, Special permit uses, as on file with the Town Clerk, to allow by right public safety buildings and uses in all districts, as well as amend associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 14-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 26. Town Meeting approval of this article will amend Plymouth Zoning Bylaw 205-27 pertaining to special permit uses to exempt public safety buildings and uses from the special permit provisions, allowing such buildings and uses by-right in all zones and districts of the Town.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as on file with the Town Clerk, by adding a new section entitled, "Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Facilities", that identifies solar energy facility site locations, selection criteria and evaluation criteria as well as amending associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Please see Annual Town Meeting Supplement I.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to amend the Town Charter to remove procurement responsibilities from the Department of Finance, as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of the petition:

An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Plymouth

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 358 of the acts of 2004 is hereby amended by striking out in section 3-8-2 the following words:- general supervision of the purchase of all goods, services, materials, and supplies by the town; and.

Section 2. Said section 1 of chapter 358 is hereby further amended by deleting in section 3-9-4 the following words: and procurement.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

or take any action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 29. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the state legislature for amendments to the Town Charter that are required due to a Board of Selectmen approved reorganization of Procurement from the Department of Finance to the Office of the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to NSTAR Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. a perpetual non-exclusive utility easement for the purpose of locating, relocating, erecting, constructing, reconstructing, installing, operating, maintaining, patrolling, inspecting, repairing, replacing, altering, changing the location of, extending or removing the utility equipment along, upon, under, across and over that portion of Town owned property located at 248 Old Sandwich Road, Plymouth, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a deed recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 45230, Page 329 and shown on Plymouth Assessor's Map 78A as Parcel 11-257, upon those portions shown on plans on file with the Town Clerk entitled "NSTAR Electric, Plan of Old Sandwich Road (Tower) Plymouth, MA," prepared by NSTAR, dated August 20, 2015 and "Communications Tower Site Plan, Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts," prepared by Woodard & Curran, dated July 24, 2015, on such terms and conditions which the Board of Selectmen may determine, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 12-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 30. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual, non-exclusive easements to NSTAR (Eversource) and Verizon New England on property located at 248 Old Sandwich Road. The easements are required to permit the construction and installation of electricity and communications connections and services for the new municipal emergency communications tower.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to NSTAR Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. a perpetual non-exclusive utility easement for the purpose of locating, relocating, erecting, constructing, reconstructing, installing, operating, maintaining, patrolling, inspecting, repairing, replacing, altering, changing the location of, extending or removing the utility equipment along, upon, under, across and over that portion of Town owned property located at 490 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a deed recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 11972, Page 164 and shown on Plymouth Assessor's Map 77A as Parcel 7, and on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Plymouth South High School Site Electrical Renovation Plan," prepared by Griffith & Vary, Inc. for Ai3 Associates, dated May 21, 2015, on such terms and conditions which the Board of Selectmen may determine, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 12-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 31. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual, non-exclusive easements to NSTAR (Eversource) and Verizon New England on property located at 490 Long Pond Road. The easements are required to permit the construction and installation of electricity and communications connections and services for the new Plymouth South High School.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to repeal the previous acceptance of Sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION: Steven Striar et al.

RECOMMENDATION: Not Approve (0-11-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting not approve Article 32. This article seeks the approval of Town Meeting to advance a proposal to repeal the Community Preservation Act. Town Meeting approval of this article would authorize the placement of a ballot initiative in an upcoming election to repeal Plymouth's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend section 3-12-1 of the Town Charter to read as follows: The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Zoning Board of Appeals of five members and two associate members for three year overlapping terms. Persons not registered to vote in the town of Plymouth and Representative Town Meeting Members shall not eligible for appointment to or service on the Zoning Board of appeals, or to take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION: Steven Striar et al.

RECOMMENDATION: Not Approve (5-8-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting not approve Article 33. This article seeks to amend the Charter to specifically exclude Town Meeting members from being eligible to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. As evidenced by the split vote, members of the Advisory & Finance Committee have substantially differing points of view on this question. On the one hand, several members raised concern about the same individual being able to participate in the process of making laws and the process of interpreting and enforcing those laws and the potential for conflict such dual roles create. Alternatively, the majority of members seemed to believe that no evidence exists (or, at least, was presented) to substantiate the concerns over theoretical role conflicts and expressed concerns about compelling long-standing, knowledgeable ZBA members to choose between being a Town Meeting or ZBA member and the problems that could be created by an incomplete and / or less knowledgeable Zoning Board of Appeals.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend section 7-6-1 of the Town Charter to read as follows: At least once every five years, a special committee shall be appointed by the Moderator to review this Charter and submit a report, with recommendations, to the Citizens of Plymouth and Representative Town Meeting concerning any proposed amendments which the committee may determine to be necessary or desirable. Said report shall be published in the local paper of record and on the Town's website within 14 days of completion, or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION: Steven Striar et al.

RECOMMENDATION: Not Approve (4-8-1). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting not approve Article 34. This article seeks to amend the Charter to require the publication of the report of all future Charter Review Committees in both the local newspaper and on the Town website. While the majority of committee members agreed that making the report of each Charter Review Committee readily available to the public was a good idea, there were differences of opinion on how that requirement should be established (bylaw versus charter) and the methods and logistics of creating ready public access to the report. In the end, several members voted against this article because of the belief that it belongs in a bylaw and not the charter while others voted against it because they believed the language and logistics needed work before they could recommend approval of the proposal. Several members observed that since the next Charter Review Committee was some years off that there is plenty of time to refine the language and seek approval at a future Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to reduce thin carry out bags used from stores or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION: Alexander L. Burns et al.

RECOMMENDATION: No Motion No Action at the Request of the Petitioner

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2 Section 4 of the Town Charter by adding the following: All articles requiring spending of Community Preservation funds, exclusive of administration and operating expenses, shall require approval of two thirds (2/3 vote of those present and voting, or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION: Steven Striar et al.

RECOMMENDATION: No Motion No Action at the Request of the Petitioner
