

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

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Classification and Compensation Plans and the Personnel By-Law and Collective Bargaining Agreements contained therein, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 12-0-1). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 1. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize minor administrative changes to the Personnel Bylaw and accept a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU. Details of the SEIU agreement are summarized in the Memorandum of Agreement dated December 23, 2015 included in the article back-up.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to pay certain unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$2,341.27 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 3. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize payment of one outstanding invoice from FY2015 in the amount of \$2,341.27. This invoice is for a 100B expense (Police and Fire Retired on Disability). Often these types of bills, which cannot be anticipated, are received well after the close of the fiscal year. Funding for this invoice will come from the FY2016 Human Resources Budget.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount appropriated under Article 8 of the 2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of repair/purchase/lease/replacement of departmental equipment, or otherwise amend said vote, 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, which will correct an administrative error on the funding source and amount for an Article 8 item approved at the Spring 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Item KK, relating to Acoustic Buoys, identified grants as the funding source and appropriated \$4,000; the actual funding source was general fund free cash and totaled \$2,138.66, representing the Town's matching fund contribution for a grant. Town Meeting approval of this article will amend the appropriation from \$4,000 to \$2,138.66 and the source from grants to general fund free cash.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.59, §38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into an agreement for payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (“PILOT”) for a 0.5MW-AC (more or less) solarphotovoltaic energy generating facility for MA Highway Solar, LLC or its affiliates, successors, or assignees for a period of up to 20 years to be located on property described as Plymouth Route 3 Interchange Exit 5, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 11-0-2). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 5. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the town to accept a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement between the town and MA Highway Solar for its 0.5 MWAC solar photovoltaic facility located at Exit 5. A rate of \$12,500 per MWAC is the negotiated amount. The term of the agreement will be for 20 years and will include an annual escalator of 2.5%. By entering into a PILOT, the town will receive a set stream of payments and have a remedy to seek damages should there be a default.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the following Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B as amended,

a. Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund

or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$750,000 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 6. Approval of this article would authorize the Town to set aside \$750,000 in the Nuclear Plant Stabilization Fund, which will provide for future mitigation of the tax impact to residents as the PILOT payments from Entergy decline. The current balance of the Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund is \$2,886,924. As with all Stabilization Funds, a 2/3rds vote of Town Meeting would be required for additions to or withdrawals from the stabilization fund.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following unused borrowing authority,

Article 9B3 April 2012 ATM Water Street Bridge	\$ 700,000
Article 9B3 April 2013 ATM Federal Furnace HVAC	\$1,380,000

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 7. Approval of this article would rescind borrowing authorizations for Article 9B3 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for the Water Street Bridge in the amount of \$700,000 and Article 9B3 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the Federal Furnace HVAC project in the amount of \$1,380,000. Both projects are complete and these amounts represent unused borrowing authorization.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for costs of temporary and permanent repairs related to sewer line breaks and the Town's sewer system in general, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Please see the Special Town Meeting Supplement I.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter 23, Animals, for certain licenses and fines by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the bold text as follows:

§23-11 Dog license.

Notwithstanding the provisions of MGL c.140, §§139 and 173, the fees for dog licenses shall be ~~\$10~~ **\$15 for** altered males and spayed females and ~~\$20~~ **\$25** for unaltered males and unspayed females.

And,

§ 23-7. Unlicensed dogs; penalties.

The penalty for owning an unlicensed dog in the Town of Plymouth shall be ~~\$50~~ **\$75**, with each month of continued violation constituting a separate offense.

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 9. Approval of this article would increase dog license fees for neutered dogs from \$10 to \$15 and for non-neutered dogs from \$20 to \$25 and increase the fine for owning an unlicensed dog from \$50 to \$75 per month.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a perpetual easement for public way purposes over the property located on Sandwich Road and River Street, Plymouth, MA and shown as Plymouth Assessor's Parcels No. 047-000-001-000, as on file with the Town Clerk; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain any other necessary easements, including drainage, utility, or access; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, 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. Approval of this article would allow the Town to obtain an easement for an existing portion of roadway currently located outside of the layout at Bramhall's Corner. Granting of this easement was a condition of approval for the Bramhall Village development.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to grant the Town Manager authority to initiate the municipal aggregation process pursuant to Chapter 164, Section 134 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to include, but not be limited to, researching, developing and entering into a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses within the Town of Plymouth and for other related services, including consulting services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities for terms of more than two years, and for such consideration (if any), and on such other terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-1). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 14. Approval of this article would allow the Town to enter into a municipal electricity aggregation effort spearheaded by the Old Colony Planning Council enabling residents who wish to participate to receive lower electricity supply rates that would be made available based on the volume of residents participating from Plymouth and six other southeastern Massachusetts communities.
