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NAHANT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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TOWN MODERATOR: A quorum having been arrived,
this meeting is called to order.

The first order of business is the Pledge of
Allegiance, which will be led for us today by Cadet
Julianne Sheehan, Cadet Maeve Nugent, Daisy Maddie
Roberts and Daisy Zoe Corbett, and they're accompanied
by an Honor Guard of -- from the American Legion --
the American Legion and those are the Russell Girls,
Molly Conlin, Ann Sanke and Jeanne Fiore.

So, girls, come right up to the microphone and
lead us in the pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited)

TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you, very much. Great job.

(Applause)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

TOWN MODERATOR: The next order of business is
the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award, and
for that purpose, I would like to read an excerpt of
our Bible, the Town Meeting Time Book. Let me just

1 grab it here.

2 On page 32, it says, "During the winter months,
3 there are no harder working Town Officials than the
4 members of the Finance Committee, as they study the
5 requests of the department heads in accordance with
6 their duty to prepare a budget for the following year,
7 and in addition, they study the other articles propose
8 and prepare recommendations on them also."

9 That doesn't even mention the phenomenal work that
10 goes into producing a document like this, that's so
11 complicated but it's presented in a way that we can --
12 even we can understand it.

13 So, last year, we talked about the fact that Bob
14 Vanderslice has been on the FinCom for quite a long time,
15 but we really didn't recognize him to the extent that
16 he should have been, and this year, I'm presenting him
17 with the Nahant Citizen of the Year Award.

18 He's been on the FinCom --

19 (Applause)

20 TOWN MODERATOR: So, he's been on the Finance
21 Advisory Committee for about 37 or 38 years, we can't
22 -- we don't have the -- I think the original appointment
23 has now been --

24 MS. DUNFEE: Archived.

6 We have been blessed with so many phenomenal --
7 and we are blessed with so many phenomenal members of
8 the Finance and Advisory Committee, but I have to tell
9 you, you need to have some continuity going through,
10 and Bob has certainly appointed that.

1 And Henry Clausen -- poor Henry, just passed away
2 a week ago, and he was also on the Finance and Advisory
3 Committee for about 35 years before he got off, and
4 that's the kind of dedication that the Town thrives
5 on and really needs to acknowledge.

6 Bob, thank you for all that you've done, and you've
7 done so much. We really appreciate it. Here's a --

8 (Applause)

19 MR. VANDERSLICE: So, I guess I'm the first to
20 test this, but I'd like to thank all the members of the
21 Finance Committee that I have served with over the years,
22 it's uniformly been a real selection of the best of the
23 Town. So, thank you very much.

24 (Applause)

1 TOWN MODERATOR: At this time, the Board of
2 Selectmen have the Charlie Kelley Memorial Award to
3 present. Mr. Antrim.

4
5 CHARLES KELLEY AWARD

6
7 MR. ANTRIM: Good afternoon, everyone. Thanks
8 for being here.

9 Each year, we award the Charles Kelley Scholarship
10 to a Nahant resident who has been accepted at a two
11 or four year accredited college. The Charles Kelley
12 Scholarship was established by the residents of the
13 Nahant and the Nahant Board of Selectmen in memory of
14 Charles Kelley, who served for 33 years as a Selectmen.

15 Charles Kelley started his political career when
16 he was elected to the School Committee in 1950 at the
17 age of 22 and served as the chairman of that committee
18 from 1952 to 1955. He was also instrumental in the
19 planning and building of the Johnson Elementary School.

20 When someone asked Mr. Kelley about his length of
21 service he was quoted as saying, "I'm not out to break
22 any records. I'm in politics because I love it and I
23 hope I'm able to do something for my town."

24 With this, becomes the question we ask applicants

1 applying for this scholarship, "What does community
2 service mean to you?" This year's recipient has shown
3 what community service means to him and how it was
4 instilled in him at an early age.

5 He started by mentoring younger kids at the Nahant
6 Library and Johnson School and then went onto volunteer
7 for the North Shore Rovers, which is a non-profit
8 organization that pairs soccer players with special
9 needs youth, the Interact Club, which helps organize
10 winter clothing drives for homeless youth, serving at
11 My Brother's Table, and helping to fundraise for the
12 Cahill 5K and one-mile walk.

13 I'll also add that I was reading in the news the
14 other day and was happy to see his name among the top
15 five percent of scholars in the North Shore area, that's
16 quite an honor. With all these programs and activities,
17 he has earned valuable lessons about giving back,
18 inclusivity, and patience through his acts of service.

19 This year's recipient will be attending Tufts
20 University this fall and is enrolled in the Arts and
21 Sciences Program.

22 We are pleased to announce that this year's
23 recipient is Maxwell Manadee.

24 (Applause)

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS

TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you, Josh. We also are presenting the American Legion Scholarships, we have two of them, and presenting them we will have Robert Fields, a member of the American Legion and a past commander of our local region, accompanied by Dana Sheehan and Anna and Molly.

MR. FIELDS: We're electric up here, wow.

TOWN MODERATOR: And Dan, yeah.

MR. FIELD: Hey, I'm Bob Fields and I'm privileged to represent your American Legion, including Commander Dan McMackin and our 70 plus members.

I'm proud to serve with them and our American Legion Auxiliary led by President Esther Johnson, for without these members we cannot fulfill our mission of serving our community's Veteran's children, and children as well as promoting and demonstrating Americanism and patriotism.

I think it is awesome that we start Town Meeting with a few minutes of celebration and recognition, for the work before us here today is serious stuff. Someone's emotions are on edge and hopefully, just hopefully, these few minutes of recognizing and celebrating good things can

1 set those emotions at ease and we can all be engaged and
2 complete the work ahead.

3 The American Legion recognizes and is blessed to
4 receive the enthusiastic support of this community.
5 So, on behalf of all of our members to you, the citizens
6 of Nahant, all town departments and town leadership,
7 thank you.

8 Turning to our scholarship awards, I'd like to
9 recognize the families of Army Veteran Tom Dwan and
10 World War II Coast Guard Veteran Maurice Poulin, whose
11 generous donations in honor of their father's service
12 have supported the American Legion's goal of increasing
13 our single \$500 scholarship to what is now three
14 scholarships consisting of two \$500 scholarships, which
15 we are presenting today, and one \$1,000 scholarship,
16 which we will be presenting on Flag Day, Friday, June
17 14th on Short Beach at 6:00 p.m.

18 Now, when I say our Flag Retirement Party, I mean
19 -- excuse me, retirement -- I mean our Flag Retirement
20 Ceremony, so you're all invited to come down and please
21 bring your kids and your grandkids and we'll also be
22 presenting our third scholarship winner.

23 My standing here to present these awards would not
24 be possible without the dedication and work of our

1 Scholarship Committee. The Committee is lead by former
2 Nahant Citizen of the Year and Army Veteran Anna Manzano,
3 and the Committee includes Navy Veteran Molly Conlin,
4 ALA Member Jeanne Fiore, and Air Force Veteran Dana
5 Sheehan.

6 These members -- and yes, we had many more in our
7 fine town, both military and civilian alike, represent
8 the best of our Nation's everyday heroes, heroes who
9 do all the little things that must be done and done
10 consistently over time to ensure the important work
11 of our organizations and community gets done. Just
12 as you are here today representing your one vote, it
13 is important work to be done, and in fact, it is work
14 that inspires the world over.

15 Now finally, this year's American Legion Scholarship
16 is awarded in recognition of the best essay response to
17 our question, "Why is it important to support our service
18 members stationed overseas and how can you help?" And
19 I just love that it matches the service award from the
20 Selectmen.

21 This question was in conjunction with the American
22 Legion Auxiliary's recently completed Operation Troop
23 Support. The ALA sponsored a widely successful Town-
24 wide collection of items requested by deployed troops.

1 The ALA asked and you answered and answered in abundance.
2 Thank you.

3 I always wish we could read the essays in their
4 entirety here as I personally feel a sense of encouragement
5 and pride in the future that is ahead for each of these
6 young people and for our country. Will they fulfill their
7 dreams or not? We don't know, but to see their dreams
8 on full display is inspiring and a cause for hope.

9 MR. SHEEHAN: Our first \$500 winner, heading to
10 Drexel University to pursue a degree in International
11 Business and Real Estate with a future dream of starting
12 and running their own real estate business.

13 Congratulations Jessie McGuinley.

14 (Applause)

15 MR. SHEEHAN: Our second \$500 scholarship winner
16 is heading to the University of Miami as an Honors Foote
17 Fellow who plans to study biology and future dream to
18 become a medical doctor following in the footsteps of
19 their grandfather.

20 Congratulations, Maxwell Manadee.

21 (Applause)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you. Thank you.

23 Hello? Okay. Thank you very much.

24 I'd like to ask Barbara Beatty of the FinCom and

1 Liana DeLoid of the School Committee to stand, please.

2 MS. BEATTY: We are here to thank and congratulate
3 our former Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi. He has
4 been the Superintendent with us, let me see, he started
5 first as a Superintendent and you need to know he's
6 been a really important recognized person throughout
7 the State.

8 His first superintendency was in Somerville, and
9 he was there for 10 years, and I know from talking with
10 Tony that one of the things he was committed to was
11 bringing the Town of Somerville together in terms of
12 making the schools more inclusive for all the children
13 in Town, and that's always been a big commitment of his.

14 And then he retired, and then not -- maybe not
15 surprisingly when you know the kind of person that he
16 is, and Liana is going to tell you more, when our
17 superintendency came up in July of 2016, he began his
18 second career here. And of all the challenges that he's
19 faced, probably you know that he was here for Covid, and
20 Tony made it possible for us all to get through Covid.

21 Obviously, for those of you -- families who had
22 children in school, he did a phenomenal job, and in
23 fact, the Johnson School was one of the first schools
24 to open up again on the North Shore. He was truly

1 committed to the importance of children being together,
2 and so, that was part of his big commitment.

3 And now, I get to say one little thing before
4 I turn it over, is I've been a liaison to the School
5 Committee now for I don't know how long, his budgets
6 were gorgeous, oh, oh, oh. I mean, these beautiful
7 budgets. I mean, every single thing explained perfectly,
8 and then he had PowerPoints and his PowerPoints were
9 perfect.

10 And so, every year for the school -- for us, right,
11 for FinCom, he would come up and would have his beautiful
12 budget, and seeing as we were liaisons, we -- Deborah
13 and I didn't have to worry at all.

14 We knew that he had this gorgeous budget, and then
15 he'd do his PowerPoint, and so, that's just my own little
16 point, but it was great to have someone who had both the
17 personality and the caring and the devotion to the school,
18 but also to be able to do all of his cool administrative
19 stuff, he made it easier for all of us.

20 So, thank you.

21 MS. DELOID: I'm Liana Deloid. I'm one of the
22 School Committee members, and we just want to say on
23 behalf of the School Committee, the community, the
24 families, Tony, we are so grateful, and we wish you the

1 best in your retirement. We hope you really do retire.

2 (Laughter)

3 MS. DELOID: There are big shoes to fill. I mean,
4 he is one of the few that will climb our roof, and he's
5 there for any questions we have, supports us with all
6 of his heart, and we will miss you, but we are so happy
7 for you and thank you, for all that you've done.

8 (Applause)

9 TOWN MODERATOR: So, the town has been blessed
10 in many ways, and one of the ways that it's been blessed
11 is for those of us who have hunger pangs, we have the
12 best hotdogs downstairs that you ever tasted in your
13 life, and the beauty of it is -- one of the beauties
14 of it is, so we've had the Council on Aging forever
15 and ever slaving down in that kitchen for us on our
16 Town Meetings.

17 But the Nahant Lions have decided to help them
18 out and they're taking over the obligation. I went
19 down and tasted two of those dogs just before we got
20 in here, and I'm telling you, they're as good -- or
21 as good as ever and I recommend them if you feel a
22 little peaked, go on down.

23 Now, to get some business going here, our Town
24 Clerk, Diane Savage Dunfee will read the return of

1 service on the warrant.

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3 CALL OF THE MEETING

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5 MS. DUNFEE: "Four score and seven years ago,"
6 oh, that's next week. Sorry about that. But I think
7 every day is a good day to celebrate and thank the
8 Veterans in Nahant and in our country that have served
9 our country, so if we could thank the Veterans, all
10 the Veterans here, if you could stand up.

11 (Applause)

12 MS. DUNFEE: Thank you. And thank you to all of
13 you who have taken time out of your busy schedule to
14 be here and to exercise your right and your privilege
15 to attend and to vote on the operations of the Town of
16 Nahant that all these people in front of us have worked
17 so hard to put together for us to vote on in the warrant.
18 So, thank you to everyone in Town that made it.

19 Now, Constables Return of Service, "On the date
20 of May 2nd, 2024, I have served this warrant by posting
21 attested printed copies thereof at the Town Hall and
22 such other places the Selectmen deem appropriate, but
23 not less than three in each precinct, that being the
24 Nahant Police Station, Nahant Fire Station, and the

1 Nahant Public Library. Constable of Nahant, Robert T.
2 Scanlan."

3 Thank you.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you. And we're blessed
5 with a great Town Clerk, as well.

6 Let me check to see who is here that may not be
7 registered to vote in Nahant.

8 The non-registered voters that I have names of
9 are Tony Barletta, Alison Nieto, Tim Furlong, Tony
10 Pierantozzi, John Coolon, Jeff Blake or Mark -- it's
11 Mark actually today I guess, Zachary Taylor, Scott
12 Grieves. The Manadee Family has come, and I think
13 they're gone, and Kevin Andrews. Good.

14 Any other non-registered citizens here today?
15 Who is that? Pardon me?

16 MR. PIERCE: Don Pierce.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Don Pierce. Thank you, Don.

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19 TESTING OF CLICKERS

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21 TOWN MODERATOR: Jessica -- yes, indeed. I know
22 Jessica. In fact, Jessica is just about to demonstrate
23 and lead us through a test of the voting device. So,
24 Jessica, thank you, and you can take over. Jessica,

1 try this one.

2 MS. MANCINI: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

3 Hello, everybody.

4 On the screen you should see some instructions
5 for our voting system. We're going to try it out shortly,
6 but let me just go through these quick instructions.

7 When you have your keypad, it is in a sleep mode
8 until you push either the 1 or the 2 button. After you
9 vote, it will go back to sleep, so don't worry about
10 turning it on, it comes on automatically.

11 Today, we're going to be using the 1A key for a
12 yes vote, the 2B key for a no vote. Those are the only
13 two keys that you really have to be concerned about.
14 When you make your choice, you will see your 1A or your
15 2B in that little LCD screen that is in the upper left,
16 and a green light will also flash in the right. That's
17 how you know that your vote has been cast.

18 And we are going to also be using a 10-second timer.
19 You will have until the 10-second timer counts down to
20 enter your vote. If you accidentally enter a choice
21 different from what you had thought, so you want to
22 change it, you'll just push either the 1A or the 2B
23 to change it, and you'll need to do that before the
24 10-second timer counts down.

1 Are we ready to go ahead and try it, or does
2 anybody have any questions?

3 Okay. Let's go with our first test question.

4 So, my first question to you today is, "Are the
5 Celtics going to take it all?"

6 So, go ahead and push one for yes, two for no,
7 and I'm going to start that 10-second timer to give
8 you 10 more seconds to get your answer in.

9 (Voting Commenced)

10 MS. MANCINI: All right. Looks like 105 of you
11 think they're going all the way and 31 have their doubts.

12 You guys want to try one more? Okay.

13 All right. My next question is, since you have
14 these lovely beaches here, are you ready for beach
15 weather? Press one for yes, two for no. And I'm going
16 to start that 10 seconds.

17 (Voting Commenced)

18 MS. MANCINI: All right. It looks like 107 of
19 you are ready and 32 are not.

20 Does anybody have any questions before I hand this
21 back over to Mr. Moderator? No? Okay. Thank you very
22 much.

23 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you, Jessica. I believe
24 that we are ready to proceed. So, we'll start with the

1 Annual Resolution by Melanie Drayton our first -- our
2 latest addition to the Finance and Advisory Board.

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4 ANNUAL RESOLUTION

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6 MS. DRAYTON: Good afternoon. I move that the
7 Town adopt the following resolution.

8 Resolved, that the Town adopt the following rule
9 governing motions and amendments made during the 2024
10 Annual Town Meeting.

11 Whereas without an override, the amount to be
12 raised by taxation as recommended by the Advisory and
13 Finance Committee is expected to be \$12,893,369 for
14 fiscal year 2025, and whereas Proposition Two and a
15 Half makes it unlawful for the Town to levy taxes in
16 excess of \$12,893,369 for the fiscal year 2025 without
17 a vote to override the limit.

18 Therefore, in order to ensure compliance with
19 the levy limit imposed by Proposition Two and a Half,
20 the participants of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting shall
21 require that anyone introducing a motion at this meeting
22 which would result in increasing an appropriation above
23 the amount permissible under the levy limit proposed
24 by Proposition Two and a Half be obliged to specify the

1 alternative means of funding by giving names of other
2 articles or accounts, excluding the reserve fund,
3 employee benefits, debt service, OPED Trust Fund,
4 and Stabilization Fund, and the amount by which the
5 appropriated or recommended amount for such account
6 or articles must be reduced in order to fund the
7 requested increase.

8 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

9 TOWN MODERATOR: Mr. Barba.

10 Any discussion?

11 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the
12 resolution.

13 (Voting Commenced)

14 TOWN MODERATOR: The results are in favor 114.
15 Those oppose 15. The resolution carries.

16 Article 1, Mr. Barba.

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18 ARTICLE NUMBER 1
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20 MR. BARBA: I move that this article be indefinitely
21 postponed since there are no 2024 transfers.

22 MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

23 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Beatty.

24 Further discussion on the motion?

1 The motion is to indefinitely postpone. Seeing
2 and hearing no discussion let's vote on the motion.

3 (Voting Commenced)

4 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 126 in favor,
5 seven against.

6 Article 2, Ms. Beatty.

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8 ARTICLE NUMBER 2

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10 MS. BEATTY: I move that the sum of \$770,000 --
11 \$770,000 and \$430, 77430, is hereby appropriated for
12 the fiscal year 2024 snow and ice account, and to meet
13 this appropriation, transfer available funds from the
14 fiscal year 2024 reserve fund.

15 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

16 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Barba.

17 Just to make it clear, the correct number is
18 \$770,430.

19 Further discussion on the motion? Seeing and
20 hearing none, let's vote on the motion for snow and ice.

21 (Voting Commenced)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Motion carries, it's 119 in favor,
23 13 opposed, and the motion carries.

24 Article 3, Mr. Barba.

ARTICLE NUMBER 3

MR. BARBA: I move that the sum of \$7,552.50 is hereby appropriated for previous fiscal year's bills in the assessor's expense -- yeah, assessor's expense budget, Memorial Day expense budget, the Planning Board expense budget, the Selectmen's Office expense budget, and the Parking Clerk expense budget.

And to meet this appropriation, transfer the following fiscal year 2024 accounts, \$450 from the assessor's expense budget, \$1,380 from the Memorial Day expense budget, \$480 from the Planning Board expense budget, and \$405 from the Selectmen's expense budget, and \$4,837.50 from the Parking Clerk expense budget.

I just want to point out that the \$7,552.50 is different than what you saw in your book that arrived at your house. There was an additional \$885 that we needed to pay the line item for hearing notices, and an additional \$4,837.50 for City Hall parking. Those are the people that do our parking stickers.

MR. VANDERSLICE: Seconded.

TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Vanderslice.

Further discussion on the motion?

This motion is to pay prior year's debts, so we

1 need a four-fifths vote in order to pass this.

2 I just wanted to point out the magic of mathematics,
3 a unanimous vote qualifies as four-fifths, I believe.

4 (Laughter)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: But anyway, let's -- if there's
6 no further discussion, let's vote on this motion.

7 (Voting Commenced)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, it's 136
9 votes in favor and 5 votes against. That's more than
10 a four-fifth. Thank you very much.

11 Article 4, Mr. Vanderslice.

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13 ARTICLE NUMBER 4

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15 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that Article 13, Section
16 5, Subsection B of the bylaws is amended for fiscal
17 year -- for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2024 by
18 replacing the existing section as shown in the report
19 and recommendations of the Advisory and Finance Committee
20 on pages 6 through 8.

21 MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Beatty --

23 Ms. Beatty, I'm sorry.

24 Further discussion? Yes, ma'am?

1 MS. HAMBLETON: Yes, Sheila Hambleton, 17 Kenny Ave.
2 I'm the Town Assessor, and I wanted to point out that
3 there is an error in the Classification and Salary Range
4 Plan, and I make a motion to adjust the Classification
5 and Salary Plan for fiscal year 2025 for the Town Assessor
6 where it reads, "Starting salary range, the minimum and
7 maximum and maximum salary to be the same as the Treasurer
8 Collector, minimum \$78,500, maximum \$95,000, and maximum
9 salary being \$114,000."

10 This was a salary plan that was established six
11 years ago and it hasn't changed, and in this year's
12 Salary Classification Plan, the Town Assessor's is
13 even less than last year's.

14 TOWN MODERATOR: Could you point out where you
15 are, tell us what page it is?

16 MS. HAMBLETON: Page 6, and it should read the
17 same as the Treasurer/Collector, the Town Assessor and
18 Treasurer/Collector. There was no salary survey done
19 in the past year, so I don't understand where there
20 could have been a change.

21 (Pause)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: So, you're making an amendment?

23 MS. HAMBLETON: Make an amendment, yes, please.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. So, page 6, and you're

1 looking at the third line from the bottom, and you
2 want to change \$64,300 to \$78,500?

3 MS. HAMBLETON: To \$97,800 to \$115,000. Oh, sorry,
4 no. That's the Town Accountant. I -- I apologize.
5 The Treasurer Collector is \$78,500 to \$95,000 with a
6 maximum salary of \$114,000.

7 TOWN MODERATOR: All right. You want to change
8 the maximum salary to \$114,000?

9 MS. HAMBLETON: Correct.

10 TOWN MODERATOR: Is there a second on the amendment?

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

12 TOWN MODERATOR: So, we're voting on the amendment.
13 The proposed amendment to the article, --

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Please use the mike?

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay, use the mike. So, we're
16 voting on the amendment. The proposed amendment, if
17 you look at page 6 of your FinCom Report, line 3 from
18 the bottom, the amount \$64,300-\$71,400 is being changed
19 in the amendment to \$78,500 to \$95,000.

20 And in the last column, the number \$92,700 is
21 changed to 114, \$114,000, so --

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible, low audio).

23 MR. VANDERSLICE: This is just setting acceptable
24 ranges for the salary, it's not actually funding anything

1 or expending any money. So, there's no need to specify
2 where it's coming from. That make sense?

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Makes sense to me.

4 Further discussion on the amendment? Seeing and
5 hearing none, let's vote. Oh, excuse me.

6 MR. SPIRN: Paul Spirn, 36 Malois Road. Am I
7 confused? Didn't -- wasn't this introduced by saying
8 that all of this material was being voided, or are we
9 just being refereed to all of the material on page 6
10 and 7?

11 MR. VANDERSLICE: (Inaudible, low audio).

12 MR. SPIRN: Okay. All right. Okay. I have one
13 more question. I don't understand how these limits
14 correspond to the figures that are actually provided
15 for the fiscal year '24 budget on page 61, and I'll
16 use only the Town Administrator figures for comparison.

17 The range in this set of recommendations is 125 to
18 \$139,000 with a maximum of 181 doesn't seem to correspond
19 to the salary paid in fiscal year '24 of \$247,705.

20 Could someone please explain to me the consistency?
21 Mr. Barletta, you look to be particularly qualified to
22 respond.

23 (Laughter)

24 MR. BARLETTA: Not qualified enough to get paid

1 \$245,000.

2 (Laughter)

3 MR. BARLETTA: But so, that -- the salary ranges
4 there are your starting salary ranges and then your
5 max salary range. In the budget, it's referring to
6 what those expenses actually are for the upcoming year.

7 Mine reads that high because it's a combination
8 of multiple salaries in the Town Administrator's Office,
9 but all salaries in the fiscal year '25 proposal fall
10 within the salary ranges from the starting salary number
11 to the max salary number.

12 So, if a position became available and we were to
13 hire someone new in the upcoming year, their starting
14 salary would have to be within that starting -- the
15 low end of the starting range and the high end of the
16 starting range.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the amendment?
18 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the amendment.

19 The amendment is to change 643-714 to 785-95,000
20 and change the number 927 to 114, 114,000.

21 (Voting Commenced)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 81 in favor
23 and 27 against. So, the motion -- the main motion is
24 now amended with those numbers.

1 Is there any further discussion on the main motion
2 as amended? Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the
3 main motion as amended.

4 (Voting Commenced)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries with 119 in
6 favor and 12 against.

7 Article 5, Mr. Vanderslice.

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9 ARTICLE NUMBER 5

10
11 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that the salaries of the
12 following elected officials are fixed for the fiscal
13 year beginning July 1st, 2024. Selectmen \$1, Constable
14 \$50, Assessor \$1, Town Clerk, \$67,252.

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

16 So, I'm trying to figure out if the salary -- if
17 the Selectmen are paid \$1 each, what does that come to
18 in pay per hour?

19 (Laughter)

20 TOWN MODERATOR: Oh, never mind. Let's vote on
21 the motion.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 131 in favor
24 and 3 against. Article 6, Mr. -- come on.

ARTICLE NUMBER 6

MS. BARBA: Beyond the boss. This is a long one, folks.

I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$943,000 --

MR. VANDERSLICE: The procedure first.

MR. BARBA: What's that?

MR. VANDERSLICE: The procedure of passing on --

MR. BARBA: Oh, yes. I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm going to read through the Omnibus line item by line item. If you have a problem with any of it or you want to discuss a particular line item, just yell out, "pass," and we will come back to it. Is that good?

MR. VANDERSLICE: That's good.

MR. BARBA: All right. So, I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$943,225 from free cash and raise and appropriate the following sums of money for fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2024.

Moderator, general expenses \$60; Selectmen, salary and wages \$3; general expenses, \$160,400 of which \$25,000 is funded from free cash. Town Administrator, salaries and wages, \$272,655, ADA Coordinator, \$500; general expenses, \$38,700; Capital Outlay, \$2,000, of which \$2,000 is funded from free cash.

1 Finance Committee, general expenses, \$10,175.

2 Town Accountant, salary and wages, \$191,952; general
3 expenses, \$9,717. Assessors; salary and wages, \$115,374;
4 general expenses, \$61,575. Treasurer/Collector, salaries
5 and wages, \$141,975; general expenses, \$64,573, Capital
6 Outlay, \$1,400, of which \$1,400 is funded from free cash.
7 Town Council, annual fee, \$75,000. Town Hall, salary
8 and wages, \$37,213; general expenses, \$60,056.

9 Capital Outlay \$15,000, of which \$15,000 is
10 funded from free cash. Data Processing, salaries and
11 wages and general expenses, \$201,599, of which \$5,000
12 is funded through free cash. Town Clerk, salaries and
13 wages, \$76,726; general expenses \$15,000, Capital Outlay
14 \$1,500, of which \$1,500 is funded from free cash.

15 Election Registration, salaries and wages, general
16 expenses, \$17,175. Conservation Commission, general
17 expenses, \$1,260. Planning Board, general expenses,
18 \$2,650. Zoning Board of Appeals, general expenses,
19 \$2,650.

20 Police Department, salaries and wages, \$1,488,022;
21 general expenses, \$207,874. Capital Outlay, \$88,000,
22 of which \$88,000 is funded from free cash.

23 Fire Department, salaries and wages, \$1,164,984;
24 general expenses, \$222,988. Capital Outlay \$118,000,

of which \$140,000 is funded from free cash.

Inspectional Services Department, salaries, wages, and general expenses, \$58,352. Building Inspection, salaries and wages, \$19,608; general expenses, \$8,555. Plumbing and Gas inspections, salaries and wages, \$7,501; general expenses, \$950. Wiring inspection, salaries and wages, \$7,501; general expenses, \$950.

Emergency Management, salary and wages \$23,100; general expenses, \$13,000. Capital Outlay, \$15,000, of which \$20,000 is funded from free cash.

Animal Control, salaries and wages, \$10,859; general expenses, \$4,003. Parking Clerk, salaries and wages, \$6,750; general expenses \$14,985. Harbor Master, salaries and wages, \$5,044; general expenses, \$10,190. Wharfinger, salaries and wages, \$2,535; general expenses, \$3,030. Capital Outlay, \$4,500, of which \$4,500 is funded from free cash.

Public Health, salaries and wages, \$48,297; general expenses \$18,686, School Department, salaries and wages and general expenses, \$4,197,228, Transportation, \$288,659, Debt Service, \$317,600.

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Assessment, \$256,445, of which \$47,164 is funded from free cash.

1 Public Works Department, including Public Works
2 Administration, Highways and Streets, Beaches and Parks,
3 Cemetery, and overhead, \$260,007; general expenses,
4 \$228,355. Capital Outlay \$170,000, Debt Service,
5 \$11,000, of which \$170,000 is funded from free cash.
6 Public Works, Snow and Ice, \$30,000.

7 Council on Aging, salary and wages, \$53,354;
8 general expenses, \$17,306. Veteran's Agents, salaries
9 and wages, \$9,500; general expenses, \$32,525.

10 Library, salaries and wages, \$196,406; general
11 expenses \$73,301, Recreation General, salaries and
12 wages, general expenses, \$3,362, Recreation Sailing,
13 salaries, wages, and general expenses, \$6,221.

14 MALE SPEAKER: Pass.

15 MR. BARBA: Recreation Tennis, salaries, wages,
16 and general expenses, \$3,072.

17 Memorial Day Committee, general expenses, \$10,000.
18 Fourth of July Committee, general expenses, \$10,000.
19 Beautification Committee, general expenses, \$2,150.

20 General Debt Services, principal and interest,
21 \$2,309,661, of which \$373,661 is funded through --
22 funded from free cash.

23 Unemployment Compensation, Life Insurance, Health
24 Insurance, Medicare Tax, Essex Regional Retirement

1 Board Pension and Annuity Expenses, \$2,355,068.

2 Insurance Committee, general expenses, \$351,036.

3 Retirement Account, \$50,000, of which \$50,00 is funded
4 from free cash, Reserve Fund, general reserve \$175,000,
5 Utility reserve, \$25,000.

6 The Advisory and Finance Book total appropriation
7 of \$18,715,301 also includes the following, Cherry
8 Sheets Assessment of \$343,144, that does not have to be
9 appropriated, a transfer of \$25,000 to OPED Stabilization
10 Fund appropriated through Article 13, \$200,000 to the
11 Stabilization Fund appropriated through Article 14,
12 and \$1,554,749 Water and Sewer debt shift, which is
13 appropriated through Article 7.

14 TOWN MODERATOR: We had one pass? I believe it
15 was on sailing?

16 MR. TIBBO: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.
17 My name is Rob Tibbo. I am the newly elected Selectman
18 and I am also the Harbor Master and Wharfinger.

19 I move that line number 99, Recreation Sailing,
20 salaries, wages, general expenses be increased from the
21 current \$6,221 to a total of \$8,117, a net increase of
22 \$1,896. \$1,448 of this increase will be deducted from
23 line 55, Harbormaster salaries and wages, and \$448 will
24 be deducted from line 58, Wharfinger salaries and

1 Harbormaster salaries and wages.

2 Is there a second?

3 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Barba.

5 MR. TIBBO: Okay. I'm very grateful to our
6 Town Administrator and Finance Committee for approving
7 an increase in both my Harbormaster stipend and my
8 Wharfinger stipend, that is well above the 2 percent
9 that I have received in previous years.

10 However, I'm uncomfortable with receiving this
11 increase this year even though it was negotiated and
12 approved well in advance of my election of Selectmen.
13 I therefore ask your approval of my request to move
14 my fiscal year 2025 stipend increase to the Nahant
15 Sailing Program.

16 (Applause)

17 TOWN MODERATOR: So, the motion is to amend the
18 amount going to Recreation Sailing from \$6,221 to \$8,117.

19 Further discussion on that motion? This is an
20 amendment to the main article. Seeing and hearing none,
21 let's vote on the amendment.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The amendment passes, 133 in favor
24 and nine opposed.

1 So, now we get to vote -- there aren't any other
2 passes that I saw or heard. Is there any other pass
3 that was made?

4 So, we get to vote on the main motion as amended.

5 Further discussion on the main motion as amended?
6 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the main motion
7 as amended.

8 (Voting Commenced)

9 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 140 in favor
10 and 3 opposed.

11 So, we go to Article 7, Mr. McMackin.

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13 ARTICLE NUMBER 7
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15 MR. MCMACKIN: Before I read the motion, I'd like
16 to thank Selectman Tibbo for such a generous move.

17 (Applause)

18 MR. MCMACKIN: Motion 7. I move the following
19 sums be appropriated for the operation of the Water
20 and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2024; Salaries, \$452,114; expenses, \$1,278,895;
22 Capital Outlay, \$56,000 even; Debt, \$1,584,749 with
23 Emergency Reserve/Uncollectible of \$40,350, giving us
24 a grant total of \$3,412,108.

1 And that \$2,510,992 is to be funded from the Water
2 and Sewer Department Receipts for said purposes; \$56,000
3 is to be appropriated from the Water and Sewer Retained
4 Earnings, and \$1,554,749 in Water and Sewer debt costs
5 is to be raised through property taxes, less \$250,633
6 in indirect costs funded from the Water and Sewer
7 Department Receipts to be transferred to the general
8 fund.

9 MS. WARREN: Second.

10 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Warren.

11 Further discussion on the motion? Seeing and
12 hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

13 (Voting Commenced)

14 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 131 in favor
15 and 8 oppose.

16 Article 8, Ms. Warren.

17
18 ARTICLE NUMBER 8
19

20 MS. WARREN: I move that \$50,000 is hereby
21 appropriated from retained earnings in the Water and
22 Sewer Enterprise Fund for paving, including all costs
23 incidental or related thereto.

24 MR. MCMACKIN: Seconded.

1 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. McMackin.

2 Further discussion on the motion? No?

3 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

4 (Voting Commenced)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries with 132 votes
6 in favor and 3 votes against.

7 Article 9, Mr. McMackin.

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9 ARTICLE NUMBER 9

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11 MR. MCMACKIN: I move the following sums are
12 appropriated with the operation of the Rubbish Enterprise
13 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; Salaries,
14 \$66,164; expenses \$564,976, for a total of \$631,140, and
15 that \$631,140 is to be funded from the Rubbish Department
16 Receipts for said purposes.

17 MS. DRAYTON: Seconded.

18 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Drayton.

19 Further discussion on this motion?

20 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

21 (Voting Commenced)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 132 votes in
23 favor and 3 votes against.

24 Article 10, Ms. Drayton.

ARTICLE NUMBER 10

MS. DRAYTON: I move that the sum of \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from retained earnings in the Rubbish Enterprise Fund for the costs associated with the maintenance of the compost area, including all costs, incidental or related thereto.

MR. BELL: Seconded.

TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Further discussion on the motion?

Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

(Voting Commenced)

TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 135 in favor and 6 opposed.

Article 11, Mr. Bell.

ARTICLE NUMBER 11

MR. BELL: I move that the Town accept Mass General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53(d), thereby re-authorizing Parks and Recreation revolving accounts for general recreation, basketball, sailing, tennis, Fourth of July, Tot Lots, playground equipment, and the Youth Commission.

1 MS. DOHERTY: Seconded.

2 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Doherty.

3 Further discussion on the motion?

4 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

5 (Voting Commenced)

6 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 145 in favor,
7 3 opposed. Article 12, Ms. Doherty.

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9 ARTICLE NUMBER 12

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11 MS. DOHERTY: I move that the Town fix the maximum
12 amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2025 for
13 the revolving funds established by the Town Bylaws for
14 certain departments, Boards, Committees, agencies, or
15 officers in accordance with General Legislature, Section
16 44, Subsection 53(e) have as follows; the Council on
17 Aging, \$20,000, Cemetery, \$20,000, Board of Appeals,
18 \$10,000, and Conservation Commission, \$20,000.

19 MR. BELL: Seconded.

20 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Bell.

21 Further discussion on this motion?

22 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

23 (Voting Commenced)

24 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 132 votes

1 in favor, 7 against. I love this electronic voting.

2 Wow, where has it been all my life?

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Article 13, Mr. Bell.

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5 ARTICLE NUMBER 13

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7 MR. BELL: I move that the sum of \$25,000 is
8 hereby appropriated to the other Post-Employment Benefits
9 Liability Trust Fund, and that this appropriation is
10 funded from free cash.

11 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

12 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Barba.

13 This other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust
14 Fund, that's the OPED we've been talking about, that
15 we've talked about as OPED.

16 Further discussion on the motion?

17 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

18 (Voting Commenced)

19 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 138 in favor
20 versus 10 against. Article 14, Mr. Barba.

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22 ARTICLE NUMBER 14

23
24 MR. BARBA: I move that the sum of \$200,000 is

1 hereby appropriated to the Stabilization Fund, and
2 that its appropriation is funded from free cash.

3 MR. MCMACKIN: Seconded.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. McMackin.

5 Yes, Mr. Administrator?

6 MR. BARLETTA: I wanted to stand on this article
7 and thank you all for your support over the last five
8 years, and to the Finance Committee for making this
9 account and for depositing funds into this account a
10 priority.

11 We are -- our goal is to get to 10 percent of our
12 total budget, but for the first time in Town history,
13 if this vote passes, our stabilization account, which
14 in 2018 when I started was less than \$200,000 will be
15 for the first time over \$1,000,000 in the balance.

16 So, thank you for your support on this article.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

18 Further discussion on the motion?

19 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

20 (Voting Commenced)

21 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 139 in favor,
22 14 against.

23 Article 15, Mr. McMackin.

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ARTICLE NUMBER 15

MR. MCMACKIN: I move that the sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated for paving throughout town, including the payment of all the incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, \$100,000 be funded from free cash and the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow the sum of \$100,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Area 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Beatty.

So, since part of this proposed funding is from borrowing, this article requires a two-thirds vote, but as I've often pointed out before, a unanimous vote includes two-thirds.

Yes, sir?

MR. TAYLOR: Discussion?

TOWN MODERATOR: Discussion? Yes, sir.

First, you've got to state your name and your -- and your address.

MR. TAYLOR: Chesley Taylor, 30 Flash Road. I'm

1 sorry. I just want to hear Tony talk about, Mr. Barba.

2 Article 8 says paving, Article 15 says paving.

3 What's the difference between Article 8 and this one

4 50K and 200K? A quick explanation would be nice, please.

5 MR. BARLETTA: Thank you so much, T.

6 Article 8 is water/sewer paving, so we use those

7 funds to re-pave roads that, you know, we have to dig

8 up due to unexpected water and sewer improvements.

9 The other paving articles are this one here, which

10 is for general paving around town, sidewalks, roadways,

11 parking lots, and then we will actually see another article

12 as well, Chapter 90 funding, which also contributes to

13 the Town's paving efforts throughout the year.

14 Thank you.

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you. It's good to get a

16 lot of money for paving, I guess, because in Massachusetts,

17 if you want to drive on the roads, you have to buy an

18 off-the-road vehicle.

19 (Laughter)

20 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. Further discussion on the

21 motion? Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 139 in favor

24 and 5 -- 7 against. It was 5 percent for a minute there.

1 MS. DUNFEE: That's 95 percent.

2 TOWN MODERATOR: Oh, yeah. So, it's 95 percent
3 and 5 percent. Wow, I was going to do all that math
4 in my head. Thank you. That certainly saves my head.

5 Article 16, Ms. Beatty.

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7 ARTICLE NUMBER 16

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9 MS. BEATTY: I move that the sum of \$370,000 is
10 hereby appropriated to upgrade the Town's water meter
11 system, including the payment of all costs incidental or
12 related thereto, and that \$200,000 of this appropriation
13 funded from free cash, and that \$170,000 of this
14 appropriation is funded from Water and Sewer retained
15 earnings.

16 MR. VANDERSLICE: Seconded.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Vanderslice.

18 Yes, sir?

19 MR. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: Brendan Baranek-Olmstead,
20 2 Summer Street. If the article passes, is the Town
21 locked into buying a specific model or is this just
22 general funds that the Town expects to spend?

23 I guess my question is more focused on is, has the
24 Town had time to do a review of cyber security concerns

1 about these new water meters since these have some sort
2 of wireless or other kind of communication capacity?

3 MR. BARLETTA: Thank you, Brendan. This article
4 would just authorize the funding, and this is -- this
5 is the funding amount that we have to be able to put
6 towards this effort this year.

7 Our Town -- your water meters in your homes, the
8 way that we read those meters and calculate billing is
9 a 10-year old system, and they've pretty much -- most
10 of them have -- are approaching the end of life.

11 And so, to replace -- we've done a lot of research
12 on this, and to replace all the water meters, install
13 and update the programs, it's going to cost the Town,
14 you know, anywhere from \$800 to million -- \$800,000 to
15 \$1,000,000, but we can't take that effort on all in
16 one year. We can't afford to do that type of thing,
17 so we're trying to break it up.

18 The largest cost comes in year one because of the
19 programming and infrastructure you have to put in place,
20 but we expect to be back looking for funding to do Phase
21 2 or 3 depending on our funding capabilities in future
22 years.

23 We will have to procure the equipment so it's not --
24 doesn't hold us into any one particular type of meter.

1 However, as Brendan was mentioning, meters nowadays have
2 new technology, they have a 20-year life span versus
3 the 10, and they also allow us to read meters live daily
4 without having to actually drive around town to get
5 those readings.

6 It also comes with a lot of technology related to
7 leak detection, both on the Town side, and if the Town
8 approves funding for it, there's a customer portal element
9 where you, as a resident, would be able to get alerts
10 through an App if your individual meter is detecting
11 any irregular activity, but none of that goes through
12 your home's network. It's done through a different
13 frequency, so there shouldn't be any cyber security
14 concerns related to that equipment.

15 MR. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: Okay. Then I guess a general
16 follow-up question is, since we're talking about meters
17 that now no longer have moving parts and all depend upon
18 the software, has the Town developed a policy with how
19 to deal with inaccuracies or found like the manufacturer
20 says, hey, we've been -- we counted, you know, we moved
21 a decimal place, and so all your bills have been off?

22 Like does the town have a policy on how this would
23 be addressed?

24 MR. BARLETTA: The new meters are -- correct,

1 they're not mechanical. There isn't a spinning mechanism
2 that's monitoring the amount of usage, it actually does
3 it through either magnets or through sound waves, so
4 they're actually a lot more accurate and don't break
5 down because there isn't the mechanical element to it.

6 But we expect that the consumption reports are
7 going to be similar to what we receive now, if not a
8 little bit better. But, no, we don't have a policy in
9 place for something like that, because the equipment
10 is so much advanced that it's probably not going to be
11 an issue.

12 MR. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: All right. Thank you.

13 TOWN MODERATOR: Yes, ma'am?

14 MS. PATEK: Vi Patek, 172 Willow Road. I was
15 wondering if the Town would also have these new designs?
16 So, for example, water use at the cemetery, sprinkler
17 system at the Town Hall, but sometimes I wonder how --
18 how it's controlled. Will they have also these meters?

19 MR. BARLETTA: Yes, we have -- we do have water
20 meters at our public buildings, as well, and we would
21 seek to replace those with this effort, as well.

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

23 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

24 (Voting Commenced)

1 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 132 in favor
2 and 7 against.

3 Article 17, Mr. Vanderslice.

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5 ARTICLE NUMBER 17
6

7 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that the sum of \$500,000 is
8 hereby appropriated to pay cost of studying, maintaining,
9 repairing and/or replacing water distribution lines in
10 pertinent structures, including the payment of all costs
11 incidental and related thereto.

12 And that to meet this appropriation, the Town
13 Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is
14 authorized to borrow said amount through the Massachusetts
15 Water Resources Authority, the MWRA, or any other
16 source under and pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter
17 44, Section 8, Subsection 5, or pursuant to any other
18 enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the
19 Town therefore, and that in connection with any borrowing
20 through the MWRA the Town is authorized to enter into
21 a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the MWRA
22 relative to such borrowing.

23 MS. DRAYTON: Seconded.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Drayton.

1 Further discussion on the motion?

2 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

3 (Voting Commenced)

4 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 140 in favor
5 to 7 against.

6 Article 17 -- or Article 18, Ms. Drayton.

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8 ARTICLE NUMBER 18

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10 MS. DRAYTON: I move that the sum of \$450,000
11 is hereby appropriated to purchase an ambulance and
12 appurtenant fixture costs, including the payment of all
13 costs incidental and relative thereto, and that to meet
14 this appropriation, \$185,000 is funded from free cash,
15 and the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen
16 is authorized to borrow the sum of \$265,000 under
17 Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8,
18 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or
19 notes of the Town therefore.

20 MS. DOHERTY: Seconded.

21 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Doherty.

22 This is a borrowing article also so it requires
23 two-thirds vote.

24 Yes, sir?

1 MR. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: Brendan Baranek-Olmstead,
2 2 Summer Street. I'm all for purchasing the ambulance.
3 As part of the contract for delivery, could the Town
4 add -- maybe adding a clause that deadlines missed by
5 something that could have reasonably been avoided,
6 that the Town gets some sort of compensation or price
7 reduction, because I understand we're talking about
8 a two-year delivery time, and so, if -- you know, in
9 two years, all of a sudden -- you know, a year and a
10 half from now they say, no, it's going to be another
11 six months or year till it can be delivered, the Town
12 would then be potentially be in a badder spot.

13 So, I guess as a general contracting question if
14 that could be added.

15 MR. ANTRIM: In our recent experience ordering
16 the fire engine and a couple of other apparatus in the
17 past, having a penalty clause in the contract, the
18 manufacturer's automatically extend the time and increase
19 the price. So, I won't be seeking that in this contract.

20 I have been in touch with other departments that
21 have been ordering ambulances and monitoring the timelines
22 for delivery, they have estimated 28 months.

23 If this motion passes and we sign a contract 28
24 months before we receive this ambulance, that is sort of

1 in the range of the departments that have been ordering
2 them and taking delivery currently.

3 So, I'm confident it'll be close and I think our
4 current ambulance is in decent enough shape, so it's
5 not necessarily at risk of being taken out of service
6 during that time period.

7 MR. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: Okay. Thank you for the
8 clarification.

9 MR. ANTRIM: Sure.

10 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

11 Further discussion on the motion?

12 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

13 (Voting Commenced)

14 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 146 in favor,
15 8 against.

16 Article 19, Ms. Doherty.

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18 ARTICLE NUMBER 19
19

20 MS. DOHERTY: I move that Town appropriate from
21 available funds received from the Commonwealth of
22 Massachusetts in fiscal year 2025 in order to accomplish
23 certain highway construction and maintenance under the
24 provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 90 or other

1 State transportation program.

2 MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Beatty.

4 Further discussion on the motion?

5 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

6 (Voting Commenced)

7 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 134 in favor
8 and 5 against.

9 Article 20, Ms. Beatty.

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11 ARTICLE NUMBER 20A
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13 MS. BEATTY: So, I'm reading 20A. This is for the
14 Flash Road Master Plan. I move that the sum of \$44,000
15 is hereby appropriated from fiscal year 2025, Community
16 Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues for the development
17 of a Master Plan for the Flash Road Recreation Area,
18 and that \$11,000 is transferred from the unspent FY 2023
19 CPC Grant originally approved for the completion of the
20 portion of the Nahant Heritage Trail that runs through
21 the Flash Road Recreation Area to the Flash Road Master
22 Plan Project.

23 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Barba.

1 MS. BEATTY: And we're going to read in CPC articles
2 now.

3 TOWN MODERATOR: So, this is a first of a series
4 of articles that deal with grants and awards under the
5 Community Preservation System, which we are a member
6 of, and that provides for not less than 10 percent of
7 the annual revenues and fund for open space, not less
8 than 10 percent for historic resources, and not less
9 than 10 percent for housing purposes.

10 And so, we do this every year, but we can --
11 I think there's some limitations on what we can do.

12 But the motion is to move \$44,000 to complete the
13 portion of the Nahant Heritage Trail that goes through
14 the Flash Road Recreation Area.

15 Further discussion on the motion?

16 Yes, sir -- yes, ma'am?

17 MS. ROGERS: Bea Rogers, 44 Pearl Road. I just
18 don't -- so, this is Article 20 the big authorization
19 of CPC, not the ABC?

20 TOWN MODERATOR: This is 20A. This is the first
21 of a series of -- I think the last one is 20M.

22 MS. ROGERS: Right. Right. No, I got that from
23 the warrant, but that's not what's up on the screen.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: Well, believe me this is 20A.

1 I'm sure that it'll be similar when we have all the other
2 ones, as well. Maybe they don't have the specific --

3 MS. ROGERS: Now, it's correct.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Oh, there we go. All right.

5 Bea, thank you. Ah ha, I was sleeping at the switch.

6 Yes, sir?

7 MR. DOHERTY: Mark Doherty, 49 Phillips Road.

8 You want a total of \$55,000 to devote to a plan when
9 you haven't placed a Ballot Improved Plan that's only
10 two years old. You just completed a \$250,000 renovation.
11 How can this possibly benefit us?

12 TOWN MODERATOR: So, as I understand it, the motion
13 is only for \$44,000. You said 55?

14 MR. DOHERTY: It says they're grabbing another
15 \$11,000, so that's 55 total that they want to spend on
16 a plan.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: All right. Please?

18 MR. BARLETTA: So, to explain the 55. There's --
19 \$11,000 was approved at a previous Town Meeting to look
20 at developing or more defining the Heritage Trail that
21 goes through this area from the Flash Road crosswalk all
22 the way to say the Community Garden.

23 And when we started looking at that process and
24 looking at the other developments that we've done, as

1 you mentioned at Flash Road, we also looked at other
2 items that we were running into, like the Old Babe Ruth
3 Field and other needed improvements in the area.

4 And we kind of felt like the Heritage Trail
5 certainly needs to be more clearer delineated through
6 that property, but it was, you know, doing that before
7 we make some decisions as a community about the other
8 developments seemed a little ahead of the -- ahead of
9 the plan.

10 So, the \$11,000 was approved last year, we're
11 rolling that into this request with the additional 44.

12 And as you mentioned, we did complete an Open
13 Space Master Plan that looked at the entirety of the
14 town. This is specifically the Flash Road Recreational
15 Area. So, it extends -- it includes some of the Johnson
16 School playground area, plus the Little League fields,
17 plus the basketball court, the Flash Road playground area.

18 And essentially, we'd bring in a professional to
19 initiate a public process that would get information or
20 comments from the public about, you know, how we want to
21 fit that trail in and maybe other additional improvements
22 specifically for this area before we ask for additional
23 funding to actually, you know, make improvements there.

24 MR. DOHERTY: There's no actual physical improvements

1 doesn't count the \$20,000 you're asking to map out the
2 100 feet from the Johnson School to Goddard Road. This
3 just seems like a colossal waste of money. You've already
4 built the Flash Road Recreation Area.

5 Please explain why you need a plan. You're not
6 going to alleviate the water that gathers there. That
7 golf course is always going to flood. The delineation
8 of the Public Works, there's a fence around it, that's
9 easy enough. We've already got a toilet there. I don't
10 know if it's open or locked all the time, but we've got
11 one. What needs to be planned?

12 MR. BARLETTA: Well, a lot of the improvements
13 there are, you know, improvements that we would make
14 there potentially in the future are going to costs a
15 significant amount of money and we want to make sure
16 that they're found on, you know, community feedback.

17 We have an Old Babe Ruth Field in the middle of
18 the Flash Road area and in the outfield is where soccer
19 occurs. Another item that we talked about was potentially
20 moving the soccer field away from the golf course to
21 protect it from bad shots off the course. And so, to
22 do that, though, you'd have to remove the Old Babe Ruth
23 Field, which isn't in use anymore.

24 So, you know, we kind of felt like it was --

1 it was important to bring in a professional that could,
2 you know, look at the drainage issues, look at the space,
3 and have that -- and have that process where people can,
4 you know, voice their opinion about what they might want
5 to see here in the future.

6 And then when we -- if we were to come to a Town
7 Meeting in the future for funding to do some of those
8 projects, you know, we can -- we can come to you with
9 a well-thought out process.

10 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

11 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

12 (Voting Commenced)

13 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 100 votes in
14 favor, 56 votes against.

15 Article 20B, Ms. Beatty.

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17 ARTICLE NUMBER 20B
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19 MS. BEATTY: I move that the sum of \$20,000 is
20 hereby appropriated from fiscal year 2025, Community
21 Preservation Fund estimated revenues to clearly delineate
22 and make improvements to the Nahant Heritage Trail in
23 the area of Goddard Drive. And this is for that section.
24 So, please understand, it's a very specific area and it

1 does need delineation.

2 MS. DRAYTON: Seconded.

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Drayton.

4 Further discussion on this motion?

5 Yes, Carol?

6 MS. NELSON: Goddard Drive is the part of the
7 parcel for the housing, which has to be torn up, sold.
8 Isn't this not the right time to be putting another
9 \$20,000 into Goddard Drive?

10 It's going to have, you know, bulldozers and
11 whatever, who knows whatever up there, and until that's
12 -- we have a definite decision on what's being done
13 there and when it's being done and a timeframe to be
14 spending the money.

15 MR. BARLETTA: Thank you, Carol. Our approach
16 here is that many of our rights of ways that abut private
17 property have fallen victim of encroachment, whether
18 it's intentional or not, and where this property is
19 going to be sold as individual lots and developed, we
20 want to make sure that the Heritage Trail that comes from
21 Goddard Drive and makes its way down to the Community
22 Garden is not encroached upon.

23 So, the timing that Carol mentioned is important
24 and we'll make sure that, you know, any investment we

1 put in this area isn't destroyed during development.

2 But you know, our intent here is to -- is to make
3 sure that that Heritage Trail, that space, does not get
4 encroached upon by the future owners who abut the trail.

5 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

6 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

7 (Voting Commenced)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 106 in favor,
9 53 against.

10 Article -- Motion 20C, Ms. Drayton.

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12 ARTICLE NUMBER 20C
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14 MS. DRAYTON: I move that the sum of \$75,000 is
15 hereby appropriated from the Community Preservation
16 General Reserve for the installation of lighting for
17 Little League Field at the Flash Road Recreation Area.

18 MR. BELL: Seconded.

19 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Bell.

20 Further discussion on the motion?

21 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 115 in favor,
24 48 against. Motion 20D, Mr. Bell.

ARTICLE NUMBER 20D

MR. BELL: I move that we indefinitely postpone this article.

MR. MCMACKIN: Seconded.

TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. McMackin.

MR. BELL: The Finance Committee expected that the Housing Production Plan, which is related to this article, would already be approved by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Because the Housing Production Plan has not yet been approved by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, we feel that this article is premature.

(Applause)

TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion?

Mr. Barletta?

MR. BARLETTA: Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to talk briefly about the Town's efforts relating to the topic of housing. The Town has, for some time now, been discussing the desire to explore the housing needs of our residents, which overlays with the financial needs of the Town, in seeking generating -- revenue generating opportunities.

Additionally, is the effort to understand the

1 Town's obligations under Chapter 40B and the new MBTA,
2 3A Multi-Family Zoning Law. I'm not going to go into
3 depth on those two laws today. I do, however, want
4 to explain, you know, what our intentions have been.

5 At Annual Town Meeting in 2021 the Town approved
6 a CPC Article to fund the process of developing a Housing
7 Production Plan. Shortly thereafter, the Board of
8 Selectmen formed a sub-committee to work with consultants
9 to host over 20 public meetings, in person and virtually,
10 conduct a community survey, create a website, and develop
11 a Housing Production Plan that would eventually be voted
12 on and sent to the State for acceptance.

13 The original schedule called for the Housing
14 Production Plan to be voted on by the Board of Selectmen
15 and the Planning Board at the end of 2023. However,
16 the community feedback of the first draft of the plan
17 was significant, and it postponed the vote so that the
18 sub-committee could consider those public comments.

19 The CPC Article before us today had an application
20 deadline in January. While the plan had not been approved
21 at the time that the Town submitted the CPC Application,
22 it was assumed the plan would be approved before today.
23 The plan hasn't been voted on yet because the sub-committee
24 has continued to receive valuable feedback from residents

1 and have made multiple attempts to redraft it.

2 So, I wanted you to know that it was never the
3 intent of the Town to seek this funding before the plan
4 was approved. And even if this article was approved
5 today, the Town would not start the process of studying
6 Greystone Road until the plan was approved.

7 I also want you to know that the intent of the
8 plan is first and foremost to find a way to develop
9 residential opportunities that reflect the gap of housing
10 available here today. However, in speaking with the
11 Greystone Road neighborhood and regardless of the efforts
12 of the sub-committee and the Town thus far, it's clear that
13 they feel unheard and concerned about being outnumbered
14 here today. That's not the way to do this.

15 (Applause)

16 MR. BARLETTA: More work -- more work needs to be
17 done before asking for this funding. So, while I stand
18 in support of this motion to indefinitely postpone, I also
19 stand in support of continuing the effort to address the
20 housing and financial needs of the Town in the future.
21 Thank you.

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion? Yes?

23 MS. BARANEK-OLMSTEAD: Jeanne Baranek, 2 Summer
24 Street, Nahant, Mass. The word Greystone Road was

1 somewhat cooking in the back of my mind and I said,
2 "Aha, why?"

3 Twenty years ago, I received a letter and this
4 had to do with the cemetery, stating that they were
5 selling plots as well as burial, and in the letter that
6 was sent, they said that there was possibly insufficient
7 grave sites in the City and that the expansion -- and
8 I'll read it right here, "Churning will be the standard
9 in the expansion burial between High Street and Greystone
10 Road that will be developed in the future."

11 So, I just wanted to call this to your attention.
12 This was written and sent out to people 20 years ago
13 who purchased sites at that time, and to see where that
14 comes into the consideration of your planning, so that
15 we wouldn't run into any complications. And I'm totally
16 supportive of, you know, us developing housing and I think
17 it sounds as if the indefinite postponement is probably
18 the best route at this time, but to move forward quickly
19 in looking at everything. Thank you.

20 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you. Yes, sir?

21 MR. LEWIS: Jeffrey Lewis, 6 Ellsworth Road, Nahant.
22 The revised article says to indefinitely postpone.

23 How do you get it to consider, do you postpone for
24 a year? Indefinitely to me sounds like a trash heap.

1 Can somebody --

2 TOWN MODERATOR: So, a main motion for indefinite
3 postponement simply stops the thing from being considered
4 at this meeting. So, basically it's a way of saying no
5 action on this thing at this meeting.

6 MR. LEWIS: Not indefinitely, just for this --

7 TOWN MODERATOR: Indefinitely means it's done here,
8 but if there's another special meeting or if there's
9 another -- if it comes up on next year's Annual Meeting,
10 then it would be reconsidered. But indefinite postponement
11 is just a way of instead of recommending doing something,
12 just recommending not doing something. That's the way
13 it works.

14 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Sure. Yes, sir?

16 MR. GRAUL: Jody Graul, 65A Bass Point Road.

17 I have a basic question about how decisions are
18 made for Town property and its use. This particular
19 parcel is 2.1 acres. Everyone assumes that it's in the
20 draft Housing Production Plan as a potential site for
21 housing. Well, I got that same letter 20 years ago.
22 I did not buy my plot in the Greenlawn because I figured
23 there would be plenty of room at Greystone.

24 So, who makes the decision whether any plot, any

1 parcel of public property is going to be housing, a
2 cemetery, a dog park or anything else? There's that
3 assumption that, well, we're going to put housing there.
4 Is it the Board of Selectmen? I would like to think
5 that decision should be at a Town Meeting before the
6 fact, not after the fact.

7 Another example, I don't know how many years ago,
8 was to study a wind turbine. What happened was we were
9 going to appropriate a certain amount of money to put
10 up the wind turbine in Nahant. People came up, they
11 spoke, "Why are you spending money on something we're
12 never going to approve? Why study something that's
13 never going to go through?" And it didn't go through.

14 I have a similar issue of having the Town at Town
15 Meeting decide the use of a particular piece of property
16 as a first step. That's all I have. Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you, Jody.

19 MR. BARLETTA: Thank you. Thank you, Jody.

20 So, Town Meeting would determine the future use
21 of a public parcel. As you mentioned the cemetery, it
22 was brought up earlier, that was -- I believe the history
23 is it was approved. A study was funded by Town Meeting
24 to study the expansion there, and then at another Town

1 Meeting following the study, there was an article to
2 actually fund the development of the cemetery there,
3 and that was defeated by Town Meeting.

4 And I think, am I -- is that right?

5 MS. DUNFEE: It was indefinitely postponed.

6 MS. BARLETTA: It was indefinitely postponed like
7 this one is today.

8 (Laughter)

9 MR. BARLETTA: So, I guess I would -- I guess to
10 answer your question, it's you -- it's you the voters
11 of Town Meeting that decide the ultimate use of those
12 properties.

13 But yes, just like that process, what this article
14 was hoping to do and accomplish was to study it first.
15 It doesn't authorize the use, it doesn't authorize the
16 sale, it doesn't authorize the development. It was
17 originally just to study it, and then the Town would
18 have to come back here for approval to do anything after
19 that study. So, hopefully, that answers your question.

20 (Laughter)

21 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

22 Yes, Diane?

23 MS. DUNFEE: Jody, just to reiterate what Tony was
24 saying, that back in, I think, it was '84, that motion

1 to do a study was approved. The following year, it was
2 voted on to start the process as Tony said of making
3 that a cemetery area and that -- there was a motion
4 to indefinitely postpone that. It was never brought
5 up again, so that land was never voted on to be cemetery
6 -- approved for cemetery building, if you will.

7 MR. GRAUL: So, am I hearing there is no official
8 designation of the Greystone Road 2.1 acres for any use
9 whatsoever?

10 MS. DUNFEE: That is how I understand it based on
11 the meetings 25 years, 30 years ago.

12 MR. CARANGELO: Ken Carangelo, 81 Willow Road.

13 TOWN MODERATOR: Yes, sir?

14 MR. CARANGELO: To refer to Mr. Vanderslice on
15 the exact year, and I actually wrote the summary for
16 this. So, between 2016 and 2018, there was a vote to
17 fund building a cemetery on that land, and it was voted
18 on unanimously, I believe, and it's been within the last
19 six or seven years, must have been at least 20 years ago.

20 MS. DUNFEE: You're right.

21 MR. CARANGELO: There was a town meeting when it
22 was the decision -- it was Town Meeting is where it was.

23 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

24 Further discussion on the motion?

1 The motion is on indefinite postponement.

2 Let's -- seeing and hearing no further discussion
3 let's vote on the motion.

4 (Voting Commenced)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 136 in favor,
6 22 against.

7 (Applause)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: Motion 20E.

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10 ARTICLE NUMBER 20E

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12 MR. MCMAKIN: Fort Ruckman restoration. I move
13 that the sum of \$78,515 hereby be appropriated from
14 fiscal year 2025 Community Preservation Fund estimated
15 revenues for the continuing ongoing reclamation of
16 Bailey's Hill Complex focusing on the Fort Ruckman
17 portion of that property.

18 MS. DOHERTY: Seconded.

19 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Doherty.

20 Further discussion?

21 Yes, sir?

22 MR. CARANGELO: Ken Carangelo, 81 Willow Road.

23 I just have some questions about the logic behind this.

24 This states that CPC has spent \$1000,00 since its

1 inception, and this is asking for \$78,000, and the
2 description says with additional requests in coming
3 years for a sum of between 13 and 40,000.

4 And if I understand what this is attempting to
5 accomplish is basically to clear the hills of invasive
6 species and replant them with native species, and this
7 includes all areas where there or are not paths where
8 people walk.

9 MR. MCMAKIN: Yes, as you go up Willow Road, you
10 can get an idea of what's actually going on in there.
11 Part of this project is underway and been completed,
12 and you can see that over in the Willow Road area, but
13 it removes invasive species.

14 And this is an ongoing project. It won't return
15 it to a level of vegetation say comparable to Marjoram
16 Park, it'll be more in line and historically correct
17 with the World War II setup of Fort Ruckman, but it will
18 be much more available space for recreation. So, what
19 happens is, we enjoy more available space for recreation
20 with this motion.

21 MR. CARANGELO: Okay. But the species got there,
22 because we have two hills exposed to the wind and it
23 seems like what we get, so aren't we sort of locking
24 ends indefinitely on the hill?

1 MR. MCMAKIN: They'll be some ongoing -- some
2 ongoing landscaping or monitoring of the property.
3 You can see what's already been done. You can see
4 what's there now, which is an unusable thicket. So,
5 really it changes unusable thicket to open space that
6 we can use.

7 MR. CARANGELO: And one more question. In the
8 FinCom meeting discussing this, and I apologize, I don't
9 remember who it was, there was a question about instead
10 of doing something of this scope to just basically widen
11 and improve the paths that are in there and make it a
12 much more focused effort.

13 MR. MCMAKIN: That alternative wasn't discussed.
14 The idea was to maximize the limited open space that
15 we have in town.

16 MR. CARANGELO: Okay. Thank you.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

18 Yes, ma'am?

19 MS. ALDRIDGE: Trisha Aldridge, 163 Willow Road.
20 I am the current Chair of the Open Space Committee, so
21 I'd just like to say a few things.

22 The statement that's in the book, the supporting
23 statement, I think is quite good and people have the
24 chance to consider that, but this particular proposal

1 does apply to just one section of Bailey's Hill, the
2 Fort Ruckman section near the golf course and Trimountain
3 Road, and the basic concept is to prepare a Management
4 Plan for that area of Bailey's Hill, remove some trees,
5 so not all the trees, but select trees that are either
6 old, about to come down, invasive species and so on,
7 so those will be clearly identified, remove some trees,
8 take out shrubs, invasive shrubs, some of the shrubs,
9 and invasive vines, and then plant native plants that
10 are adapted to those coastal harsh conditions.

11 And this work would be done by professional people,
12 a management firm who this is their thing, this is what
13 they do.

14 The Nahant DPW has done some nice work down there
15 already clearing out some areas, removing some of the
16 rubble and pavement and things that had been dumped there
17 through the years, and so, this sort of continuing that
18 work and taking it many steps forward.

19 So, this also would be the first time that there
20 was a Land Management Plan prepared for Bailey's Hill
21 and it will guide the work going future -- going forward
22 in the future over the next few years, because it will
23 take awhile.

24 So, I just would like to thank the CPC and the

1 FinCom and the DPW for their support on this matter.

2 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you, Trisha.

3 (Applause)

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on the motion?

5 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

6 (Voting Commenced)

7 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 125 in favor
8 to 29 against.

9 Article 20F, Ms. Doherty.

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11 ARTICLE NUMBER 20F
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13 MS. DOHERTY: This article is on beach accessibility.
14 I move that the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated from
15 fiscal year 2025 Community Preservation Fund estimated
16 revenues to implement accessibility for all improvements
17 to select Nahant public beaches.

18 MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

19 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Beatty.

20 Further discussion on the motion?

21 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 134 in favor
24 versus 13 against.

1 Motion 20G, Mr. Barba.

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3 ARTICLE NUMBER 20G
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5 MR. BARBA: Forest Playground Boulder Scramble.

6 I move that the sum of \$15,600 is hereby appropriated
7 from fiscal year 2024 Community Preservation Fund
8 estimated revenues to install a boulder scramble hard
9 scape feature on the slope of the Johnson School Forest
10 Playground.

11 MS. WARREN: Seconded.

12 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Warren.

13 Further discussion on this motion?

14 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

15 (Voting Commenced)

16 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 108 votes in
17 favor, 36 against.

18 Motion 20H, Ms. Warren.

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20 ARTICLE NUMBER 20H
21

22 MS. WARREN: This motion is on administrative costs.

23 I move that the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from
24 fiscal year 2025 Community Preservation Fund estimated

1 revenues for administrative and operating expenses of
2 the Community Preservation Committee.

3 MR. VANDERSLICE: Seconded.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Vanderslice.

5 Further discussion on this motion?

6 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

7 (Voting Commenced)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 120 votes in
9 favor to 21 against.

10 Motion 20I, Mr. Vanderslice.

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12 ARTICLE NUMBER 20I
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14 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that the sum of \$60,000
15 is hereby appropriated from fiscal year 2025 Community
16 Preservation estimated revenues for the payment of debt
17 service for the Town Hall Cemetery Building authorized
18 by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, it was Article 22H at
19 that 2022 meeting.

20 MS. DOHERTY: Seconded.

21 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Doherty.

22 The text I have says, "Town Hall Cemetery bonding,"
23 is that -- you wrote building; is that right?

24 MR. VANDERSLICE: Yes.

1 TOWN MODERATOR: Building is correct or bonding?

2 MR. VANDERSLICE: Yeah, I think. I read it as
3 Town Hall Cemetery Building, and in fact, it is Town
4 Hall Cemetery bonding.

5 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. VANDERSLICE: Which makes way more sense.

7 (Laughter)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: Further discussion on this motion?

9 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on it.

10 (Voting Commenced)

11 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 126 votes in
12 favor, 14 votes against.

13 Article 20J, Mr. Vanderslice.

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15 ARTICLE NUMBER 20J

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17 MR. VANDERSLICE: All right. Let's see if I can
18 get this one right. I move that the sum of \$52,000
19 is hereby appropriated from fiscal year 2025 Community
20 Preservation estimated revenues for the payment of the
21 debt service for the Public Library Town Hall bonding
22 authorized by the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, at which
23 it was Article 21E.

24 MS. WARREN: Seconded.

1 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Warren.

2 Further discussion on this motion?

3 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

4 (Voting Commenced)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 140 votes
6 in favor, 8 votes against.

7 Article and Motion 20K, Mr. Vanderslice.

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9 ARTICLE NUMBER 20K

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11 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that the sum of \$40,000
12 is hereby appropriated from fiscal year 2025 Community
13 Preservation estimated revenues for the payment of the
14 debt service for the Public Library bonding authorized
15 by the 2019 Annual Town Meeting at which it was Article
16 16C.

17 MS. BEATTY: Seconded.

18 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Beatty.

19 Further discussion on this motion?

20 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

21 (Voting Commenced)

22 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion passes with 135 votes
23 in favor, 7 votes against.

24 Article 20L, Ms. Beatty.

ARTICLE NUMBER 20L

MS. BEATTY: I move that the Town set aside revenues from fiscal year 2025 estimated Community Preservation Fund revenue, a total of \$43,556 for the CPC Housing Reserve Fund, and any other amount not otherwise set aside or appropriated as aforesaid to be maintained in the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve Account.

MR. BELL: Seconded.

TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Bell.

Yes, indeed.

MS. SPENCER: Mr. Moderator, Lynne Spencer, 15 Trimountain Road. I have the honor of being the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee

Because the previous article on housing was not approved, or in this case in fact indefinitely postponed, we now need to set aside 10 percent of the estimate revenues for the fiscal year '25 into the Housing reserve, which is why you're seeing this article or this motion at this time.

TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

Further discussion on the motion?

What was the number again, Barbara?

MS. BEATTY: \$43,556.

1 MS. SPENCER: Mr. Moderator, which is 10 percent
2 of the estimate \$435,569 that we expect this year.

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 Okay. Further discussion on this motion?

5 Yes, sir?

6 MR. KETUDAT: Tony Ketudat, 6 Cary Street. Don't
7 we have to vote on the main Article 20, on page 15 first,
8 which was 10 percent. We jumped directly from Article
9 19 to Article 20A.

10 TOWN MODERATOR: Right.

11 MR. KETUDAT: It just confused us being with it.
12 We never voted on 20 to set up the 10 percent threshold.

13 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. So, that's --

14 MR. KETUDAT: Somebody explained the establishment
15 of this 10 percent threshold?

16 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. Yeah, so basically Article
17 20 is the overall, and each of these sub-articles is
18 what's applying some aspect of Article 20.

19 MR. KETUDAT: But you're looking to see if the
20 Town will vote to spend or set aside in lieu of spending,
21 not less than 10 percent of revenue, blah, blah -- to
22 vote, we haven't done that yet. Perhaps in five years,
23 we could vote to change that.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: All right.

1 Yeah, go ahead and talk. This is Town Counsel.

2 MR. REICHE: Thank you, Mr. Moderator, through
3 you to the meeting.

4 The main -- the article that you see in the warrant
5 sets out the general -- can you hear me? I'm sorry.
6 The article that you -- there we go.

7 The article that you see in the warrant sets out
8 the general Community Preservation Act requirement,
9 and then the sub-motions are intended to address the
10 specific items, the sub-motions that we've heard, the
11 A through M, will address the individual items, individual
12 projects and then overall funding.

13 The requirement of the Community Preservation Act,
14 Chapter 44B of the General Laws, requires that you set
15 aside or expend a certain amount of money for what --
16 we talk about three buckets, open space recreation,
17 community housing, and historic preservation.

18 So, we have to go through, and that's where that
19 10 percent threshold comes from, it's part of a statute.
20 So, what we're accomplishing now under the overall
21 umbrella of Article 20 is the requirements under the
22 statute. So, each of these sub-motions accomplishes
23 what is intended under that umbrella in order to manage
24 and appropriate funds as required by the statute.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. KETUDAT: Thank you for the explanation for
3 that. Thank you.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: This is the way, I think, we've
5 handled it in prior years, as well, and 20 doesn't
6 specific numbers, it just tells you the minimums of
7 which you have to spend.

8 Okay. Further discussion on the motion?

9 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on it.

10 (Voting Commenced)

11 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 113 in favor
12 and 19 opposed.

13 I lost my place. Where are we?

14 (Laughter)

15 MS. BEATTY: 20M.

16 TOWN MODERATOR: 20M, that sounds like we're
17 getting close.

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19 ARTICLE NUMBER 20M

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21 MS. BEATTY: 20M, this is about unexpended funds.

22 I move that the Town transfers unexpended fund balances

23 authorized by prior Town Meetings to the Community

24 Preservation General Reserve Account as follows.

1 A, \$111.44 from the unexpended FY 2011 Community
2 Preservation Funds for the Library Preservation repairs
3 to the Community Preservation General Reserve.

4 B, \$78.84 from the unexpended 2016 Community
5 Preservation Funds for the Library Assessment to study
6 the Community Preservation General Reserve -- study
7 to the; right.

8 C, \$172.37 from the unexpended FY 2019 Community
9 Preservation Funds for the Library Preservation repairs
10 to the Community Preservation General Reserve.

11 D, \$6,500 from the unexpended FY 2019 Community
12 Preservation Funds for the Wetlands Bylaw Mapping to
13 the Community Preservation General Reserve.

14 E, \$1,115 from the unexpended FY 2013 Community
15 Preservation Funds for the Nahant Historical Society
16 Document Conservation Project back to the Community
17 Preservation General Reserve.

18 And F, \$40 from the unexpended FY 24 Community
19 Preservation Funds for the Nahant Historical Society
20 back to the Community Preservation General Reserve.

21 MR. VANDERSLICE: Seconded.

22 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Vanderslice.

23 That was quite a mouthful.

24 (Laughter)

1 TOWN MODERATOR: This is equivalent to the
2 Preservation Group Omnibus Article, I think.

3 Yes, sir?

4 MR. BERMAN: Daniel Berman, 44 Spring Road.

5 I just have a couple of questions about how the
6 numbers that were just read relate to what's printed
7 in the warrant. And the first question is, in large
8 it says the total is going to be \$8,017.65 from prior
9 years' unexpended funds. Now, that is considered to
10 be less, if I heard correctly, than the numbers that
11 you read off.

12 My first question is, we -- a few minutes ago,
13 we appropriated \$11,000 from prior years' for the FY
14 2023 CPC Grant approved by Town Meeting yet unspent.
15 So, does that motion take into account the \$11,000 that
16 we appropriated a few minutes ago?

17 MS. DUNFEE: I'll refer that to Chairman Spencer.

18 MS. SPENCER: Okay. Is the \$11,000 that you're
19 referring to from that first Article?

20 So, it would be \$11,000 that was referred to in
21 the first Article 20A that re-appropriated \$11,000
22 towards that Flash Road Master Plan. That's separate
23 from these, what we call affectionately clawbacks.

24 So, those of you who have the privilege and fun of

1 picking up this booklet will see on the last page the
2 detail of the sum -- the detail that sum up to \$8,017.65.

3 MR. BERMAN: So, those numbers that were just read,
4 I believe add up to about \$13,000?

5 MS. SPENCER: That's right.

6 MR. BERMAN: So, that adds up to the number that's
7 printed in the Warrant and that is net of the \$11,000?

8 MS. SPENCER: That's right, separate.

9 MR. BERMAN: Is that total unexpended from prior
10 years?

11 MS. SPENCER: No, there's more.

12 MR. BERMAN: Okay.

13 MS. SPENCER: So, if you look -- if you pick up
14 your booklet, the yellow one, thank you Tony Barletta
15 and Allison Nieto who have been tremendous helps on
16 this, this is the entire record of Community Preservation
17 appropriations and funding since the beginning of this
18 program in 2004. You will patiently go through these
19 tables and see that there are other projects that still
20 have outstanding balances.

21 We go through and evaluate the projects with the
22 Town Administrator Tony Barletta and others and if we
23 think a project has come to its honorable end, we'll
24 clawback the money. If there's still activity, we leave

1 it open. Does that help?

2 MR. BERMAN: (Inaudible, low audio).

3 MS. SPENCER: Candidly, no. I don't have that
4 on the top of my head, but I will say the last three
5 years, if you look at the last three years of activities
6 there still are, you know, some sums that haven't been
7 expended as of yet. Okay?

8 MR. BERMAN: And one last question on this.

9 In sub-article -- I'm sorry, it's the next page,
10 the page after that, Sub-Article H, in the Warrant
11 as printed, the appropriation was to come from FY 24
12 Community Preservation Funds, as the motion was presented
13 and read and voted on, it was fiscal year 2025 Community
14 Preservation Funds, and I just want to confirm if what's
15 in the book is a typo and it doesn't represent an
16 accounting change between the printing and the motion.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Ms. Warren?

18 MR. BERMAN: They just said confirmed.

19 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay.

20 MR. BERMAN: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

21 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

22 Further discussion on the motion?

23 Seeing and hearing, let's vote on the motion.

24 (Voting Commenced)

1 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 109 votes
2 in favor, 9 votes against.

3 Article 21, Mr. Vanderslice.

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5 ARTICLE NUMBER 21

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7 MR. VANDERSLICE: I move that the sum of \$15,719.21
8 is hereby appropriated from free cash and transferred
9 to the Special Revenue Fund established for Opioid
10 Settlement receipts.

11 MR. BARBA: Seconded.

12 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Barba.

13 Further discussion on this motion?

14 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

15 (Voting Commenced)

16 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries with 109 votes
17 in favor and 5 votes against it.

18 Article 22, Mr. Barba.

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20 ARTICLE NUMBER 22

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22 MR. BARBA: I move to amend the motion passed at
23 Town Meeting in April of 2002 to authorize The Moderator
24 to appoint seven members to the Sailing Program Committee

1 in place of the five current members, I'm sorry, five
2 members.

3 MR. BELL: Seconded.

4 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. Bell.

5 Further discussion on the motion?

6 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

7 (Voting Commenced)

8 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries with 108 votes
9 in favor and 5 votes against.

10 Article 23, Mr. Bell.

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12 ARTICLE NUMBER 23
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14 MR. BELL: I move to amend Article 4, Section 4-1A
15 of the Town Charter to increase the term of the Treasurer
16 and Collector from one year to three years.

17 MS. WARREN: Seconded.

18 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Warren.

19 Ms. Nieto, further discussion on the motion?

20 MS. NIETO: I just wanted to say a few things about
21 this Article. I urge you to support it.

22 My name is Alison Nieto. I'm the Finance Director.
23 It's very hard to recruit talent here in Nahant, so
24 extending the Treasurer/Collector's appointment from one

1 to three years will help us maintain our talent here.

2 We just hired Ed Locke, a Nahant resident, as
3 Treasurer/Collector about a year and a half ago. I would
4 hate to see him go. I think that this will help us
5 to keep him here. We also just hired a new Assistant
6 Treasurer/Collector. That search took us over six months
7 to hire someone just because it is so difficult to recruit
8 and retain here. So, I urge you to support this.

9 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you very much.

10 I want to note that this is an amendment to the
11 Town Charter. So, this is just the first part of the
12 procedure that has to go forward. First, we need a
13 two-thirds vote here and if we -- if that succeeds,
14 that will go to a ballot vote, so this wouldn't be done.

15 Further discussion on the motion?

16 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

17 (Voting Commenced)

18 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 118 votes in
19 favor, 4 against.

20 Motion 24, Ms. Warren.

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22 ARTICLE NUMBER 24
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24 MR. WARREN: This is about zoning and definitions

1 for the Floodplain District. I move to adopt amendments
2 to Section 2, (Definitions) and Section 10, (Floodplain
3 District) of the Zoning Bylaws to address activities
4 in the Floodplain District as promulgated by the Flood
5 Hazard Management Program of the Department of Conservation
6 and Recreation and available for inspection in the Town
7 Clerk's Office.

8 MR. MCMACKIN: Seconded.

9 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Mr. McMackin.

10 Yes, sir?

11 MR. STEINBERG: My name is Rob Steinberg, 33 Winter
12 Street and I'm speaking on behalf of the Planning Board.

13 As Chairman of the Planing Board, we're offering
14 two amendments, which are consistent, and will still
15 make us compliant with FEMA requirements, and those
16 changes are Section 2.02, which is the definition of
17 new construction, the Planning Board would like to add,
18 "For floodplain management purposes," to the start of
19 Section 2.02.

20 With respect to Section 10.1.1, we'd like to add
21 the word, "Building," after the sixth word and the full
22 sentence that reads, "The Town of Nahant requires a
23 Building Permit." And that's it.

24 TOWN MODERATOR: So, did the Planning Board meet

1 and consider this?

2 MR. STEINBERG: Yes, the Planning Board met and
3 motions were made to make these two amendments to the
4 amendment, and that passed unanimously.

5 TOWN MODERATOR: And as amended by those two
6 amendments, the Planning Board has approved -- and
7 approved this zoning change, yes?

8 MR. STEINBERG: That's is correct. And the State
9 has said we're still compliance with those minor
10 clarifications.

11 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Further discussion on the motion?

13 Yes?

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible, low audio)

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Yes, could you -- could you
16 maybe put that on a piece of paper? Okay. Great.

17 Okay. Any further discussion on the motion?

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: That wasn't an amendment to the
19 motion, that was an amendment to the Article.

20 TOWN MODERATOR: That's right.

21 MR. VANERSLICE: Yes, that was an amendment to
22 the bylaw.

23 TOWN MODERATOR: Right. That's what this is about.
24 Thank you.

1 Okay. Any further discussion?

2 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Now, this is the amendment to the
4 motion?

5 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, this is the amendment and
6 then we'll be voting on the motion.

7 (Voting Commenced)

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: Sorry.

9 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. I thought he just said
10 that this is on the original. This is not the
11 amendment, but the original one was considered.

12 MALE SPEAKER: This is the amendment to the original.

13 FEMALE SPEAKER: So, this is (Inaudible, low audio).

14 MALE SPEAKER: He made an amendment, so we have to
15 vote on the amendment; correct?

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible, low audio).

17 TOWN MODERATOR: It seems so. Okay. So, yes,
18 I thought -- I just said the opposite, but that's fine.

19 So, that was an amendment to the original. See,
20 that's the trouble when you don't have it before you.
21 Yeah. So, this is an amendment to what was originally
22 posted. So, those of you that went out and dug it out
23 because we said where it was this is an amendment to
24 that language.

1 So, we're voting on the amendment at this point
2 that he made just now.

3 Okay. Let's vote on it.

4 (Voting Commenced)

5 TOWN MODERATOR: The amendment carries, 98 in
6 favor, 9 against.

7 And now we have to vote on the motion as made
8 and concluding the amendment. See, I'm only a patent
9 attorney. I don't know zoning. I wouldn't know it
10 whether they amended it or they didn't amend it.

11 So but anyway, we're voting on the original motion,
12 as amended. So, let's vote.

13 (Voting Commenced)

14 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 107 votes in
15 favor versus 7 against. Thank you.

16 Article 25.

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18 ARTICLE NUMBERS 25
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20 MR. MCMACKIN: Motions 25 and 26 can be considered
21 an either/or approach. It looks like we're making some
22 great progress and getting through Town business.

23 We need a two-thirds vote on this.

24 I move that the sum of \$500,000 hereby appropriated

1 to fund storm water improvements including, but not limited
2 to improvements to existing infrastructure of drainage
3 ditches, storm water pipes and outfalls, as well as
4 development of infrastructure to improve drainage
5 including related engineering studies and the payment
6 of all incidental and related costs.

7 And to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer
8 with the approval of Selectmen is authorized to borrow
9 the sum of \$500,000 under Massachusetts General Laws,
10 Chapter 44, Section 7, Paragraph 8, or any other enabling
11 authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town
12 therefore.

13 MS. WARREN: Seconded.

14 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Warren.

15 Further discussion?

16 Dan, were you going to discuss the relationship
17 to Article 26?

18 MR. MCMACKIN: Yes. So, Motion 26 was a citizen's
19 petition. I move that this article be indefinitely
20 postponed. And the FinCom is in receipt of the following
21 statement provided by the original citizens that submitted
22 it, --

23 TOWN MODERATOR: We can only handle one motion
24 at a time.

1 MR. MCMACKIN: Okay.

2 TOWN MODERATOR: I just wanted you to explain
3 what that was about and what the result was of it and
4 how that relates to 25. We can't have two motions at
5 the same time.

6 MR. MCMACKIN: So, this is the ongoing work for
7 storm water drainage, it's heavily centered in the
8 lowlands, but this also enables activity other than the
9 lowlands, it enables the engineering studies, it enables
10 the actual construction work of putting in drains and
11 setting up the appropriate slopes to allow water to
12 drain from places that we don't want it and get it
13 out of the way.

14 As everyone knows, you know, this is an ongoing
15 problem in town and it's part of a master plan to deal
16 with it, and that's why we need this appropriation, and
17 I remind you that it is borrowing, although it's a bond,
18 which this a very attractive industry for us, but I urge
19 you to pass this Motion 25.

20 TOWN MODERATOR: So, further discussion on the
21 motion? Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

22 (Voting Commenced)

23 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 111 in favor,
24 9 against.

ARTICLE NUMBER 26

MR. MCMACKIN: That brings us to Motion 26. This was citizen's petition. FinCom has felt that this is in conflict with 25 and that 25 is the correct go-forward plan. I move that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

But in recognition of the original citizens that brought this forward, they submitted the following to the FinCom to basically cover their -- their concerns and their approach.

"In consultation with the lowland's neighbors, we are willing to request the Lowland's Citizen's Petition be withdrawn from consideration at the May 18th, 2024 Town Meeting. Although, the neighbors are disappointed that the Town has decided not to implement Article 1 of the Dubois and King's study recommendations funded by previous Town Meetings, at this time, we are hopeful that the current drainage work will help to improve the drainage situation.

Lowland's drainage is about public safety. Town Meeting voted to appropriate the significant funds to improve Nahant's water and sewer facility, which is housed in the lowlands. Both the National Grid's electric and gas substations are located in the lowlands. These

1 utilities are all vital to all Nahanters, all Nahant
2 residents, and need to be considered in terms of
3 drainage and flooding improvements.

4 We hope that the Finance and Advisory Committee
5 continues to support future efforts to improve drainage
6 and flood mitigation in the lowlands, as the scope of
7 the current drain work does not include Castle Road from
8 the intersections of Castle Way to Fox Hill Road, which
9 is the location of frequent flooding and road closures
10 or a permeant outfall solution.

11 We're very thankful for the previous Town Meeting
12 support."

13 TOWN MODERATOR: So, further discussion?

14 Yes, sir?

15 MR. TAYLOR: Justin Taylor, still at 30 Flash Road.
16 This -- I don't really know how to say this, but years
17 back around 2015/2016, we had our third 40-year storm,
18 and as a Selectman, I was barraged by people from that
19 area, rightfully so, who run the water pipes through
20 four, five, or six feet.

21 I initiated with the help of those people a start
22 of \$175,000 to help them in that area. The Town
23 Administrator has turned that into, I don't know how
24 much, but a lot, and the area is now being looked at.

1 So, for those people I say thank you, but for those
2 people I also say it's about time. Thank you.

3 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 Further discussion on the motion?

5 The motion is to indefinitely postpone.

6 You did second that? Nice job.

7 TOWN MODERATOR: Okay. The motion is to indefinitely
8 postpone, and without seeing any further discussion,
9 let's vote on the motion.

10 (Voting Commenced)

11 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 103 in favor,
12 10 against.

13 Article 27, Ms. Beatty.

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15 ARTICLE NUMBER 27
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17 MS. BEATTY: This is on continued committees.
18 I move that the Town continue the -- I don't like that
19 echo -- I move that the Town continue the following
20 standing committees to June 30th, 2025.

21 Community Preservation Committee, Cable TV Advisory
22 Committee, Veteran's Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee,
23 Cemetery Advisory Committee, Coast Guard Design and
24 Development Advisory Committee, Town Charter and Bylaw

1 Committee, Tennis Committee, Town Owned Land Study
2 Committee, Nahant Alternative Energy Committee, Golf
3 Course Management Advisory Committee, and the Open
4 Space and Recreation Plan Committee.

5 Cultural -- there was a comment, but anyway,
6 Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee,
7 Green Community Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement
8 Committee, Nahant Fire Station Architectural Assessment
9 Committee, Short-Term Rental Committee.

10 MS. DOHERTY: Seconded.

11 TOWN MODERATOR: Seconded by Ms. Doherty.

12 Further discussion on the motion.

13 Yes, sir?

14 MR. GRAUL: Jody Graul, 65 A Bass Point Road.

15 Before I vote to continue the Town Owned Land Study
16 Committee, I would like to know if that committee has
17 any input on whether certain parcels publically owned
18 in Town should be used for housing?

19 MS. DUNFEE: We can refer that to the Town Manager.

20 MR. BARLETTA: The Town Owned Land Study Committee
21 was formed many years ago at an Annual Town Meeting when
22 the Town was considering selling property, and that
23 committee became a standing committee as a committee
24 that recommends to the Board of Selectmen for what the

1 value of a property should be, or the minimum value
2 a property should be before they put it up for sale.
3 That's pretty much the only mission of that committee.

4 MR. GRAUL: So, the Town Owned Land Study Committee
5 doesn't study Town owned land?

6 MR. BARLETTA: It studies Town owned land that has
7 been authorized by Town Meeting to be put up for sale.

8 Only -- if Town owned property -- you may remember
9 Antiga Way from a year ago or so. If Town Meeting
10 authorizes the sale of Town property, the next step of
11 the process is for the Town Owned Land Study Committee
12 to essentially come up with an estimated value that they
13 then recommend to the Selectmen to set as the minimum
14 value when they put the land up for sale.

15 So, their mission -- they're not active until Town
16 Meeting authorizes land for sale.

17 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

18 MR. GRAUL: Would it be appropriate to ask the Town
19 Owned Land Study Committee to come up with the value of
20 the 2.1 acres that we were talking about earlier?

21 MR. BARLETTA: Only if that was authorized for
22 sale would then the Town Owned Land Study Committee
23 evaluate it for appraised value. With it not being
24 authorized for sale, that committee really wouldn't

1 look at it for that purpose.

2 MS. BARANEK: Jeanne Baranek, 2 Summer Street.

3 This question raises I think a good point. I think it
4 would be very helpful to post on the Town website the
5 goal or mission of each one of these particular committees
6 and perhaps we would then have a better understanding
7 and perhaps also to -- perhaps other town people might
8 consider joining a particular committee I they knew what
9 the purpose was.

10 MR. BARLETTA: Most of the committees' missions
11 are listed on the website if you click on their each
12 individual committee, and we also have a tab for volunteer
13 opportunities where we try to keep that updated with open
14 seats on those committees.

15 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 Any further discussion on the motion?

17 Seeing and hearing none, let's vote on the motion.

18 (Voting Commenced)

19 TOWN MODERATOR: The motion carries, 102 in favor
20 to 4 against.

21 And speaking of the Nahant Tennis Committee, I happen
22 to have somebody here who is going to entertain you with
23 a resolution that was passed by our stalwart Board of
24 Selectmen concerning tennis issues.

1 Mr. Antrim, would you provide the thoughts and
2 the resolution to the citizens?

3 MR. ANTRIM: Yes, I will.

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5 RESOLUTION TO TENNIS
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7 MR. ANTRIM: So, we've lost a few people here,
8 but hopefully everyone that remains is either a history
9 buff or a tennis buff or both.

10 So, we have a resolution, it's a little long, but
11 it's filled with fascinating historical facts, so here
12 we go.

13 "Whereas in August of 1874, the first lawn tennis
14 court in America was set up on the lawn of Colonel William
15 Appleton's Estate on East Point by Dr. James S. Warren
16 Dwight and his cousin Frederick R. Sears whose families
17 were summer residents of Nahant.

18 And whereas the tennis was set was provided by
19 William Appleton's son-in-law Arthur Beebe who purchased
20 it in London where box sets of the new game of lawn
21 tennis were first sold after the Wingate Provisional
22 Patent for the Invention of the Portable Lawn Tennis
23 Court was granted in February 23rd, 1874.

24 And whereas the first game of lawn tennis on this

1 court was played by James Dwight and Frederick Sears,
2 the older brother of Tennis Champion Richard Dudley
3 Sears in August of 1874.

4 And whereas two years later, in August of 1876,
5 James Dwight and Frederick Sears held a round robin
6 tennis tournament for 15 entrants on the same estate
7 in what has been acknowledged as the first lawn tennis
8 tournament in America.

9 Whereas James Dwight was one of the driving forces
10 behind the creation of the U.S. National Lawn Tennis
11 Association and served as its president for 21 years,
12 was instrumental in setting up the first U.S. National
13 Championships held in Newport in 1881 and became known
14 as the Father of American Tennis.

15 And whereas Dick Sears became the dominant tennis
16 player of his generation who won the first seven U.S.
17 National Men's Singles Championships in Newport and the
18 U.S. Men's Doubles Championships for six straight years,
19 five of those with partner James Dwight, which record
20 is unmatched to this day.

21 And whereas the Honorable John Winthrop Sears,
22 the grandson of Dick Sears and Dr. Richard Warren Dwight,
23 the son of James Dwight, participated in the dedication
24 of the commemorative plaque places at the Old Appleton

1 Estate by the Nahant Historical Society on June 10th,
2 1990 to remember this historical event and to assure
3 its place in our public memory.

4 Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of
5 Nahant hereby honors and commemorates the 150th Anniversary
6 of the First Game of Lawn Tennis played in America by
7 Dwight and Sears in 1874 and also the first Lawn Tennis
8 Tournament played in American in 1876, making Nahant
9 the birthplace of American Tennis."

10 (Applause)

11 MR. ANTRIM: We'll end on a happy note and there's
12 -- there's an event planned at the country club, the
13 Nahant Country Club on July 13th, right, Mary, and also
14 I think a ceremony up at the sign at the Old Appleton
15 Estate near East Point. So, thank you for your patience.

16 TOWN MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 TOWN MODERATOR: So, I want to make some thanks,
19 as well.

20 Our FinCom is unbelievable yet again, and the amount
21 of work that has gone into getting us ready and getting
22 us through this in world record time has really been
23 appreciated.

24 (Applause)

1 TOWN MODERATOR: And I want to point out that
2 this is my last Town Meeting as Moderator. I'm not
3 going to run again this year. So, I want to thank
4 all of you. You guys have been fantastic.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. ANTRIM: What if we have a Special Town Meeting.

7 TOWN MODERATOR: I'll be the Moderator for the
8 rest of this year. I'm going to be trying to work on
9 appointments, and if this special comes up, I'll do that,
10 but this will be my last annual, so next year you're
11 going to have to elect somebody else and they'll have
12 fun, too. I've tried to make it fun as much as I can.
13 And I've had a lot of fun. I just -- I've had nothing
14 but fun. So, thank you all.

15 This -- the meeting -- the issues all having been
16 taken care of, this meeting stands dissolved. Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 (Nahant Annual Town Meeting Concluded)

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