

*Town Clerk Meeting Minutes*

*October 16, 2017*

Semi-Annual Town Meeting



Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

October 13, 2017

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BY FACSIMILE (774-261-4088)  
AND BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ms. Anita Scheipers  
Town Administrator  
West Boylston Town Hall  
140 Worcester Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

Re: Warrant for Fall 2017 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Dear Ms. Scheipers:

At your request, I have reviewed the quantum of vote required under the several articles in the Fall Semi-Annual Town Meeting Warrant called for October 16, 2017. The articles are approved as to legal form and I make the following comments:

The following articles require more than a majority vote:

Article 6 (Replacement Fire Truck): Borrowing of funds requires a *2/3rds* vote. G.L. c. 44, §§7, 8;

Article 7 (Replacement Truck): An appropriation of funds for capital improvements are appropriated from the Capital Investment Fund, a *2/3rds* vote is required. Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1995;

Article 19 (Off-Street Parking): An amendment to the Zoning Bylaws requires a *2/3rds* vote. G.L. c.40A, §5; and

Article 20 (Signs and Billboards): An amendment to the Zoning Bylaws requires a *2/3rds* vote. G.L. c.40A, §5.

Please let me know if you have other questions or concerns regarding these articles.

Very truly yours,



Shirin Everett

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON**

**SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

Worcester ss.

To the Constables of the Town of West Boylston,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Boylston qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School, 125 Crescent Street in said Town on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

**ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN**

To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay bills being held by the Town Accountant from prior fiscal years for which no encumbered funds are available; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3 - AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY FISCAL YEAR 2018 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or from any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations hitherto made, to Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4 - APPLICATION OF BOND PREMIUM**

To see if the Town will vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of each such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each project be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new replacement ambulance and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6 – VOTE TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new replacement fire truck and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7 - AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT 4WD PICKUP TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a replacement 4WD pickup truck with plow and related equipment for the DPW; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8 – AUTHORIZATION FOR PARKS IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Goodale Park; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9 – VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote that the following amount shall be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year reserves for Community Preservation purposes:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Source of Appropriation</b>
	<b>Appropriations:</b>		
A	To Fund for Affordable Housing Purposes:  A grant to pay for community housing services to assist with affordable senior and veteran housing needs. Submitted by the West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.	\$ 25,000	\$25,000 from the fund balance designated for affordable housing.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND WBPA-TV RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the costs of making necessary improvements to the WBPA-TV equipment and infrastructure; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the costs of Year 1 expenses of the proposed I&I Study plan, as mandated by DEP; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12 – USE OF FREE CASH FOR LIBRARY PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the installation of a donated phone system for the Beaman Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Capital Investment Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Section 3 with the new language as follows in italicized text:

*3. Amendment of the Plans*

*The classification and compensation plans have been established pursuant to the authority contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108A. Annually the Board of Selectmen may cause the preparation of necessary wage and salary amendments to the compensation plan for voter consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. No amendment to the compensation plan shall become effective until the Town meeting appropriates funds to fund the same.*

*Amendments to the classification plan, including the reclassification of a position to a higher or lower classification grade, may occur provided that the following conditions are met:*

- a) the reclassification is approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board following a public hearing;*
- b) sufficient funds have been appropriated by Town Meeting if the positions is being classified to a higher grade;*
- c) the Personnel Board has previously approved a job description for the positions for which reclassification is being sought; and*
- d) A new job description showing a change in the nature of the position for which reclassification is sought so as to increase or decrease the job responsibilities of the position, e.g., increase/decrease in supervisory responsibilities, technical expertise or mandatory certification requirements, or similar qualitative change in the nature of the job which requires increased or decreased responsibility or skill proficiency, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board.*

## **NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS**

*Whenever a new position is established, or the duties of an existing position are so changed or reorganized that a new position is created, the Town Administrator or appropriate elected board, commission or committee shall seek Personnel Board approval on establishing an appropriate grade within the Classification and Compensation Plan contained herein for the new position.*

Or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 16 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend general Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.L Overtime, to add the following sentence shown in italicized text to the end of the paragraph: *Any employee who is required to work weekend hours during a work week in which a recognized holiday falls, is paid his/her overtime rate for those weekend hours worked.*; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 17 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adopting a new Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”, on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code” ; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 18 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adding a new Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed,” that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed”:

### **Article XL - Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed**

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of “marijuana establishments” as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1, including all marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of West Boylston.

Or take any other action related thereto.

## **ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND OFF STREET PARKING SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Section 5.2.A.1.(f) Off Street Parking and Loading to reduce the gross vehicle weight of commercially-licensed vehicles that can be parked overnight in residential neighborhoods; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Changeable Copy Signs Section 5.6.D.3.e.v to remove the limitation that allows only text messages on digital display signs; or take any other action relative thereto.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the place of said meeting as aforesaid and at the Post Office in said Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

A true copy attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elaine Novia, Assistant Town Clerk

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John W. Hadley, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

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Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

**Board of Selectmen  
Town of West Boylston**

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have served this Warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof at the following places:

Municipal Office Building\_\_\_\_\_  
West Boylston Middle/High School\_\_\_\_\_  
West Boylston Post Office\_\_\_\_\_  
Pruneau's Barber Shop\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Lighting Plant\_\_\_\_\_  
Beaman Memorial Library\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2017

### Town Clerk Meeting Minutes

Article 1 Section 3 of the Town of West Boylston's General Bylaws states that "One Hundred (100) legal voters, including the presiding officer and the clerk, shall constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may vote an adjournment; and that not more than Seventy-five (75) shall be required to maintain a quorum once the meeting has been called to order by the Moderator and that a quorum of Seventy-five (75) be required to reconvene any adjourned session of any such meeting."

Elaine S. Novia, Assistant Town Clerk, informed Moderator Jonathan Meindersma that 150 registered voters were in attendance and that the quorum requirement as set out in the General Bylaws has been met. At 7:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

The following people were chosen as tellers by the Town Clerk;

Barbara Deschenes	Barbara Mard
Philip Mallet	Jeanne Mallet
Pat Cullen	Patrick Novia
Allen Phillips	Mychelle Phillips

M.G.L. Ch. 39 § 15 was accepted at the Oct. 20, 2008 Semi-Annual Town Meeting and placed in the General Bylaws Article I § 7. This bylaw section states: "If a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required by statute, the Moderator may, at his or her discretion, decline to verify a voice vote by polling the voters or by dividing the meeting, and may record the vote as a two thirds vote without taking such a count."

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was conducted for all citizens whom have passed since our last meeting and to all those who serve in the military service, here and around the world, who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Upon a motion by Chris Rucho and duly seconded by Pat Crowley, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the Warrant and refer it as subject matter only.

### ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN

**Motion-** Christopher Rucho

**Second-**Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation**

**It was unanimously voted** to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the Town. FISP, COA, LIBRARY, SWAT - See Reports:

## **ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS**

**Motion-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-**

**It was unanimously voted** to pass over this article. There are no bills from previous years that require payment at this time.

## **ARTICLE 3 - AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY FISCAL YEAR 2018 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET**

**Motion-**Patrick Crowley

**Second-**Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-**Finance Committee endorses the article

**It was unanimously voted** to raise and appropriate the following amounts to Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation accounts.

- A. \$5,000.00 for WBPA Salaries and Wages;
- B. \$9,400.00 for Cemetery Salaries;
- C. \$2,000.00 for Conservation Commission – Salaries; and
- D. \$50,000.00 for Snow and Ice Supplies

Discussion:

Sandy Meindersma – 20 Maple Street: How far over are we going on the spending for snow and ice? 100's of thousands? Answer: from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00

## **ARTICLE 4 - APPLICATION OF BOND PREMIUM**

**Motion-**Siobhan Bohnson

**Second-**Patrick Crowley

**Recommendation-**Finance Committee Recommends approval

**It was unanimously voted** to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of each such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each project be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

## **ARTICLE 5 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE**

**Motion**-Ray Bricault

**Second**-Patrick Crowley

**Recommendation**-Finance Committee and Capital Investment Board Recommend Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund the sum of \$295,000.00 to purchase a new replacement ambulance and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department.

Discussion:

Tom Welsh – Chief of Fire Department: 2008 Ambulance/Van has 76,000 hard miles on it; has oil leaks that have been repaired a few times; it is hard to repair. Need to include electric stretcher per National Standards and to include Secured Standards for EMTs.

Rob Harlow – 408 Worcester Street: Is there trade-in value? Answer (Tom Welsh): that will be determined during negotiations with dealership or we can possibly get money if old vehicle is sold at auction (sold as a back-up to another town).

Jessica Colorio – 355 Maple Street: Where do we buy from? Is there a state contracted dealership? Answer (Anita Sheipers):

The state has qualified vendors/procurement process, numerous approved vendors

## **ARTICLE 6 – VOTE TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE**

**Motion**-Ray Bricault

**Second**-Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation**-

**It was unanimously voted** to borrow the sum of \$575,000.00 to purchase a new replacement fire truck and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department.

Thomas Welsh – Fire Chief: Many problems with rescue truck and engine 3. This will replace both.

## **ARTICLE 7 - AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT 4WD PICKUP TRUCK**

**Motion**-Ray Bricault

**Second**-Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation**- Finance Committee and Capital Investment Board Recommend Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$42,000.00 from the Capital Investment Fund to purchase a replacement 4WD pickup truck with plow and related equipment for the DPW.

Discussion:

Ray Bricault – Finance Committee/CIB: 2006 Ford F350 with very heavy rust and many miles needs replacement

## **ARTICLE 8 – AUTHORIZATION FOR PARKS IMPROVEMENTS**

**Motion-** John Hadley

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee and Capital Investment Board Recommend Approval

**It was voted by majority** to transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Goodale Park.

Discussion:

Jeanne Gilleney-Decenzo – 12 Pinecroft Avenue: Weren't these courts just resurfaced? Answer (Jim Pedone): They have not been resurfaced since they were installed in 2011. We need to preserve them.

And what about Woodland Street Courts, can we turn into pickle ball courts – this is outside the scope of the article.

Ron Menard – 5 Meadowbrook Drive: Questioning the dollar amount to do this project; it seems very high in comparison to sealcoating a driveway. Answer: more area, more complicated process, sealing lines and cracks.

Sandy Meindersma – 20 Maple Street: What about using CPA funds? Answer: (Pat Crowley): CPA funds are not for *maintenance*. Timing of bids? Answer (Jim Pedone): will go out for bids immediately if approved tonight.

## **ARTICLE 9 – VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Motion-** Patrick Crowley

**Second-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** that the following amount shall be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year reserves for Community Preservation purposes:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Source of Appropriation</b>
	<b>Appropriations:</b>		
A	<p>To Fund for Affordable Housing Purposes:</p> <p>A grant to pay for community housing services to assist with affordable senior and veteran housing needs. Submitted by the West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.</p>	\$ 25,000	\$25,000 from the fund balance designated for affordable housing.

Discussion:

Pat Crowley – Board of Selectmen, CPC: This is a yearly article for a consultant to make sure the rules are followed re: Affordable Housing.

Bernie Dow – 370 Prospect Street: Questioning what this consultant is paid. He is paid an hourly rate of \$105. He has recovered for the Town \$18,000.00 from an owner at Afra Terrace who was renting his property (renting is prohibited.) Why doesn't the state pay for this? It is the town's responsibility.

Christopher Berglund – 340 Goodale Street, Finance Committee: This person is not an employee and Town is required by the State to monitor our Affordable Housing.

David Femia – 86 Sterling Street – State, MA Housing Partnership must approve 40B projects before Town/ZBA grants permit, explained the ZBA process as it relates to 40B projects.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND WBPA-TV RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS**

**Motion-** John Hadley

**Second-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee & Capital Investment Board Recommend Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the WBPA Receipts Reserved Fund to pay for the purchase and installation of necessary equipment, studio improvements, and related expenses, for the WBPA-TV local cable television channels and programs. .

#### **ARTICLE 11 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**Motion-** Christopher Rucho

**Second-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$81,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay year 1 costs of a 20 year plan for sewer system inspections and repairs as mandated by DEP.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – USE OF FREE CASH FOR LIBRARY PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

**Motion-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee Recommends Approval

Anna Shaw – Library Director: The library has an outdated phone system and was lucky enough to have received this donated system. Only cost will be installation.

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from Free Cash to pay for the labor and related expenses for the installation of a donated phone system for the Beaman Public Library.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

**Motion-** Patrick Crowley

**Second-** Siobhan Bohnson

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund.

Discussion:

Pat Crowley – FinCom: This transfer is prudent and will help our Bond Rating. We must keep the stabilization account to an amount equal or above 5% of the operating budget.

Monica April - 14 Colonial Hill Drive: What is the Town's bond rating? Answer: AA+. When we are re-evaluated, this transfer will show favorably.

Sandy Meindersma – 20 Maple Street: How much Free Cash did we have at start of this meeting? Answer: \$700,660.00. At end of meeting? Answer: \$464,160.00. This is good. It will offset the snow and ice issue.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND**

**Motion-** Patrick Crowley

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Finance Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash into the Capital Investment Fund.

## **ARTICLE 15 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

**Motion-** Siobhan Bohanson

**Second-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation-** Bylaws Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to amend the West Boylston General Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Section 3 with the new language as follows in italicized text:

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- a) the reclassification is approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board following a public hearing;*
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*Whenever a new position is established, or the duties of an existing position are so changed or reorganized that a new position is created, the Town Administrator or appropriate elected board, commission or committee shall seek Personnel Board approval on establishing an appropriate grade within the Classification and Compensation Plan contained herein for the new position.*

#### **ARTICLE 16 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

**Motion-** John Hadley

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Bylaws Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to amend general Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.L Overtime, to add the following sentence shown in italicized text to the end of the paragraph:

*Any employee who is required to work weekend hours during a work week in which a recognized holiday falls, is paid his/her overtime rate for those weekend hours worked.*

Discussion: Larry Chism – Bylaws Committee: This amendment will allow more flexibility to cemetery work.

Bernie Dow – 370 Prospect Street: questioned working union. Anita said this does not cover union employees.

#### **ARTICLE 17 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS**

**Motion-** Christopher Rucho

**Second-** Patrick Crowley

**Recommendation-** Bylaws Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adopting a new Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”, on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”.

Presentation by Anita Scheipers: Please see PowerPoint slide for Article 17 – Slides 18-25.

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Discussion:

Christopher Berglund – 340 Goodale Street, Finance Committee: Does this apply to rebuilds? Yes,



they are considered new.

Sandy Meindersma – 20 Maple Street: Is it limited to 3,000 sf or more? No, All new construction. All buildings must comply.

Bernie Dow – 307 Prospect Street: How does MASS SAVE come into this? MASS SAVE is available to all if they have natural gas, not propane, not oil. Not electric because we have our own municipal light plant.

Anne Marchant – 103 Central Street: Can our building inspector be certified to be this inspector? Not in West Boylston – it would be a conflict of interest. He could be certified in another town.

Christopher Olson – 74 Newton Street: How many towns in MA are “green?” Mr. Barry: 185 and 208 have passed Stretch Code

Patrick Crowley – 64 Bowen Street: Payback? Savings in energy bills offsets the cost of building to code

## **ARTICLE 18 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAW**

**Motion-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Bylaws Committee Recommends Approval;

Finance Committee feels compelled to have an opinion. They wanted lots of discourse and discussion in Town before this article was brought to Town Meeting. This discussion did not happen so the Finance Committee would like to recommend that we pass over this article. Town Counsel – this article was moved and seconded so a move to pass over is not appropriate.

**This article was defeated by simple majority. This article would have amended** the West Boylston General Bylaws by adding a new Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed,” that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed”:

### **Article XL - Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed**

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of “marijuana establishments” as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1, including all marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of West Boylston.

Discussion:

Christopher Berglund – Finance Committee: Town needs revenue. We need to DISCUSS.

Bernie Dow – 307 Prospect Street: Town voted against marijuana; we need to stick to this vote. He is a probation officer. Marijuana is a gateway drug.

Benjamin DeMarsh – 44 Central Street: Town needs businesses, Town needs revenue, Marijuana is legal and it is no better or worse than alcohol or tobacco. It will be sold in the next town and they will get the revenue. We need discussion.

Ray Bricault – Finance Committee: This meeting holds only 100 people or so, Whole town needs forums and debates and discussion. This is not a reasonable cross-section of the Town.

Patrick Crowley – 64 Bowen Street: It was a 3-2 vote of the Selectmen to put this article on the warrant. It is a legal product – how can we ban it? Let adults decide what to purchase. Banning products we do not *like* is just not right.

Sandy Meindersma – 20 Maple Street: Medical Marijuana – we zoned for it. Medical facilities will be able to convert to recreational facilities. Town Counsel: No, this is not correct. What is the Revenue? 3%. BOH is not here – do they have an opinion?

Bernie Dow – 307 Prospect Street: Worcester has 15 dispensaries. Car accidents in Colorado are way up. 3% will not help our tax rate. Bad people will come into our town.

Allen Phillips – 102 Lee Street: Other communities – what do they do? AG position is that the general bylaw must be followed up by a zoning bylaw.

Sam Wildt – 22 Townsend Drive: He counted 13 liquor stores or outlets while driving his child to school. The marijuana allowed to be purchased would be highly regulated: 1 ounce maximum. We need business and this business will bring more customers to other businesses in town.

Thomas Welch – Fire Chief: Prohibiting the sale only prohibits buying, not using or bringing in to Town.

Ray Bricault – Finance Committee: Wants article turned down for now.

Marc Friedan – 8 Pinewood Drive: If we vote this article down, does this mean it is allowed? Is it allowed now?

Paul Anderson – 55 Bowen Street: Why is marijuana different from alcohol and cigarettes? We can use the revenue.

Allen Phillips – 102 Lee Street: Can we table this and bring up again in the future? Town Counsel: We can move to pass over.

Chris Berglund – 340 Goodale Street: Can we bring this back again? Yes.

Edward Tomaiolo – 40 Maplewood Avenue: Can we cultivate? We need to explore empty warehouses.

## **ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND OFF STREET PARKING SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

**Motion-** Patrick Crowley

**Second-** Barur Rajeshkumar

**Recommendation-**

**It was unanimously voted, voted by majority as declared by the Moderator** to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Section 5.2.A.1.(f) Off Street Parking and Loading to reduce the gross vehicle weight of commercially-licensed vehicles that can be parked overnight in residential neighborhoods.

Discussion:

Wife: a 10-wheel truck – repairs – idles 1 to 1 and one half hours at a time. Creates quality of life issues

Bernie – what is weight allowed now? Vignaly – 18,000 lbs

Rich Hammond 145 Laurel – if this is in active litigation, why are we discussing it openly?

Dan Mercurio- 204 Lancaster – tried to explain how weight of a truck is determined

Jill Wildt – 22 Townsend – disturbing how we are discussing if in litigation

Jessica Colorio- 355 Maple Street- how does effect small businesses who keep vehicles on their property?

## **ARTICLE 20 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

**Motion-** Patrick Crowley

**Second-** Christopher Rucho

**Recommendation-** Planning Board Recommends approval, Bylaws Committee Recommends Approval

**It was unanimously voted** to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Changeable Copy Signs Section 5.6.D.3.e.v to remove the limitation that allows only text messages on digital display signs.

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 1 – Authorization to Hear the Reports of Officers and Committees of the Town*

It was unanimously voted to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the Town. The following reports were given:

FISP: Police Station update and invitation – John W. Hadley

FISP: Senior Center - Philip A. Mallett

SWAT: Julianne M. deRivera

COA: Robert C. Chisholm

Library: Anna Shaw

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 2 – Authorization to Pay Bills from Previous Fiscal Years*

It was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

This article would have allowed the Town to appropriate a sum of money to pay bills being held by the Town Accountant from prior fiscal years for which no encumbered funds are available.

The Town has no prior years' bills that require payment at this time.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 3 – Authorization to Modify Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations and Other Necessary Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget*

It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the following amounts to Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation accounts:

- A. \$5,000.00 for WBPA Salaries and Wages;
- B. \$9,400.00 for Cemetery Salaries;
- C. \$,2000.00 for Conservation Commission Salaries; and
- D.** \$50,000 for Snow and Ice Supplies

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

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Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 4 – Application of Bond Premium*

It was unanimously voted to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of each such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each project be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 5 – Authorization to Purchase Replacement Ambulance*

It was unanimously voted to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund the sum of \$295,000.00 to purchase a new replacement ambulance and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

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Assistant Town Clerk



## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 6 – Vote to Borrow Funds for Purchase of Replacement Fire Truck*

It was unanimously voted to borrow the sum of \$575,000.00 to purchase a new replacement fire truck and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department, and, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor under G.L.c.44 and/or any other enabling authority.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

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Attest

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Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 7 – Authorization to Purchase Replacement 4WD Pickup Truck*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$42,000.00 from Capital Investment Fund to purchase a replacement 4WD pickup truck with plow and related equipment for the DPW.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 8 – Authorization for Parks Improvements*

It was voted by majority to transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Goodale Park.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 9 – Vote to Appropriate Funds for Community Preservation Fund Projects as Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee*

It was unanimously voted to appropriate funds from Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Community Preservation Fund Projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Source of Appropriation</b>
	<b>Appropriations:</b>		
A	To Fund for Affordable Housing Purposes:  A grant to pay for community housing services to assist with affordable senior and veteran housing needs. Submitted by the West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.	\$ 25,000	\$25,000 from the fund balance designated for affordable housing.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 10 – Authorization to Expend WBPA-TV Receipts Reserved Funds*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the WBPA Receipts Reserved Fund to pay for the purchase and installation of necessary equipment, studio improvements, and related expenses, for the WBPA-TV local cable television channels and programs.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 11 – Authorization to Expend Sewer Enterprise Funds*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$81,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay year 1 costs of a 20-year plan for sewer system inspections and repairs as mandated by DEP.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 12 – Use of Free Cash for Library Phone System Installation*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from Free Cash to pay for the labor and related expenses for the installation of a donated phone system for the Beaman Memorial Public Library.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk



## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 13 – Authorization to Transfer Funds to the Stabilization Fund*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash into the General Stabilization Fund.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 14 – Authorization to Transfer Funds to the Capital Investment Fund*

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash into the Capital Investment Fund.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

*job which requires increased or decreased responsibility or skill proficiency, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board.*

**NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS**

*Whenever a new position is established, or the duties of an existing position are so changed or reorganized that a new position is created, the Town Administrator or appropriate elected board, commission or committee shall seek Personnel Board approval on establishing an appropriate grade within the Classification and Compensation Plan contained herein for the new position.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 15 – Authorization to Amend the Personnel Bylaw*

It was unanimously voted to amend the West Boylston Personnel Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Section 3 with the new language as follows:

#### *3. Amendment of the Plans*

*The classification and compensation plans have been established pursuant to the authority contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108A. Annually the Board of Selectmen may cause the preparation of necessary wage and salary amendments to the compensation plan for voter consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. No amendment to the compensation plan shall become effective until the Town meeting appropriates funds to fund the same.*

*Amendments to the classification plan, including the reclassification of a position to a higher or lower classification grade, may occur provided that the following conditions are met:*

- a) the reclassification is approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board following a public hearing;*
- b) sufficient funds have been appropriated by Town Meeting if the positions is being classified to a higher grade;*
- c) the Personnel Board has previously approved a job description for the positions for which reclassification is being sought; and*
- d) A new job description showing a change in the nature of the position for which reclassification is sought so as to increase or decrease the job responsibilities of the position, e.g., increase/decrease in supervisory responsibilities, technical expertise or mandatory certification requirements, or similar qualitative change in the nature of the*

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 16 – Authorization to Amend the Personnel Bylaw*

It was unanimously voted to amend Personnel Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.L Overtime, to add the following sentence shown in italicized text to the end of the paragraph: *Any employee who is required to work weekend hours during a work week in which a recognized holiday falls, is paid his/her overtime rate for those weekend hours worked.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 17 – Authorization to Amend General Bylaws*

It was unanimously voted to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adopting a new Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## ***Certificate of Vote***

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### ***Article 18 – Authorization to Amend General Bylaw***

This article was defeated by majority vote. This article would have allowed an amendment to the West Boylston General Bylaws by adding a new Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed,” that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed”:

### **Article XL - Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed**

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of “marijuana establishments” as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1, including all marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of West Boylston.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 19 – Authorization to Amend Off Street Parking Section of Zoning Bylaw*

By a hand count vote of 82 in favor and 30 opposed, it was voted that the Town amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Section 5.2.A.1.(f) Off Street Parking and Loading to reduce the gross vehicle weight of commercially-licensed vehicles that can be parked overnight in residential neighborhoods.

It was voted to replace the Off Street Parking and Loading Section 5.2.A.1. (f) to read as follows:

Commercially-licensed vehicles in excess of 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating are prohibited from parking overnight in a residential zoning district, except school buses or farm vehicles, or construction equipment during actual construction on the site. The definition of gross vehicle weight rating is the maximum operating weight/mass of a vehicle, as specified by the manufacturer, including the vehicle's chassis, body, engine, engine fluids, fuel, accessories, driver, passengers and cargo.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk



## *Certificate of Vote*

On October 16, 2017 a Semi-Annual Town Meeting was held at the West Boylston Middle/High School. The following business was transacted:

### *Article 20 – Authorization to Amend Signs and Billboards Section of Zoning Bylaw*

It was unanimously voted to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Changeable Copy Signs Section 5.6.D.3.e.v to remove the limitation that allows only text messages on digital display signs.

Amend 5.6.D.3.e.v – removing the words, **Text Only**. The digital display is restricted to text messages and therefore should consist only of alpha-numeric characters and special characters found on a typical keyboard, e.g. \$, %, \*, etc.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia  
Assistant Town Clerk

# Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Oct. 16, 2017

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Elaine S. Novia, Asst. Town Clerk



# Article 1

## Reports of Town Boards or Committees

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- ✓ FISP
- ✓ COA
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Solid Waste Advisory Team

# Article 2

## Pay Bills from a Previous FY

Requires a 9/10ths Vote

		None!		
		Vote to pass over this article		



# Article 3

## FY 2018 Budget Adjustments

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**Raise and appropriate the following amounts to Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation accounts:**

- A. \$5,000.00 for WBPA Salaries and Wages;**
- B. \$9,400.00 for Cemetery Salaries;**
- C. \$2,000.00 for Conservation Commission Wages**
- D. \$50,000.00 for Snow and Ice Supplies.**

# Article 4

## Use of Bond Premiums

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- Accepting the state law permits use of any “premiums” given to the Town by the banking institution which buys our notes to put toward either the cost of issuance of the bond, or to put towards the actual project costs or purchases.



# Article 5

## Purchase New Ambulance

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Replaces old Ambulance 2 (2008 with 76,202 miles).

Old Ambulance 2 has increasing annual maintenance costs

Purchase using state contract: **\$295,000**

Using funds in Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account

Old ambulance will be used as trade-in or auctioned off.

# Article 6

## Purchase new Fire Truck

Requires a 2/3rds vote

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New truck will replace two existing older trucks:

- 1) the current 26 year old Engine 3
- 2) the 23 Year Old Rescue Truck

reducing the number of trucks we maintain.

Purchase new firetruck: **\$575,000** using 5 year borrowing

Old trucks will be traded in or auctioned off.



# Article 7

## Purchase New Pickup Truck with Plow

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**Requires a 2/3rds vote**

**\$42,000 from the Capital Fund**

Replaces existing 2006 Ford F350 that has 129,000 miles and increasing maintenance costs.



# Article 8

## Resurface Tennis and Basketball Courts

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**\$35,000 Appropriation from Free Cash**

Resurface Goodale Park tennis and basketball courts.

Surfaces now worn and cracks starting to develop

Will preserve these courts for  
longer period.





# Article 9

## Use of CPA Funds

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- **\$25,000** from designated Affordable Housing Fund Balance
- To be used for various services associated with developing affordable senior and veterans housing.

# Article 10

## WBPA-TV Improvements

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- **\$30,000** from existing WBPA Receipts Reserved Account
- Work in Town Hall will include:
  - Equipment to allow simultaneous live broadcast and record from both meeting rooms.
  - Sound deadening acoustic panels for both meeting rooms
  - Monitors and related (wireless) equipment in meeting rooms for crisper presentations



# Article 11

## Year 1 of Mandated Sewer System Study

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**\$81,000** from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings

Will be used to fund Year 1 activity of a 20+ year DEP mandated study of integrity of the sewer system piping

- \$31,000 to Develop detailed GIS mapping of entire system
- Sets aside \$50,000 for needed repairs of system that may be found during the system inspections in Year 1. Will reserve any unspent amounts.

Note: Annually, moving forward, we will appropriate some varying amounts of money from Retained Earnings as estimated to be needed for each year's proposed study activity.

## Article 12

### Library Phone System Installation

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**\$1,500** from Free Cash

Covers the labor to install donated phone system in the Beaman Memorial Public Library.



# Article 13

## Transfer to the Stabilization Fund

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**\$100,000**

Transfer from Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund

Pre-town meeting balance of fund is \$1,168,614

# Article 14

## Transfer to the Capital Investment Fund

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**\$100,000**

Transfer from Free Cash into the Capital Investment Fund

Pre-town meeting balance of fund is \$488,927



# Article 15

## Amend Personnel Bylaw

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Changes policy to give the Personnel Board authority as to which grade level an employee position is assigned in the compensation plan .

Requires:

- A job description must be have been approved for the modified position
- Funds must have been appropriated to cover any wage increase
- Majority vote of Personnel Board after public hearing

# Article 16

## **Amend Personnel Bylaw**

If passed:

Non-union employees required to work weekend in same work week as a recognized holiday, will be paid OT rate for weekend hours.



# Article 17

## Amend the General Bylaws



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Add a new Article XXXIX, “Energy Stretch Code”

Accept Stretch Code’s slightly higher energy efficiency code requirements for all NEW residential and commercial construction.

Would go into effect on January 1, 2018

## Green Communities Grant Program

Provides up to \$20 M annually in grants and loans

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### 5 Qualification Criteria:

- 1. As-of-right zoning that allows for wind or solar energy generation or research and development facilities ALREADY MEET THIS REQUIREMENT
- 2. Expedited (12 month) application/permitting process ALREADY MEET THIS REQUIREMENT
- 3. Reduce the Town's energy usage by 20% in 5 years ALREADY AT 11% SAVINGS
- 4. Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles PUBLIC SAFETY AND LARGE VEHICLES EXEMPT
- 5. Require all new residential construction > 3000 sq. ft, and new commercial and industrial real estate construction to minimize life-cycle energy costs



## Criteria #5: Require new buildings to be more Energy Efficient

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Municipalities meet this criteria by adopting the Stretch Code as a bylaw

Require all new residential construction and all new commercial and industrial real estate construction to be more energy efficient

# Misconceptions about Stretch Code

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- Stretch Code is new and experimental? **No**; It is based on long standing Energy Star program for Home .
- Stretch Code requires tight unhealthy homes? **No**; Building science has evolved
- Homes w/ oil heat can't meet the Stretch Code? **No**; It is easier to meet SC with gas, but oil heating systems can be designed to comply
- Town residents will be required to update their existing homes? **No**; New Stretch Code only applies to **NEW** residential construction and explicitly exempts additions, renovation & repairs



# Not much of a stretch anymore...

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- A few years ago, the Stretch Code WAS a bit of a stretch compared to the base energy code (IECC 2009). But on July 1, 2014 a new base energy code (IECC 2012) took effect. It required blower door tests and increased insulation levels in walls and attics.
- The new base code “caught up” with the Stretch Code and little difference exists today between current code and the stretch code.

# What is the Difference? What is the cost?

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- Basic difference in cost is for a HERS Energy Rater which is required by Stretch Code for new residential construction.
- Total additional costs are between \$1,600 and \$3,000 for typical new single family home.
- MassSave rebate covers most of this extra cost: \$1,300 - \$1,700 for natural gas systems.
- And ALL home owners receives annual energy cost savings year after year after year.



# What will GC status give us?

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If achieve designation, West Boylston's estimated grant amount is \$140,000

Competitive grants available annually up to \$250,000 per applicant for Green Communities.

# Summary

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- 1. The Stretch Code is no longer much of a Stretch ... Base Code ‘caught up’ to it.
- 2. You do need a HERS Rater’s involvement, but the Base code requires one also.
- 3. The extra cost for the extra involvement is offset by energy savings and the Mass Save Residential New Construction Program
- 4. Additions, renovations and repairs to existing residential homes are EXEMPT



# Article 18

## **Amend General Bylaws**

### **Add new Article XL, “Non-Medical Marijuana”**

This Article would prohibit recreational marijuana sales and facilities.

If passed, will still require a related zoning change at our next town meeting.

# Article 19

## Amend Zoning Bylaw for Off Street Parking

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If passed, would clarify the size of large commercial vehicles that would be prohibited to park overnight in residential areas.

This clearly defines how the weight of the truck is determined to ensure ease of enforcement.



## Article 20

### **Amend Sign and BillBoards Zoning Bylaw**

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This article would amend this section of the zoning bylaw to allow electronic sign boards to have pictures as well as text displays.

Scrolling of text still not allowed.



**THANK YOU!**

