

**TOWN OF AUBURN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

At 7:00 PM on a motion by Ellen Gaboury and seconded by Barbara Granger the meeting was postponed until a quorum was present. At 7:10 PM Moderator Charles A. Baker called the meeting to order in the Auburn High School Auditorium with a quorum present. The Moderator appointed Ellen Gaboury, Deborah Valentine, Ellen Ganley, Barbara Granger, Elizabeth Johnson and Ellen Ethier as counters who were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

In compliance with the provisions of the Auburn Charter, copies of the warrant along with the recommendations of the Finance Committee were mailed to each Town Meeting Member on October 8, 2015. Constable J. Laurence Ciccolo, posted attested copies of the warrant in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct on October 8, 2015.

Members present: 97

Article 1. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Report to Annual Town Meeting

When we last met in May 2015 Town Meeting approved a \$58.3 million budget for fiscal 2016. In the five months since that Annual Town Meeting, funding for the 2016 budget from Beacon Hill and several other sources have been finalized, with a proposed increase of \$226 thousand in the Operating Budget from the Annual Town Meeting estimates. Our town CFO will have a presentation with highlights and modifications to the original 2016 approved budget.

Two significant financial additions to the budget before you tonight include the addition of one-full-time DPW worker and increased Seasonal Help funding, and the initial capital spending and operating expense requests for Pakachoag Golf Course, which the town will be self-managing starting in just over 2 months from today. The Finance Committee supports both additions to the budget, although we regret that a 2ⁿ full-time DPW worker could not be added at this time.

Regarding the Warrant Articles, the Finance Committee takes the following position:

Articles 2 thru 12 recommend approval (with comments):

- Article 2 establishes an Enterprise Fund for the operation of Pakachoag Golf Course.
- Article 3 makes modest additions and adjustments to the operating budget that total a \$226 thousand increase; \$121,000 to the DPW is specifically to initiate operations for the golf course and approximately \$26 thousand will be added to the DPW to fund the new position plus seasonal labor hours starting in January 2016. Finally, there is \$82 thousand in additional bond financing costs that were not anticipated at the may Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 4 requests \$118 thousand from the General Fund for initial capital equipment

purchases for the golf course.

- Articles 5 and 6 are sponsored by the School Department regarding incremental transportation costs for homeless students and an adjustment to the previously-approved annual Medicaid reimbursement.
- Article 7 seeks funding for cyclical property revaluation expenses.
- Articles 8 and 9 seek funding for municipal building needs, including the upkeep of the two elementary schools recently taken off-line.
- Article 10 adds \$130,000 to the Stabilization Fund.
- Articles 11 and 12 are self-funded requests for equipment from the cemetery trust account. Articles 13 through 15 defer to petitioner, which includes two non-financial bylaw changes and one street acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hussey,

Chairman, Finance Committee

Anne Cavanaugh, Vice Chair

Kimberly Holstrom

Edward Coleman

Malory O'Brien

The Board of Selectmen makes the following recommendations on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

- Article 1. The Board of Selectmen voted to defer to the petitioner.
- Article 2. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
- Article 3. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
- Article 4. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
- Articles 5 through 15. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.

The Auburn Board of Selectmen

Kenneth A. Holstrom, Chairman

Doreen M. Goodrich, Vice Chairman

Stephen R. Simonian

Denise A. Brotherton

Daniel S. Carpenter

**Auburn Public Schools Building on our Strengths
Dr. Maryellen Brunelle**

Strengthening Connections through
Rigor, Relevance and Relationships

The Summer of Transitions is complete:

- The new Auburn Middle School opened this fall**
- Swanson Road Intermediate School opened this fall to all of Auburn's 3rd through 5th graders**
- Pakachoag School opened this fall for the K-2 students who would have attended the Mary D. Stone School**
- Julia Bancroft and Mary D. Stone Schools were closed as educational facilities and returned to the Town**

SWANSON ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Due to Town Meeting Members' approval to re-purpose select CIP funds, monies were re-appropriated to make considerable renovations to the Swanson Road Intermediate School as it was transformed into an elementary school for all of Auburn's grades 3-5 students.

Special thanks for the Master Plan Team members, led by Mr. Rick Ringgard, Chairperson, for their ongoing work with the Swanson Road Intermediate School, as well as their valued input in determining which educational facilities should remain operational within the Auburn Public Schools.

Mark Binnall
Maryellen Brunelle
Sean Bushe
Chief Stephen Coleman
Joseph Fahey
Lee Ann Gibree
Liz Gribbons
Joe Hamel
Casey Handfield
Gail Holloway

Paul Kosky
Tracy Lewis
Susan Lopez
Joe Miller, III
Steve O'Toole
Ron Prouty, Vice Chairperson
Patti Renner
Rick Ringgard, Chairperson
Robert Tatro

MSBA Accelerated Repair Program

..the Accelerated Repair Program "is primarily for the repair and/or replacement of roofs, windows, and/or boilers with the potential to include additional systems as may be determined by the MSBA contingent upon available funding and capacity in the capital pipeline. The Program focuses on the preservation of existing assets by performing energy-efficient and cost-saving upgrades, which will result in direct operational savings for school districts."

- Swanson Road Intermediate School Roof and Boiler
- Bryn Mawr School Roof

While final costs have not been tallied, these projects saved the taxpayers of Auburn

over \$1 million, with 54.16% reimbursement coming from MSBA.

BRYN MAWR SCHOOL

- Bryn Mawr School's sidewalk was replaced
- Playground was expanded
- New roof was installed as part of the MSBA's Accelerated Repair grant program (MSBA contributed 54.16% toward the cost of this roof replacement, saving the Auburn community hundreds of thousands of dollars)

PAKACHOAG SCHOOL

- Pakachoag School's parking lot was completely repaved
- Additional playground swings installed and the entire play area lowered to better accommodate the K-2 students
- Once electrical is upgraded, newly installed HVAC will fully function
- 2 National Blue Ribbon Schools for Exemplary Work in Closing Achievement Gaps:
- Pakachoag – 2015: 1 of only 5 Massachusetts elementary schools

- Julia Bancroft – 2014: 1 of only 2 Massachusetts elementary schools
- 2 Commendation Schools
- 2 Innovation Schools (STEM Academy and Freshman Academy)

The APS Team opted to take the online version of PARCC, where available, but those results will not be available until later this fall.

For grades that took MCAS though, there is much to celebrate, with AHS results highlighting exemplary performance that culminated at grade 10:

- ✓ 98% of Auburn’s 10th grade scored Advanced or Proficient on the English MCAS
- ✓ On the 10th grade Science MCAS, 84% of Auburn’s students scored Advanced or Proficient
- ✓ In Math, 92% of Auburn’s 10th graders scored at the Advanced or Proficient stage

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University	Amherst College
Boston College	Brandeis University
Fordham University	Case Western College
Purdue University	New York University
MIT	Clark University
Mt. Holyoke College	Williams College
WPI	Holy Cross
Boston University	Texas A & M

Massachusetts Mathematics and Science Initiative (MMSI) grant continues to guide our Advanced Placement (AP) offerings at AHS.

For the 2015-2016 school year, there are 335 AHS students enrolled in AP courses with a total of 16 different AP courses being offered

AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, AP English Language; AP English Literature; AP Government and Politics; AP Calculus; AP Music Theory, AP Psychology, AP US History and AP World History, AP Studio Art, and AP Biology to name a few

The effective integration of technology has been a top priority

- 1:1 iPad Initiative at grades 6 through 12, with 1:2 iPads at grades 3-5 and iPad carts available in our primary schools
- Equipment and software integration, along with training to ensure its effective utilization: iPads; BrightLinks; Polyvision Boards; laptop carts and computer labs; document cameras; ReadLive; Reading A-Z; ASSISTments; DIBELS Net; Study Island, Lexia, TenMarks, and software connected to GO MATH at the elementary level

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) remains a District focus with offerings at every level:

- STEM Academy at AMS (Innovation Grant)
- Summer STEM Camp
- Young Engineers Club
- Robotics
- Environmental Engineering

- **Engineering Is Elementary**
- **STEM Math – New STEM course being offered at AMS for grades 7 and 8 as part of Unified Arts**

Being a District that believes in continuous improvement and educational excellence, our work is far from done. On behalf of the entire APS Team, I commit to you that our diligent efforts will continue on behalf of our current and future students.

Article 5. To see if Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$12,327.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to fund transportation costs for homeless and/or unanticipated transportation for other students to their educational programs or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

Important to note is the District actually paid out \$35,731 as the reimbursement rate was only 34.5%

Article 6. To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the Medicaid Reimbursement amount approved at the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting from \$124,000.00 to \$110,000.00.

By the Auburn School Committee

Special thanks for the School Building Committee members, led by Mr. Mark Imse, Chairperson, for their ongoing work with the construction of the new Auburn Middle School. It is a tremendous gift to the children of Auburn and I thank them sincerely for their ongoing efforts and commitment.

Lonn Beaudin	Wayne Page, Vice Chairperson
Jim Bonofiglio	Mike Sampson
Joe Fahey	Jeff Slomski
Rene Gibree	Bill Westerlind
Bob Grossman	Julie Jacobson*
Mark Imse, Chairperson	Ed Kazanovicz*
Paul Marrone	Joe Gagnon*
Joe Miller	Cecelia Wirzbicki*
Bob Murray	Maryellen Brunelle*

Sincere THANKS to the entire Auburn community for your continued investment in our students!

On behalf of the entire APS Team, I pledge our continued commitment to excellence.

School Buildings Committee

Mark Imse, Chair, showed pictures of the completed middle school

Article 2. I move that the Town Meeting vote to accept the provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½ so as to establish a separate account, to be classified as an “Enterprise Fund” for the Pakachoag Municipal Golf Course in Fiscal Year 2016.

Kimberly Holstrom made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Thomas Dufour

Vote in favor of moving the question was by majority in favor.

By Jeffery Mitchell

Seconded by Elizabeth Prouty

Vote on Article 2, was in favor, 66 YES, 15 NO

Article 3. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 2 of the May 5, 2015 Annual Town Meeting as printed in the warrant and read by the moderator.

Mark Maass made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Kimberly Holstrom

Vote in favor of moving the question was by majority in favor.

By Ellen Gaboury

Seconded by Joe Martin

Vote on Article 3, by majority in favor

Article 3 as printed in the warrant:

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend Article 2 of the May 5, 2015 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Increase line item #011992-5740 Insurance & Bonds from \$700,000.00 to \$730,000.00; Decrease line item #01302-5691 Bay Path from \$1,197,757.00 to \$1,193,752.00; Decrease line item #012211-511113 Firefighter from \$1,995,514.00 to \$1,961,014.00; Increase line item #012412-5241 MV Repair from \$0 to \$300.00; Increase line item #012922-5388 ACO-Veterinary Expenses from \$0.00 to \$1,500.00; Increase line item #012921-511127 ACO Backup Coverage from \$0.00 to \$4,000.00; Increase line item #014211-511103 Wages Fulltime from \$440,500.00 to \$463,114.00; Increase line item #016511-511221 Seasonal/Parks from \$21,120.00 to \$24,640.00; Increase line item #017522-591733 GOB \$12,044,500 from \$0 to \$221,042.00; Decrease line item #017522-591731 EST/GOB-\$5,090,922 from \$76,364.00 to \$0; Decrease line item #017522-591732 EST/GOB-\$4,990,000 (CIP) Southold from \$62,375.00 to \$0; Amend the Division of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery to include a 6-month operating budget for the Pakachoag Golf Course as follows: Add line item Superintendent for \$25,000.00, Add line item Groundskeeper for \$15,000.00, Add line item Seasonal Employees for \$30,000.00, Add line item Golf Course Maintenance for \$39,000.00, Add line item Fuel/Utilities for \$10,000.00, Add line item Building Maintenance for \$1,000.00, Add line item Miscellaneous Supplies for \$1,000.00; and to transfer from Available Funds the sum of \$4,386.00 from Dog Sales #262901 and the sum of \$1,114.00 from Dog Licenses #261018, and further to approve an amended FY2016 budget for the Town of Auburn of \$55,607,481.00.

Article 4. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate, from General Fund Revenues, for the Pakachoag Golf Course Improvements: \$23,150.00 for the purchase of twenty-four (24) 2016 golf carts; \$65,000.00 for golf course maintenance equipment; \$15,000.00 to replace the electric service to the pump station and \$15,000.00 for well and pump replacement.

Kenneth Frost made a motion we postpone the article indefinitely. Seconded by Daniel Largesse
Vote that article pass article 4 voted.

By Carolyn J. Corriveau

Seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell

Vote on Article 4, by majority in favor

Article 5. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$12,327.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to fund

transportation costs for homeless and/or unanticipated transportation for other students to their educational programs.

By Carl Masshardt

Seconded by John Anderson

Vote on Article 5, by majority in favor

Article 6. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 12 of the May 5, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and amend the Medicaid Reimbursement amount from \$124,000.00 to \$110,000.00.

By Elizabeth D. Johnson

Seconded by Thomas Dufour

Vote on Article 6, by majority in favor

Article 7. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$44,900.00 from general fund revenues for purposes of revaluation of real and personal property for FY17 Certification of Values.

By Jeffrey LaBonte

Seconded by Peter Chestna

Vote on Article 7, by majority in favor

Article 8. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$46,000.00 from general fund revenues for the care and maintenance of the Mary D. Stone School building and the Julia Bancroft School building.

By Thomas Dufour

Seconded by Ralph Calpaldi

Vote on Article 8, by majority in favor

Article 9. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$8,000.00 from general fund revenues for the replacement of the second and third floor 27 year-old sprinkler heads in the Town Hall.

By John J. Gannon

Seconded by John Anderson

Vote on Article 9, by majority in favor

Article 10. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$125,000.00 from general fund revenues to the Stabilization Fund.

By Edward J. Coleman

Seconded by Kimberly Holstrom

Vote on Article 10, by majority in favor

Article 11. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for the purchase of a snowblower for the cemetery.

By Ellen M. Ethier

Seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell

Vote on Article 11, by majority in favor

Article 12. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$4,200.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for the purchase of two granite benches to be placed in front of the cemetery columbarium, and constructing a brick area of approximately four feet around the columbarium and a brick sidewalk to the cemetery office from the parking lot.

By Joe Martin

Seconded by Kristen Pappas

Vote on Article 12, by majority in favor

Article 13. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend the Auburn Zoning Bylaw Section 9, "Administration", to include a "Planning Board" section as allowed under M.G.L. Ch. 40A § 5, as printed in the October 27, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

By Barbara Granger

Seconded by Rocco Morano

Vote on Article 13, unanimous in favor

Article 13. As printed in the warrant:

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the Auburn Zoning Bylaw Section 9, "Administration", to include a "Planning Board" section as allowed under M.G.L. Ch. 40A § 5, to read as follows:

9.0 Planning Board

9.0.1 The Town of Auburn Planning Board shall have and exercise all powers granted to planning boards by the Massachusetts General Laws, including Chapters 40, 40A, and 41, and by this Zoning Bylaw, including but not limited to the following:

9.0.1.1 To hear and decide applications for special permits when designated as the special permit granting authority herein;

9.0.1.2 To review Site Plans pursuant to Section 9.4 of this bylaw;

9.0.1.3 To hear and decide applications relative to the Town of Auburn Subdivision Rules and Regulations and the Subdivision Control Law, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81K-81GG.

9.0.2 The Planning Board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of the Auburn Zoning Bylaw for conduct of its business and otherwise carrying out the purposes of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A and this bylaw, and shall file a copy of such rules in the office of the Town Clerk.

- 9.0.3 The Planning Board may adopt reasonable administrative fees for petitions under its jurisdiction, as well as fees for employing outside consultants to assist the Board with its review of petitions.
- 9.0.4 In addition to the members established by the Town Charter, the Town of Auburn Planning Board may include one (1) associate member, appointed by the Town Manager, as provided under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 9.
- 9.0.5 The term of each associate member shall be determined by the Town Manager. or act on anything relative thereto.

Article 14. I move that the Town Meeting vote to accept Paul Revere Road as a public way from Barnes Street to the end of Paul Revere Road for a total distance of approximately 800 feet, as shown on a plan prepared by B&R Survey, Inc., entitled “Paul Revere Road, Auburn, MA” dated August 12, 2015.

By Dennis Natoli

Seconded by Peter Chestna

Vote on Article 14, by majority in favor

Article 15. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend the Town’s Zoning bylaw by adding a new section 9.3.13, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON REGISTERED MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, that would provide as printed in the October 27, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 9.3.13, Temporary Moratorium on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries.

By Rocco Morano

Seconded by Greg Bohling

Vote on Article 15, unanimous in favor

Article 15. As printed in the warrant:

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend the Town’s Zoning bylaw by adding a new section 9.3.13, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON REGISTERED MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 9.3.13, Temporary Moratorium on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries.

9.3.13 Temporary Moratorium on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries

9.3.13.0 Purpose

By vote at the State election on November 6, 2012, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. The law became effective on January 1, 2013. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) subsequently issued regulations regarding implementation of the law. In April of 2015, the DPH announced significant changes to the Commonwealth’s Medical

Marijuana Dispensary program first authorized in 2012. The revised application process took effect on May 15, 2015 and applies only to new applications, not the additional RMDs that have been previously provisionally certified and are currently in the Inspection phase. The revised process licenses Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMD) in a format similar to other healthcare facilities, such as pharmacies, which DPH also administers. This process will phase out the current use of state procurement policies to register a dispensary. According to DPH, the new process for registering dispensaries will be a fairer, more efficient, market-driven licensure process that will result in more timely approvals.

In August 2015, the DPH updated their Guidance for Municipalities regarding the Medical Use of Marijuana. Since the process has been significantly changed, the Town of Auburn is proposing a temporary moratorium to provide time for the Town to develop a Bylaw for RMDs. Currently under the Town's Zoning Bylaw, Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (known hereinafter as RMDs) are not a permitted use in the Town of Auburn. The regulation of medical marijuana raises novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of RMDs and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of RMDs and any similar related uses thereto. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for RMDs so as to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

9.3.13.1 Definition

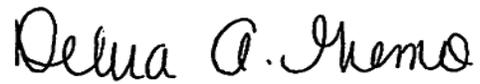
“Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)” – A not-for-profit entity registered under 105 CMR 725.100, to be known hereinafter as a RMD, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers to be conducted entirely within a secure facility with no drive-thru services. Unless otherwise specified, an RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

9.3.13.2 Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD). The moratorium shall be in effect through October 31, 2016. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of medical marijuana in the Town, consider the Department of Public Health regulations regarding RMDs and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws to address the impact and operation of RMDs and related uses; or act on anything relative thereto.

Meeting dissolved at 9:18 PM on a motion by Wayne Bloomquist and Seconded by Kristen Pappas.

A True Copy Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Gremo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra A. Gremo
Town Clerk