

**TOWN OF AUBURN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2013**

At 7:00 PM on a motion by Jeffrey Mitchell and seconded by Joseph Hamel the meeting was postponed until a quorum was present. At 7:08 PM Moderator Charles A. Baker called the meeting to order in the Auburn High School Auditorium with a quorum present. The Moderator appointed Jeffrey Mitchell, Chester Stencil Jr., Daniel Carpenter, Norman Bergeron, Ellen Ethier, and Kenneth Frost 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 10, 2013. Constable Anthony Coccio, Jr. posted attested copies of the warrant in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct on October 11, 2013.

Members present: 97

Article 1. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>Article No.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Finance Com Recommends</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommends</u>
1.	Hear reports of committees.		Yes- 5 to 0
2.	Amends Article 2 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting (operating budget for FY2014).	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
3.	Amends Article 11 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and appropriates an additional \$12,457.23 from Medicaid receipts within the General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for FY2014 to fund unanticipated services for significantly disabled special needs students and tuitions and transportation for outside placements of special needs students or adaptive equipment.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
4.	Appropriates \$12,152.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 to fund transportation costs for homeless and/or unanticipated transportation for other students to their educational programs.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
5.	Amends the CIP program as described in Article 4 of the May 7, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and repurposes the balance of funds of \$36,000.00 originally appropriated to the Julia Bancroft School and \$39,000.00, originally appropriated to the Mary D. Stone School, now to be used for the installation of energy efficient lighting upgrades to the Auburn High School gymnasium and foyer with the work to be completed during the fall of 2013.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
6.	Appropriates \$108,750.00 from General Fund Revenues for the acquisition of four (4) I Pad carts (30 I Pads per cart) and Bluetooth keyboards to align the District in preparation for the spring of 2014 Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) field test and the 2014-2015 implementation of the PARCC testing.	Yes	Yes-4 to 1 Mr.Simonian opposed

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| 7. | Amends CIP Article 3 of the May 1, 2012 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of \$6,203.00 for voting booths (account #302013 581334) and add \$6,203.00 for storage, shelving and file cabinets for the Town Clerk's office and vault. | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 8. | Appropriates \$25,000.00 from General Fund Revenues for window replacement at the Auburn Police Station. | Yes | Yes-5 to 0 |
| 9. | Amends Article 9 of the October 2011 Fall Town Meeting as follows: delete the balance of \$34,956, Ambulance Refurb; and to amend Article 3 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows: delete the balance of \$7,569.83, Replace Ambulance1; and add \$42,525.83 for Replace Fire Department Service Truck in FY2014. | Yes | Yes-5 to 0 |
| 10. | Appropriates \$39,770.00 from General Fund Revenues to replace the Shift Commander Vehicle in the Fire Rescue Department. | Yes | Yes-5 to 0 |
| 11. | Appropriates \$20,000.00 from General Fund Revenues to supplement previous appropriations to allow the Board of Health to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the spring of 2014. | Yes | Yes-5 to 0 |
| 12. | Appropriates \$41,000.00, of which \$37,000.00 will be from general fund revenues, to purchase and install two-way radios in DPW buildings, vehicles, Town Hall and Police Dispatch area, and further to appropriate \$4,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to purchase and install two-way radios in Sewer vehicles, Sewer office and to relicense the Intrac Alarm Data Channel. | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 13. | Appropriates \$7,096.00 from 2013 State Hurricane Irene Account #2510313 to purchase plow equipment for two DPW vehicles. | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 14. | Appropriates \$22,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to replace a pump and perform repairs on the Jet/Vac truck. | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 15. | Appropriates \$4,300.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase a new roll around canvas tent with tow package for the Department of Public Works- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery . | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 16. | Appropriates \$2,340.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase a lowering device for the Department of Public Works- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery . | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 17. | Appropriates \$350.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase artificial greens for the Department of Public Works- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery . | Yes | Yes- 5 to 0 |
| 18. | Appropriates \$500.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase aluminum staging Planks for the Department of Public Works- Parks, Recreation | | |

and Cemetery.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
19. Appropriates \$20,000.00, of which \$13,612.00 will be from the October 2011 MEMA Snow Storm and \$2,174.00 from the State 2012 Flood Relief Account #25122012 and \$4,214.00 from General Fund Revenues to purchase two Cirrus Close Spreader Control Systems.	Yes	_____
20. Appropriates a recommended sum of \$300,000.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Stabilization Fund.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
21. Amends Article 36 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting for funds for roof replacement, window /blind replacement, carpet/flooring/shelving move, resurface parking lot and interior painting at the Library.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
22. Appropriates \$35,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for the purchase, equipping and marking of two vehicles for use in the execution of Town business.	Yes	Yes- 5 to 0
23. Accepts Camden Drive as a public way.	Defer	Defer- 5 to 0
24. Conveys a parcel of Town-owned property located at the corner of Rochdale and Burnett Streets (Map 16 Parcel 20) to a qualified abutter.	Defer	Yes – 5 to 0
25. Authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a long-term lease agreement for Camp Gleason, for a term not to exceed 20 years.	_____	Yes – 5 to 0
Defer _____	Defers to the petitioner of the article No position at this time. Will make a recommendation at the town meeting.	

Finance Committee Report

When we last met in May town meeting approved a \$55.3 million budget that included \$197 thousand in excess funds available, which stayed uncommitted awaiting the finalization of the state budget. In the five months since that Annual Town Meeting, funding for the 2014 budget from Beacon Hill and several other sources have been finalized. I will defer to the CFO Kazanovicz’ presentation with highlights and modifications to the 2014 budget, and its effect on our taxes. Approval of all warrant articles before you tonight will result in a 2014 budget, including CIP, total \$55.1 million, an increase of 1.4% over the 2014 budget approved last May and a 3.3% increase over the fiscal 2013 budget.

Before we get to the Finance Committee recommendations for the Warrant Articles, I would like to remind everyone that there are certain economic storm clouds on the horizon with significant implications on future funding from the state and federal level that need to be acknowledged: Unemployment in the state continues to rise, and now matches the federal unemployment rate at 7.2%. In addition, the federal government continues to operate under a temporary budget and debt ceiling, which will certainly have detrimental effects on our state and local economies should there be another impasse in the first quarter of 2014.

Highlights of the 2014 revised Town budget include increases \$50 thousand and \$25 thousand in the Snow and Ice Removal and Road Reconstruction accounts, a reduction of \$284 thousand in Group Health Insurance costs, a \$300 thousand appropriation to the Stabilization Fund, and long-overdo modifications to the CIP to address capital improvement needs at the Library.

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

Articles 2 thru 22 recommend approval

Article 23 and 24 defer to petitioner

Article 25 postpone indefinitely

Additional Comments on certain Warrant Articles....

Article 2 adjustments addressed several changes to the operation budget weren't finalized at the time of the Annual town meeting, resulting in an aggregate decrease in the Operating Budget of approximately \$223 thousand, primarily due to lower than anticipated Group Insurance Costs and refinancing \$186M in bond payments.

Article 6 from the School Committee is responding to an unfunded mandate for new equipment as Massachusetts contemplates moves from MCAS testing to the national standard testing.

Article 8 addresses the equivalent of emergency windows repair/replacements to our 13 year old-Police station. The Finance Committee has requested to Town Administration an evaluation of the building to determine future financial investments needed to properly maintain the building.

Articles 9 and 10 from the Fire Department involving CIP are the beginning of a strategy to financially address the replacement of the Tower truck in the near future, with an estimated expense approaching \$1 million.

Article 12 addresses public safety and Homeland Security requirements for appropriate two-way radio equipment.

Article 21 re-prioritizes nearly \$250 thousand in CIP funds already authorized for upgrades, and roof and window replacement at the Auburn Public Library.

Article 25 will be postponed due to recently received information regarding which Board approval is required for the Town Manager to proceed with a long term RFP process.

Regarding the remaining articles, they are either self-explanatory or I would prefer to defer to the petitioner for additional explanation and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hussey, Chairman

Ann Cavanaugh, Vice Chair

James Bonofiglio

Christopher Haroian

Edward Coleman

Kimberly Holstrom

Board of Selectmen Report to Town Meeting – October 29, 2013

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

Articles 1 through 5. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval.

Article 6. The Board of Selectmen voted 4 to 1 to recommend approval.

Articles 7 through 18. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval.

Article 19. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval.

Articles 20 through 22. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval.

Article 23. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to defer to the petitioner.

Articles 24 and 25. The Board of Selectmen voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval.

The Auburn Board of Selectmen

Doreen M. Goodrich, Chairman

Robert D. Grossman, Vice Chairman

Stephen R. Simonian

Denise A. Brotherton

Kenneth A. Holstrom

Town Manager Julie Jacobson Report to Town Meeting

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Prudent allocation of resources to promote efficient operations and effective delivery of services

- Business Development
- Communications and Outreach
- Community Programs and Events
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Facility Management

- Fiscal Responsibility and Stability
- Fleet Maintenance
- Green Initiatives
- Grantsmanship
- Legislative and Policy Advocacy
- Public Health & Safety
- Training and Certifications

Historical Overview

Increase in Total Infrastructure Investment
 Increase in Local Funding for Roads
 Increase in Stabilization Fund
 Increase in Free Cash
 Established and Increased OPEB Fund
 Increase in Excess Levy Capacity
Total Legal Expenditures Decreased Over 1,3, and 5 Year periods 27.30% and 57.28%

Recent Accomplishments – Since Annual Town Meeting

- Completed Negotiations with Sixteen Town and School Bargaining Units for Health Insurance Reform
- Completed Negotiations with Ten of Eleven Bargaining Units
- Prepared Memorandums of Agreement for bargaining units
- Completed Purchase of Land From Masonic Lodge for Middle School Project
- Completed Ascertainment Process and Executed Agreement with Charter
- Issued RFP for Scavone Property
- Executed Agreement with CMDART
- Launched Social Media Initiative
- Executed NMC Agreement
- Began implementation of Green Communities Energy Saving Programs
- Completed Wind Turbine Feasibility Study
- Revitalized Independence Day event attracted 5,000
- Applied for and secured grants
- Completed Revised Personnel Policy Manual
- Completed Internal Review of all Administrative By-Laws
- Implemented Facility Management and Fleet Maintenance Units
- Created and implemented new community events
- Created new business development brochures

Communications and Outreach

- The Auburn Account Quarterly Newsletter
- CodeRED
 - Emergency Communication System
 - Weather Warning
 - Mobile Alert
 - Community Notification System
- Auburn Local Radio 1610 AM
- AuburnGuide.com
- Electronic Town Updates
- School Department Email Announcements
- Auburn Cable Television
- Public Service Announcements
- Electronic Billboard
- Local Media Outlets

Town of Auburn Social Media Policy – Effective July 2013

Auburn Emergency Management Department Launches Facebook Page
 Auburn Fire Rescue Dept. Launches Facebook and Twitter Pages
 Town of Auburn, Mass@townofAuburn1h

Grants

Auburn

41 Applications

\$5,777,385 Total
 27 Awarded
 10 Pending

Regional

5 Applications

\$968,395 Total
 3 Awarded
 2 Pending \$383,000

4 Denied
Total Awarded
\$373,649.50

Total Awarded
\$500,000

Community Events

- Dr. Arthur & Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex
- Regional Tournaments
- Summer Concert in the Park Series
- Independence Day
- Fall Festival/Homecoming
- Holiday Lights in Parks
- First Annual Tree lighting Event
- Skating Rink and Lessons
- Library, Senior Center and Recreation & Culture Programs and Events

Health and Recycling Initiatives:

Auburn Flu Clinics:

Senior Clinic:

(Limited to seniors only)

Date: Friday
October 18, 2013

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Auburn Senior Center
4 Goddard Drive
Auburn, MA 01501

Public Clinic:

(Open to the general public)

Date: Saturday
November 2, 2013

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: Auburn Senior Center
4 Goddard Drive
Auburn, MA 01501

Yard Waste:

Allied Waste will be picking up lawn clippings in biodegradable bags or open containers
Saturdays have yard waste out by 7:00 AM

October 19, 2013

October 26, 2013

November 2, 2013

November 9, 2013

November 16, 2013

November 23, 2013

Economic Development

- Business Retention
- Expansion of Existing Businesses
- Facilitate New Businesses/Projects
- Business Roundtable
- Job Creation
- New growth

Business Development:

- Fuller's Pre-Owned Autos of Auburn
- Ready Med
- Connecticut Business Systems
- Lundgren Honda
- Fuller Auto Body
- Bentley's Pub
- Bohler-Uddeholm Corp.
- Hometown Bank
- Vanguard Health Systems
- Shamrock Financial
- Driving School
- Interstate Transmission
- Evolve Bank & Trust
- Diamond Auto Group
- MidState Auto Group
- Herb Chambers Hyundai
- R.H. White Construction
- J.J. Kane Auctions
- ERA Key Realty
- A.E. Harris
- Bramen
- Subway

New Business Approvals from the Planning Board and the ZBA:

- New industrial building at 440 Washington St
- Herb Chambers new storage lot (future service center) 20 Prospect
- Outback Steakhouse 451 Southbridge Street – New building on former Abdou Big Boy property
- Southbridge Street Holdings 2-3 retail spaces at 619 Southbridge St (Ethan Allen) – fitness tenant 5,000 s.f. plus either 2-5,000 s.f. envelopes or 1 10,000 s.f. envelope
- Midstate Auto building/parking expansion at 810 Washington St
- Lube2Go mobile carwash at the Auburn Mall
- Tutoring Center at 606 Southbridge St
- RH White administrative building at 49 Central St – expansion, new 2 story building

- Convenience Store at 143 Oxford St North
- Landscape Etc. Regional Headquarters Service yard at 12 Westec Drive (application pending)

Public Policy and Advocacy

- Written and Verbal Testimony on Pending Legislation or Regulations
- MMA Policy Committee on Municipal and Regional Administration
- Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) Legislative Meetings
- Communication with State and Federal Delegation
 - Legislative Research and Updates
 - Mass Gaming Regulations
 - Medical Marijuana Regulations
 - House 1859 Zoning Reform
 - Energy Bills
 - Veterans Bills
 - Housing Bills

Strategic Community Partnerships

- Leverage Investment
- Increase Resources
- Provide Programs to Residents
- Enhance Services
- Positive Community Impacts
- Strengthen relationships between businesses, residents and government

Thanks to Our Partners

Who They Are

- Home Depot
- Friends of the Pappas Recreation Complex
- Home Town Bank
- Polar Corp
- WRTA
- Pakachoag Church
- North American Martyrs
- Boy Scouts
- Metech Recycling
- Auburn Chamber of Commerce
- Auburn Public Schools

Resulting Benefit to the Town

- New Dugouts at Pappas Complex
- Playground design
- Summer in the Park Concert Series
- Shuttle Service/Senior Vans
- Parking for events
- Holiday Lighting Event
- Planting and clean-ups
- Electronic Recycling Event
- Recreation Programs and events
- Board of Health Initiatives

Finances

- Stable Financial Position
- Conservative Budgeting
- Continued Reforms for Savings and Efficiencies
- Strong Reserve Position
- Implementation of Financial Policies
- Continued Infusion into OPEB Fund
- Continued Growth of Stabilization Fund
- Maintained AA⁺ Bond Rating
- Investment in Capital - Tax levy, CIP

Healthcare Reform

Total Savings \$946,000

- Plan Design Changes-G.I.C. Like Plan
- Medicare Eligible 65 Yrs (+)
- Employee Contribution
90/10 → 76/24
- Enrollment Audit

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$569,000 Annual • \$109,000 Annual /Net of Subsidy • \$124,000 Annual • \$144,000 Cost Reduction
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School Presentation by Dr. Maryellen Brunelle

Auburn Public Schools Building on Our Strengths

FY 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting

APS Team.....Strengthening Connections Through Rigor, Relevance and Relationships

The Auburn Public Schools is committed to educational excellence and continuous improvement.

RESPONDING TO NEEDS BASED ON DATA

- Safe and Respectful Environments for All
- Student-Centered Decision Making
- High Expectations for All

- Dedicated to Continuous Improvement
- Equitable Opportunities for All

One of the goals of the new Progress and Performance Index (PPI) system is to

- Increase the number of students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient categories while
- Decreasing the number of students scoring in the Needs Improvement and Warning categories

Auburn's students scored at or above the state average on 16 of the 17 grade level/subject-specific MCAS tests for students scoring Advanced or Proficient

In **8 of the 17** grade levels or subjects tested on the 2013 MCAS, Auburn students increased the number of students scoring in Advanced and Proficient while decreasing the number of students scoring in the Needs Improvement or Warning Categories

In rankings of all Commonwealth public schools, in 15 of the 24 categories, divided by school, grade level and subject, Auburn students scored in the *top third* with some scoring in the top 25% or better when compared to like schools/grade levels

Highlights of Successes Across Schools:

- JB 3rd grade students – 53% scored Advanced in Mathematics
- PAK 4th grade students-ranked in top 11% across the Commonwealth in ELA
- AMS 8th grade students – 88% scored Advanced or Proficient on English Language Arts
- AHS 10th grade students – scoring Advanced or Proficient as follows: 95% in English; 89% in Math; and 84% in Science & Technology

Curriculum Teams are continuously working to refine and strengthen curriculum, instruction and assessment. This summer the following curriculum areas completed further work:

- English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, Social Studies and Technology

High Quality Professional Development continues to be offered and staff members embrace these opportunities:

Pre-AP and AP trainings in English Language Arts, Math and Science; Keys to Literacy K-8; Diagnostic and Targeted Literacy Instruction; Co-Teaching, Technology Trainings on iPads, Flipped Classroom, and Six Traits Writing

Strong Mentoring and Induction Program for New Teachers

New teachers are supported by a mentor, attend regular meetings, mentors visit protégé's classrooms and offer guidance and support and opportunities are also provided for protégés to observe their mentors and/or other colleagues

Administrative sessions were incorporated into the New Teacher Workshop Day in August, which included a school bus tour of all buildings, with administrators providing sessions on technology, contract and forms, and special education

Increased Communication and Collaboration with our Students' Families and the Greater Auburn Community

- iParent Portal is open for the families of AMS and AHS students
- Standards-Based Report Cards at the elementary levels
- Family Picnics/Ice Cream Socials at elementary schools prior to the start of school to welcome students and their families
- Rockets Reviews are published weekly in Auburn News
- Auburn Mass Daily regularly features programs and activities of the Auburn Schools
- District Newsletters are e-mailed home quarterly
- One Call Now telephone / e-mail system effectively used
- Strong transitions programs between schools for students and families
- Students participate in community-service learning projects at all levels
- High school students have produced a reading show for elementary students and their families to view

Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) implemented through Middle School, with AHS working with Dr. Paul Poteat from Boston College on an age-appropriate positive climate/anti-bullying program

Grants, both entitlement and competitive, are aggressively sought to enhance operating budget. Funds used to purchase materials, supplies, technology and "time" for teacher teams to work together to implement best practices

Teacher Quality (\$51K); Academic Support (\$9 K); Title I (\$164 K); Race to the Top (\$56 K); IDEA 240 Special Education Grant (\$475 K); 274 Professional Development Grant (\$10 K); MMSI Grant (\$39 K)

Massachusetts Mathematics and Science Initiative (MMSI) grant is supporting expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) offerings at AHS.

In the 2013-2014 school year, there are 386 AHS students enrolled in AP courses as compared to less than 100 in previous years and 247 last year

AP offerings now total 15 as compared to 9 courses previously and 13 last year

Promotion of College and Career Across All Grade Levels

- College Day, K-12, highlighting staff colleges and universities

- College Pendants displayed in schools across the District
- Redi-Step assessment and Career Fair at AMS
- College Seminar across all AHS grade levels
- Collaborations with area colleges to ensure that students are aware of opportunities for advanced learning beyond high school
- College-Readiness Presentations for staff, students and parents

Effective Integration of Technology Continues to be a Top Priority

Grade 8 iPad pilot, with a 1:1 Digital Learning Team addressing this at the macro-level; iPad integration; BrightLinks; Polyvision Boards; banks of computers in classrooms in addition to laptop carts and computer labs; Flip cameras and document cameras; ReadLive; Reading A-Z; ASSISTments; DIBELS Net; Study Island, Lexia and Everyday Mathematics

Educator Evaluation

- Self-Assessment of Professional Practice
- Promotion of TEAM goals focused on student achievement
- Creation of Educator Plans (similar to Action Plans created previously)
- Classroom Walk-Throughs
- District Determined Measures (DDMs)

Ongoing Conversations about Teaching and Learning and Our Impact on Students and their Achievement between Teachers and Administrators, Teachers and Teachers and Administrators and Administrators

Strong collaborations with the Town, believing that when we work together as a TEAM, great things can be accomplished:

- Positive and reciprocal relationship with all Town Departments
- Safety Advisory Team
- Fire Department has provided CPR and AED trainings to staff
- Ongoing and collaborative dialogue with the Town’s administration
 - Sharing resources whenever possible to save money
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) offerings continue to be added
- Auburn Middle School designated as a STEM Academy through a competitive Innovation Planning Grant – they are seeking funding for the Implementation Phase now
- DATA is used at all levels to carefully monitor our students’ progress to ensure maximum achievement is realized by all
- Students continue to shine musically and athletically, winning many local and state competitions
- Full Day Kindergarten Programming at no additional cost to students’ families
- School Resource Officer
- After school programs available in grades K-6, with a variety of clubs offered through Grade 12

This year we more than doubled the number of students who participated in Advanced Placement (AP) classes at AHS and will do so again next year, bringing the total to nearly 400.

AP Physics	AP Biology
AP Chemistry	AP Environmental Science
AP Statistics	AP World History
AP Govt./Politics	AP English Literature
AP Calculus	AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art	AP Computer Science
AP English Language	AP Psychology
AP US History	

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	College of the Holy Cross
Boston University	Texas A & M

“Teachers who believe in students’ ability actually create an atmosphere in which it becomes easier to succeed!”
 Author Unknown

The APS Team believes in our students and their ability to achieve at the highest levels. We are committed to creating an environment in which each can do so successfully.

Tackling Our Challenges Improvements and progress are being made across the district; however, challenges remain

The scores of our special education and low income subgroups continue to lag behind the state average, with those scores not reflecting our students' ability.

Co-Teaching is in its second year of implementation at AMS and the elementary schools, and in year one year at AHS to strengthen the team approach of regular and special educators to combine expert content knowledge with expert process knowledge.

Although 8 out of 17 grade levels/subjects saw an increase in the number of students scoring Advanced or Proficient, we want to raise that number even higher

Although 15 of 24 grade levels/subjects scored in the *top third* and 5 of 24 were even higher at the top 25% level as compared to similar schools/levels across the Commonwealth, we want all students to be scoring at that level

The continuous improvement of the AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS is our mutually-shared goal

Our students deserve nothing less than the VERY BEST we have to offer them!

Auburn Middle School Update

- Land acquired in July 2013
- Preliminary tests on the site have been favorable
- CM@Risk Subcommittee was formed

- 7 Construction Managers were interviewed by the SBC
- All were of high quality
- Fontaine Brothers was selected

KEY MILESTONES

- Construction Start March 2014
- Start Concrete April 2014
- Start Steel June 2014
- Start Drywall October 2014
- Start Turf Field Construction March 2015
- Flooring April 2015
- Exterior Improvements Spring 2015
- Substantial Completion: July 7, 2015

Sincere THANKS to the Auburn Community for Your Investment in our Students with the Approval of this Project!

APS School Building Master Plan Team Update

After careful analysis by the 19 members of the APS Master Plan Team,

- The APS Master Plan Team recommended that the current middle school – located at 10 Swanson Road – be used to educate Auburn's grades 3-5 students – the School Committee unanimously accepted this recommendation
- The APS Master Plan Team recommended that Bryn Mawr and Pakachoag continue to serve as educational facilities once the students move into the 10 Swanson Road property in the 2015-2016 school year – the School Committee unanimously accepted this recommendation

The Master Plan Team's work continues:

- *The Education Subcommittee*: working to ensure that the grades 3-5 educational program can be fully supported at 10 Swanson Road, making any needed modifications/renovations known to the Existing Building Subcommittee
- *The Existing Buildings Subcommittee*: working to ensure that any required renovations/modifications to the building are made so that it supports the grades 3-5 educational program
- The APS School Building Master Plan Team, chaired by Mr. Rick Ringgard, intends to have recommendations prepared for the School Committee in the spring of 2014
- The goal is to open 10 Swanson Road to the grades 3-5 students in the 2015-2016 school year
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By the Auburn School Committee

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the District, I pledge our continued commitment to excellence.

Article 2. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 2 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Increase line item #011322-5782 Salary Wage Reserve from \$200,000.00 to \$230,000.00; Increase line item #011992-5740 Insurance and Bonds from \$645,000.00 to \$687,000.00; Increase line item #01302-569100 Bay Path from \$850,215.00 to \$923,849.00; Increase line item #014112-5800 Road Reconstruction from \$500,000.00 to \$525,000.00; Increase line item Snow and Ice-Part time wages #014251-5112 from \$12,000.00 to \$25,000.00; Increase line item Snow & Ice-Overtime #014251-5130 from \$35,000.00 to \$54,000.00; Increase line item Snow & Ice-Equipment Rental # 014252-5273 from \$35,000.00 to \$38,000.00; Increase line item Snow& Ice-Salt & Calcium # 014252-553302 from \$145,000.00 to \$160,000.00; Increase line item #015411-511101 Director Salary from \$44,765.00 to \$53,061.00; Increase line item #015432-5770 Relief and Medical from \$50,000.00 to \$68,000.00; Reduce line item #017102-591212 Pakachoag Drainage from \$90,000.00 to \$0; Reduce line item #017102-591213 Sewer Rt. 20 from \$45,000.00 to \$0; Reduce line item #017522- 591612 Drainage/Paving/Pakachoag from \$34,290.00 to \$0; Reduce line item #017522-591613 Sewer Project Rt. 20 from \$17,145.00 to \$0; Increase line item #017522-591727 General Obligation Bonds 4.8 from \$96,541.00 to \$96,742.00; Reduce line item #019101-5175 Group Health Insurance from \$6,200,000.00 to \$5,916,000.00; Reduce available funds Account #262103 police towing from \$25,000.00 to \$20,778.40; and further to approve an amended FY2014 budget for the Town of Auburn of \$51,377,717.00.

By Daniel Carpenter

Seconded by Barbara Granger

Vote on Article 2, by majority in favor

Article 3. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 11 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and appropriate an additional \$12,457.23 from Medicaid receipts within the General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 to fund unanticipated services for significantly disabled special needs students and tuitions and transportation for outside placements of special needs students or adaptive equipment.

By Paul Kosky

Seconded by Ronald Prouty

Vote on Article 3, by majority in favor

Article 4. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$12,152.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 to fund transportation costs for homeless and/or unanticipated transportation for other students to their educational programs.

By Jean Collins

Seconded by Charles Olson

Vote on Article 4, by majority in favor

Article 5. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend the CIP program as described in Article 4 of the May 7, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and repurpose the balance of funds of \$36,000.00 originally appropriated to the Julia Bancroft School and \$39,000.00, originally appropriated to the Mary D. Stone School, now to be used for the installation of energy efficient lighting upgrades to the Auburn High School gymnasium and foyer with the work to be completed during the fall of 2013.

By Ellen M. Ethier

Seconded by Chester Stencil

Vote on Article 5, in favor YES 86 NO 2

Article 6. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate a sum of \$108,750.00 from General Fund Revenues for the acquisition of four (4) I Pad carts (30 I Pads per cart) and Bluetooth keyboards to align the District in preparation for the spring of 2014 Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) field test and the 2014-2015 implementation of the PARCC testing.

By John Bonzey

Seconded by Wayne Bloomquist

Vote on Article 6, in favor YES 80 NO 10

Article 7. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend CIP Article 3 of the May 1, 2012 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of \$6,203.00 for voting booths (account #302013 581334) and add \$6,203.00 for storage, shelving and file cabinets for the Town Clerk's Office and vault.

By Joseph Hamel

Seconded by Debra Gremo

Vote on Article 7, unanimous in favor

Article 8. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from General Fund Revenues for window replacement at the Auburn Police Station.

By Ellen M. Ganley

Seconded by Carl Westerman

Vote on Article 8, by majority in favor

Article 9. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 9 of the October 2011 Fall Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of \$34,956, Ambulance Refurb; and to amend Article 3 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of \$7,569.83, Replace Ambulance 1; and add \$42,525.83 for Replace Fire Department Service Truck in FY2014.

By William Bylund

Seconded Jeffrey Mitchell

Vote on Article 9, unanimous in favor

Article 10. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$39,770.00 from General Fund Revenues to replace the Shift Commander Vehicle in the Fire Rescue Department.

By David J. Camosse

Seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell

Vote on Article 10, by majority in favor

Article 11. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 from General Fund Revenues to supplement previous appropriations to allow the Board of Health to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the spring of 2014.

By Daniel J. Diamond

Seconded by Charles Olson

Vote on Article 11, by majority in favor

Article 12. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$41,000.00, of which \$37,000.00 will be from general fund revenues, to purchase and install two-way radios in DPW buildings, vehicles, Town Hall and Police Dispatch area, and further to appropriate \$4,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to purchase and install two-way radios in Sewer vehicles, Sewer office and to relicense the Intrac Alarm Data Channel.

By Gregory A. Bohling

Seconded by Elizabeth Johnson

Vote on Article 12, by majority in favor

Article 13. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$7,096.00 from 2013 State Hurricane Irene Account #2510313 to purchase plow equipment for two DPW vehicles.

By Gina Skog

Seconded by Eleena Rouix Olson

Vote on Article 13, by majority in favor

Article 14. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$22,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to replace a pump and perform repairs on the Jet/Vac truck.

By William F. Westerlind

Seconded by Gail Holloway

Vote on Article 14, by majority in favor

Article 15. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$4,300.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase a new roll around canvas tent with tow package for the Department of Public Works – Parks, Recreation and **Cemetery**.

By Kimberly Holstrom

Seconded by Kristen Pappas

Vote on Article 15, by majority in favor

Article 16. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$2,340.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase a lowering device for the Department of Public Works – Parks, Recreation and **Cemetery**.

By Chester Stencil

Seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell

Vote on Article 16, by majority in favor

Article 17. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$350.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase artificial greens for the Department of Public Works – Parks, Recreation and **Cemetery**.

By Jeffrey Mitchell

Seconded by Barbara Granger

Vote on Article 17, by majority in favor

Article 18. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$500.00 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase aluminum staging planks for the Department of Public Works – Parks, Recreation and **Cemetery**.

By Wayne Bloomquist

Seconded by Carl Westerman

Vote on Article 18, by majority in favor

Article 19. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$20,000.00, of which \$13,612.00 will be from the October 2011 MEMA Snow Storm and \$2,174.00 from the State 2012 Flood Relief Account #25122012 and \$4,214.00 from General Fund Revenues to purchase two Cirus Close Spreader Control Systems.

By Martin Kopka

Seconded by Gregory Bohling

Vote on Article 19, by majority in favor

Article 20. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$300,000.00 from General Fund Revenues to the Stabilization Fund.

By Kenneth Frost

Seconded by Joe Martin

Vote on Article 20, by majority in favor

Article 21. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 36 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Roof Replacement	\$115,000	\$175,000
Window/Blind Replacement	60,000	25,000
Carpet/Flooring/Shelving Move	25,000	37,500
Resurface Parking Lot	25,000	-0-
Interior Painting	25,000	12,500

By Maryellen Paquette

Seconded by Joseph Hamel

Vote on Article 21, unanimous in favor

Article 22. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$35,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for the purchase, equipping and marking of two vehicles for use in the execution of Town business.

By Kristen Pappas

Seconded by Chester Stencil

Vote on Article 22, by majority in favor

Article 23. I move that the Town Meeting vote to accept Camden Drive as a public way, from Brook Street to the end of Camden Drive for a total distance of approximately 1,580 feet, as shown on a plan prepared by Allen F. Paige, entitled "Definitive Plan of Open Space Development "Camden Woods" Auburn, Massachusetts" dated February 10, 2004, last revised September 20, 2005 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 835 Plan 61, and on plan prepared by Bertin Engineering Associates, Inc., entitled "ANR Plan of Land owned by Jeffery J. Boisclair, located at Brook Street Auburn, MA 01501" dated May 12, 2006 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 865 Plan 86.

By Charles Olson

Seconded by Scott Taylor

Vote on Article 23, by majority in favor

Article 24. I move that the Town Meeting vote to convey a parcel of Town owned property located at the corner of Rochdale and Burnett Streets (Map 16 Parcel 20) to a qualified abutter.

By Joe Martin

Seconded by Charles Olson

Vote on Article 24, by majority in favor

Article 25. I move that this article be postponed indefinitely.

By Daniel Carpenter

Seconded by William Bylund

Vote on Article 25, by majority in favor

Meeting dissolved at 9:43 PM on a motion by Norman Bergeron and seconded by Kenneth Fairbanks Jr.

A True Copy Attest:

Ellen C. Gaboury, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk