

**TOWN OF AUBURN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
March 24, 2015**

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 John O'Day, Ellen Either, Norman Bergeron, Ronald Prouty, Paul Kosky and Roger Belhumeur as counters who were sworn in by the Assistant Town Clerk.

In compliance with the provisions of the Auburn Charter, Chapter V, Section 5.01, copies of the warrant along with the recommendations of the Finance Committee were mailed to each Town Meeting Member on March 10, 2015. Constable Anthony Coccio, Jr. posted attested copies of the warrant in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct on March 10, 2015.

Article 1. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Report

Thank you for your participation in this special town meeting, which has two primary goals:

- 1.) Completes the required votes to re-purpose School CIP funds already appropriated to assist in replacing the roofs at Bryn Mawr School and 10 Swanson Rd, as well as replace the boiler at 10 Swanson Rd. The approval of these articles will also trigger an MSBA grant of \$1.5 million - \$1.7 million in additional funds to cover in excess of 50% of these project costs.
- 2.) The 2nd primary goal of this meeting is to approve an update of the town by-laws, which for the past three years has been under review by the Bylaw Review Committee, resulting in the 159 page document before you tonight.

As a resident I would like to thank the Bylaw Committee for an incredibly thorough and tedious job in completing the update of the town's bylaws.

Finance Committee takes the following position:

Articles 2 thru 7 recommend approval (with comments):

- Article 2 returns over \$144 thousand to the School Department from Free Cash relating to Circuit Breaker reimbursements for special education costs received after fiscal 2014.
- Articles 3 through 6 finalize changes in the CIP to repurpose School capital funds as previously outlined, which will trigger a significant MSBA Grant.
- Article 7 appropriates approximately \$312 thousand from Available Fund Reserve Account, due to the premium realized from the September 2014 bond issuance.
- Article 8, the Finance Committee defers to the petitioner (DPW/Town Engineer) the request to alter West Street as part of the new Middle School project.
- Articles 9 and 10, which the Finance Committee recommends for approval, relates to the aforementioned revision of the town's bylaws.
 - Article 11 proposes changes within Auburn's Zoning By-law relating to the composition and term of certain associate members of the ZBA, which the Finance Committee defers to the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Hussey, Chairman, Finance Committee

Anne Cavanaugh, Vice Chair
James Bonofiglio
Kimberley Holstrom

Edward Coleman
Christopher Haroian
Malory O'Brien

Board of Selectmen Report

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

- Article 1. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 2. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Articles 3 and 4. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 5. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 6. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 7. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 8. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 9. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 10. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.
Article 11. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.

Doreen M. Goodrich, Chairman
Kenneth A. Holstrom, Vice Chairman
Stephen R. Simonian
Denise A. Brotherton
Daniel S. Carpenter

AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On behalf of the students and staff of the Auburn Public Schools, as well as the School Committee and Leadership Team, I thank you for your ongoing support of our educational program!

APS Team: 6 Articles for Your Consideration

- 5 that reference the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program and one that references Circuit Breaker, a reimbursement program to support special education students
- ARTICLE 1:** Seeks your approval to transfer \$144,519.81 into the Circuit Breaker Account. These funds will be used for extraordinary special education costs. This is a reimbursement program, much like Medicaid, with the funds having been received by the Town but paid by the Auburn Public Schools
- We respectfully request your approval of this transfer

Articles 3 through 6: 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."

Auburn's reimbursement rate is 54.16% of all eligible costs to be paid by the MSBA, with the Town contributing 45.84%

MSBA Accelerated Repair Program

10 Swanson Road (AMS) Roof and Boiler

Bryn Mawr School Roof

Town Meeting Members have previously approved the re-purposing of funds for these projects – thank you!

With the approval of Articles 3, 4 and 5 by Town Meeting Members tonight to re-purpose previously approved CIP funds, our participation in this program could save the Town \$1,500,000-\$1,700,000, depending on the cost of the projects in total

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Articles 3, 4 and 5

•**ARTICLE 3: Re-purpose \$95,300 from Pakachoag (FY 2012) to MSBA Accelerated Repair**

•**ARTICLE 4: Re-purpose \$100,000 from Pakachoag (FY 2014) to MSBA Accelerated Repair**

•**ARTICLE 5: Re-purpose \$40,000 from Central Office (FY 2014) to MSBA Accelerated Repair**

Shifting Priorities to Save the Town Money

Article 6: MSBA Accelerated Repair Full Authorization

•Per MSBA regulations – much like what occurred when Town Meeting and the voters of Auburn approved the new Auburn Middle School building project – the full authorization of \$3,024,153 must be approved, but again, the Town will be reimbursed 54.16% of all eligible costs, with the Town being responsible for only 45.84%.

•With the approval of the re-purposing of CIP funds – Articles 3, 4 and 5 – NO NEW BORROWING will be required for these 3 much-needed projects!

•We respectfully request your approval of Articles 2-6

There is much happening in the Auburn Public Schools...

SUMMER OF TRANSITIONS:

o**New Auburn Middle School will open in the Fall of 2015**

o**Grades 3 through 5 will merge together at what has been renamed Swanson Road Intermediate School, effective July of 2015**

o**Mary D. Stone School students and staff will transition to the Pakachoag School**

o**....and Julia Bancroft and Mary D. Stone will, upon an official vote of the Auburn School Committee, be returned to the Town**

JB-MDS Closure Team

Town Manager Jacobson has formed an Elementary Re-use Advisory Team to consider options for JB and MDS. To ensure a respectful farewell to these two much-loved schools, the JB-MDS Closure Team has been hard at work. Special Thanks to Mr. Ron Prouty, Mr. Ken Ethier, Mrs.

Beth Johnson, Mr. Rocco Morano, Dr. Kathleen Lauzé, Mr. Joe Fahey, Mrs. Beth Chase, Mrs. Susan Lopez and Dr. Maryellen Brunelle

THANK YOU for your Continued Support!

The Auburn Public Schools: Honoring Tradition while Embracing the Future

Article 2. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$144,519.81 from Free Cash for FY 2014 Circuit Breaker reimbursements to the Auburn School Department. These funds are related to School District funding to be utilized for extraordinary special education costs, including tuitions for pertinent student.

By Joe Martin

Seconded by John F. O'Day, Jr.

Vote on Article 2, by majority in favor

Article 3. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend CIP funds to support the Auburn Public Schools' participation in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program to replace the roofs at 10 Swanson Road (current Auburn Middle School) and the Bryn Mawr School, as well as a boiler replacement at 10 Swanson Road. To amend Article 3 of the May 5, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of \$95,300.00 (Account #302012-581242) for Pakachoag and then transfer \$95,300.00 for the replacement of the roof and boiler at Auburn Middle School and a roof replacement at Bryn Mawr School as part of the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program.

By Paul G. Kosky

Seconded by Gregory A. Bohling

Vote on Article 3, unanimous in favor

Article 4. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend CIP funds to support the Auburn Public Schools' participation in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program to replace the roofs at 10 Swanson Road (current Auburn Middle School) and the Bryn Mawr School, as well as a boiler replacement at 10 Swanson Road. To amend Article 3 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Reduce the balance of \$100,000.00 (Account #302014-581437) for Pakachoag and then transfer \$100,000.00 for the replacement of the roof and boiler at Auburn Middle School and a roof replacement at Bryn Mawr School as part of the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program.

By William J. Bylund

Seconded by Kimberly A. Holstrom

Vote on Article 4, unanimous in favor

Article 9. I move that the Town Meeting vote to adopt the "General By-laws of the Town of Auburn Massachusetts", dated March 3, 2015, as amended by Town Meeting, if at all, which shall become effective upon approval of said By-laws, pursuant to law. A copy of said By-laws have been presented to Town Meeting Members concurrent with their receipt of this Warrant and made public in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, §32. This Article shall not apply to the Town of Auburn Zoning By-law.

By Kimberly A. Holstrom

Seconded by Brent J. Anderson

Brent J. Anderson moved that we postpone article 9 indefinitely with a request that the BOS move the decision to vote at the May 5th Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Ellen M. Either.

Chester Stencil voted to move the motion which was seconded by Ken Frost, vote on this motion did not pass.

Norman Bergeron moved to vote on the original article 9 Chester Stencil seconded the motion.

Vote on Article 9, by majority in favor

Article 10. I move that the Town Meeting vote to revoke the existing General By-laws of the Town of Auburn contingent upon approval by the Attorney General, in whole or in part, of the revised “General By-laws of the Town of Auburn, Massachusetts” (as set forth in Article 9 of this Special Town Meeting). This Article shall not apply to the Town of Auburn Zoning By-law.

By Kenneth P. Frost

Seconded by Gregory A. Bohling

Vote on Article 10, by majority in favor

Article 11. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend the Town of Auburn’s Zoning By-law by adding Section 9.1.3 and Section 9.1.4, to read as follows:

“9.1.3 In addition to the members established by the Town Charter, the Board of Appeals may include two (2) associate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one or both of whom may be designated from time to time by the Chairman of the Board of Appeals to sit on the board in case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest on the part of any member thereof, or in the event of a vacancy on the board until said vacancy is filled.

9.1.4 The term of each associate member shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.”

By Gina Pond Skog

Seconded by John R. Anderson

Vote on Article 11, unanimous in favor

At 8:50 PM Chester S. Stencil, Jr. moved to adjourn and continue the meeting to April 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Mark T. Binnall.

87 Members present

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

**TOWN OF AUBURN
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April 1, 2015 continued from March 24, 2015**

At 7:00 PM Moderator Charles A. Baker postponed the start of the meeting due to lack of a quorum on a motion by William J. Bylund and seconded by Robert Gow. The moderator called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with a quorum present. The Moderator determined that the previously appointed counters from the March 24th, 2015 meeting John O’Day, Ellen Either, Norman Bergeron, Ronald Prouty, Paul Kosky and Roger Belhumeur were present. They will continue to serve as counters.

In compliance with the provisions of the Auburn Bylaws Chapter II, Section 1C, a letter was mailed to every Town Meeting Member on March 25, 2015 of the adjourned Town Meeting to be continued to, Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Auburn High School Auditorium.

Article 5. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend CIP funds to support the Auburn Public Schools' participation in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program to replace the roofs at 10 Swanson Road (current Auburn Middle School) and the Bryn Mawr School, as well as a boiler replacement at 10 Swanson Road. To amend Article 3 of the May 7, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Reduce the balance of \$40,000.00 (Account #302014-581440) for Central Office and then transfer \$40,000.00 for the replacement of the roof and boiler at Auburn Middle School and a roof replacement at Bryn Mawr School as part of the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program.

By Gregory A. Bohling

Seconded by Joe Martin

Vote on Article 5, unanimous in favor

Article 6. I move that the Town appropriate the amount \$3,024,153 Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement of the roofs at the Auburn Middle and Bryn Mawr Schools and a boiler replacement at Auburn Middle School which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Auburn may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 54.16 percent of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

By Kimberly A. Holstrom

Seconded by Elizabeth D. Johnson

Vote on Article 6, unanimous in favor

Article 7. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,675.00 from available funds Account #01-3295 Auburn Middle School Premium from September 2014 Bond Sale and the sum of \$61,791.68 from Available Funds (Bond Premium Reserve for Interest Payment) account #26129001 for interest obligation for the September 2014 bond issue in the amount of \$16,425,667.00.

By Barbara K. Granger

Seconded by Charles T. Olson

Vote on Article 7, by majority in favor

Article 8. I move that the Town Meeting vote to approve the alteration of West Street as shown on a plan entitled "Plan and Profile of West Street in the Town of Auburn Worcester County" and filed with the Town Clerk on March 2, 2015.

By LeeAnn Gibree

Seconded by Jeffrey C. Mitchell

Vote on Article 8, by majority in favor

Meeting dissolved at 7:22PM on a motion by Chester S. Stencil, Jr. and seconded by Mark T. Binnall.

84 Members present

A True Copy Attest:



Ellen C. Gaboury, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk