

**TOWN OF AUBURN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 28, 2017**

At 7:05 PM Moderator Chester Stencil Jr. called the meeting to order in the Auburn High School Auditorium with a quorum present. The Moderator appointed Shannon M. Regan, Carla N. Morano, Joyce B. Christensen-Bylund, Ralph D. Marois, Charles A. Baker and Ellen C. Gaboury 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 March 8, 2017. Constable Michael Marin, posted attested copies of the warrant in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct on March 8, 2017.

Members present: 86

Article 1: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Report

Good evening.

On behalf of Finance Committee Chair Kevin Hussey, who is unable to attend this meeting, the Finance Committee supports both of the articles before you tonight.

Regarding Article 2, the Finance Committee supports the Auburn School Committee request to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$958,482.00 to replace the roof at Pakachoag Elementary School. This financial support assumes an expectation of a grant from Massachusetts School Board Authority (MSBA) that shall not exceed the lesser of 54.16% of eligible approved projects costs, as determined by the MSBA, or the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. The Finance Committee reminds Town Meeting Members that you voted to repurpose approximately \$490 thousand in School CIP Funds at the Fall 2016 Town Meeting for replacement of the Pakachoag Elementary School roof, which was expected to cover the Town's portion of the roof replacement. The Finance Committee continues to support this repurpose of CIP funds already appropriated. Article 2 satisfies the MSBA requirement that the town to take a vote to appropriate funds for the entire project, inclusive of any grants provided by the MSBA.

Article 3, which the Finance Committee recommends approval, seeks to repurpose \$46 thousand in various CIP funds previously funded over the past several years to upgrade smoke & carbon monoxide detectors at the Highway Department and the replacement of Fire Department turnout gear. The reasons for the some of the larger surplus CIP balances include:

- The \$22,625 Town Hall Air Conditioning was to purchase a new central air unit in 2006. The funds were eventually deemed inadequate to purchase a new central A/C unit and the need was subsequently addressed with the addition of several window A/C units.
- The \$15,000 Police parking lot fencing in 2014 was deemed unnecessary after the completion and configuration of the current 2nd parking lot.

- The \$5,000 handicapped entrance to the Council on Aging building in 2008 was actually subsequently completed by the DPW Facilities Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cavanaugh
Vice Chairman, Finance Committee

Kevin Hussey, Chairman	Edward Coleman
Kimberly Holstrom	Malory O'Brien
Kevin Kennedy	Trevor Sansoucy

Excellence in Education by Putting Students First

THANK YOU for your past support of the Auburn Public School District’s participation in the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program

Roof replacements at Bryn Mawr and Swanson Road Intermediate School
Boiler replacement at Swanson Road Intermediate School

With the MSBA reimbursement rate of 54.16%, it saved the taxpayers of Auburn slightly more than \$1.2 million AND helped to materially extend the life of these two educational facilities.

We remain sincerely grateful for your support of those three projects.

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%

Town Meeting Members have previously approved the re-purposing of funds for this project ~
THANK YOU!

With the approval of Article 2 by Town Meeting Members, our participation in this program could save the Town between \$375,000 and \$515,000, depending on the final bid received and accepted and MSBA’s determination of eligible costs.

MSBA Accelerated Repair Program

- Per MSBA regulations – much like what occurred when Town Meeting approved the Accelerated Repair projects to replace the Bryn Mawr and SWIS roofs and the SWIS boiler – the full authorization of \$958,482 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%

- Important to note: NO NEW BORROWING will be required for this needed roof replacement project!
- We respectfully request your approval

With your hopeful approval, the Pakachoag roof would be replaced during the Summer of 2017.

The Auburn Public Schools: Honoring Tradition while Embracing the Future

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Article 2. I move that the Town Meeting appropriate the sum of \$958,482.00 Dollars for purpose of paying costs of the replacement of the roof at the Pakachoag Elementary School, 110 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, which proposed repair project 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 sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”) 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 Ronald E. Prouty

Seconded by Thomas J. Dufour

Vote on Article 2, unanimous in favor

Article 3. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend various Capital Improvement line items as printed in the March 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

By Daniel J. Diamond

Seconded by Gregory A. Bohling

Vote on Article 3, unanimous in favor

Article 3. As printed in the warrant:

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend various Capital Improvement line items as follows:

Decrease

302006-589001	A4ATM05 - Town Hall Air Conditioner	\$ (22,625.00)
302008-589878	A3FTM10 - Handicapped Entrance COA	\$ (5,000.00)
302010-581001	A4ATM09 - MIS Computer Equipment	\$ (0.46)
302013-581339	A3ATM12 - Police Night Vision	\$ (2,405.00)
302013-581457	A7FTM13 - Clerk Shelving	\$ (463.02)
302014-581423	A3ATM13 - Police Fencing	\$ (15,000.00)
302015-581528	A3ATM14 - IT Switches	\$ (131.26)
302016-581614	A3ATM15 - MIS Backup Device	\$ (461.00)
302016-581625	A3ATM15 - MIS Computers	\$ (15.26)
		\$ (46,101.00)


Increase	Highway Smoke & CO Alarm Detectors	\$ 14,000.00
	Fire Turnout Gear	\$ 32,101.00

; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Chief Financial Officer

Meeting dissolved on a motion by Philip B. Joinville, Jr. and seconded by Bruce E. Hopper at 7:26 PM.

A True Copy Attest:



Debra A. Gremo
Town Clerk