

Water Department Town Meeting Articles May 6-7, 2019



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ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote the salaries of the Elected Officials of the Town for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as follows and to act fully thereon.

Estimated cost: \$124,474. Selectmen (5) \$2,400 each Moderator \$1,000 **Water Commissioners (3) \$1,000 each** Library Trustees (7) \$1,000 each Town Clerk \$101,474 12

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO SET THE SALARIES FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH AN INCREASE FOR THE TOWN CLERK WHICH MATCHES THE INCOME LEVEL OF OTHER SIMILAR DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.
VOTE: YES-5, NO-2

FY20 WATER BUDGET

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow such sums of money as may be required to defray Water Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, and to act fully thereon. By request of the Water Commissioners and Superintendent.
Estimated cost: \$4,327,978

Explanation: Water Budget is an Enterprise operation funded from water rates and fees only.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO FUND THE ANNUAL OPERATION OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND THAT \$4,327,978 FROM WATER RECEIPTS BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. VOTE: YES-9, NO-0

PURCHASE/REPLACE MINI EXCAVATOR FOR WATER DEPARTMENT

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to purchase/replace a John Deere 35D Mini Excavator or

equivalent, and to act fully thereon. By request of the Water Commissioners and Superintendent. Estimated cost: \$64,000

Explanation: The existing John Deere 35D was purchased in 2005 and has over 5000 hours of use. It has been determined the Pins/Turntable need to be replaced which will cost more than \$11,000. The current trade in value for the machine is \$15,000. The replacement cost is \$64,000 with anticipated trade in value of \$14,000. The net cost is estimated at \$50,000.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO REPLACE A WORN-OUT AND WELL USED PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. WITH THIS EQUIPMENT THIS TYPE OF WORK CAN BE DONE IN-HOUSE AT A LOWER COST, AND WATER RECEIPTS REVENUE WILL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE. VOTE: YES-7, NO-0

PLEASANT LAKE AVENUE TANK – FULL REPLACEMENT

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to increase the diameter of the water main entering the Pleasant Lake Tank including vertical pipe at the base of the tank into the tank and minor structural modifications, and to act fully thereon. By request of the Water Commissioners and Superintendent. Estimated cost: \$300,000

Explanation: The existing 12" pipe fill pipe is undersized. When attempting to fill the tank pressure in the distribution system can exceed 120 PSI. As a result, the tank cannot be filled to its 1.5-million-gallon capacity and limits the ability to utilize the tank to control pumping operations.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW FOR THE FULL UTILIZATION OF THE CAPACITY OF THE TANK. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE WORK TO BE DONE MORE EFFICIENTLY AT A LOWER COST, AND WATER RECEIPTS WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURCHASE. VOTE: YES-7, NO-0

REPLACE THE T1 MAIN FACILITY GENERATOR AT CHATHAM ROAD

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to replace the T1 Main Facility Generator located on Old Chatham Road, and to act fully thereon. By request of the Water Commissioners and Superintendent. Estimated cost: \$65,000

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO REPLACE A WORN-OUT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. PAST FAILURES AT CRITICAL TIMES NECESSITATES THE NEED FOR REPLACEMENT. WATER RECEIPTS REVENUE WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURCHASE. VOTE: YES-7, NO-0

Explanation: The existing generator was installed in 2005 and has failed to operate in critical times of need multiple times in the past year. This generator is responsible for providing backup

power to the SCADA System (controls, monitors, & alarms for the water system) and 3 water production wells.

PURCHASE A 2019 FORD F-550 TRUCK

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sufficient sum of money to purchase a 2019 Ford F-550 or equivalent, and to act fully thereon. This vehicle will replace a 2005 F-350 Dump Truck. By request of the Water Commissioners and Superintendent. Estimated cost: \$76,551.

Explanation: The new vehicle is estimated to cost \$76,551 less anticipated trade in the value of \$6,551. The vehicle to be replaced has considerable rot to the frame & dump body. In the past year the oil pan and PTO that controls the dump body had to be replaced. It has been determined by the DPW's vehicle maintenance division the F-350 should be replaced due to the following: • Frame and body rust/rot is progressing rapidly. • Seat and seat belt attaching points are rotting. • The dump body has holes in the floor that will get larger with use. • The tailgate on the dump body does not fit correctly. • The subframe for the dump body is rotting. • The oil pan is rusty/flaking, will need replacement. Cab off procedure.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO FUND A NEW FORD F550 TRUCK WHICH IS ALSO USED EXTENSIVELY FOR TOWING WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND THAT \$70,000 BE USED FROM WATER RECEIPTS FOR THIS PURPOSE. VOTE: YES-8, NO-0

M.G.L./CHARTER /BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AMEND THE TOWN OF HARWICH - CHARTER TO THE WATER COMMISSION TO WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION

ARTICLE 35:

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.43B, §10 to amend Chapters 6 and 10 of the Town Charter, which amendment will be subject to approval by the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Election, as set forth below, with strikethrough text to be deleted and bold text to be inserted:

1. Amend Chapter 6, subsection

6-1-1, General Provisions, as follows: 6-1-1 The officers and town agencies to be elected by vote of the town shall be: a moderator, a town clerk, a board of selectmen as provided in chapter 3, members of the Monomoy regional school district committee, a water and wastewater commission, a board of library trustees, and a housing authority. 41

2. Amend Chapter 6, Section 6, Water Commission, as follows:

Section 6. Water and Wastewater Commission

6-6-1 A water and wastewater commission of 3 5 members shall be elected for 3-year overlapping terms.

6-6-2 The water and wastewater commission shall possess and exercise all powers given to this the board of water commissioners under chapter 165 of the acts of 1935, and boards of sewer commissioners under chapter 83 of the General Laws. The water and wastewater commission shall be responsible for the administration, maintenance and operation of the water and sewer systems and facilities.

6-6-3 The water and wastewater commission shall appoint a water and wastewater superintendent, and shall request this officer to cooperate with, and be responsive to, requests from who shall work cooperatively with the town administrator. the town administrator's office.

6-6-4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the board of selectmen shall be responsible for the design and construction of the town sewer systems and for implementation of the comprehensive wastewater management plan.

3. Amend Chapter 10, Additional Provisions, by inserting the following new section: Section 4. Water and Wastewater Commission Transition

10-4-1 The vote of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting to amend Section 6 of the Town Charter shall take effect upon approval by the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Election ("amendment").

10-4-2 As of the effective date of the amendment, the water commission shall have the additional powers, duties and responsibilities of a sewer commission under the general laws, except as otherwise specified in the amendment. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of the amendment shall be affected by the expansion of the powers and duties of the water commission, and the newly established water and wastewater commission shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the water commission. All records, property and equipment whatsoever of the water commission shall be assigned to the water and wastewater commission, and any appropriation for the operations of such water commission and water system, and for the sewer system, shall be available for expenditure by the water and wastewater commission consistent with the purposes for which such funds were appropriated.

10-4-3 Any incumbent elected water commissioner shall serve as a member of the water and wastewater commission for a period equivalent to the 42 remainder of their elected term, and shall be entitled to have the words "candidate for re-election" appear next to their name on the ballot if they choose to run for election to the water and wastewater commission while serving in that capacity. At the first annual town election held after the effective date of this Charter amendment, two additional offices of water and wastewater commissioner shall be included on the election warrant, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term; provided, however, that until said election, the water and wastewater commission shall be deemed to consist of three members. And to act fully thereon. By request of the Board of Selectmen and Water Commissioners.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO EXPAND THE WATER COMMISSION FROM A THREE MEMBER BOARD TO FIVE MEMBERS AND ADD THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT TO THAT BOARD. VOTE: YES-6, NO-0