

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 21, 2018**

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers as required by law, to be chosen by ballot.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

This article has been taken care of in the election of April 9, 2018.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote the following consent calendar of routine Annual Town Meeting Articles:

- A. To hear the report of the Town officers and act thereon;
- B. To authorize the Collector to use the same means which a Treasurer may use when acting as Collector;
- C. To hear and act on the report of any Committee and choose any Committee the Town may think proper;
- D. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allocated or to be allocated by the Commonwealth and/or the County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, pursuant to the terms of said funding.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town Adopt Article 2, as written.

Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds to continue and to set expenditure limits for said revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 44, §53E½:

	Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Expenditure
A	Town Nursing Program	Board of Health	Fees charged for flu clinics and other fee programs	Medical Supplies for clinics and other departmental programs	\$80,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
B	Vacant & Foreclosing Properties	Board of Health	Funds collected for the administration of Town of Somerset By-law concerning Vacant and Foreclosing Properties	Costs associated with administering the By-law and remediation & maintenance work per the By-law	\$20,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
C	Library's Lost and/or Damaged Materials Program	Board of Library Trustees	Fees charged for Lost and or Damaged library materials	Costs associated with the replacement of lost or damaged library materials	\$2,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
D	Hazardous Material	Board of Selectmen/Fire Department	Fees charged for disposal of Haz-Mat materials	Purchase of equipment or any Haz-Mat related expenses	\$10,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
E	Emergency Medical Services	Fire Chief	Fees charged for Emergency Medical Services	Purchase of Emergency Medical Services equipment, emergency vehicle payments, and salaries/wages of Emergency Medical Services Personnel and any other costs associated with the operation of Emergency Medical Services	\$1,400,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
F	Early Childhood Program	School Department	Receipts, Tuition and Enrollment Fees	Nurturing, care and education of young children enrolled in the program	\$75,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
G	Creative Arts Program	School Department	Receipts, Tuition and Enrollment Fees	Nurturing, care and education of young children enrolled in the program	\$20,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
H	School Choice	School Department	Receipts, Tuition and Enrollment Fees	Nurturing, care and education of young children enrolled in the program	\$200,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
I	Before & After School Care	School Department	Receipts, Tuition and Enrollment Fees	Nurturing, care and education of young children enrolled in the program	\$25,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019
J	Use of School Property	School Department	Receipts and Fees	Facilities rentals and operations	\$30,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2019

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made to waive the reading of the table in Article 2 by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Christopher Godet. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to adopt Article 3, as written. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Table II Compensation Plan for General Government Positions as set forth in the Consolidated Personnel By-law adopted under Article 3 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19,

1986, as last amended at this year's Special Town Meeting, by adopting and substituting the following Table effective July 1, 2018.

**TABLE II
FY 2019 COMPENSATION PLAN
General Government Positions**

GRADES	STEPS								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
M1	666.00	700.00	735.00	769.00	804.00	838.00	872.00	907.00	941.00
M2	770.00	811.00	852.00	893.00	934.00	975.00	1,016.00	1,057.00	1,098.00
M3	842.00	886.00	931.00	976.00	1,020.00	1,065.00	1,110.00	1,155.00	1,199.00
M4	936.00	1,004.00	1,072.00	1,140.00	1,208.00	1,277.00	1,345.00	1,413.00	1,481.00
M5	1,371.00	1,444.00	1,517.00	1,589.00	1,662.00	1,735.00	1,808.00	1,881.00	1,954.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made to waive the reading of the table in Article 4 by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote to amend Table II (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law, by adopting and substituting the provision set forth in Article 4, effective July 1, 2018.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Table II Compensation Plan for Public Utilities Positions as set forth in the Consolidated Personnel By-law adopted under Article 3 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 1986, as last amended at this year's Special Town Meeting, by adopting and inserting the following Table effective July 1, 2018.

**TABLE II
FY 2019 COMPENSATION PLAN
Public Utilities Positions
(Water & Sewer)**

GRADES	STEPS								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
M1	647.00	688.00	730.00	771.00	813.00	854.00	895.00	937.00	978.00
M2	821.00	865.00	908.00	952.00	996.00	1,039.00	1,083.00	1,126.00	1,170.00
M3	877.00	932.00	988.00	1,044.00	1,099.00	1,155.00	1,211.00	1,267.00	1,322.00
M4	1,090.00	1,159.00	1,229.00	1,299.00	1,369.00	1,439.00	1,508.00	1,578.00	1,648.00
M5	1,534.00	1,615.00	1,697.00	1,778.0	1,860.00	1,941.00	2,022.00	2,104.00	2,185.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made to waive the reading of Article 5 by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Water/Sewer Commissioner Joseph Bednarik and seconded by Roger Benevides that the Town vote to amend Table II (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law, by adopting and inserting the provisions set forth in Article 5, effective July 1, 2018. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish the annual salaries of its elected officers commencing July 1, 2018, as follows:

Town Moderator	\$500.00
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$6,000.00
Board of Selectmen, (2 members-each)	\$3,000.00
Board of Selectmen, Clerk	\$2,500.00
Board of Health, Chairman	\$2,500.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$3,950.00
Assessors, (2 members-each)	\$3,450.00
Town Clerk	\$59,290.00
Planning Board, (5 members-each)	\$500.00
Planning Board, Chairman	\$275.00
Planning Board, Clerk	\$275.00
Library Trustees, (6 members-each)	\$400.00
Library Trustee, Chairman	\$275.00
Library Trustee, Secretary	\$225.00
Playground & Recreation Commissioners, (5 members-each)	\$400.00
Playground & Recreation Commission, Chairman	\$275.00
Playground & Recreation Commission, Clerk	\$275.00
School Committee (5 members-each)	\$3,450.00
Water & Sewer Commissioners, Chairman	\$4,000.00
Water & Sewer Commissioners, (2 members-each)	\$3,500.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town so vote. There was no further discussion.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for the ensuing 12 month period beginning July 1, 2018, as follows:

A. GENERAL BUDGET

APPROPRIATION	PERSONAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
113 Town Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
114 Town Moderator	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
122 Selectmen	\$117,737.00	\$5,700.00	\$123,437.00
123 Town Administrator	\$221,600.00	\$14,530.00	\$236,130.00
124 Contingent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
131 A & F Committee	\$3,350.00	\$300.00	\$3,650.00
132 Reserve Fund	0	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
135 Town Accountant/Finance Director	\$193,837.00	\$2,930.00	\$196,767.00
136 Annual Audit	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
137 Computer	\$0.00	\$116,250.00	\$116,250.00
141 Assessors	\$118818.00	\$38,025.00	\$156,843.00
143 Tax Foreclosure	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
145 Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$255,940.00	\$56,175.00	\$312,115.00
151 Law Department	\$0.00	\$121,750.00	\$121,750.00
161 Town Clerk	\$106,384.00	\$4,050.00	\$110,434.00
162 Elec. & Regr.	\$15,000.00	\$25,900.00	\$40,900.00
171 Conservation Comm	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
175 Planning Board	\$6,550.00	\$875.00	\$7,425.00
176 Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,025.00	\$4,050.00	\$7,075.00
181 Economic Dev. Comm.	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
184 Cable Advisory	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
192 Town Office	\$48,852.00	\$40,700.00	\$89,552.00
193 Old Town Hall	\$0.00	\$6,205.00	\$6,205.00
195 Town Reports	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
198 Insurance (Health - Gen. Govt: \$3,167,500.00-Memo) (Health - School Dept: \$5,882,500.00-Memo)	\$0.00	\$9,589,880.00	\$9,589,880.00
199 FICA- General Government	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
199 FICA- School Department	\$0.00	\$205,000.00	\$205,000.00
205 Fire/Police Station	\$42,595.00	\$97,927.00	\$140,522.00
210 Police Department	\$2,667,619.00	\$161,475.00	\$2,829,094.00
215 E-911 Dispatch	\$431,004.00	\$11,369.00	\$442,373.00
220 Fire Department	\$1,736,412.00	\$86,775.00	\$1,823,187.00
241 Bldg. Insp./Zoning Agent	\$79,370.00	\$1,840.00	\$81,210.00
242 Gas & Plumbing	\$22,750.00	\$745.00	\$23,495.00
244 Sealer of Standards	\$3,300.00	\$190.00	\$3,490.00
245 Wiring Inspector	\$23,000.00	\$470.00	\$23,470.00
291 Emergency Mgmt.	\$6,000.00	\$1,660.00	\$7,660.00
292 Dog Officer	\$0.00	\$49,900.00	\$49,900.00
294 Tree Warden	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
295 Harbor Master	\$4,000.00	\$5,030.00	\$9,030.00
296 Insect Pest Control	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
299 Inspector of Animals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
420 Highway Department	\$680,075.00	\$120,329.00	\$800,404.00
423 Snow Removal	\$98,770.00	\$73,600.00	\$172,370.00
424 Street Lights	\$0.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00
425 Traffic Signal Maint.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
431 Landfill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
480 Vehicle Maint. Facility	\$118,660.00	\$322,050.00	\$440,710.00
510 Board of Health/Conservation	\$89,771.00	\$1,700.00	\$91,471.00
522 Town Nurse	\$45,650.00	\$475.00	\$46,125.00
541 Council on Aging	\$71,535.00	\$47,450.00	\$118,985.00
543 Veterans Benefits	\$55,673.00	\$292,300.00	\$347,973.00
544 Graves Registration	\$750.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,250.00
610 Libraries	\$400,697.00	\$147,892.00	\$548,589.00
630 Playground & Rec.	\$100,617.00	\$4,150.00	\$104,767.00
633 Public Outdoor Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
691 Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
692 Public Celebrations	\$0.00	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00

693 Military Buildings/Groups	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
694 American Legion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
695 VFW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
696 Mun & Hist Bldgs.	\$0.00	\$38,650.00	\$38,650.00
710 Maturing Debt - General Government	\$0.00	\$390,000.00	\$390,000.00
710 Maturing Debt - School Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
753 Interest Appropriation General Government	\$0.00	\$44,125.00	\$44,125.00
753 Interest Appropriation School Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
832 Contributory Retirement	\$0.00	\$3,267,189.00	\$3,267,189.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	\$7,769,841.00	\$15,927,461.00	\$23,697,302.00

	APPROVED FY 2018	PROPOSED FY 2019	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Personal Services	\$7,748,754.13	\$7,769,841.00	+\$21,086.87
Expenses	\$2,641,572.00	\$2,636,267.00	-\$5,305.00
Fixed Expenses	\$13,670,077.00	\$13,291,194.00	-\$378,883.00
TOTALS:	\$24,060,403.13	\$23,697,302.00	-\$363,101.13

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,697,302.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,697,302.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, for the purposes of the General Budget as designated and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a majority vote, the Moderator hearing 2 no votes.

APPROPRIATION

7B. School Dept. Budget

Personal Services	Operating Expenses	Total Appropriation
\$15,559,260.00	\$4,224,144.00	\$19,783,404.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,783,404.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Victor Machado and seconded by Lori Rothwell that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,783,404.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, for purposes of funding the Somerset Public School Department Budget as designated, and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Machado.

Vote: Motion carried by majority vote, the Moderator hearing 2 no votes.

APPROPRIATION

7C. Water and Water Pollution Control Enterprise Operations

	Personal Services	Operating Expenses	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
1. Water Dept.	\$934,267.00	\$2,098,702.00	
2. Water Pollution Control Dept.	\$880,502.00	\$2,097,740.00	

TOTAL

APPROPRIATION:

\$6,011,211.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,011,211.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, for the purposes of this article, and that the sum of \$5,974,374.00 be raised from Water Enterprise Fund Receipts, and the sum of \$36,837.00 be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund.

A motion was made by Water/Sewer Commissioner Roger Benevides and seconded by Commissioner Scott O'Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,011,211.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, for the purposes of this article, and that the sum of \$5,974,374.00 be raised from Water Enterprise Fund Receipts, and the sum of \$36,837.00 be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds additional sums of money for the following Town Departments, Accounts, or purposes:

APPROPRIATION	PERSONNEL SERVICES
#122 Selectmen	\$4,900.00
#135 Town Accountant	\$5,600.00
#141 Tax Assessor	\$9,220.00
#145 Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$4,900.00
#161 Town Clerk	\$2,675.00
#192 Town Office	\$150.00

#205 Fire/Police Station	\$1,775.00
#210 Police Department	\$4,900.00
#220 Fire Department	\$500.00
#241 Building Insp./Zoning Agent	\$2,600.00
#420 Highway Department	\$2,800.00
#510 Board of Health	\$1,650.00
#541 Council on Aging	\$9,775.00
#543 Veterans Benefits	\$1,600.00
#610 Libraries	\$10,120.00
#630 Playground & Rec.	\$975.00
Total:	\$64,140.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$64,140.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$64,140.00 for the purposes of this article as designated, and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Unused Sick Leave Account as provided in the Consolidated Personnel By-law, Article II, Employee Benefits, Section I, Sick Leave.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating expenses and capital expenses of the Somerset-Berkley Regional School District, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,898,111.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Richard Peirce, Somerset Berkley Regional School District, and seconded by Victor Machado that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,898,111.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of operating expenses (\$7,288,188.00) and capital expenses (\$1,609,923.00) for the Somerset Berkley Regional School District, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Peirce.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating expenses of the **Greater Fall River Vocational Technical High School District** as provided for by section 6 of chapter 697 of the Acts of 1962, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,060,679.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,060,679.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating expenses of the **Bristol County Agricultural School** as provided for by section 82 of chapter 6 of the Acts of 1991, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,340.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,340.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expense of **collecting and disposing of mixed solid waste, recyclables, yard waste, and white goods** and to determine whether pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E, the appropriation for said expense will be offset, in part or in the

aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charges for rubbish bags pursuant to Article 10 of the February 8, 1993, Special Town Meeting, as well as funds raised by taxation or transferred from available funds in the Treasury.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$600,000.00 be raised from "offset receipts" and that the sum of \$600,000.00 be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$600,000.00 be raised from "offset receipts", pursuant to MGL, chapter 44, section 53E, and that the sum of \$600,000.00 be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept chapter 73, section 4, of the Acts of 1986, as amended by chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, to allow an additional exemption which shall be uniform for a Surviving Spouse (Clause 17), for Veterans (Clause 22), for the Elderly (Clause 41C) and for the Blind (Clause 37), and none of which shall exceed seventy-five (75%) per cent of said exemptions for which they qualify for Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Assessor Donald Setters and seconded by Michael Correia that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring expert and legal services to assist the Town on issues relating to the valuation and taxation of existing and former electric and gas utilities and generating facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Assessor Donald Setters and seconded by Michael Correia that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund a sum of money to be expended during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Town's license agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund the sum of \$410,000.00, said funds to be expended during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Town's license agreement; or to take any other action relative thereto. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of cleaning, disposal, and replacement of two (2) chemical tanks at the Francis J. McCarthy #2 Well in Dighton, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Joseph Bednarik and seconded by Scott O'Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Bednarik.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new SUV command vehicle for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of performing traffic control enhancements in the Town of Somerset, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman McNamara that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Discussion followed by Mr. Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a Dump Truck with plow for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$145,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman McNamara that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$145,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of conducting "Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day", or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman McNamara that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a boat for the Harbor Master, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Discussion and a brief presentation followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of making retirement payments to a special fund for military service credit for employees on military leave of absence, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of performing a feasibility study to assess the existing capital needs of the Somerset Middle School, located at 1141 Brayton Avenue, Somerset, MA, for which feasibility study, under the direction of the Somerset Middle School Building Committee, the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The Advisory & Finance Committee by a majority does not recommend approval of this article. (Vote 5-3)

A motion was made by School Committeeman Michael Botelho and seconded by Victor Machado that the Town vote to appropriate the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand dollars (\$800,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the Somerset Middle School, located at 1141 Brayton Avenue, Somerset MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, 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 Building Committee and that said sum be transferred from Stabilization. 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 costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of funding authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Discussion followed by Mr. Botelho, Armand Cabral, Lloyd Mendes, Christopher Godet, Kathleen Gunning, David Wilder.

A motion was made to amend the motion by Victor Machado and seconded from the floor to read"that said sum be transferred as follows: \$500,000.00 from Undesignated Surplus and \$300,000.00 be transferred from Stabilization".... Discussion followed by Christopher Godet, Holly McNamara, Victor Machado. The Moderator called for the vote reminding the body that this amendment only needs to pass by a majority vote of those voting. Following a voice vote, the Moderator declared she was in doubt and asked the body for a standing vote.

Vote: Yes – 54, No – 106 Motion to amend failed by majority.

The Moderator opened the floor to further discussion on the original motion. Discussion followed by Lori Belche, Michael Botelho, Christina Wordell, Selectman Holly McNamara, Supt. Jeffrey Schoonover, Jessica Machado, Lori

Rothwell, Brian Michaud, Richard Peirce, Selectman Steven Moniz, Paul Cardin and Selectman David Berube. A motion was made to move the question. The Moderator will allow last 2 voters in line to speak then close to discussion. Further discussion followed by Tony Kucikas and Christopher Godet. Another motion to move the question was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded from the floor. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator reminds the body that this motion requires a 2/3 vote as the funding source is the Stabilization Account. A standing counted vote is called.

Vote: Yes – 147 No- 27 Motion carried by greater than a 2/3 vote.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of School Security Funding, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee by a majority recommends approval of this article. (Vote 6-2)

A motion was made by School Committeeman Andrew Crook and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purpose of funding additional security expenditures and associated expenses for the Somerset Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year, and that said sum be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Crook. The Moderator reminds the body that this motion requires a 2/3 vote as the funding source is the Stabilization Fund. A standing counted vote is called.

Vote: Y – 158, No – 0 Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining independent appraisals of properties that the Town may consider for purchase or other acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectmen McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum to be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Mrs. McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 27 : To see if the Town will vote to amend its “By-law Authorizing Denial or Revocation of Local License or Permit for Nonpayment of Local Taxes, Fees or Other Charges in the Town of Somerset”, originally adopted at the May 20, 2002, Annual Town Meeting and as subsequently amended, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 57, by inserting into the first paragraph the words “, and may periodically,” after the word “annually”, so that as amended that paragraph will read as follows:

(1) The Somerset Tax Collector or other Town officials responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments, and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the “Tax Collector”, shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each Town department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the “party”, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

A motion was made to waive the reading of Article 27 by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to support the designation of the new expansion project for Horner Millworks Corporation/North Atlantic Corporation as a Certified Project in an Economic Opportunity Area, and further to approve the Tax Increment Financing agreement for said project as negotiated by the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Board and Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

12 Year Proposal

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>ABATED</i>	<i>VALUE</i>	<i>VALUE</i>	<i>TAX RATE</i>	<i>TAXES</i>	<i>TAXES</i>
	<i>VALUE</i>	<i>ABATED</i>	<i>TAXED</i>		<i>SAVED</i>	<i>TO PAY</i>
2020	100	5900000	0	29.02	0	0
2021	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2022	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2023	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2024	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2025	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2026	60	3540000	2360000	29.02	102730.8	68487.2
2027	50	2950000	2950000	29.02	85609	85609
2028	40	2360000	3540000	29.02	68487.2	102730.8
2029	30	1770000	4130000	29.02	51365.4	119852.6
2030	20	1180000	4720000	29.02	34243.6	136974.4

2031	10	590000	5310000	29.02	17121.8	154096.2
2032	0	0	5900000	29.02	0	171218
TOTAL					\$ 873,211.80	\$ 1,181,404.20

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to support the designation of the new expansion project for Horner Millworks/North Atlantic Corporation, as a Certified Project in an Economic Opportunity Area, and further to approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement for said project as negotiated by the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Board and Board of Selectmen. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 29 : To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws chapter 64N, section 3, in order to impose a local excise tax on the retail sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town at the rate of three per cent (3%) of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products; the marijuana retailer shall pay the local sales tax imposed hereunder to the Commissioner of Revenue at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman McNamara that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a “By-law Relating to General Government Personnel Policies”:

All Boards, Departments, and Divisions of the Somerset General Government (i.e. not including the School Department and Regional School District) which act as appointing authority for the purpose of hiring and supervising personnel shall be bound by the personnel policies, regulations and procedures adopted by the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator from time to time, except to the extent subject to or modified by a collective bargaining agreement, an individual employment contract, or the Consolidated Personnel By-law.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of organizing and archiving historic records, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,857.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,857.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,105.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Historic Resources Fund, to the Town of Somerset to allow the Town Clerk to restore, preserve and protect four historic books: Volume 1 Vital Statistics; Volume 1 Index to Vital Statistics; Gibbs Cemetery Deed Book; and, the Palmer Street Cemetery Book, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner, and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total of \$35,000.00, of which \$13,395.00 will come from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Historic Resources Fund, and the remaining \$21,605.00 will come from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve Fund, to the Town of Somerset to allow the Town Clerk to organize, shelve, and archive significant historic records of the Town filed prior to 1978, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner, and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total of \$25,000.00, of which \$21,500.00 will come from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Open Space Fund, and the remaining \$3,500.00 will come from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve Fund, to the Playground and Recreation Department for the purpose of removing and replacing the infield on Field #1 at the Ashton Sports Complex, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner, and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total of \$20,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve Fund to the Playground and Recreation Department for the purpose of removing and replacing the infield on Field #3 at the Ashton Sports Complex, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$13,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve Fund to the Playground and Recreation Department for the purpose of rehabilitating and reconfiguring the existing basketball courts at the Village School playground, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner, and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$73,054.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve Fund to the Playground and Recreation Department for the purpose of removing and replacing the playground equipment at Waterfront Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner, and Selectman McNamara. A motion was made by Ms.

McNamara and seconded from the floor to indefinitely postpone Article 37. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner, Ms. Mcnamara, Steve Boland, Missy Stevens, David Berube, Jessica Machado, and Lori Belche.

The Moderator reminds the body that this motion requires a simple majority vote and asks for a standing counted vote

Vote: Yes – 46 No – 39 Motion to indefinitely postpone carries by majority vote.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate reservation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses: \$11,215.00

Reserves

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve: \$22,430.00

From FY 2019 estimated revenues from Community Housing Reserve: \$22,430.00

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve: \$22,430.00

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve: \$145,795.00

or take any other action thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

A motion was made by Timothy Turner, Community Preservation Commissioner and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate and reserve those sums as stated in Article 38. There was no discussion.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by several from the floor to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Somerset at 9:17 pm.

A true copy attest;

**Dolores Berge, CMMC
Town Clerk**