

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 16, 2022**

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by the Town Moderator Lucia Casey following a brief presentation by the Interim Town Administrator Michael Gallagher.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers as required by law, to be chosen by ballot.  
**This article has been taken care of in the election of April 11, 2022.**

**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.**

**Motion Article 2: A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town adopt Article 2, as written and recommended. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to establish expenditure limits for revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 44, section 53E½ as shown herein, or take any action relative thereto:

	<b>Revolving Account</b>	<b>Spending Authority</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Allowed Expenses</b>	<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	<b>Year End Expenditure</b>
A	Town Nursing Program	Board of Health	Fees charged for flu clinics and other fee programs	The costs of purchasing medical supplies in conjunction with conducting flu clinics, rabies clinics and other departmental programs and for any purposes incidental thereto, and wages and associated costs	\$80,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2023
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 2023
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 2023
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 2023
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	\$1,600,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2023
F	Early Childhood Program	School Department	Receipts, Tuition and Enrollment Fees	Nurturing, care and education of young children enrolled in the program	\$100,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2023
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 2023
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 2023
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 2023
J	Use of School Property	School Department	Receipts and Fees	Facilities rentals and operations	\$30,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2023
K	Technology Revolving Fund	School Department	Fees charged for technology insurance and devices	Technology insurance replacement parts or full device replacement	\$25,000	Available for expenditure fiscal 2023

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 3: A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to adopt Article 3, as written. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called**

**for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the annual salaries of its elected officers commencing July 1, 2022, as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Town Moderator	\$500.00
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$6,000.00
Board of Selectmen, (2 members-each)	\$6,000.00
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	\$75,234.00
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. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 4:** A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to adopt Article 4, as written. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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, 2022 as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

**A. GENERAL BUDGET**

APPROPRIATION	PERSONNEL SERVICES	EXPENSES	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
113 Town Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
114 Town Moderator	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
122 Selectmen	\$141,560.00	\$9,592.00	\$151,152.00
123 Town Administrator	\$208,000.00	\$16,835.00	\$224,835.00
124 Contingent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
131 A & F Committee	\$3,350.00	\$300.00	\$3,650.00
132 Reserve Fund	0	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
135 Town Accountant/Finance Director	\$216,026.00	\$18,074.00	\$234,100.00
136 Annual Audit	\$0.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
137 Computer	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
141 Assessors	\$167,626.00	\$53,445.00	\$221,071.00
143 Tax Foreclosure	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
145 Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$315,981.00	\$76,700.00	\$392,681.00
151 Law Department	\$0.00	\$262,750.00	\$262,750.00
161 Town Clerk	\$153,510.00	\$6,650.00	\$160,160.00
162 Elec. & Regr.	\$21,500.00	\$31,244.00	\$52,744.00
171 Conservation Comm	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
175 Planning	\$6,550.00	\$1,345.00	\$7,895.00
176 Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,025.00	\$3,800.00	\$6,825.00
181 Economic Dev. Comm.	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
184 Cable Advisory	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
192 Town Office	\$56,037.00	\$44,000.00	\$100,037.00
193 Old Town Hall	\$0.00	\$6,450.00	\$6,450.00
195 Town Reports	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
198 Insurance (Health - Gen. Govt: \$) (Health - School Dept: \$)	\$0.00	\$8,798,000.00	\$8,798,000.00
199 FICA-	\$0.00	\$420,000.00	\$420,000.00
205 Fire/Police Station	\$52,510.00	\$121,993.00	\$174,503.00
210 Police Department	\$3,228,511.00	\$189,600.00	\$3,418,111.00
215 E-911 Dispatch	\$513,016.00	\$11,500.00	\$524,516.00
220 Fire Department	\$2,063,900.00	\$111,965.00	\$2,175,865.00
241 Bldg. Insp./Zoning Agent	\$101,298.00	\$1,805.00	\$103,103.00
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	\$4,600.00	\$10,600.00
292 Dog Officer	\$0.00	\$65,377.00	\$65,377.00
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	\$746,298.00	\$136,379.00	\$882,677.00
423 Snow Removal	\$98,770.00	\$76,230.00	\$175,000.00
424 Street Lights	\$0.00	\$126,000.00	\$126,000.00
425 Traffic Signal Maint.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
431 Landfill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
480 Vehicle Maint. Facility	\$124,590.00	\$360,150.00	\$484,740.00
510 Board of Health/Conservation	\$113,401.00	\$11,100.00	\$124,501.00
522 Town Nurse	\$0.00	\$50,069.00	\$50,069.00
541 Council on Aging	\$107,254.00	\$47,835.00	\$155,089.00
543 Veterans Benefits	\$94,432.00	\$277,170.00	\$371,602.00
544 Graves Registration	\$750.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,250.00
610 Libraries	\$482,144.00	\$175,298.00	\$657,442.00
630 Playground & Rec.	\$127,167.00	\$4,400.00	\$131,567.00
633 Public Outdoor Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
691 Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
692 Public Celebrations	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
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	\$32,800.00	\$32,800.00
710 Maturing Debt - General Government	\$0.00	\$355,000.00	\$355,000.00
710 Maturing Debt - School Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
753 Interest Appropriation General Government	\$0.00	\$9,820.00	\$9,820.00
832 Contributory Retirement	\$0.00	\$4,167,351.00	\$4,167,351.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.</b>	<b>\$9,206,756.00</b>	<b>\$16,587,102.00</b>	<b>\$25,793,858.00</b>

	<b>Approved FY22</b>	<b>Proposed FY23</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>
<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$9,097,579.00</b>	<b>\$9,206,756.00</b>	<b>\$109,177.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,955,621.00</b>	<b>\$3,230,691.00</b>	<b>\$275,070.00</b>
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,773,206.00</b>	<b>\$13,356,411.00</b>	<b>\$583,205.00</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$24,826,406.00</b>	<b>\$25,793,858.00</b>	<b>\$967,452.00</b>

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,793,858.00 for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$25,293,858.00 be raised from taxation and the sum of \$500,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)

*Motion Article 5A: A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,793,858.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, for the purposes of funding the General Budget as written in the article, and that the sum of \$25,293,858.00 be raised from taxation and that the sum of \$500,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash for said purposes. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**APPROPRIATION**

<b>5B. School Dept. Budget</b>	<b>Approved FY22</b>	<b>Proposed FY23</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>
	<b>\$21,805,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,777,525.00</b>	<b>\$972,525.00</b>

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,777,525.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. (8-0)

*Motion Article 5B: A motion was made by School Committee member Robert Gaw and seconded by Victor Machado that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,777,525.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, for the purposes of funding the Somerset Public School Department Budget as written in the article, and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Gaw. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**APPROPRIATION**

**5C. Water and Water Pollution Control Enterprise Operations**

	<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>
<b>1. Water Dept.</b>	<b>\$1,102,340.00</b>	<b>\$2,256,175.00</b>	<b>\$3,358,515.00</b>
<b>2. Water Pollution Control Dept.</b>	<b>\$1,034,645.00</b>	<b>\$2,249,378.00</b>	<b>\$3,284,023.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$6,642,538.00</b>

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,642,538.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Receipts. (8-0)  
**Motion Article 5C:** A motion was made by Water/Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Cadorette that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,642,538.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, for the purposes of funding the Water and Water Pollution Control Enterprise Operations and that the sum of \$6,642,538.00 be raised from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Receipts. Discussion followed by Mr. O'Brien. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 6:** 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 the August 3, 2020, Annual Town Meeting, by adopting and substituting the following Table effective July 1, 2022, or take any action relative thereto.

**TABLE II  
 FY 2023 COMPENSATION PLAN  
 General Government Positions**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
M1	699.70	735.42	772.19	807.91	844.68	880.40	916.12	952.89	988.61	1,008.39	1,028.56	1,049.13
M2	808.96	852.04	895.11	938.19	981.26	1,024.34	1,067.41	1,110.48	1,153.56	1,176.63	1,200.17	1,224.17
M3	884.61	930.83	978.11	1,025.39	1,071.61	1,118.89	1,166.17	1,213.44	1,259.67	1,284.86	1,310.56	1,336.78
M4	983.36	1,054.80	1,126.24	1,197.68	1,269.12	1,341.62	1,413.06	1,484.50	1,555.94	1,587.05	1,618.80	1,651.17
M5	1,440.37	1,517.07	1,593.76	1,669.40	1,746.10	1,822.79	1,899.48	1,976.18	2,052.87	2,093.93	2,135.81	2,178.52

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)  
**Motion Article 6:** A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to amend Table II (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law, by adopting and substituting the provisions set forth in Article 6, effective July 1, 2022. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 7:** 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 the August 3, 2020, Annual Town Meeting, by adopting and substituting the following Table effective July 1, 2022, or take any action relative thereto.

**TABLE II  
 FY 2023 COMPENSATION PLAN  
 Public Utilities Positions**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
M1	679.74	722.81	766.94	810.01	854.14	897.21	940.29	984.41	1,027.49	1,048.04	1,069.00	1,090.38
M2	862.54	908.77	953.94	1,000.17	1,046.40	1,091.57	1,137.80	1,182.98	1,229.20	1,253.79	1,278.87	1,304.44
M3	921.38	979.16	1,037.99	1,096.83	1,154.61	1,213.44	1,272.28	1,331.11	1,388.89	1,416.67	1,445.01	1,473.91
M4	1,237.61	1,330.06	1,423.56	1,516.02	1,608.47	1,731.39	1,794.42	1,886.88	1,980.38	2,019.98	2,060.38	2,101.59
M5	1,611.62	1,696.72	1,782.87	1,867.97	1,954.12	2,039.21	2,124.31	2,210.46	2,295.56	2,341.47	2,388.30	2,436.06

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)  
**Motion Article 7:** A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town so vote to amend Table II (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law, by adopting and substituting the provisions set forth in Article 7, effective July 1, 2022. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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	\$3,748.00
#135 Town Accountant	\$6,166.00
#141 Tax Assessor	\$3,934.00
#145 Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$6,458.00
#161 Town Clerk (Assistant Town Clerk)	\$1,794.00
Town Clerk	\$2,257.00
#192 Town Office	\$1,596.00
#205 Fire/Police Station	\$1,533.00
#220 Fire Department	\$1,689.00

#241 Building Insp./Zoning Agent	\$3,040.00
#420 Highway Department	\$4,428.00
#480 Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,032.00
#510 Board of Health/Conservation	\$3,195.00
#541 Council on Aging	\$1,930.00
#543 Veterans Benefits	\$2,666.00
#610 Libraries	\$9,706.00
#630 Playground & Rec.	\$1,930.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$58,102.00</b>

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,102.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)

*Motion Article 8: A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,102.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of adjusting the compensation of Consolidated Personnel By-law employees for Public Utilities in the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2023, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

*Motion Article 9: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of adjusting the compensation of Consolidated Personnel By-law employees for Public Utilities in the Water Pollution Control Department for Fiscal Year 2023, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

*Motion Article 10: A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating and capital expenses of the Somerset Berkley Regional School District, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset and with said assessment subject to the Town's approval of the Amended Agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

**APPROPRIATION**

**11. Somerset Berkley Regional School District**

Approved FY22	Proposed FY 23	Increase / (Decrease)
\$10,096,542.00	\$9,986,304.00	(\$110,238.00)

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,986,304.00 for the purposes of this article and that sum be raised from taxation. (8-0)

*Motion Article 11: A motion was made by Somerset/Berkley Regional School Committee member Richard Fenstermaker and seconded by Victor Machado that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,986,304.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of operating expenses (\$8,379,308.00) and capital expenses (\$1,606,996.00) 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. Fenstermaker. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds such sums 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, or take any action relative thereto:

**APPROPRIATION**

**12. Greater Fall River Vocational Technical High School District**

Approved FY22	Proposed FY23	Increase/(Decrease)
\$1,472,379.00	\$1,566,543.00	\$94,164.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,566,543.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. (8-0)

*Motion Article 12: A motion was made by Diman Superintendent Elvio Ferreira and seconded by several members of the voting body from the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,566,543.00 for the purpose of funding the*

**Town's assessment for the Greater Fall River Vocational Technical High School District and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Superintendent Ferreira. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds such sums 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, or take any action relative thereto:

**APPROPRIATION**

**13. Bristol County Agricultural School**

Approved FY 22	Proposed FY23	Increase/(Decrease)
<b>\$158,340.00</b>	<b>\$211,524.00</b>	<b>\$53,184.00</b>

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$211,524.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from taxation. (8-0)

**Motion Article 13:** A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$211,524.00 for the purposes of funding the Town's assessment for the Bristol County Agricultural School and that said sum be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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 charged 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, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that the sum of \$850,000.00 be raised from "offset receipt" and that the sum of \$750,000.00 be raised from taxation. (8-0)

**Motion Article 14:** A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that the sum of \$850,000.00 be raised from "offset receipts" pursuant to MGL chapter 44, section 53E, and that the sum of \$750,000.00 be raised from taxation. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Special Revenue Fund a sum of money to be expended during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Town's license agreement, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements of up to ten years or such lesser terms as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town for the expenditure of such funds for the provision of PEG community access television services, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)

**Motion Article 15:** A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund the sum of \$335,000.00, said fund to be expended during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Town's license agreement and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements of up to ten year or such lesser terms as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town for the expenditure of such funds as written. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**A motion was made by Patrick MacDonald and seconded by several from the floor that there be no reconsideration of Articles 1 through 15. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 16:** 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 a comprehensive pay and classification study for non-union staff, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1.Board of Selectmen	Conduct a Comprehensive Pay and Classification Study for Non-union Staff	\$25,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee by a majority does not recommend approval of this article. (7-1) An amendment to this recommendation was made by A&F Chairman Michael Pasternak following a meeting of the A&F Board prior to Town Meeting that the A&F Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of this article and that \$25,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash.

**Motion Article 16:** A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless, Kimberly Michaud – 222 Highview Avenue, Christopher Godet – 70 Dawns Terrace, Selectman Smith, Michael Pasternak, Selectman Vaught, and Robert Gaw. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**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 updating and redesigning the Town's website; including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Board of Selectmen	Town Website Updates	\$20,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 17: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 implementing on-line permitting; including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Board of Selectmen	Implement On-line Permitting	\$60,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 18: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 replacing twenty-five (25) desktop computers and printers, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Board of Selectmen	Replacement of Aging Desktop Computers & Printers	\$25,000.00

**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 transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 19: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing not further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 implementing on-line citizens engagement portals, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Board of Selectmen	Implement on-line Citizens Engagement Portals	\$40,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 20: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum money for the purpose, of replacing the playground at Waterfront Park located at 354 Main Street in Somerset, MA including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Board of Selectmen	Replace Playground at Waterfront Park	\$120,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 21: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless, Dennis Viveiros – 3096 Riverside Avenue, Jessica Machado – 91 Washington Avenue. A motion was made by Ms. Machado that this article be indefinitely postponed until the Board of Selectmen decide on a location. There was a second from the floor. Discussion followed on the motion of indefinite postponement by Selectman Vaught, Victor Machado, Selectman Lawless, Ed Souza – 130 Pocasset Street, Selectman Smith, Steve Moniz – 618 Brayton Point Road who made a motion to move the question on indefinite postponement. The motion failed by a standing majority vote as declared by the Moderator. Discussion followed on the original motion by Robert Gaw. A motion was made by Mr. Gaw that the motion be amended to state the park be replaced at Waterfront Park and there were several seconds from the floor. The Moderator clarified for the body that the Motion would read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the playground at Waterfront Park and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. A motion was made to move the question from the floor and seconded by several. The Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote to accept Article 21 as amended.***

**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 completing renovations at fire station 2 located on Brayton Point Road in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto

Department	Description	Amount
1.Fire Department	Fire Station 2 Renovation located on Brayton Point Road in Somerset, MA	\$70,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 22: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 purchasing a utility vehicle for the Fire Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1.Fire Department	Purchase Utility Vehicle for Fire Department	\$70,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 23: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Vaught that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 replacing the boiler at the Highway facility located at 1263 Brayton Point Road in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Highway Department	Replacing the Boiler at the Highway facility located at 1263 Brayton Point Road in Somerset, MA	\$180,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$180,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 24: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$180,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless.***

**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 purchasing two (2) trucks for the Somerset Highway Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Highway Department	Purchasing two (2) Trucks for the Highway Department	\$165,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 25: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Ed Souza and seconded by Steve Moniz that there be no reconsideration of Articles 16-25. The 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 replacing the HVAC and roof at the Somerset Public Library, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Library	Replace HVAC & Roof at Somerset Public Library Building	\$300,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 26: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless and Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of weatherization improvements at the Somerset Public Library, located at 1464 County Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1.Library	Weatherization Improvements at the Somerset Public Library Building	\$30,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 27: A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free***

**Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Lawless. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of installing LED lighting at the Somerset Public Library, located at 1464 County Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Library	Install LED Lighting at Somerset Public Library	\$45,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 28: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of replacing the rugs at the Somerset Public Library, located at 1464 County Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Library	Replace Rugs at Somerset Public Library	\$100,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 29: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught, Jessica Machado – 91 Washington Avenue, Diane Perry, Library Director and Ed Souza – 130 Pocasset Street. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.**

**Article 30:** 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 three (3) police cruisers for the Somerset Police Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Police Department	Purchasing Three (3) Police Cruisers	\$165,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 30: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a 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 installing security fencing at the Somerset Police station, located at 465 County Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Police Department	Install Security Fencing at Somerset Police Station	\$137,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend this article following a meeting with the Board of Selectmen prior to Town Meeting and that said \$137,000.00 be transferred from free cash.**

**Motion Article 31: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$137,000.00 for the purpose of as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught, Victor Machado, Christopher Godet – 97 Dawn’s Terrace, Chief Todd Costa, Ed Souza – 130 Pocasset Street, who made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded by several from the floor and it was voted unanimous. The Moderator called for the vote on the original motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of replacing all flooring on the first floor at the Somerset Police station, located at 465 County Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Police Department	Replacing All Flooring on the First Floor at the Police Station	\$34,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 32: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of replacing fifty (50) pistols at the Somerset Police Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Police Department	Replace Pistols	\$21,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 33: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 34:** 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 three (3) mobile speed signs for the Somerset Police Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Police Department	Purchase Mobile Speed Signs	\$11,000.00

**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 Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 34: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 35:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of installing gutters & downspouts at the Somerset Council on Aging complex located at 115 Wood Street in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs and expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Council on Aging	Install gutters & downspouts at Council on Aging Complex	\$14,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 35: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught, Jeff Kardel – 758 Brayton Point Road, Selectman Smith, Ed Souza – 130 Pocasset Street, Anthony Kucikas – 194 Colonial Drive, Kathy Souza and Selectman Vaught. After much discussion regarding this article and Article 56 of this warrant, a motion was made by Ed Souza and seconded by Selectman Vaught to amend Article 35 to authorize the painting before the gutters (if Article 56 passes). Following discussion on the amended motion by Interim Town Administrator Michael Gallagher, Mr. Souza withdrew the motion to amend as well as Mr. Vaught withdrawing his 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hearing no further discussion on the original motion for Article 35, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 36:** 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 qualified professional(s) to assist the Town on issues relating to Stormwater Management compliance measurers, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Highway Department	Storm Water MS4 Management & Compliance	\$23,303.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,303.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 36: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,303.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, The Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of infrastructure maintenance and upgrades to the Town’s storm water system, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Highway Department	Storm Waster Infrastructure Maintenance & Upgrades	\$80,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)**

***Motion Article 37: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 38:** To see if the Town will to create a Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 5B, for the purpose of funding certain capital improvements in the Town including any design, engineering, construction, and any incidental or related costs or expenses, and to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding such stabilization fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to approve this article and to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Free Cash. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 38:** A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to establish a Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund as set forth in this article, and further, to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000.00 for purpose of-funding the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund so created, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught, Lloyd Mendes – 46 Anawan Street, Interim Town Administrator Michael Gallagher, Christopher Godet – 76 Dawn’s Terrace, W&S Commissioner Scott O’Brien, A&F member Paul Cogley – 159 Main Street, Joseph Fingliss – 121 Shand Court Circle, Selectman Smith, Town Counsel Atty. Matt Feher, Mr. Godet, Victor Machado, and Robert Gaw. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 40U in its entirety, allowing for the administration of fines as a result of violations of any rule, regulation, order, or by-law; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to approve this article. (8-0)

**Motion Article 39:** A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 40U in its entirety. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 40:** 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 and equipping one (1) new pickup utility service truck for the Water Pollution Control Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) New Pickup Utility Service Truck	\$80,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

**Motion Article 40:** A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Steve Cadorette and seconded by several from the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Cadorette, Lloyd Mendes – 46 Anawan Street. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 41:** 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 and equipping one (1) Yard Utility Vehicle for the Water Pollution Control Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Purchase and Equip One (1) Yard Utility Vehicle	\$20,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

**Motion Article 41:** A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Cadorette and seconded by Commissioner O’Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Cadorette. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 42:** 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 and equipping one (1) Vacuum Trailer for the Water Pollution Control Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) Vacuum Trailer	\$125,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

**Motion Article 42:** A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Cadorette and seconded by Commissioner O’Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Cadorette. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 43:** 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 and equipping one (1) six (6) inch trash pump for the Water Pollution Control Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) 6” Trash Pump	\$5,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)

**Motion Article 43:** A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Cadorette and seconded by Commissioner O’Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner

**Cadorette. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 44:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to furnish and install two (2) chemical storage tanks at the Water Pollution Control Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Furnish and Install two (2) chemical storage tanks	\$60,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 44: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Bednarik and seconded by Selectman Smith and others that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Bednarik. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of upgrading the existing SCDA System at the Water Pollution Control facility, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Pollution Control Department	Upgrades to Existing SCDA System	\$10,000.00

**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 retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 45: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Bednarik and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Bednarik. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 46:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of providing the Town’s share to match a grant from the EES Dam and Seawall program to make safety improvements to the Somerset Reservoir behind the Water Department located at 3249 county Street, in Somerset, MA, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Department	Reservoir - Safety Improvement Phase 1	\$250,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 46: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Bednarik and seconded by Commissioner O’Brien that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Bednarik. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 47:** 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 and equipping one (1) Pickup Utility Service Truck for the Water Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) New Pickup Utility Service Truck	\$80,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 47: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner O’Brien and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprises Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O’Brien. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 48:** 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 and equipping one (1) Trailer Mounted Towable Compressor with Accessories for the Water Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) New Trailer Mounted Towable Compressor with Accessories	\$35,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. (8-0)**

**Motion Article 48: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner O’Brien and seconded by Commissioner Cadorette that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprises Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O’Brien. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 49:** 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 and equipping one (1) Yard Utility Vehicle for the Water Department, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Description	Amount
1. Water Department	Purchase and Equip one (1) Yard Utility Vehicle	\$20,000.00

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.**

***Motion Article 49: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Commissioner Cadorette and others that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprises Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O'Brien. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Jessica Machado and seconded from the floor to revisit Article 31. Discussion followed by Ms. Machado, the Town Moderator, Richard Peirce – 15 Saddlebrook Terrace, and Kathy Souza – 130 Pocasset Street. No further action was taken on Article 31.**

**A motion was made from the floor and seconded by several members of the voting body not to revisit Articles 31-49. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Article 50:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to carry out changes for Fiscal Year 2023 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting. The Advisory and Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article and that the sum of \$76, 191.00 be transferred from Free Cash.**

***Motion Article 50: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$76,191.00 to fund the first year of the cost items associated with the agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters for the period of 7/1/22 to June 30, 2024, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught, Ed Souza – 130 Pocasset Street, Interim Town Administrator Michael Gallagher, and Fire Chief Jamison Barros. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 51:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to carry out changes for Fiscal Year 2023 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Highway Department Union, Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends Indefinite Postponement of Article 51.**

***Motion Article 51: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 52:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to carry out changes for Fiscal Year 2023 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Department Union – Local 1701, State, Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends Indefinite Postponement of Article 52.**

***Motion Article 52: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 53:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to carry out changes for Fiscal Year 2023 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Pollution Control Union – Local 1701, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends Indefinite Postponement of Article 53.**

***Motion Article 53: A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$125,000.00 of which \$34,208.40 will come from the Community Preservation Historical Reserve Fund and \$45,791.60 will come from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Fund and \$45,000.00 from Free Cash for the restoration of the entrance to the Old Town Hall located at 1480 County Street in Somerset, MA, such project to include construction of an accessible entrance, improvements to the parking with a new handicapped parking configuration, replacement of the existing accessible entrance on the south side of the building, replacement of the ramp and other modifications to be determined during the design of the project, including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 54: A motion was made by CPC Member Timothy Turner and seconded by several members of the voting body that the Town vote to adopt Article 54, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$120,000.00 of which \$34,198.40 will come from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Funds and \$45,801.60 will come from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Fund and \$40,000.00 from Free Cash for the removal and replacement of the existing playground equipment and basketball court at the South Complex Field Playground on Hot and Cold Lane in Somerset, MA, including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 55: A motion was made by CPC Member Timothy Turner and seconded by several members of the voting body that the Town vote to adopt Article 55, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by Victor Machado to waive the reading of Article 56. The motion was voted unanimous.**

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$120,000.00 of which \$80,000.00 will come from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Funds and \$40,000.00 will come from Free Cash for removal of the existing chipped and cracked paint and the repainting of the entire trim located around the top of the outside portion of the Council On Aging building (formerly known as the Potterville School) located at 115 Wood Street in Somerset, MA., including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 56: A motion was made by CPC member Timothy Turner and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to adopt Article 56, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by Victor Machado to waive the reading of Article 57. The motion was voted unanimous.**

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$75,000.00 of which \$67,792.60 will come from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Fund and \$7,207.40 will come from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds for restoration of the façade, trim and building envelope located at the Quaker Meeting House, 223 Prospect Street in Somerset, MA, including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 57: A motion was made by CPC member Timothy Turner and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to adopt Article 57, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by several on the floor to waive the reading of Article 58. The motion was voted unanimous.**

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$23,375.00, which will come from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund, to move the pitcher's mound closer to home plate, replace the infield mix, configure the field for 60' and 70' layouts, install new base anchors, back screened loam and seed to all renovation areas, laser grade and roll the field for a finished surface, install a new home plate and weed and edge the baseball field while disposing all excess material from the site at the former Pottersville School baseball field located at 115 Wood Street in Somerset, MA, including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 58: A motion was made by CPC member Timothy Turner and seconded from the floor by several members of the voting body that the Town vote to adopt Article 58, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by several on the floor to waive the reading of Article 59. The motion was voted unanimous.**

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, to appropriate the total sum of \$13,000.00, which will come from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund, to replace the existing backstop, rebuild the dugout bull pen's, replace the fabric on Field #2, replacing any damaged and rusted exiting fences, straightening or replacing of existing fence poles and re-cementing poles that have heaved from the frost, located at Ashton Field, 90 Olympic Road in Somerset, MA, including but not limited to site preparation, equipment, furnishings and any other incidental and related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 59: A motion was made by CPC member Timothy Turner and seconded from the floor by several members of the voting body that the Town vote to adopt Article 59, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by several on the floor to waive the reading of Article 60. The motion was voted unanimous.**

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2023 estimated annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Committee administrative purposes and other expenses in fiscal year 2023, reservations for each of the three purposes of the law in accord with MGL chapter 44B, section 6, and any other purposes recommended by the Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation or reservation:

Appropriations:

Committee Administrative Expenses: \$14,000.00

Reserves:

Historic Resources Reserve: \$41,364.00

Community Housing Reserve: \$41,364.00

Open Space Reserve: \$41,364.00

FY2023 Budgeted Reserve: \$275,548.00

or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)**

**The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (7-0)**

***Motion Article 60: A motion was made by CPC member Timothy Turner and seconded from the floor by several members of the voting body that the Town vote to adopt Article 60, as written. Discussion followed by Mr. Turner. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**A motion was made by Selectman Smith that Articles 50 through 60 not be revisited. The motion was seconded by several and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**With all articles of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant having been acted on, the Moderator entertained a motion to dissolve the meeting. A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by several members of the voting body to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 9:29 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Attendance: 133**

**A true copy attest;**

**Dolores Bence, CMMC  
Town Clerk**