

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, the 15th Day of June 2020

The Annual Town meeting of the Town of Foxborough convened at 7:37 PM in the auditorium of the Foxborough Senior High School, 120 South Street, Foxborough, Massachusetts with Town Moderator Francis J. Spillane presiding. The Reverend William Dudley of Union Church delivered the invocation. Larry Ooi from the Advisory Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert E. Cutler, Jr., Town Clerk, read the Warrant and Return.

There were two hundred and two (202) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being one hundred (100) registered voters].

ARTICLE 1: Town Clerk, Robert E. Cutler, Jr. reported on the election of Town Officials which was held on Monday, June 8, 2020. The results of the following positions were announced by Town Warden Kathleen Brady at the John J. Ahern Middle School: one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one School Committee Members for three years; one Water & Sewer Commissioner for three years; one Board of Health member for three years; one Board of Health member for one year; two Boyden Library Trustees for three years; two Planning Board member for three years; one Housing Authority Member for five years; and one Housing Authority Member for one year.

ARTICLE 2: 241st Annual Town Report of the Town Officers of Foxborough, Massachusetts together with the report of the School Department and Town Accountant/Finance Director for the year ending December 31, 2019 was made available prior to the Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE 3: MOVED, to hear the report of any committee and act thereon, and to choose any committee that may be wanted, and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute such sums of money deemed necessary for expenses of any committee chosen under this article; or take any other action related thereto. No departments requested to provide reports to the town meeting attendees.

ARTICLE 4: MOVED, that the Town vote the compensation for elected officials and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds the sums of money herein specified and requested for the operation of various town boards, officers, commissions and departments of the Town during the Fiscal Year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 as follows:

Taxation, State Aid & Local Receipts	70,299,613
Ambulance Receipts	1,408,619
Recreation Revolving	61,367
Water Receipts	7,202,258
Water Retained Earnings	677,867
Sewer Receipts	1,673,765
Sewer Retained Earnings	169,435
General Fund Free Cash	900,000
Overlay Surplus	1,000,000
Excess Closeout	460,000
Total	\$83,852,924

MOTION TO AMEND Moved to reduce each department expense budget listed in the requested budget document by ten percent (10%) and school budget by \$374,991.

MOTION TO AMEND NOT ADOPTED 12 Affirmative 194 Negative 9:23 P.M.

MAIN BUDGET MOTION

ADOPTED 192 Affirmative 7 Negative 9:23 P.M.

FUNDING SOURCES

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 193 Affirmative 0 Negative 9:27 P.M.

ARTICLE 5: MOVED, that the Town transfer from available funds and appropriate the sums of money herein specified and requested for the purposes herein listed in Schedule A in order to implement the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Budget requested for Town Departments for expenditures within the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as follows:

DEPARTMENT	CIP FY 21	
	AdComm Recommend	Recommended Funding Sources
Assessing	50,000	Free Cash
Information Systems	100,000	Free Cash
Fire	289,000	Ambulance Receipts 229,500 & Apparatus Receipts 59,500
Public Schools	182,500	Free Cash
Highway	55,000	Free Cash
Highway (Chapter 90)	650,000	Chapter 90 State Allocation
Water Enterprise	240,000	Water Retained Earnings
Sewer Enterprise	50,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
	<u>1,616,500</u>	

Funding Summary:

Free Cash	387,500
Ambulance Receipts	229,500
Apparatus Receipts	59,500
Chapter 90	650,000
Water Retained Earnings	240,000
Sewer Retained Earnings	50,000
Total	<u>1,616,500</u>

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 170 Affirmative 0 Negative 9:35 P.M.

ARTICLE 6: MOVED, that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) into the Stabilization fund for reserve balance purposes.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 162 Affirmative 0 Negative 9:36 P.M.

ARTICLE 7: MOVED, that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of sixty-one thousand, two hundred, eight dollars and eight cents (\$61,208.08) for the payment of certain unpaid bills from prior years.

Unpaid Prior Year Bills				
Vendor	Invoice #	Date	Amount	Explanation
National Grid	Various	January 2019-June 2019	\$ 6,235.89	Net amount due after applying credits from LED Lighting Initiative (South Street)
National Grid	Various	Apr 2018-December 2019	\$ 54,972.19	Net amount due after applying credits from LED Lighting Initiative (Main Street)
Total			\$ 61,208.08	

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 159 Affirmative 0 Negative 9:39 P.M.

ARTICLE 8: MOVED, that the Town authorize annual spending limits for the Town’s Revolving Funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020.

Name of Revolving Fund	FY 2021 Spending Limit
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$375,000
Police and Fire Apparatus Utilization Revolving Fund	\$100,000
Highway Department Revolving Fund	\$40,000
Council on Aging Senior Trips & Programs Fund	\$120,000
Council on Aging Human Services	\$5,000
Council of Aging Community Events	\$5,000

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 142 Affirmative 0 Negative 9:44 P.M.

ARTICLE 9: MOVED, that the Town appropriate Nine Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,400,000), to be expended by the Water and Sewer Commissioners, for the purposes of water system improvements including, but not limited to, constructing a new water tank, installing a new water main on West St from South St to Mill St, constructing a storage building at Pumping Station Road property and the Rehabilitation of the Route 1 water tank, including all testing, engineering, design, specifications, contract documents, permitting, construction and construction administration costs relating thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to M.G.L., c. 44, Sec. 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town for this purpose as general obligations of the Town with the intent that the principal and interest payments thereon shall be paid from water system revenues. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

2/3rds vote required
ADOPTED 138 Affirmative 2 Negative 9:48 P.M.

ARTICLE 10: MOVED, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and convey Town-owned land known as 17 Centennial Street that was taken in tax title according to Land Court Judgment Docket Number 18TL000202, Town of Foxborough v. Doris F. Correia, recorded in Land Court Book 37608, Page 245, #14799 on February 18, 2020 and containing 59.88 square rods of land more or less granting title to the property to the Town of Foxborough with all rights of redemption foreclosed and barred and which property is described in a deed recorded on November 10, 1994 in the Norfolk Registry at Book10723, Page 432 to the Foxborough Housing Authority to hold said property and in consideration for and in exchange for said grant and conveyance, the Foxborough Housing Authority shall grant and convey to the Town of Foxborough a parcel of land known as 15-17 Market Street containing 7,576 square feet more or less, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land I Foxborough, Mass. Dated May 6, 1957, Alvah L. Downs, Engr., said plan filed as plan No. 663 of 1957, Book 3567, Page 125, Norfolk County Registry of Deeds and being bounded and described according to said plan as follows:

WESTERLY by Market Street, 88.17 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of Arnold J. McInis and land now or formerly of First Baptist Church of Foxborough, 88.47 feet;

EASTERLY by land now or formerly of David K. Bragg and land now or formerly of Wilhelmina Putnam, 84.97 feet;

NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Nanna Corporation and land now or formerly of Irving W. Henderson, 87.24 feet;

Said parcel containing 7,576 square feet, more or less, according to said plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Foxborough Housing Authority by deed from Kester O. Flagg, Jr., and Arlene K. Flagg, dated December 15, 1978 and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 5554, Pages 19 and 20;

To be used as a parking lot and for related municipal purposes and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such instruments to effectuate the transaction subject of this vote.

2/3rds vote required

ADOPTED 122 Affirmative 6 Negative 9:58 P.M.

ARTICLE 11: MOVED, that the Town amend Chapter 78 (Animals) of the Code of the Town of Foxborough as follows:

- A. Amend 78-1 Definitions "Public Nuisance" by replacing the words "a dog" with the words "an animal" in the first line of said section and by replacing the word "dog" with the word "animal" where it appears in subsection D.
- B. Amend subsection A of Section 78-2. Violations and penalties for nuisance dogs. by replacing the word "dogs" in the title of the section with the word "animals" and the word "dog" in every place where it appears within the section with the word "animal", and by deleting the fine structure listed in the second sentence of said paragraph and replacing it with a new fine structure to read as follows: "\$50 for the first offense; \$100 for the second offense; \$300 for the third offense; for the fourth or subsequent offense, the fine shall be \$500 and the municipality may order the animal spayed or neutered in accordance with MGL ch. 140, s. 173A."
- C. Amend subsection B of Section 78-8 by replacing the date of "January 31" contained within the second to last sentence of said paragraph with "February 28th" and by adding a new subsection C to read "C. Whoever violates section 78-8 shall be assessed a fine of not less than \$50, which shall be paid to the Town of Foxborough."

ADOPTED 124 Affirmative 6 Negative 10:01 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

A True Record Attest:

Robert E. Cutler, Jr., Town Clerk