**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**
**WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL**
**TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 228 – QUORUM REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 9:15 AM.
The Moderator stated that the warrant had been properly served and that there was a quorum present.
Voted that the Reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and the Return of Services thereof be omitted. Seconded
Voted that the Moderator be relieved from reading each article in its entirety and that he be allowed to refer to the article by number and title only. Seconded.

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| Town meeting members present: | Precinct 1 – 50 |
| | Precinct 2 – 32 |
| | Precinct 3 – 26 |
| | Precinct 4 – 42 |
| | Precinct 5 – 42 |
| | Precinct 6 – 36 |
| | **TOTAL 228** |

## ARTICLE 1 – TOWN CHARGES

Voted the following sums of money to fund additional salary and operating expenses for the following departments. Said money to be added to previously voted appropriations for FY 2016:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Weights and Measures
   A. Salary – Other - $64.99 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
2. Police department
   A. Salaries and Wages - $35,000 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
3. Greater New Bedford Vocational
   A. Salaries and Wages - $2,993.04 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
4. Fire Department
   A. Salaries and Wages - $10,000 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
   B. EMS Overtime - $10,000 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
5. General Fund Debt (principal) - $50,000 to be transferred from General Fund Interest on Debt.
6. Recreation Department - $7,500 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
7. Bristol Agricultural High School - $4,838 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
8. Legal Services - $15,000 to be transferred from Group Insurance.
9. Water Department
   A. Salaries and Wages - $5,200 to be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
10. BPW Administration – ***Passed Over***

## ARTICLE 2 – BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR

Voted the following sums of money to be transferred from Group Insurance:

A. Clerical Union Appropriation - $175.00
B. Associated Physicians - $200.00
C. MES Solutions - $1,500.00
D. D. Steward Medical Group - $141.58
E. Surgi-Care - $74.23

F. Southcoast Hospitals Group - $306.47
G. Richard Tosi - $132.82
H. Dr. Brian Bowcock - $392.72
I. Anesthesia Associates of MA - $2,240.00
J. Gragil Associates - $596.00
K. Southcoast Hospitals Group - $11,202.83
L. Southcoast Hospitals Group - $5,660.86
M. RAD Associates of Greater New Bedford - $22.00
N. Melanson and Heath - $1,000.00
O. Monaghan Printing - $117.00

## ARTICLE 3 – ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

Voted the sum of $15,000 be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to inspect and clean the Anaerobic Digester at the Wastewater Treatment Plant or to take any other action relative thereto.

## ARTICLE 4 – INFLOW AND INFILTRATION

Voted the sum of $200,000 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings in order to comply with the Code of Massachusetts Regulation 314 CMR 12.04 (2), which required the Town to conduct a Town-wide assessment on excessive Inflow and Infiltration based on Mass *DEP's Guidelines for Performing I/I Analysis and Sewer Systems Evaluation Survey* or to take any other action relative thereto.

## ARTICLE 5 – STABILIZATION – SEWER BETTERMENTS

Voted to adopt and to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the following sums of money:

A. $45,055.65 from account 029-000-3242-0000 into the Sconticut Neck Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund account 084-000-3282-0200.

B. $14,016.00 from account 029-000-3245-0000 into the West Island Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund account 084-000-3282-0400.

C. $6,375.48 from account 029-000-3244-0000 into the Nancy Street Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund account 084-0000-3282-0300.

D. $160.00 from account 029-0003212-0000 into the Boulder Park Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund account 084-000-3282-0100.

## ARTICLE 6 – SALE OF THE OXFORD SCHOOL

Moved to ***PASS OVER***

## ARTICLE 7 – ROGERS SCHOOL REPURPOSING

Voted the sum of $33,000 be transferred from Group Insurance to hire consultant(s) to assist in the Rogers Elementary school in providing detailed developmental / feasibility study for a possible developer and for potential town re-use of the building including all financial aspects. Said consultant(s) shall be knowledgeable with grants, tax credits, historical preservation, real estate development, and/or environmental assessments including any associated requirements or costs.

## ARTICLE 8 – ROGERS/OXFORD SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2017

Voted the sum of $8,000 be transferred from Group Insurance to maintain the vacant Rogers and Oxford Schools during Fiscal Year 2017, including repairs, electricity, telephone, security, alarms, etc and any other associated costs or take any other action relative thereto.

## ARTICLE 9 – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMM APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the following Committee's community preservation project:

A. $1,000 from the Open Space Existing Fund Balance for the Bikeway Committee – Town Hall Bike Racks.

B. $31,000 from the Existing Undesignated Fund Balance for the Library - Fairhaven Star Newspaper Digitizing Project.

## ARTICLE 10 – PILOT AGREEMENT WITH BLUE WAVE CAPITAL

Voted, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H, and/or any other enabling authority, to ratify and approve, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, a so-called Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with BWC Origination Fairhaven One, LLC, or its affiliate, with respect to payments for a sum certain in lieu of real and/or personal property taxes owed to the Town over a twenty (20) year period relative to a proposed solar electric generating facility at 211 Mill Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719, with an option for extension coterminous with the lease of said parcel; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute any necessary documents relating thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 11 – HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF

Voted by two-thirds (2/3) vote the amount of $470,282 from Surplus Revenue and $400,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a total of $870,282, for the purpose of paying costs for the partial roof repair and replacement at the Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Fairhaven has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice of a school building committee, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

## ARTICLE 12 – OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn sine die on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 10:10 AM. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Lowney
Town Clerk