Addendum - Special Town Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Article notes, Select Board Recommendations, Finance Committee Recommendations and Motions

Article 1: **Appropriate Insurance Proceeds**
Per the Department of Revenue, insurance proceeds in excess of $150,000 require a Town Meeting vote to expend.

After a broken pipe damaged the East Fairhaven School during the February 2026 blizzard, the town received a total of $172,114.21 in insurance proceeds. Because the payout exceeds $150,000, Town Meeting approval is required to expend the funds. The printed warrant lists $168,628.08 for demolition and reconstruction services only; the remaining $3,486.13 will cover lost classroom supplies and materials.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: ***To be provided at Town Meeting***

Motion: Move to appropriate insurance proceeds in the amount of $168,628.08 to repair flood damages to an elementary school caused by the 2026 blizzard.

Article 2: **Labor Contract Dispatch Union**
The Select Board reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement at their October 13, 2026 meeting. Town Meeting has two motions to consider, first, to waive § 50-9 of the Town's bylaws and then to fund the contract through the Police budget for FY27.

Town Bylaw § 50-9 deals with Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) and historically, Town Meeting has voted to waive it due to the timing and availability of updated CBA documents. Changes negotiated with the respective union are outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Adoption (8-0-1 Vote)**

Motion: Move to waive § 50-9 D of the Town Bylaw, Collective Bargaining Agreements Section in accordance with subsection F

Motion: Move to fund the FY27 Dispatch Union Labor Contract

Article 3: **Request to Authorize Lessee to Place An Antenna on Water Tower**
This article would allow Public Works to explore potential revenue from the lease of space on the water tower.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Adoption (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: Move to adopt as written in the warrant

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Article 4: **Sewer Enterprise Fund**
Unexpended Balances from borrowing can be re-appropriated towards other Capital Borrowing projects through a town meeting article.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Adoption (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: Move to transfer the remaining balance of the West Island Treatment Plant Capital Improvements from Article 17C of the Special Town Meeting of October 20, 2020 in the amount of $253,156 into the Sewer Nitrogen Plant Article 15A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting

Article 5: **General Fund Operating Budget FY27**
This article allocates unexpended funding from wage and salary reserves to supplement the Accounting Department Salaries and Wages account. Funds will be used for succession planning, to fully fund the Assistant Town Accountant position and fund the costs of hiring a new Town Accountant due to the retirement of the current Town Accountant in 2027.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Adoption (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: Move to transfer the sum of $30,348 from unexpended Wage and Salary Reserves to supplement the FY27 Accounting Department budget

Article 6: **Conservation Restriction: Weeden Road/DeNormandie Farm West**
This article, requested by the Buzzards Bay Coalition through the Conservation Commission, seeks reassignment of the Conservation Restriction (CR) for the Weeden Road/DeNormandie Farm West properties. Currently, the Coalition and the Commission co-hold the CR. The Coalition is purchasing the property and once the sale closes, the Coalition cannot be a grantee on the CR.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Adoption (9-0-0 Vote)**

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Article 7: **Establish, Adopt/Re-Adopt OPEB Trust (MGL CH. 32B, S.20)**
In 2011, the Town adopted MGL Ch 32B §20 establishing an OPEB Liability Trust Fund and did not fully execute a Trust Fund Agreement after the vote. To establish, the Town needs to re-adopt it. Treasurer/Collector Carla Mourao has provided additional points to consider (attached memo).
The language in the MGL has been amended since the initial vote was approved at Town Meeting years prior to 2016. Therefore, we must re-vote to include the new language so we can establish an OPEB trust fund agreement.

This trust agreement would put us in compliance with GASB standards by ensuring that the Town sets aside money that is legally protected and dedicated exclusively to paying retiree benefits. Further, this trust agreement will improve our bond rating.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Yield to Petitioner (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: Move to adopt as written in the warrant.

Article 8: **Bylaw Amendments**

This article represents the work completed by the Special Bylaw Review Committee was charged to review existing bylaws to bring them into conformity with the provisions of the Charter and file a report with recommendations at Town Meeting.

Select Board: **Recommend Adoption (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Yield to Petitioner (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: Move to adopt as written in the warrant

Article 9: **Citizen's Petition: Prohibition and Non-Renewal of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Systems**
The petitioner is responsible to present and address Town Meeting Member questions regarding this article.

Select Board: **Recommend Yield to Petitioner (5-0-0 Vote)**
Finance Committee: **Recommend Yield to Petitioner (9-0-0 Vote)**

Motion: *To be provided by the petitioner*