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Lawrence School
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Falmouth, Massachusetts

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TOWN CLERK: Michael Palmer

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THE MODERATOR: The Falmouth Town Band
Brass Choir. Thank you very much.

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We have definitely a vibrant music and
arts presence in our community and at Town
Meeting tonight, and to break a little with
tradition of just having the Town Band Brass
Choir play the National Anthem, we have the third
and fourth graders from Mullen Hall School here
tonight. So, if you turn around, you can see
the Mako Magicals up on the balcony.

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[Applause.]

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THE MODERATOR: Welcome to Town
Meeting.

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And before we begin tonight, they would
like to grace us with a song of the young lady
who stands guard in front of the Falmouth Public
Library.

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Ms. Jazo, take it away.

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[America The Beautiful sung.]

21

[Applause.]

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THE MODERATOR: They're going to stay
with us and lead us in the National Anthem
tonight, as well.

1 All Town Meeting Members present make
2 sure that you have your electronic voting device;
3 that you checked in and you received your
4 electronic voting device. We'll be using that
5 to establish the quorum tonight and for each of
6 the votes of which I cannot determine a majority
7 by a voice vote. Or by a motion from the floor
8 to use the device on other motions.

9 At this time, I'll recognize the Town
10 Clerk to just do another introduction for Town
11 Meeting Members that may not have been at our
12 last Town Meeting, just to practice using our
13 electronic voting device before we establish the
14 quorum.

15 Mr. Clerk.

16 CLERK PALMER: Okay, as the Moderator
17 said, all Town Meeting Members should have picked
18 up their response devices in the lobby as you
19 checked in the front door.

20 You'll see - you saw on the side screens
21 there was a scrolling list of names by precinct.
22 When you pressed your device, either one or two,
23 the color went from black to green; that means
24 that your device had accepted the vote that you

1 had placed.

2 So, on any articles, you can hit one for
3 yes and two for no. All right?

4 For the quorum, everyone's just going to
5 hit one to show that you are present. So, as
6 you see right now, it's scrolling through the
7 precincts and some people have been pushing their
8 buttons and it's turning from black to green,
9 meaning that your vote has been registered. This
10 will scroll through in a 60 second period twice.
11 It's scrolls about at three second intervals, so
12 you need to find where your name is so you can
13 pick it up relatively quickly when we do use this
14 when the Moderator cannot determine the outcome
15 of a voice vote.

16 Okay? So we want to reset that, Rob,
17 and then we're going to, David, take it away with
18 the quorum?

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay. All Town
20 Meeting Members present please press one for the
21 establishment of a quorum. And this is the only
22 time I get to vote unless there's a tie.

23 [Pause.]

24 THE MODERATOR: And all Town Meeting

1 Members not present, please do not press one.

2 [Laughter.]

3 [Pause.]

4 THE MODERATOR: Ten seconds left. If
5 you're a Town Meeting Member, make sure you've
6 pressed one.

7 Polling is now closed, with 190 Town
8 Meeting Members present, we have a quorum and I
9 call the Annual Town Meeting into session.

10 John DeMello, our Town Crier, will open
11 our Town Meeting.

12 MR. DEMELLO: Hear ye, hear ye, all
13 Town Meeting Members, gather here tonight for
14 your warrant. Hear ye, hear ye, all Town
15 Meeting Members: stay awake.

16 [Laughter.]

17 THE MODERATOR: John, I might need that
18 bell later tonight.

19 [Laughter.]

20 THE MODERATOR: All present please
21 rise for the presentation of the colors by the
22 Falmouth Scout Honor Guard and the Brian Baru
23 Pipe Band.

24 [Pause.]

1 THE MODERATOR: Please follow me in the
2 Pledge of Allegiance.

3 [Pledge of Allegiance taken.]

4 THE MODERATOR: At this time, we'll
5 have the National Anthem by the Mako Magicals.
6 [National Anthem sung.]

7 [Applause.]

8 THE MODERATOR: At this time, I'll
9 recognize Troy Clarkson for our invocation.

10 MR. CLARKSON: Lord, when it comes to
11 meeting and communicating with each other, help
12 us to be good listeners. Help us to be open
13 minded, putting aside our own agendas. Help us
14 to be honest without being insensitive. Help us
15 to be respectful without being too formal or
16 artificial. Help us to question and to
17 challenge without being harsh. Help us to be
18 aware that this is just one moment, just one
19 meeting. And lastly, help us to remember that
20 you, too, are always meeting and communicating
21 with us. Amen.

22 THE MODERATOR: At this time, I
23 recognize the Brian Baru Pipe Band to play
24 Amazing Grace for our moment of silence for all

1 of our Town Meeting Members that have passed
2 since our last meeting. And especially a former
3 member and very active in our community, Dewitt
4 C. Jones.

5 [Moment of Silence taken.]

6 THE MODERATOR: Colors post.

7 Ladies and gentlemen, the Mullen Hall
8 Mako Magicals, the Brian Baru Pipe Band, the
9 Falmouth Scout Honor Guard, the Falmouth Town
10 Band Brass Choir and Town Crier John DeMello.

11 [Applause.]

12 THE MODERATOR: Okay, I want to remind
13 all Town Meeting Members that we're being
14 broadcast live by FCTV Channel 15, so each time
15 you speak, please identify yourself by name and
16 precinct. That also helps our transcriber for
17 the meeting to get that information as well,
18 thank you.

19 Tonight, our microphone carriers will be
20 Phillip Gessen and Cindy Tran.

21 At this time I'd like to dispense with
22 the reading of the warrant.

23 Madame Chairman for the main motion.

24 CHAIRMAN MORAN: Mr. Moderator, I move

1 to dispense with the reading of the warrant
2 except for the Officer's Return.

3 THE MODERATOR: You've all heard the
4 main motion to dispense with the reading of the
5 warrant. All those in favor, signify by saying
6 Aye.

7 [Aye.]

8 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed, No.

9 [None opposed.]

10 THE MODERATOR: The Ayes have it
11 unanimous.

12 At this time, I'll read the Officer's
13 Return of the Warrant. By virtue of this
14 warrant, I have this day notified and summoned
15 the inhabitants of the Town of Falmouth qualified
16 to vote on Town affairs, as said warrant directs,
17 by posting an attested copy thereof in Town Hall
18 and in every precinct in the Town. Signed
19 Constable Ronald Braga.

20 Mr. Clerk, I ask that the warrant become
21 an official part of the record for this meeting.

22 At this time, the Chair would entertain
23 a motion for non-Town Meeting Members to sit up
24 front with their respective boards and

1 committees.

2 FROM THE FLOOR: So moved.

3 THE MODERATOR: So moved.

4 All those in favor, signify by saying
5 Aye.

6 [Aye.]

7 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed, No.

8 [None opposed.]

9 THE MODERATOR: The Ayes have it
10 unanimous.

11 At this time, the Chair would entertain
12 a motion for Town employees who are not residents
13 of the Town the right to speak on any issue
14 before the meeting.

15 So moved.

16 All those in favor, signify by saying
17 Aye.

18 [Aye.]

19 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed, No.

20 [None opposed.]

21 THE MODERATOR: The Ayes have it
22 unanimous.

23 At this time, I'll recognize the
24 Planning Board for notification of public

1 hearing.

2 MR. DREYER: Mr. Chairman - Mr.
3 Moderator, my name is Paul Dreyer, Clerk of the
4 Planning Board and Town Meeting member Precinct -
5 -

6 FROM THE FLOOR: Can't hear you.

7 THE MODERATOR: You've just got to go a
8 little closer to the mic. Yeah, it's on; you've
9 just go to speak a little closer to it.

10 MR. DREYER: My name is Paul Dreyer;
11 Clerk of the Planning Board, Town Meeting Member
12 --

13 THE MODERATOR: Hold it right up close.

14 MR. DREYER: In accordance with Chapter
15 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Law,
16 and Article 43 of the Falmouth Zoning Bylaw,
17 public hearings were held on February 6th, 2018,
18 on the following articles: Articles 8, 9, 33, 34,
19 35 and 36 for the April, 2018 Spring Annual Town
20 Meeting, and all those who wished to speak were
21 heard. Thank you.

22 THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 Okay, we're going to use a blanket vote
24 on this warrant. So, we're going to go through

1 each of the articles in the warrant. I'll give
2 you a brief description, call your attention to
3 the motion, the recommendation. If you would
4 like to discuss the article or you want to make
5 an amendment or do something different than
6 what's in the recommendation, just stand up and
7 yell "Hold". We'll make a note of it up here
8 and we'll go on to the next one.

9 Once I go through all of the articles in
10 the warrant with a brief description, I'll run
11 through a second time quickly just by number, and
12 then I'll entertain a motion from the Finance
13 Committee to accept all articles that were not
14 held as recommended as the official action of the
15 Town Meeting.

16 So, Article 1 is to choose necessary
17 officers; it's a hold.

18 Article 2 is to hear reports; it's a
19 hold.

20 Article 3, to authorize the Selectmen to
21 settle claims and suits. Mr. Duffy tells me
22 he's got copies of his legal report up here, in
23 front of the rostrum, if anyone would like to
24 grab one during the break or at the end of the

1 meeting.

2 Article 4, to authorize the Board of
3 Selectmen to apply for and accept state and
4 federal grants.

5 Article 5, to fix the salaries of
6 elected officials.

7 Article 6, the paying of unpaid bills.
8 It's indefinite postponement because we have no
9 unpaid bills at this time.

10 Article 7, vote to adopt 780 CMR 115AA
11 of the Massachusetts State Building Code known as
12 the Stretch Energy Code.

13 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

14 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

15 Article 8, vote to amend Article VI,
16 General Residence Districts of Chapter 240 Zoning
17 Code of Falmouth on accessory apartments.

18 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

19 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

20 Article 9, to vote to amend Chapter 240
21 Zoning of the Code of Falmouth by adding
22 Agricultural Districts for Ground Mounted Solar
23 Voltaic Arrays. The recommendation of the
24 Planning Board is indefinite postponement.

1 Article 10, to vote to amend the Town's
2 Salary Administration Plan.

3 Article 11, to vote to amend the Town's
4 Salary Administration Plan for the Community
5 Preservation Committee.

6 Article 12 is a hold. That's the
7 Operating Budget.

8 Article 13, to vote to raise and
9 appropriate \$440,000 and transfer into the
10 General Stabilization Fund.

11 Article 14, to vote to raise and
12 appropriate \$1,032,079 and transfer into the
13 Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

14 Article 15, to vote to raise and
15 appropriate \$100,000 and transfer into the Other
16 Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

17 Article 16, to vote to raise and
18 appropriate \$100,000 and transfer into the
19 Worker's Compensation Trust Fund.

20 Article 17, this is to vote to raise and
21 appropriate \$200,000 for the Wage Settlements to
22 employees of the Town, including Police, Fire and
23 Library unions.

24 Article 18 is a hold for a

1 recommendation on the floor.

2 Article 19, to vote to transfer the sum
3 of \$178,070 from Certified Free Cash to pay for
4 the Town's obligation pursuant to the Mass. CEC
5 agreement relating to the wind turbines.

6 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

7 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

8 Article 20, to vote to transfer the sum
9 of \$31,016 from Certified Free Cash for
10 purchasing a truck for the Marine and
11 Environmental Services Department.

12 Article 21, to vote to transfer the sum
13 of \$166,000 from Certified Free Cash for the
14 purpose of a 25 percent match to satisfy a
15 condition of the supplemental grant for the
16 Coonamessett River Restoration Project.

17 Article 22, to vote to transfer the sum
18 of \$200,000 from Certified Free Cash to give you
19 comfortable seats.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

21 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

22 Article 23, to vote to reduce the number
23 of appointed members of the Substance Abuse
24 Commission from nine to five.

1 Article 24, to vote to authorize the
2 Board of Selectmen to submit to the General Court
3 a petition authorizing the Town of Falmouth to
4 continue the employment of the Police Chief
5 Edward Dunne.

6 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

7 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

8 Article 25, to authorize the Board of
9 Selectmen to abandon an easement for a water main
10 extension.

11 Article 26. To accept the provisions
12 of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section
13 23D, which permits the local board members who
14 miss a single session of an adjudicatory hearing
15 before their board to be able to vote on the
16 matter provided they review the evidence
17 submitted at the missed hearing and file a
18 certification.

19 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

20 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

21 Article 27, to vote to adopt a bylaw to
22 be added to Chapter 156 of the Code of Falmouth
23 Peace and Good Order, Article 9, fingerprint-
24 based background checks.

1 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold. Hold.

2 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

3 Article 28, to ask the Board of
4 Selectmen to develop and recommend a
5 comprehensive recycling plan for Falmouth.

6 Article 29, dealing with electronic
7 voting. Mr. McDonald, are you going to hold it?

8 MR. DONALD: Hold.

9 THE MODERATOR: Hold, okay.

10 Article 30, to vote to transfer \$710,000
11 within the Fiscal 2018 budget.

12 Article 31, to vote to transfer the sum
13 of \$111,000 from Certified Free Cash for the
14 purpose of funding line item 1-630-5319,
15 Professional/Technical contract service
16 (Recreation Department) in the amount of \$25,000
17 and 01-155-5875, Computer Equipment and Software
18 (IT Department) in the amount of \$86,000.

19 Article 32, to authorize a second water
20 meter for each residence affected by the new
21 sewer system, the Town provide the additional
22 water meter and the homeowner pay for its
23 installation. The recommendation of the Board
24 of Selectmen is indefinite postponement.

1 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

2 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

3 Article 33, this is to amend Chapter 240
4 Zoning Dimensional Regulations as printed except
5 delete the words "as measured from the base of
6 the structure to the highest point".

7 Article 34, to vote to amend the Zoning
8 Bylaw by deleting Section 240-142 as amended in
9 1983 and substituting the following updated
10 section 240-142 regulating cooking and
11 housekeeping amenities in commercial
12 accommodation guest units.

13 Article 35, vote to amend the -

14 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

15 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

16 Article 36, to amend the zoning bylaw
17 Section 240-67C, (Lots for commercial
18 accommodations) by inserting "and Business
19 Redevelopment" in Section 240-67 C(2)(c), after
20 "Business 2". And so that Section 240-67C(2)(c)
21 will begin "Business 2 and Business
22 Redevelopment: allowed".

23 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

24 THE MODERATOR: Hold.

1 Article 37, to vote to transfer the sum
2 of \$39,072 for the purpose of paying relocation
3 costs related to the purchase of the Andrews
4 Farm.

5 Article 38, to vote to authorize the
6 Board of Selectmen to transfer care and control
7 of the Tony Andrews Farm or any part thereof from
8 the Conservation Commission to the Agricultural
9 Commission.

10 Article 39 is a hold for a new main
11 motion.

12 Article 40, to vote to appropriate the
13 sum of \$477,815, of which \$60,000 is from the
14 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance
15 and \$417,815 from Fiscal 2019 Community
16 Preservation estimated receipts to rehabilitate
17 Guv Fuller Field.

18 Article 41, to vote to appropriate the
19 sum of \$150,000 from Fiscal 2019 Community
20 Preservation Estimated Revenues to the Falmouth
21 Rod & Gun Club to rehabilitate and restore
22 passive recreation uses and preserve open space
23 at Upper Child's River and Farley Bog.

24 Article 42 has a scrivener's error in

1 the location of Highfield Hall. It should be 56
2 Highfield Drive. To vote to appropriate the sum
3 of \$23,206 from the Historic Preservation Reserve
4 to Historic Highfield to rehabilitate the
5 ballroom and foyer hardwood floors.

6 Article 43, to vote to appropriate the
7 sum of \$507,017 from the Historic Preservation
8 Fund to Friends of Nobska Light to fund the
9 preservation of the Nobska Light Keeper's House.

10 Article 44, to vote to appropriate the
11 sum of \$30,000 from the Historic Preservation
12 Reserve to the Falmouth Historical Commission to
13 conduct Phase 2 of the town wide inventory of
14 historical resources.

15 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

16 THE MODERATOR: Article 45, to
17 appropriate from Fiscal 2019 Community
18 Preservation Fund Estimated Reserves the sum of
19 \$137,550 for the purpose of funding the
20 Community Preservation Administrative expenses.

21 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

22 THE MODERATOR: Article 46, to vote to
23 transfer the amount of \$340,349 from Fiscal 2019
24 Community Preservation Estimated Reserve to the

1 Community Housing Reserve.

2 Article 47, to vote to transfer the
3 amount of \$340,349 from Fiscal 2019 Community
4 Preservation Estimated Revenues to the Historic
5 Preservation Reserve.

6 And Article 48, the Town vote to
7 appropriate to transfer the sum of \$175,000 from
8 Fiscal '19 Community Preservation Estimated
9 Revenues to the Land Bank Debt Reserve Account to
10 fund conservation land acquisition debt service
11 payment obligations beyond 2020.

12 Okay, Article 1 is a hold. Article 2
13 is a hold.

14 Article 3. Article 4.

15 Article 5.

16 Article 6.

17 Article 7 is a hold.

18 Article 8 is a hold.

19 Article 9. Article 10.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

21 THE MODERATOR: A hold on 10? Yeah.

22 Article 11.

23 Article 12 is a hold.

24 Article 13. Article 14. Article 15.

1 Article 16. Article 17.

2 Article 18 is a hold.

3 Article 19 is a hold.

4 Article 20. Article 21.

5 Article 22 is a hold.

6 Article 23.

7 Article 24.

8 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

9 THE MODERATOR: Is a hold.

10 Article 25.

11 Article 26 is a hold. Article 27 is a

12 hold.

13 Article 28.

14 Article 29 is a hold.

15 Article 30. Article 31.

16 Article 32 is a hold.

17 Article 33. Article 34.

18 Article 35 is a hold. Article 36 is a

19 hold.

20 Article 37. Article 38.

21 Article 39 is a hold.

22 Article 40. Article 41. Article 42.

23 Article 43.

24 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

1 THE MODERATOR: Article 44 is a hold.
2 Article 45 is a hold.

3 Article 46. Article 47. Article 48.

4 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold.

5 THE MODERATOR: Hold?

6 Madame Chair for the main motion.

7 CHAIRMAN VOGEL: Mr. Moderator, I move
8 that all articles that have been passed and not
9 held be and hereby are adopted as recommended as
10 the official action of this meeting, and that the
11 necessary monies for the same shall be raised and
12 appropriated or as otherwise specified.

13 THE MODERATOR: Okay, you've all heard
14 the main motion on the blanket to approve
15 everything that was not held as recommended.

16 All those in favor, signify by saying
17 aye.

18 [Aye.]

19 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed, no.

20 [None opposed.]

21 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it
22 unanimous.

23 Madame Chairman for notice of
24 reconsideration.

1 CHAIRMAN VOGEL: Mr. Moderator, I
2 hereby serve notice of reconsideration of all
3 articles passed under the blanket vote.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay, notice of
5 reconsideration has been served.

6 A couple of announcements that I forgot
7 to do at the beginning. Ms. Lichtenstein.

8 MS. LICHTENSTEIN: Leslie Lichtenstein,
9 Precinct 8. See, I remembered that time.

10 I don't think we needed the big article
11 in the Cape Cod Times to tell us that we have a
12 trash problem. We really don't want to be known
13 as the trashiest town on the Cape, do we?

14 Our Spring Clean-Up Week is April 21st
15 through the 29th. There will be an article in
16 the paper and there will be numbers, phone
17 numbers for the area coordinators. You can
18 contact your area coordinator to get bags and
19 there'll be dumpsters to put the trash in.

20 Please, let's all go out. It's going to
21 be spring sometime. During that week there's
22 got to be at least one day in which it's not
23 raining and not snowing. So, please, let's all
24 get out and make Falmouth nice again. Thank you.

1 THE MODERATOR: Thanks, Leslie.

2 [Applause.]

3 THE MODERATOR: Based on the holds,
4 pretty sure we're going to be here tomorrow
5 night. And so, if we are, Ms. Swain from the
6 Falmouth Service Center is asking that folks
7 bring in some items in the lobby for the Falmouth
8 Service Center. Things that if you were to need
9 to go to the Falmouth Service Center things that
10 you would like to find on the shelves. The
11 shelves are getting a little thin over there, so
12 she's asked us to bring some stuff in tomorrow
13 night if you can to donate to the Falmouth
14 Service Center.

15 Also tomorrow, the Library is going to
16 be doing public tours starting at 1:15 and every
17 hour on the 15. And I'm told there's
18 celebration with cake, but we're not sure what
19 time the cake is. So, if you get there at 1:15,
20 stay for the afternoon, you may get some cake.

21 Mr. Suso has an announcement of some new
22 additions to Town government.

23 MR. SUSO: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
24 Julian Suso, Town Manager.

1 It's my pleasure to acknowledge that we
2 have four new department heads who are with us in
3 attendance this evening. And I'll take them in
4 the order in which they were appointed and
5 affirmed by the Board of Selectmen.

6 First, our new Director of Information
7 Technology, Greg Banwarth. Greg is here on my
8 left, your right, up front.

9 Welcome, Greg.

10 THE MODERATOR: Welcome.

11 [Applause.]

12 MR. SUSO: Next, new Town Planner
13 Thomas Bott. Tom is on my right, to your left.
14 Welcome, Tom.

15 [Applause.]

16 MR. SUSO: We also have a new Health
17 Agent, Scott McGann, who just started today.
18 Scott, welcome back.

19 [Applause.]

20 MR. SUSO: And we have Jeremiah
21 Pearson, who's our new Superintendent of Parks
22 and our Tree Warden, on my left, your right.
23 Welcome, Jeremiah. Welcome back to you, as
24 well.

1 [Applause.]

2 MR. SUSO: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

3 THE MODERATOR: That last one must be a
4 tough job these last few weeks. You're a brave
5 man.

6 Okay, Article 1.

7 I have one more announcement. Ms.
8 Braga.

9 MS. BRAGA: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

10 Just to announce that, on June 23rd, in
11 connection with the Wellness Fair, Falmouth's
12 Commission on Disabilities is going to be hosting
13 a free event. It's a wheelchair obstacle course,
14 to really heighten people's awareness about some
15 of the challenges in terms of mobility for folks
16 who are dealing with the needs of a wheelchair.
17 And it's going to be an exciting event where Owen
18 Smith, who is doing this, he's helping to set
19 this project up for his Eagle Scout -- to make it
20 to Eagle Scout, is going to be assisting with
21 this project.

22 So it is something that the Commission is
23 putting together. It's bringing in our, you
24 know, youth here in the town. It's a free

1 event; you just show up. You can put together
2 teams if you want. But it's going to be very
3 exciting to really highlight some of the work
4 that the Commission is doing now that it's really
5 back in being an effective commission this year.

6 So that's the 23rd and that takes place
7 at the Gus Canty and it's the Wellness Fair and
8 they'll have their table there and you'll all be
9 able to attend.

10 THE MODERATOR: All right, thank you.

11 Okay, Article one is to choose necessary
12 Town officers. This is to appoint members to
13 the Finance Committee. We have five slots that
14 are up for reappointment. I have three
15 individuals who currently serve on the Finance
16 Committee; they're asking for reappointment.
17 And we have two openings: one resignation and one
18 individual who chose not to seek reappointment.
19 And at this point we have not - the Nominating
20 Committee has not gathered two additional names.

21 So we have three names to put into
22 nomination and there will be two vacancies on the
23 Finance Committee. Under the Town Charter the
24 procedure is that a joint meeting will be held by

1 the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen
2 at a date to be determined by the Board to
3 appoint the two additional two vacancies.

4 So, before we put the names into
5 nomination, if anyone here or anyone listening in
6 the community is interested in serving on the
7 Finance Committee in Falmouth, you can submit an
8 application to Town Hall. If you've already
9 submitted applications in the past, they will
10 pull those applications, as well. You may want
11 to just call and make sure they still have your
12 application if you've put it in in years past.
13 And that joint meeting will be posted in the
14 Enterprise when they get together to do that.

15 So, at this time I'll submit a slate of
16 three names for nomination for the Finance
17 Committee: Wendy Vogel, Sue Smith, and Mary
18 Harris. The Chair would entertain a motion to
19 close nominations.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: So moved.

21 THE MODERATOR: So moved. All those
22 in favor of the slate as presented signify by
23 saying aye.

24 [Aye.]

1 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

2 [None opposed.]

3 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it
4 unanimous.

5 At this time, I'd like to thank Paul
6 Sellers and Steve Angelo for your service to Town
7 of Falmouth as members of the Falmouth Finance
8 Committee.

9 [Applause.]

10 THE MODERATOR: Article 2, Madame
11 Chairman for the main motion. This is to hear
12 reports.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MORAN: Mr. Moderator, I
14 move Article 2 as recommended.

15 THE MODERATOR: As recommended. This
16 is to hear reports of committees. Our first
17 Committee to report will be the Board of
18 Selectmen.

19 Madame Chairman.

20 CHAIRWOMAN MORAN: Thank you, Mr.
21 Moderator.

22 I'd like to ask for another five
23 minutes, please, than the five minutes allotted.

24 THE MODERATOR: Okay, so we have a

1 rule of the five minute limit, but a request can
2 be made and we have a request for an additional
3 five.

4 That requires a two-thirds vote.

5 All those in favor, signify by saying
6 Aye.

7 [Aye.]

8 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

9 [No.]

10 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it by the
11 two thirds.

12 Madame Chairman.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MORAN: Thank you. That's
14 really just in case there's applause.

15 [Applause.]

16 CHAIRWOMAN MORAN: So, while you're
17 sitting there pondering whether you're
18 comfortable enough in those seats, I just wanted
19 to start with a question. And Leslie brought it
20 up a little earlier: Isn't Falmouth nice?

21 A few Town Meetings ago there was a lot
22 of unrest and criticism about Town Meeting and
23 the Board of Selectmen grew concerned that our
24 most valuable asset, just like our coastline, was

1 eroding. I am, of course, referring to our
2 ability to come together respectfully and
3 courteously to solve any challenge that comes our
4 way.

5 At its Strategic Planning meeting the
6 Board of Selectmen reacted to this unrest by
7 vowing to up our leadership, particularly in
8 customer service, starting with leaning in to
9 listen to residents at the first live survey
10 conducted this winter.

11 I also asked Vice Chair Megan English
12 Braga to make a public announcement at each
13 Selectmen's Meeting recognizing individuals
14 putting their time, ideas, heart and soul into
15 making Falmouth nice. This year, the Board held
16 our first potluck dinner for all our volunteers,
17 an idea I shamelessly stole from Pam Harding
18 Barrett who's on the Planning Board. It was
19 implemented by one of our young up and comers,
20 Jessica Fox, who's Jim's daughter. It was such
21 great fun that I think it's a good bribe for
22 filling our committees in the future.

23 The foundation, however, of Isn't
24 Falmouth Nice is the very hardworking,

1 professional and customer service-oriented Town
2 of Falmouth staff. We've come a long way over
3 the last several years in prioritizing customer
4 service and the Board has made one of the Town
5 Manager's goals to expand ways to recognize
6 excellence.

7 I'm proud to say that this Board of
8 Selectmen has had more joint meetings than any
9 other, and I'm grateful to the many boards who
10 have given up their Saturday mornings to
11 brainstorm common areas of interest. Currently,
12 Planning, Board of Health and Water Quality are
13 ironing out the accessory apartment bylaw.
14 Falmouth is one of the first communities on the
15 Cape to advance this important housing
16 initiative. Article 5 is the result of some of
17 these discussions.

18 There's a lot more to be done to make
19 housing available to folks who live and work in
20 Falmouth, and it's going to take some out of the
21 box ideas from our new Town Planner, Tom Bott;
22 Housing Coordinator Carla Feroni, and our various
23 Housing Committee volunteers, including Holly
24 Wilson, Selectmen Sam Patterson.

1 Mr. Suso mentioned a couple of the 2018
2 new hires. We'll also be expecting to fill the
3 Recreation Director position soon, as well as the
4 Beach Superintendent position.

5 We've made headway on the turbines.
6 Neither Wind I nor Wind II are in operation,
7 pursuant to a court order. Article 19
8 represents the successful efforts by the Board of
9 Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Counsel and Finance
10 Director, to resolve Falmouth's \$2 million Wind I
11 debt to Mass. Clean Energy for a one-time payment
12 of \$178,070.

13 In a similarly financially prudent
14 manner, Selectmen are currently working on a plan
15 to deal with the Wind I and Wind II machines.
16 The plan will comply with the Building
17 Commissioner's order to remove Wind I by May 31st.
18 With respect to the wind turbine litigations - by
19 the way - I want to go back for a second. The
20 Commissioner's order is for the Selectmen to make
21 a plan to remove Wind I by May 31st, and you'll
22 see that in up and coming Selectmen's meetings.

23 With respect to the wind turbine
24 litigations, after the Board of Selectmen voted

1 not to appeal, the insurance company resolved
2 eight out of nine nuisance claims. The ninth
3 plaintiff being out of town. There do remain
4 two active zoning litigation cases, so under this
5 Board of Selectmen, we've resolved all but three
6 out of eleven turbine-related cases. Town
7 Counsel has prepared the report with details;
8 you'll find it up front and there's a couple on
9 the stage if you'd like more information.

10 We do have more challenges ahead. I
11 understand Senior Center Building Committee
12 member Jim Vieira will be updating Town Meeting
13 on progress. It feels good to say the word
14 progress.

15 After successfully completing the two
16 on-time and in-budget projects of the Little Pond
17 Sewer Service Area and the state of the art water
18 treatment facility, Falmouth will take on
19 sewerage Great Pond while several Town
20 departments, including Health and Building, will
21 be working on guidelines to fairly allocate the
22 capacity of the sewage treatment plant for a
23 variety of new projects from subdivisions to
24 potentially a new Main Street hotel.

1 Former Chair Doug Jones has initiated
2 the Board of Selectmen's tasking of the Town
3 Manager with reviewing the Fire Department's
4 staffing, stations and facilities.

5 The Board's Coastal Action Committee,
6 headed by Charlie McCaffrey, will soon roll out
7 recommendations for Trunk River, our coastal
8 roadways including Surf Drive, and other
9 vulnerable areas.

10 I'm proud to serve as Falmouth's
11 representative to the Assembly of Delegates, and
12 to report that Falmouth got the first crack at
13 the county's new dredge.

14 As with the entire Cape, the impressive
15 winter storms will challenge Public Works to have
16 the beaches ready for the summer season. Those
17 same storms have fallen majestic trees which
18 Public Works is diligently working to clear.

19 We're also getting ready for our first
20 summer season since the legalization of
21 recreational marijuana. While our police still
22 have no tool to document intoxication like they
23 do with respect to the Breathalyzer for alcohol
24 intoxication.

1 Under the leadership of Chief Dunne, the
2 Police Department is working in partnership with
3 both substance abuse counselors and mental health
4 counselors to help battle the Opioid problem that
5 is killing our residents, devastating families,
6 and kicking our economy in the gut. In Article
7 24, the Board of Selectmen asks Town Meeting to
8 give the Board the opportunity to renew the
9 Chief's contract to allow him to move forward his
10 strategic plan to meet these and other challenges
11 in coordination with Fire Department Chief Mike
12 Small and our Fire Department and other first
13 responders. To meet these needs, you're asked
14 to approve a budget which includes the addition
15 of both a police officer and a firefighter.

16 The 2017 Board of Selectmen conducted
17 the first live survey. Over 90 folks attended
18 on a frigid Saturday morning and voiced
19 suggestions like more Facebook notifications,
20 police detail opportunities for retirees, hiring
21 a Town Planner with community development vision
22 - welcome again, Tom Bott - working with Open
23 Cape so our businesses can run credit cards for
24 summer tourist business, and putting the

1 information Selectmen receive in their packets in
2 the hands of residents.

3 Assistant Town Manager Peter Johnson-
4 Staub has made the results available on the Town
5 website and I'm happy to report that Michael
6 Palmer is becoming a Facebook aficionado. Chief
7 Dunne has collected sample policies from several
8 Massachusetts communities to use in drafting a
9 Falmouth policy to allow our career trained
10 police retirees to do detail work, and it's
11 awaiting approval of legal counsel.

12 The EDIC is researching how to assist in
13 financing a Main Street Open Cape effort, and the
14 Selectmen packet is on the Town website every
15 Monday before a Selectmen's meeting. Thank you,
16 Mark.

17 Vice Chair Megan English Braga and
18 Selectman Doug Brown will soon announce details
19 of a follow-up live survey to be held this summer
20 so we can add our summer folk to our suggestion
21 box.

22 In closing, on behalf of the Board of
23 Selectmen, welcome to the April, 2018 Town
24 Meeting. We look forward to a lively, courteous

1 and respectful debate befitting of Falmouth.

2 Thank you.

3 [Applause.]

4 THE MODERATOR: Next up I have a report
5 from the School Committee.

6 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Moderator,
7 and good evening Town Meeting Members. I'm
8 Nancy Taylor, Precinct one, Superintendent of
9 Schools.

10 On behalf of the School Committee and in
11 place of a verbal report, I would like to share a
12 video created by our Volunteers In Public Schools
13 that demonstrates the dedicated support this town
14 continues to offer to our Falmouth students.

15 VIPS is one vehicle by which this
16 support is documented, and I want to thank you on
17 behalf of the Falmouth School Committee for this
18 body's continued support of our students.

19 THE MODERATOR: The Falmouth Volunteers
20 In Public Schools.

21 [Video played.]

22 [Applause.]

23 MS. TAYLOR: So, thank you again to the

1 Falmouth community for making VIPS the successful
2 program that it is and supporting all of our
3 students in the Falmouth Public Schools. Thank
4 you.

5 [Applause.]

6 THE MODERATOR: Nancy, before you go.

7 We are at a Town Meeting which will be
8 Nancy's last Town Meeting as our Superintendent.
9 And we are gathered in a building that a number
10 of years ago when the state created an Innovation
11 School statute, Nancy was the principal here and
12 this school was a Level 3 school. And through
13 Nancy's dedication and vision and commitment and
14 through the work of her staff and the community,
15 applied to be an Innovation School. And in two
16 years went from Level 3 to Level 1, and it's
17 continued to stay at Level 1 and Nancy went on to
18 be our superintendent, to lead our district.

19 So, Nancy, thank you for all that you
20 did here and all you've done for the community of
21 Falmouth as our superintendent.

22 [Applause.]

23 THE MODERATOR: The Senior Center
24 Building Committee, next up.

1 MR. VIEIRA: Thank you, Mr. Moderator
2 and good evening, Town Meeting. I'm Jim Vieira
3 from Precinct six and I'm with the Senior Center
4 Building Committee.

5 The Board of Selectmen appointed our
6 Committee on October 1st of 2017. This is a
7 group of highly qualified professionals in the
8 field of construction and contracting. In
9 addition to the names on the screen, I want to
10 add our Assistant Town Manager Peter Johnson-
11 Staub and our Senior Center Director Jill Irving
12 Bishop who are an integral part of our team.

13 We convened for our first time on
14 November 1st and have been meeting regularly
15 since. Reviewing proposals for an owner's
16 project manager was one of our first
17 undertakings. This is a requirement by our
18 state before choosing an architect. The Project
19 Manager is part of the team, working on our
20 behalf through the design and building process.

21 P3 Project Planning Professionals was
22 our top-ranked firm. Mr. Suso acted on our
23 recommendation, negotiating and hiring P3.

24 We employed a similar process in

1 selecting an architect. Our Committee again
2 reviewed proposals and interviewed applicants.
3 Our top ranked firm was bh+a. You may recognize
4 the firm name and that of the principal Joel
5 Bargmann. Bh+a performed our site feasibility
6 study and we are pleased to have them and their
7 continued participation in this project.

8 Our team has been working diligently on
9 preliminary schematic plans. As you know, the
10 building will be located between the Police
11 headquarters and the Recreation building on the
12 East Main Street municipal campus.

13 We are excited to invite you to join us
14 at a pair of public forums on April 24th. The
15 Senior Center on Dillingham Ave. will be the
16 location for the 2:00 p.m. session. At 6:00
17 p.m. on the same day, the Hermann Room at the
18 Falmouth Public Library will be the site.
19 Arrangements are being made with FCTV for those
20 who will be unable to attend.

21 Bh+a will present preliminary floor
22 plans and proposed exterior elevations for your
23 comment and consideration. Only after you have
24 had a chance to comment and the Committee has met

1 and discussed will the architect proceed to more
2 detailed drawings and specifications.

3 Our Board of Selectmen has the ultimate
4 approval authority. We will seek their
5 endorsement after the public forum and after your
6 comments have been considered. The Building
7 Committee remains cautiously optimistic that a
8 fall construction start is possible. There are
9 many variables that may alter the schedule, but
10 we are committed to moving this process forward
11 without undue delays.

12 I would like to personally thank you for
13 your continued support and patience. This is an
14 exciting time for our Seniors and for our
15 community and I hope to see you all on April 24th,
16 thank you.

17 [Applause.]

18 THE MODERATOR: Next up, Community
19 Preservation Committee.

20 CHAIRMAN ROBBINS: Thank you Mr.
21 Moderator. Good evening, Town Meeting.
22 Russell Robbins, Precinct 6 and Chairman of the
23 Community Preservation Committee.

24 This is the make-up of our Committee

1 right now, as of April, 2018.

2 The history of the Community
3 Preservation Act. Falmouth Town Meeting adopted
4 the Community Preservation Act in November, 2004,
5 and Falmouth residents approved participation in
6 the CPA in May, 2005. CPA took effect in fiscal
7 year 2006. Our local revenues is listed there:
8 over 32 million, the local revenues, 13 million
9 state and for a total since 2006 of 46,452,618.

10 This is just a kind of a overview of the
11 town. You'll see the four categories which we
12 recommend to you for funding. Approving
13 community housing in red. Historic preservation
14 - I guess that's kind of a slate color. And
15 yellow and Recreation.

16 Use of the CPA funds from fiscal year
17 2006 through FY '18 Land Bank Debt, you can see
18 it's \$23.1 million. Community Housing, 6.67.
19 Open Space 5.26. Historic Preservation 5.03.
20 Recreation 2.4. And administrative costs 1.37
21 million.

22 CPA funds for Land Bank Debt. By 2020,
23 CPA funds will have paid \$25,731,027 in Land Bank
24 Debt Service. All funding required to retire

1 the Land Bank Debt Service from 2021 through 2035
2 will have appropriated in the Land Bank Debt
3 Reserve by the end of 2020. In total,
4 30,300,000 in CPA funds will be used to retire
5 the Land Bank Debt from 2006 to 2035.

6 This is just one of the categories, Open
7 Space, and, you know, you have appropriated 5.26
8 million for 25 projects, and that's some sample
9 projects. A lot of the current ones, Tony
10 Andrews Farm, Coonamessett Greenway, et cetera,
11 et cetera.

12 Recreation Projects, 2.4 million. 26
13 projects. Just, again, some more samples.
14 Development of Sandwich Road Playing Fields, the
15 backstops and fencing replacement at the Athletic
16 Fields, bike rack installation at various
17 locations. Playground rehabilitations.
18 Falmouth Golf Course irrigation system, Swift's
19 Park tennis courts and Shining Sea Bikeway Phase
20 One.

21 Historic Preservation. Five million,
22 53 projects, and again just a sample of some
23 current projects that are going on. The Nobska
24 Light tower, West Falmouth Library, Woods Hole

1 Library, West Falmouth Harbor Landing, Highfield
2 Hall, et cetera.

3 Community Housing. 6.67 million for 18
4 projects. And again some samples.
5 Appropriation of 2.17 million to Falmouth
6 Affordable Housing Fund to develop Notantico
7 Woods, St. Marks Road, One Chancery Lane, Shore
8 Street, and the Little Pond Place, which is -
9 will be built. The acquisition of 12 acres is
10 tied to that particular project.

11 Projects recommended for appropriation
12 at April, 2018, which you'll see later, or some
13 of them were held, but anyway: preservation of
14 the Nobska Light Keeper's House, Fuller Field's
15 rehabilitation, Highfield Hall ballroom and the
16 foyer oak floor rehabilitation, Falmouth
17 Historical Society - Historical Commission, I'm
18 sorry, Phase two inventory of historic resources,
19 and the Upper Cape River and Farley Bog
20 preservation and restoration.

21 And, in closing, just, we wanted to
22 recognize all of the past and the present members
23 for their time and effort. It does take a
24 little bit of time to do the job and we all enjoy

1 it and these people have also dedicated and were
2 dedicated members and placed a lot of time in it,
3 also. And on the right is just a sample of the
4 projects.

5 And, that's it, thank you, Mr.
6 Moderator.

7 [Applause.]

8 THE MODERATOR: Thank you.
9 Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

10 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Mark, and Allen, do
11 you want to come up?

12 Hi, there. I'm Linda Davis and I'm
13 Chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
14 I'm also a member of Precinct 8 and I do want to
15 thank Mr. Moderator, Town Meeting Members, Town
16 officials and the listening public for this
17 opportunity to speak.

18 I first - first of all, I want to thank
19 the committee members that I work with. This
20 year they have been phenomenal and I do want to
21 give them some recognition. John Snyder, Chris
22 Polloni, Ginny Gregg, Marc Finneran, Bill Peck,
23 Allan Robinson and our Board of Selectmen Liaison
24 Megan English Braga. They have been phenomenal.

1 They're such hard workers. We meet more than
2 once a month; several times, in fact.

3 And, as you know, we deal with waste-
4 related issues. And what is waste? Waste is a
5 byproduct of our human activity. Everything we
6 do produces waste. Trash, recyclables, toxic
7 materials, food waste, construction and
8 demolition, household waste, toxic materials,
9 industrial and commercial residues, and it goes
10 on and on and on. And it is a leading world
11 problem: what do we do with the stuff?

12 It's a Falmouth problem, also. This
13 year, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has
14 established subcommittees, now, to deal with
15 various aspects of this waste problem in
16 Falmouth. I don't have to tell you about litter
17 if you saw the Cape Cod Times. And we know we
18 don't even have to read about it to see it.

19 We now have a subcommittee on litter.
20 We have a subcommittee on food composting and
21 waste. We also have - and we're working with
22 other committees on eliminating plastic in our
23 environment. And we also - and really have to
24 commend the Selectmen who have stepped forward to

1 take a leadership role in bringing Falmouth into
2 compliance with the recycling bylaws and
3 regulations by the state. And I have to applaud
4 them.

5 Now, with these subcommittees, we
6 believe it's reaching out to the public, you
7 people, that we're going to develop the
8 strategies. We're all part of it. So, at the
9 break, I'm going to be in the back of the
10 auditorium and I'm looking for people to sign up
11 for these subcommittees on these issues that many
12 of you I know are concerned with.

13 Oh, and before I turn you over to two
14 members of the Committee, I want to ask how many
15 of you have a reusable water container with you
16 today? Hold them up. Oh, I got it. Yeah,
17 it's one way to heaven, by the way, if you have
18 this.

19 [Laughter.]

20 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Now, I'm not going to
21 ask how many of you have in your hand a single
22 use water bottle. Don't.

23 MR. ROBINSON: Including those on the
24 stage.

1 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: It's not good, it's
2 not good. However, I will tell you this: you
3 have to the end of Town Meeting to get rid of it
4 and make a pledge that you will go out and get a
5 reusable water bottle. There may be a reward in
6 it for you. Thank you.

7 I'm going to turn you over to Allan
8 Robinson.

9 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Linda. My
10 name is Allan Robinson.

11 Falmouth, we have a growing, 21st
12 Century, 365 day a year quality of life and
13 environmental problem. Long-lasting, non-
14 degradable, roadside-and-beach uglifying, fresh
15 water and marine ecosystem-impacting plastic
16 litter. Linda just pointed out the cases in
17 point. Here's my single use bottle which I
18 picked up along the roadside this afternoon. We
19 have a lot of these in town.

20 I would like to do a quick poll.
21 Please raise your hand if you are in agreement
22 with the following statements. I want everyone
23 to participate. We in Falmouth have a roadside
24 little problem. We in Falmouth are in effect

1 contributors to the worldwide epidemic of
2 plastics in the oceans. We in Falmouth care
3 enough about our community, the Cape and Islands
4 and the world beyond to take personal and
5 collective action to address this problem.
6 Great, fantastic. That is part of what our
7 Committee is up to.

8 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we hit our five
9 minutes. Do you want to request a specific
10 amount of additional time?

11 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, I would, if we may.

12 THE MODERATOR: Yeah, how much?

13 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Three minutes?

14 THE MODERATOR: Additional three
15 minutes. All those in favor, signify by saying
16 aye.

17 [Aye.]

18 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

19 [No.]

20 THE MODERATOR: It's the opinion of the
21 Chair that the ayes have it by a two-thirds.
22 We've got another three minutes.

23 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr.
24 Moderator.

1 To take action, we need means and
2 methods. Here is one: the Falmouth Water
3 Stewards, a Falmouth nonprofit, has an
4 initiative: Refill Reuse Falmouth. To reduce
5 use of these single use plastic bottles, by
6 installing water bottle refill and drinking
7 fountain stations in the town. Thanks to a
8 grant from the Falmouth Road Race and with the
9 support of the Falmouth Department of Public
10 Works, the first two water stations will be in
11 service by July 14th - excuse me, by July 4th.
12 That is one step.

13 The recent plastic bag prohibition is
14 another step. There are many more steps that we
15 wish to take.

16 We do hope that you'll join us.

17 In a recent Talking Trash column in the
18 Falmouth Enterprise, we asked the question: Where
19 does change begin? Let me close my part by
20 suggesting the answer: here in Falmouth.

21 Thank you.

22 [Applause.]

23 MR. FINNERAN: I'd like - Marc
24 Finneran, Precinct 6. Solid Waste Advisory

1 Committee.

2 I'd like to just thank Linda Davis.
3 She's really changed this committee and we've
4 been doing a lot.

5 Another pilot project we have, and
6 you'll see it in the near future, it's working
7 it's way through the Board of Health and the DPW,
8 is food composting. There'll be something at
9 the dump to contain it.

10 We have had a lot of help recently from
11 Kari Parcell from the county and she pointed out
12 to us that about 25 percent of the volume of the
13 trash is - by weight - is food. It's a little
14 lower, it's under 20 on Cape Cod, which is good,
15 that means we compost already or we eat all our
16 vegetables.

17 [Laughter.]

18 MR. FINNERAN: But, with garbage, the
19 price to get rid of this stuff is approaching
20 \$800,000. Twenty percent of that or any portion
21 of that 20 percent isn't a small amount. And
22 we'd appreciate all your help and it just takes a
23 little bit more effort and it can save us some
24 money.

1 Thanks a lot.

2 [Applause.]

3 THE MODERATOR: Next up is the Coastal
4 Resiliency Action Committee.

5 CHAIRMAN FREITAG: Good evening, Madame
6 Chair, Mr. Moderator and Town Meeting, thank you
7 for allowing me to speak tonight. I'm Melissa
8 Freitag and I speak tonight as the vice-chair of
9 our Coastal Resiliency Action Committee.

10 Last November, at Town Meeting, our
11 Charlie McCaffrey introduced our new Committee to
12 you and tonight I'm going to present to you a
13 quick update on our actions since to date --
14 since then.

15 So, since last November we continued to
16 invite experts and read studies and reports from
17 all - from various levels of government agencies
18 and scientific institutions to apprise us of the
19 latest coastal hazard information and science.
20 So we continue to study reports and discuss the
21 data as a group.

22 One significant action that we have
23 completed or accomplished is that with the help
24 of our administrator Jen McKay from Conservation

1 and Bob Shea in GIS, we've sent a letter of
2 interest to FEMA about our eligibility to be a
3 CRS community.

4 We worked with the Cape Cod Cooperative
5 Extension on this application, as well.

6 So this community rate system is a - the
7 Community Rating System is a voluntary program in
8 which municipalities can earn discounts on flood
9 insurance for taxpayers. So, discounts range
10 from five to 45 percent, with most Cape Cod towns
11 qualifying for five, ten, or fifteen percent
12 discounts.

13 So, in order to earn this discount,
14 towns must do certain things and enforce
15 regulations that reduce flood risk and improve
16 public safety. Some of these things that we can
17 do include: enforcing building regulations,
18 protecting open space, protecting wetlands,
19 providing information about flood maps,
20 conducting public outreach and conducting storm
21 water management.

22 So, we hope to hear soon about town-wide
23 reduction in insurance rates for all of us here.

24 So you might recall, also, that at

1 the last Town Meeting in November you, the body
2 of Town Meeting, actually gave us - appropriated
3 \$80,000 for our community to hire a consultant
4 team to provide us with a technical study of our
5 coastal resources and infrastructure and to
6 provide us with site-specific information
7 regarding risks that the Town is going to see or
8 sees right now.

9 So we have drafted an RFP of sorts and
10 await responses right now from technology firms,
11 and this project is one of several steps that we
12 can take to bring further monies to the Town for
13 resiliency action, coastal resiliency action.

14 Massachusetts created something called
15 the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program,
16 the MVP program, to provide funds for Towns to
17 plan for climate change resiliency and to fund
18 priority projects for the Town. Communities
19 that complete this MVP program become certified
20 as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP
21 Action Grant funding and other opportunities.
22 About 70 communities belong and we'll have
23 access, Falmouth will have access to billions of
24 grant funds and expertise once we complete this

1 program. We have entered the process and are
2 about halfway through the process right now.

3 Working with a consultant trained in the
4 Massachusetts regulations, we invited about 70
5 community members, department heads, committee
6 chairs, precinct captains and members of select
7 industries in Falmouth, to come to the first of
8 two workshops that we'll be holding. At this
9 all day workshop on March 24th, Saturday, March
10 24th, we worked in groups using data such as this
11 map that you see up here, and brainstormed our
12 concerns regarding infrastructure, the
13 environment and Falmouth's society, using several
14 hazard types as our motivator.

15 And so, if you look at this map, this is
16 called a SLOSH Inundation Map. This map, the
17 orange on the map - it's a NOAH map and the
18 orange on the map actually tells us - shows us
19 what would happen to town if merely a category 2
20 hurricane were to hit Falmouth today. This map
21 does not incorporate any sea level rise data and
22 it does not include any data regarding future
23 incidences. The purple stuff at the very tips
24 is regarding a category 4 hurricane if it were to

1 hit us today. That doesn't include sea level
2 rise.

3 So, ultimately, our workshop attendees
4 who worked with maps like this - oh, downtown is
5 right in there. Main Street, downtown.

6 We concluded and agreed upon several
7 priority points at this meeting. Whoops. So,
8 our workshop recognized several weaknesses and
9 potential steps that Falmouth can take to
10 ameliorate damages by coastal storms and the
11 changing climate. But these conclusions are not
12 the be all and end all of Town Meeting policy-
13 making and strategy. They're merely a first
14 step, an early step in the MVP process.

15 As you can see, several of our
16 conclusions dealt with creating plans, sediment
17 plans, coastal plans, retreat plans if necessary.
18 This is a map, a marked-up map from one of the
19 groups. And we spoke about the water mains, in
20 particular. And even the bike path as a
21 potential emergency evacuation route if we needed
22 to use it at some point.

23 But the next part for this MVP workshop
24 and certification includes a listening session

1 that we will need to host for the town. So,
2 please join us on Tuesday May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in
3 the Hermann Room to voice your concerns to us
4 about problems that the Town may face in the
5 future.

6 I hope to see many of you there and
7 while we work together to continue to gather data
8 and advise the Board of Selectmen, which is our
9 charge, and complete our eligibility for state
10 grant monies to help us implement some of our
11 resiliency priorities.

12 So, as you know, policy is made by those
13 who show up. Thank you for being here tonight,
14 and the Coastal Resiliency Action Committee looks
15 forward to hearing your concerns on the 8th of May
16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hermann Room.

17 So, have a productive evening and I'll
18 leave you with that.

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay, thank you.

20 [Applause.]

21 THE MODERATOR: Any further committee
22 reports? Yeah, go ahead. Rec Committee.

23 MR. GHELFI: Good evening, thank you,
24 Mr. Moderator. My name is Scott Ghelfi,

1 Precinct 8, speaking to you tonight as a member
2 of the Recreation Committee, here to give our
3 Committee report. I'm with fellow Committee
4 member Mike Heylin, who's put together some
5 slides that we want to show you. Hopefully,
6 with any luck, we can time this out pretty good.

7 In my short time on the board, I've been
8 able to see all the positive things our
9 Recreation Department does for the Town, led by
10 our Interim Director Joe Olenick. Some great
11 programs like Falmouth Teen, an adaptive camp
12 with 625 participants; curling; Mad Science Camp;
13 big Father/Daughter dance attended by over 200,
14 and many, many other great programs.

15 Despite the fact that they have been
16 understaffed since the retirement of Helen
17 Kennedy in 2016, Joe has stepped up into her
18 shoes without an assistant director and been able
19 to continue to manage all of the great programs
20 that have been offered to all segments of our
21 town.

22 Now the negative. Also in my short
23 time on the committee, I've been able to learn a
24 great deal on the deplorable conditions of our

1 athletic fields in town, as well as the lack of
2 handicap access to the fields and the lack of
3 restroom facilities. Our committee has been
4 spending most of the time recently meeting with
5 field user groups Pop Warner Football, Falmouth
6 Soccer Club, Falmouth Lacrosse, Babe Ruth,
7 softball, Little League, and getting a real feel
8 for what they have to deal with. The groups are
9 unanimous in expressing their opinion that we
10 have the worst field conditions in relation to
11 other towns they travel to and compete against.

12 Let me repeat that. The groups are
13 unanimous in expressing their opinion that we
14 have the worst field conditions in relation to
15 other towns they travel to and compete against.

16 We have also researched other towns on
17 the condition of their fields and the maintenance
18 of their programs - maintenance programs and
19 staff they have in place. We have learned that
20 this Town is woefully underfunded and
21 understaffed compared to other towns in this
22 area.

23 One small positive - we've still got the
24 fields up there. At last year's Town Meeting,

1 200,000 was appropriated to repair some of the
2 fields in town, a small fraction of what is
3 needed. But a start. This money will be used
4 to fix two of the 22 fields that we have. The
5 first to get repaired and re-sodded this spring
6 is the football field on Sandwich Road, then next
7 fall one of the three fields at Trotting Park.

8 This is great, but our committee is
9 concerned that we may be wasting this money
10 because we do not have the proper maintenance
11 plan or staff in place to keep them in good
12 condition. And adding to that concern is the
13 fact that the Town has decided not to fund the
14 Assistant Park Superintendent for Fiscal Year
15 2019.

16 The committee would like everyone to know
17 that we will be very active in keeping track of
18 the progress on the fields and subsequent
19 maintenance.

20 Also in the coming months, we will also
21 be asking the Selectmen, the Town Manager and the
22 residents of this town that we need more money
23 appropriated to repair all of the fields in Town,
24 and to have the maintenance staff, plan, and

1 equipment to take care of them.

2 In the meantime, the Committee will be
3 working with local nonprofits to seek --

4 [Laughter.]

5 MR. GHELFI: Hopefully not.

6 THE MODERATOR: Wasn't that the last
7 committee's report?

8 [Laughter.]

9 FROM THE FLOOR: [Inaudible.]

10 MR. GHELFI: In the meantime, the
11 Committee will be working with local nonprofits
12 to seek C.P.C. funds to repair some of the
13 drainage problems -- as you saw -- playing
14 surfaces, add restroom facilities, stands and
15 create handicap-compliant paths to the fields.

16 Another topic of concern for the Rec
17 Committee is that when the construction of the
18 new Senior Center next to the Rec Building
19 begins, we will lose the current SBLI playground
20 that gets used by hundreds if not thousands of
21 kids during the year. The Town has appropriated
22 the money to move and rebuild the playground, so
23 we are looking forward to the High School
24 football program moving to the High School campus

1 so we can relocate the playground in the football
2 field area.

3 We have met with and have started
4 working with the Counsel On Aging and the
5 Commission On Disabilities to start talking about
6 the plans for an inclusive playground that will
7 be for people of all ages and ability levels, as
8 well as coming up with ways to use the field for
9 senior activities.

10 Good job, Mike.

11 Thank you very much for your time, and
12 if anyone wants to know, we meet the second
13 Wednesday of every month if you want to come
14 visit.

15 Thank you.

16 [Applause.]

17 THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

18 Okay, any other Committee reports?

19 Last chance for Committee reports.

20 Hearing none, the question will come on
21 the main motion to accept the reports. All
22 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

23 [Aye.]

24 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

1 [None opposed.]

2 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it
3 unanimous.

4 Article 7. Madame Chairman of the
5 Board of Selectmen for the main motion.

6 CHAIRMAN MORAN: Mr. Moderator, we move
7 that Article 7 be voted as printed in the
8 warrant.

9 THE MODERATOR: As printed. This is
10 vote to adopt 780 CMR 158 --

11 CHAIRMAN MORAN: Oh, one correction.
12 Sorry about that.

13 THE MODERATOR: As printed with one
14 correction.

15 CHAIRMAN MORAN: With an addition at
16 the end that it will have an effective date of
17 January 1, 2019.

18 THE MODERATOR: Effective date January
19 1, 2019? Yeah. Okay.

20 Yes.

21 MS. O'REILLY: Hi, I'm Megan O'Reilly.
22 I'm a member of the Energy Board and I'm Precinct
23 3, and I'm here tonight to talk about the
24 Stretch Code.

1 Can everybody hear me? I kinda talk
2 soft.

3 Okay. So, to start, what is the Stretch
4 Code? The Stretch Code is an optional appendix
5 to the Massachusetts Building Energy Code that
6 allows Towns to choose a more energy efficient
7 option.

8 So, why do we want to adopt it? The
9 Stretch Code-built structures are around 11
10 percent more energy efficient than a standard
11 code-built home. These buildings will consume
12 less energy over their lives and reduce the
13 Town's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

14 Another reason: a Stretch Code-built
15 structure will lower the monthly utility bills
16 for the owner. And third: adoption of the
17 Stretch Code will allow Falmouth to apply to be a
18 Green Community, making the Town eligible for
19 grant funding in the range from 130 to 150
20 thousand dollars annually for energy-related
21 projects.

22 Okay. So what are the differences
23 between the Base Energy Code and the Stretch
24 Code? In January, 2017, the Base Code and the

1 Stretch Code were updated. The differences
2 between the two are much smaller than in the
3 past. To meet the Base Code, there are two
4 options, the prescriptive path and the
5 performance path.

6 The prescriptive path provides a list of
7 minimums to be met during construction.
8 Prescriptive codes don't guarantee good
9 installation, air-tightness or thermal insulation
10 is effective. It only requires that minimums
11 are met.

12 The other option, the performance path,
13 is based on the performance of the building,
14 which is verified by a third party or a HERS
15 rater. The HERS rater works with the building
16 and client to help meet the energy goals of the
17 project through development of an energy model
18 and a performance plan.

19 The Stretch Code is based on the overall
20 performance of a building. Compliance with the
21 Stretch Code is achieved by following the
22 performance path.

23 So what is a HERS rater and what are the
24 benefits of using a HERS rater? First, the

1 builders don't have to go by a list of specific
2 energy efficiencies measures. Rather, they have
3 the flexibility to work with the HERS rater to
4 determine which energy efficiency measures to
5 install.

6 It also is a way to insure homes are
7 well insulated and air sealed. As part of the
8 HERS rating the HERS rater tests the home at
9 several points during construction. This helps
10 catch any problems while it's still easy to
11 correct. These additional steps helps to insure
12 that a home performs as it was designed.

13 According to our Building Inspector, Rod
14 Palmer, 20 percent of our projects in Falmouth
15 already use a HERS rater.

16 So there's some additional cost
17 attributed to using a HERS rater. The HERS
18 rater costs between 1200 and 1600 dollars. In
19 both paths, the performance or the prescriptive,
20 there are required three tests. The costs of
21 these tests is around \$750. The HERS rater
22 includes these three tests in their price.

23 Your HERS rater can also enroll the
24 project in the MASS SAVE program, which has

1 rebates ranging from 350 for testing up to
2 \$10,000. I spoke with a local HERS rater that
3 I've done work with, and they completed 29
4 ratings in Falmouth in 2017. The average rebate
5 was a thousand dollars. The same HERS rater had
6 two homes in Falmouth receive \$6,000 in rebates
7 in 2017.

8 At the bottom of this slide is a link if
9 you want to go to that. There are a number of
10 case studies that the Department of Energy
11 Resources has provided, and the Board of
12 Selectmen put it up on our website. And so you
13 can go to those. Scroll down to the bottom and
14 you'll see some case studies that show the
15 projected costs and paybacks for a few different
16 scenarios.

17 In general, the additional cost was paid
18 off in a few years by savings to your energy
19 bill.

20 Okay, so what projects would be affected
21 by the Stretch Code? Only new residential
22 construction, new commercial construction over
23 100,000 square feet and multifamily buildings up
24 to four stories. Renovations, additions,

1 adaptive reuse are not included under the purview
2 of the Stretch Code.

3 And to provide a sense of how many
4 projects would be impacted: there were 2,000
5 building permits issued in 2017. Out of those
6 2,000 building permits, 85 were new residential
7 construction and six were new commercial
8 construction. So we do a lot of renovating.

9 And then we had a few questions about
10 the next version of the Stretch Code, and I
11 reached out to Seth Pickering, who's our Green
12 Communities contact, and he said the energy code,
13 Base and Stretch, in Massachusetts is updated
14 about every three years. Sometimes it takes
15 longer than that, and it's expected that the
16 Stretch Code will remain very closely aligned to
17 the Base Code moving forward, as it is now. And
18 the next version isn't expected to be very
19 different from the existing. And Falmouth can
20 always rescind the Stretch Code in the future if
21 it becomes unworkable for us.

22 Just to talk a little bit about becoming
23 a Green Community. Green Communities is a state
24 designation that would make Falmouth eligible for

1 grant funding. Adopting the Stretch Code is the
2 last remaining substantive requirement for
3 certification. The remaining items are
4 essentially paperwork and easily attainable by
5 the October 2018 grant round.

6 And I'll just finish with this map of
7 Massachusetts. It shows the 216 communities in
8 Massachusetts that have adopted the Stretch Code.
9 On Cape, Mashpee, Wellfleet, Provincetown and
10 Truro have adopted the Stretch Code and are Green
11 Communities and there are several communities on
12 Cape looking to adopt the Stretch Code as well
13 and become Green Communities.

14 Thank you.

15 [Applause.]

16 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Article 7.

17 Discussion on Article 7.

18 SELECTMAN BROWN: Mr. Moderator.

19 THE MODERATOR: Yes, Mr. Brown.

20 SELECTMAN BROWN: I wonder if we might
21 hear from Town Planner Thomas Bott about his
22 experience with the Stretch Code in Kingston?

23 THE MODERATOR: Sure.

24 MR. BOTT: Thank you. Mr. Moderator,

1 Town Meeting, Tom Bott, I'm the Town Planner here
2 in Falmouth, Mass., and I - at my peril I get up
3 here as the new kid to say, "This is what we did
4 somewhere else." So please bear with me.

5 In my capacity in Kingston, I was also
6 the acting Energy Manager and worked towards
7 adopting Green Communities Act. In the Town of
8 Kingston, the Green Communities Charter
9 Committee, since 2010, we have netted \$947,387
10 in grants. That, coupled with \$297,554 in
11 energy rebates, has produced a couple million
12 dollars in projects which has produced an
13 estimated \$270,000 in annual energy savings.
14 That's an estimated \$270,000 in annual energy
15 savings but, as explained, on a regular basis
16 annual energy savings are the gift that keeps
17 giving.

18 Over the time we've done these projects
19 in Kingston, we have had one large capital
20 project where we had to come to Town Meeting for
21 funding. The majority of that money was
22 produced with \$16,000 out of pocket, where we had
23 to pay some additional engineering. It has been
24 a terrific program in Kingston. They have

1 benefitted from it immeasurably. The Town of
2 Falmouth will, as well.

3 On adoption, you get an initial grant
4 based on your population, the size of the
5 community. The remaining grants are competitive
6 rounds. In the last round of grants, a \$250,000
7 maximum, we put together a grant to re-commission
8 the energy management system at an elementary
9 school. The maximum grant amount was \$250,000;
10 we received \$250,000 for a \$280,000 project.
11 With the rebates that will come as the project is
12 developed, we expect to have approximately zip
13 for out of pocket for this project.

14 It has been terrific for the Town of
15 Kingston. I think it could be very good for the
16 Town of Falmouth, as well.

17 Thank you.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Further
19 discussion?

20 Yes, Mr. Duffany. Then Ms. Putnam.

21 MR. DUFFANY: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
22 Ladies and gentlemen of Town Meeting, Michael
23 Duffany, Precinct 6.

24 I've actually had a lot of inquiries

1 about this and where I stand as a builder on this
2 issue. It's really hard to stand and say that
3 you're against a Green Community, and I'm not
4 against Falmouth being a Green Community. I
5 frankly think we are a Green Community and I
6 don't think that we need to do other things to
7 prove it to anyone.

8 The - some of the issues that I have and
9 the building community have with this program and
10 have had with it since the beginning - and it
11 started out that there was such a difference,
12 about a 20 percent difference in what you needed
13 to do as a Stretch community versus a traditional
14 community. And, as you know, it comes on the
15 backs of the ratepayers. We all pay on our
16 rates, we pay a fee that goes into a fund that is
17 getting used by the towns. And I really have a
18 hangup with that, number one. It's a hidden
19 tax, if you will, that's you know that's used
20 when people are, in our case here, we're going to
21 mandate - if we adopt this, we're going to
22 mandate people to use a Stretch Code and then
23 we're going to give the money to the Town. And
24 I do have, I have an issue with that.

1 I think that if it was something that we
2 really wanted, that there ought to be - the funds
3 should be accessible for people, you know, like
4 my mom or my aunt or somebody who could use the
5 money to help offset their electric bill by some
6 PV on the roof or some other kind of a grant. I
7 don't think that the Town should be rewarded for
8 this, for the practices in the past that it's had
9 of not being as diligent, if you will, as
10 homeowners.

11 And I can say that from experience
12 because I built one of the first two by six homes
13 in Falmouth. I built a smaller home, with my
14 wife, and we put in a wood stove with a catalytic
15 converter. Those were choices that we made in
16 order to be able to afford our home. And since
17 then, because we didn't over-extend, we've been
18 able to add on, and we've been energy efficient
19 all the way along. I don't think you need to
20 have somebody else telling you what you need to
21 do.

22 And, to the point earlier made by one of
23 the previous speakers, that 20 percent of the
24 homes in Falmouth are using HERS raters, and we

1 use HERS raters on a lot of the homes that we
2 build, but they're also - they're higher end
3 homes. And the folks are, they're doing their
4 due diligence to try to do the best they can for
5 the environment and for the community and so
6 forth, but they're doing it by choice. They're
7 not doing it because somebody's telling them that
8 they need to.

9 And then the last piece that I'll leave
10 you with - and I could go on. I mean, I could
11 talk for too long on this subject. But one of
12 the issues I have is the unknown of the Stretch.
13 I heard that it has been - that it's been Stretch
14 - this is absolutely new news to my ears that
15 we've stretched the Stretch Code because the base
16 code that we're under now is more stringent than
17 the Stretch Code. Over time, it has caught up.

18 We have worked diligently as a building
19 community to try to build the most efficient
20 homes that we can that are also homes that, you
21 know, that are livable homes. We are finding
22 that there are issues in the homes that are too
23 tight. They come with a cost that nobody's
24 going to talk to you about, you know, when you

1 need to have make up air; in order to turn on
2 your hood fan over your stove and for anything to
3 come out, you gotta have something going in the
4 other end. You know, so we have make up air
5 which uses electric to heat the air and so forth.

6 So, anyways, there's a lot of different
7 issues in this that I don't - I just don't think
8 that we need to have mandated to us by a fund
9 that we all are paying into and - and I just do
10 not support this. I am not against the Green
11 Community. I'm not against energy conservation,
12 but I do not support this. I think we've done
13 well. I think it should be sun-setted and I
14 think that frankly there ought to be another
15 criteria that we should use or be able to use to
16 be this Green Community.

17 Thank you.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Putnam.

19 MS. PUTNAM: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
20 Rebecca Putnam, Precinct 9.

21 To piggyback off of what was just
22 stated, currently my father and I are doing 20
23 brand new homes. We cannot get a use and
24 occupancy permit on any new home because of the

1 new building codes without doing the HERS rater's
2 test. Now, a HERS rater's test involves them
3 putting an actual door sealed over the front
4 door. They put a fan on, they measure how much
5 air is sucked out of the house, and you have to
6 meet a certain percentage that does not evacuate
7 or is not pulled up through and out of the home.

8 These homes are made so tight right now,
9 we have to put a what's called an ERV system in
10 there. It runs 24/7, cannot have an off switch
11 to it, and runs 24/7. It is a fan system that
12 will suck the air out of the house and transfer
13 new air back into your home.

14 Currently we have to put R-49 insulation
15 in any flat ceiling in these homes to help meet
16 these HERS raters' measurements. 49. R-49 is
17 48 inch thick insulation.

18 Now, if you don't meet the HERS raters'
19 test on the blower door, you then have to blow
20 insulation into your attic. You have to seal
21 your attic. You cannot put pull-down stairs in
22 the attics anymore because that helps allow air
23 to come in through the house.

24 Now, if we go and adopt this Stretch

1 Code, currently right now we have to meet - make
2 the houses 66 percent more energy efficient than
3 a home built in 2004. Sixty-six percent more
4 energy efficient than 2004. I currently have
5 clients that are spending about \$136 on their
6 actual gas heat in a three month period. Think
7 about what you're paying in your current home.
8 Okay?

9 So these new homes are made so tight, if
10 we adopt the Stretch Code, it goes to 55 percent.
11 And at that point, in order to meet these
12 ratings, we may have to actually put foam
13 insulation in between the joists, the walls. We
14 don't know what foam insulation does over 20
15 years. We don't know how it breaks down. We
16 don't know what the chemicals could be coming
17 into your home and affecting your health and your
18 children. Let alone sealing the house up that
19 much, how much moisture is trapped in those walls
20 that we're not aware of that is causing molds and
21 mildews? Because these houses do not breathe
22 naturally anymore.

23 So, I would ask that you do not vote
24 this in on the basis of we don't know what the

1 future brings with these chemicals that we could
2 be putting into the houses for somebody and their
3 children.

4 Thank you.

5 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Fenwick.

6 MS. FENWICK: Judy Fenwick, Precinct
7 1. I have a question and I'm not sure whom to
8 direct it; maybe to the Energy Committee. But
9 also maybe to direct it to Mr. Duffany for a
10 counterpoint.

11 I'm curious what the added expense under
12 the - if we adopt this Energy Stretch Code -
13 would have on the building of affordable housing
14 in Falmouth.

15 THE MODERATOR: Additional expense?
16 Mr. Duffany, do you want to?

17 MR. DUFFANY: The cost of an ERV is
18 like \$2500, plus the cost of running the ERV,
19 which is the unit that Rebecca was speaking of
20 that replaces the air in the house and actually -
21 it does not charge the house with air, it just
22 replaces it. So, there's also makeup ER units,
23 which run in the same neighborhood of \$2000 for
24 those.

1 Your HERS rater, right now in the base
2 code you're going to need to hire a HERS rater to
3 - just to meet the base code as it is. So that
4 fee runs anywhere from seven to fifteen hundred
5 dollars for that.

6 The additional cost of the insulation,
7 right now it's almost - it's almost a wash
8 because the Stretch Code is actually below the
9 current base code. So, the question I ask of
10 the folks in Boston that are promulgating these
11 regulations is what is the new Stretch going to
12 be. If it's going to be another 11 percent
13 more, you know, then that's going to be another
14 added cost to the, you know, to your insulation
15 so it's another \$1,000 for that.

16 So there are just some of the incidental
17 costs. And that's over and above the fact that
18 you live within a mile of the water, which has
19 nothing to do with Stretch, and then they're
20 piling on those other regs on top of it. So
21 there's a lot more pieces to this than just -
22 just a Stretch. That's one, just one piece.
23 So I hope that answers that.

24 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Mr. Brown.

1 SELECTMAN BROWN: So, when you're
2 talking about affordable housing, I would think
3 you'd want to do the most energy efficient
4 building that you can and have the smallest
5 energy bills later. So, I think that's common
6 sense.

7 When we're building these houses to the
8 base code, as stated by Mr. Duffany, we're
9 already doing most of the work already. Why not
10 get credit for it in our Town and be a part of
11 the Green Communities Act?

12 That's my position.

13 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Finneran.

14 MR. FINNERAN: I'm not against green and
15 I'm not against saving money, at all. But I
16 have a little bit of familiarity with people that
17 are building new houses currently, and they have
18 problems with mold and mildew. And if you
19 looked at the map that they showed us on this,
20 you can see that the state has adopted this at a
21 much higher rate than we have on Cape Cod, and
22 that's because we have a problem with moisture.
23 So it exacerbates it here.

24 Some of these people that have these new

1 homes, they're so tight that they seem to - they
2 believe that they cause or aggravate breathing
3 problems, and also they're opening the windows
4 every day, just to exchange the air in the house.
5 So anything we're saving is literally going out
6 the window.

7 I think that this is a little bit too
8 far and it seems to me that the payback is about
9 ten cents on the dollar. I personally am voting
10 against it.

11 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Lichtenstein.

12 MS. LICHTENSTEIN: Leslie Lichtenstein,
13 Precinct 8.

14 I have a concern. A lot of times we're
15 asked to vote something because we'll get money
16 for the Town. Right now the Green Communities
17 are eligible for grants. We saw it happen with
18 C.P.C. money. As more and more communities
19 become eligible as Green Communities, there will
20 be less and less money available. So I don't
21 think we should be suckered into voting for
22 something because it'll bring money into the
23 Town.

24 I think if we're going to vote

1 something, we should vote it because we think
2 that it is the right thing to do and not because
3 we're going to get money for it. Because, I
4 don't know, as long as I've been a Town Meeting
5 Member, we always are going to get money and
6 somehow we never quite get as much as they said
7 we would.

8 [Laughter.]

9 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Putnam.

10 MR. PUTNAM: Thank you, Mr. Moderator,
11 Brent Putnam, Precinct 9.

12 I'm struggling to do the math in my head
13 because I've heard Mr. Duffany say that this
14 Stretch Code could add something on the order of
15 well over \$5,000 to a new house. But I also
16 heard my wife say that the costs of a gas bill
17 over the course of a winter is maybe \$130 in the
18 homes that are being built now. If we're
19 talking, I think somebody said 11 percent or, you
20 know, just if we toss that out there and say that
21 you're going to save \$15 bucks over the course of
22 a winter for a \$5,000 investment, um, that's like
23 over a hundred years to get your money back? I
24 don't see much benefit there.

1 You know, there's the law of diminishing
2 returns, Folks, where you get to a point that you
3 can reach a certain amount of efficiency and then
4 that last ten percent is almost unobtainable
5 because it's really expensive to get there. And
6 that's what this sounds like. I'm voting no on
7 this.

8 Thank you.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Hargraves.

10 MR. HARGRAVES: Thank you, Mr.

11 Moderator. Peter Hargraves, Precinct 9.

12 Just trying to clarify what this means
13 to me as a consumer. When I hear the word
14 "code", it says to me that, unless I meet the
15 requirements, I won't get a certificate of
16 occupancy and I can't live in my house. So, if
17 I make a contract with a builder under the
18 performance requirement and there isn't enough
19 skill to deliver the product that meets the
20 performance requirements, then what are the
21 ramifications of that for me living in my house?

22 And can you default after you've chosen
23 a performance requirement to the - just the
24 specific requirements and just bypass the fact

1 that the performance can't be met in the final
2 analysis?

3 I'm just trying to understand, as a
4 consumer dealing with a builder, and builders
5 having different level of skill, how this would
6 impact my contract with the builder and the
7 builder's fiduciary responsibility to me.

8 THE MODERATOR: Okay. The answer over
9 there.

10 SELECTMAN BROWN: So, if we adopt the
11 Stretch Code, you will have to meet the
12 performance requirement. But, if you know that
13 going in, you're going to test throughout the
14 project. When you get the frame completed and
15 the windows are in, you'll have the tester in.
16 That's when you find the problems. If you're
17 building by the prescriptive method, you hope to
18 do the best you can, but you might miss something
19 and not really know it. If you wait to the end
20 to do the testing, then you're up against a gun.
21 So that's why, if you know what you're doing
22 going in, you'll test as you need to and you'll
23 have the best performing house.

24 This is about building better houses and

1 having better quality of construction. It's
2 just - you know what you have to do, going in,
3 and you'll be prepared for it. And you'll test
4 at the point where you can easily fix it, not
5 wait until the end when you're in trouble.

6 THE MODERATOR: Yes.

7 MR. SUSO: Mr. Moderator, could I ask
8 the Building Commissioner Rob Palmer to address
9 that if he would, please?

10 MR. PALMER: Good evening, Mr.
11 Moderator, Ladies and gentlemen.

12 Mr. Brown was correct in stating that
13 throughout the process when you're building your
14 home, at different stages the HERS rater that you
15 hire to evaluate your home under the performance
16 method will visit your home, will do testing, and
17 he's sort of or she is sort of overseeing the
18 construction of your house from its infancy to
19 the certificate of occupancy. And a rating is
20 given to the Building Department, a document is
21 presented to the Building Department and it's
22 telling us whether or not your home has passed
23 this performance rating. And, upon receiving
24 this document, we would issue a certificate of

1 occupancy.

2 So, it's tested at different stages
3 throughout the process.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Murphy and
5 then Ms. Schneider.

6 MR. MURPHY: Yes, Mr. Moderator, Kevin
7 Murphy, Precinct 5.

8 Folks, I think this comes down to a
9 personal choices issue. We heard that 20
10 percent of the folks that do this already do this
11 now. Why do we want to force somebody to do
12 something above and beyond the building code to
13 maybe get a grant? We've seen what grants do
14 for this community. Sometimes they're good,
15 sometimes they're not good. Sometimes we're
16 going to pay for years for some grants we might
17 get.

18 I'm going to say to you Folks that the
19 difference between Falmouth and a lot of those
20 other communities that had green spots on them is
21 that we're a seasonal community. Over 50
22 percent of our tax base is from folks who build
23 summer homes here. Those folks don't heat their
24 houses in the wintertime. They shut their water

1 off and they go back home. And they pay for our
2 schools. And they pay for our Police Department
3 and Fire Department. And what we want to do is
4 make it harder for them and we want to make it
5 harder for folks who want to get going on their
6 first home as an affordable home.

7 You know, I have a personal choice. If
8 I want to buy a Cadillac, I could buy one. But
9 if I like my old clunker truck, I can keep it.
10 You know, everyone has a personal choice, and in
11 this case I think we're going above and beyond.

12 And, one last thing. Remember the
13 Stretch Code? It continues to stretch. So,
14 in three more years, we heard tonight, "Oh, well,
15 we don't think it's going to be that much of a
16 stretch." We don't know. We don't know what's
17 going to happen in three more years. We know
18 what's happening now and I think we need to vote
19 against it, thank you.

20 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Schneider.

21 MS. SCHNEIDER: Thank you. Every so
22 often, you can turn to one of your kids for some
23 advice, and in this case I turned to my son and
24 told him what you were all saying in this debate,

1 because he's just celebrating his 15th year doing
2 exactly what we're talking about. He is - he
3 works in Vermont doing HERS testing and going
4 around advising architects and builders on how to
5 make better homes. And he wants me to tell you
6 all this in response to what you've said.

7 Build tight, ventilate right. He
8 wishes that people like Mike Duffany would read
9 Massachusetts-based Joe Steelbrick's work on
10 building healthy, durable homes. And that it's
11 important to know that the unhealthy homes are
12 not the ones that are built this way, that get
13 mildew, but they are the ones that are leaky, the
14 ones with poor performing bath fans in the
15 bathroom. And that, if you grab a CO2 meter and
16 you measure the levels in your master bedroom
17 overnight, you'll be very surprised to find out
18 that you're actually waking up in the morning
19 with your cognitive functions negatively impacted
20 by what you have for CO2 in your house.

21 So he would encourage you all to take
22 this step that many are taking, and to say you
23 can do better; you should ask for better.

24 Yes, we can drive clunky old cars, but

1 we are doing damage to the environment the whole
2 time that we are, and we're talking about how to
3 make Falmouth nice, and this is one way we can.

4 [Applause.]

5 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Dufresne, Mr.
6 Dufresne.

7 MR. DUFRESNE: I'd like to move the
8 question.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we have a motion
10 to move the previous question to close debate.
11 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

12 [Aye.]

13 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

14 [No.]

15 THE MODERATOR: It's the opinion of the
16 Chair that the ayes have it by a two-thirds and
17 the question will come on the main motion as
18 printed, with an affective date of January 1st,
19 2019. All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 [Aye.]

22 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

23 [No.]

24 THE MODERATOR: It's the opinion of the

1 Chair is that the nos have it. Is there a
2 challenge to the Chair?

3 FROM THE FLOOR: No, no.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Can we tee up a
5 slide for a roll call vote? Get your clickers
6 out. When we activate the device, a yes vote
7 will be one; a no vote will be two.

8 FROM THE FLOOR: Is this a roll call
9 vote?

10 THE MODERATOR: No. Wait, wait. No,
11 I said when he tees up the device, we're going to
12 be taking a vote. So the device is on, here.
13 If you vote yes, press one, or A. No, press two
14 or B.

15 [Pause.]

16 THE MODERATOR: Twenty second left.

17 Yes, one or A; no, two or B.

18 [Pause.]

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we can display.
20 By a counted vote of 82 in favor and 115 opposed,
21 the article does not pass and we stand in recess
22 for 15 minutes.

23 [Whereupon, a recess was taken.]

24 THE MODERATOR: Okay, let's prepare a

1 slide for a quorum count. Town Meeting Members
2 please come forward.

3 [Pause.]

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we have to re-
5 establish a quorum, here. You're going to
6 press one on your device when we activate the
7 system for the quorum count. The quorum roll
8 call is open.

9 All Town Meeting Members present please
10 press 1 A to re-establish the quorum. One A.

11 [Pause.]

12 THE MODERATOR: I'll do an early
13 reminder in case I forget later. When you leave
14 Town Meeting tonight, make sure you drop your
15 response card in the bins that are at both sides
16 of the doors on the way out so that we have those
17 tomorrow.

18 We've got to re-program them so you
19 don't stay home and watch it on T.V. and vote
20 from there.

21 One A.

22 [Pause.]

23 THE MODERATOR: By a counted vote of
24 180, we have a quorum and I call the Annual Town

1 Meeting back into session.

2 Article 8. Article 8 - yes, Mr.
3 Walker. With a microphone.

4 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
5 Grant Walker - Charles Grant Walker, actually,
6 Precinct number 3.

7 I wish to raise the point that calling
8 the question on that Article number 7 at the time
9 that it was called in my opinion resulted in a
10 biased vote because there was a series of a
11 number of individuals who spoke against Article
12 7 and then one person who spoke in favor of it.
13 And to call the question at that time when I and
14 a number of other people in the meeting had
15 positive things to say about Article 7 I think
16 resulted in a biased vote.

17 And I move to reconsider the vote on
18 Article 7 and I believe I have information that
19 was not presented that would be considered new
20 information.

21 THE MODERATOR: Okay. We had a motion
22 to move the previous question after six folks
23 spoke opposed, three had voted in favor and two
24 had asked questions. There were three

1 additional folks on my list; you were the second
2 of the three to speak, and Town Meeting
3 overwhelmingly voted to move the previous
4 question knowing that there were additional
5 speakers that wanted to speak because they were
6 standing up.

7 So, substantially new information not
8 available at the time of the original vote. Not
9 getting to speak is not a substantially new piece
10 of information not available to the meeting at
11 the time of the vote.

12 So the Chair is going to rule that the
13 motion to reconsider is not in order.

14 MR. WALKER: Well, this is - I have
15 information that was not presented that I think
16 would be new relative to what was presented. As
17 a matter of fact, I think a question was raised
18 about the information that I have and there was
19 no opportunity to present it.

20 THE MODERATOR: I'm going to go with
21 the standing ruling that we're not going to
22 reconsider.

23 MR. WALKER: Thank you.

24 THE MODERATOR: We took the vote. If

1 folks wanted to continue to debate, they should
2 have voted no on moving the previous question.
3 It requires a super-majority; it's a high
4 threshold and Town Meeting Members were ready to
5 make their decision.

6 Article 8. This is a zoning article.
7 Planning Board for the main motion.

8 CHAIRMAN FOX: Good evening. I'm Jim
9 Fox, present chairman of the Planning Board.
10 And we would like to move this as printed.

11 THE MODERATOR: As printed. This is
12 the accessory apartment addition to the Zoning
13 Bylaw.

14 CHAIRMAN FOX: And what this says is
15 the exact same bylaw we passed last year in both
16 the Residential and the Agricultural Districts,
17 and in this case we're just putting the General
18 Residential District, which I have a small map to
19 show you. Do you guys have that?

20 The clicker's right here. The zoning
21 map, well - okay, there it is.

22 Okay, these are the areas in town where
23 the General Residential Zones are, okay. You
24 can see in this map it's near the village centers

1 and on the main roads. There's some up in -
2 there's very few of them. There's - oh, I can't
3 see the streets, here.

4 Anyways, they're in the small little
5 village areas. There's just little teeny
6 sections of them around. It's a very small
7 percentage of the town and the main reason is is
8 because it was left out, there's some people that
9 have what they think is perfect application for
10 it and it's not allowed in their permit, and we
11 just left it off when we put it into the other
12 districts.

13 So, that's simply all we're requesting,
14 is we just add the same language we did last year
15 and insert it in the General Residential District
16 as well as all the Agricultural and the existing
17 Residential Districts.

18 That's it.

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Valiela, you
20 held this one?

21 MS. VALIELA: Virginia Valiela,
22 Precinct 5, and I'm also vice chair of the Water
23 Quality Management Committee. And I'm going to
24 respectfully ask that it would be more logical to

1 vote this article at the Fall Town Meeting. And
2 I have three reasons.

3 Some of the parcels that were shown on
4 these maps - and not all of the maps for the Town
5 were shown - some of those parcels are in
6 watersheds that have excess nitrogen. The
7 nitrogen loadings have been measured and the Town
8 has a Coastal Pond District Overlay zoning map,
9 but not all of the ponds are on the map. So we
10 have a bylaw that invokes Coastal Pond Overlay
11 Districts but it's a mishmash. Some are
12 included and some are not included.

13 This will be corrected at the Fall Town
14 Meeting. It only came to light after the
15 warrant had closed after this Annual Town
16 Meeting. At the Fall Town Meeting, all 15
17 estuaries that are impaired will be properly on
18 that map. Some of these General Residence
19 Districts are in mapped areas and some are not.

20 Secondly, in General Residence
21 Districts, you can already have two dwellings per
22 lot, per parcel. So there's an opportunity.
23 It's not as if you can't have denser housing in
24 those areas. If you pass this tonight, then you

1 would have three, and that needs to be looked at
2 from the nitrogen loading point of view.

3 And thirdly, as the accessory apartment
4 bylaw has been implemented, we have found there
5 have been some issues in implementing it, and so
6 the Town Manager set up a committee, a working
7 group, that crosses all of the various
8 departments that are affected: Board of Health,
9 Planning Board, Zoning and Water Quality
10 Committee to look at those issues. And we will
11 be coming to Fall Town Meeting with any
12 corrections that are needed for the accessory
13 bylaw.

14 So I believe we need a coordinated
15 approach, not a piecemeal approach, and so I
16 would ask that you vote this down tonight and
17 that we will look at it over the summer and it
18 can be voted at the Fall Town Meeting if it's a
19 good idea.

20 Thank you very much.

21 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Putnam.

22 MS. PUTNAM: Rebecca Putnam, Precinct
23 9.

24 Through you, Mr. Moderator, to the

1 Chairman of the Planning Board. If I'm correct,
2 this is a housekeeping issue; we already voted to
3 allow accessory apartments. But I'd like to ask
4 the Chairman: does this allow the Planning Board
5 to increase the number of bedrooms on these
6 properties or is it just allowing a way for
7 somebody to put an apartment in and maybe delete
8 a bedroom in a house in order to be able to do an
9 accessory apartment, and does it necessarily mean
10 that you're allowed to build a separate structure
11 on these properties?

12 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Fox.

13 CHAIRMAN FOX: To answer your
14 question, it is a housekeeping issue. It is
15 basically taking the exact same bylaw we passed
16 last year and putting it in the General
17 Residential District, as well.

18 The main reason being, there's what
19 could really - the only difference is there might
20 be a perfect structure on the site right now.
21 You could have a barn or an outbuilding. You
22 could really - it's perfect. They can make it
23 in - it's just the right size, they can make it
24 into an accessory apartment because you're in the

1 General Residential District and we left it out.
2 It's been pointed out to us that that precludes
3 anyone that has that structure, they can't use
4 it. It's a small amount of area in town. It's
5 spread out through the town, and it doesn't
6 impact a lot of people but it was just thought to
7 be unfair for those who have a perfect structure,
8 want to do it, and they can't do it.

9 Under the General Residential zoning, if
10 you want to put in another unit, it has to be
11 done as a townhouse. It has to be - the
12 buildings have to be touching. There has to be
13 livable space. And so that's really the
14 difference. And this would allow for another
15 structure, a barn on the site or a garage, to be
16 converted. Or an upper floor of a garage that's
17 already there in a downtown area.

18 Right now, if it - it could be perfect,
19 but because it's not allowed in this zoning
20 district it's prohibited. So, it's just to cure
21 that one aspect of it.

22 MS. PUTNAM: I'm sorry -

23 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Putnam.

24 MS. PUTNAM: - my last portion of the

1 question was does it allow the Planning Board to
2 increase the --

3 CHAIRMAN FOX: Oh, sorry.

4 MS. PUTNAM: - number of bedrooms.

5 CHAIRMAN FOX: There's no change at all
6 in the number of bedrooms. The exact - the
7 bylaw we passed is staying the same. There's no
8 change in that at all. And most of the problems
9 that are from our experience with the bylaw is
10 really a learning curve that's taking for the
11 Town and for the Board of Health and for the
12 Building Commissioner. So, it's working through
13 it. And right now the Board of Health is, it
14 looks like the determination if you're not
15 changing the amount of bedrooms, you don't need a
16 different septic system. That seems to be the
17 way it's going. And I guess that's the question
18 you were asking.

19 But that's a Board of Health issue.
20 The Planning Board doesn't make that
21 determination. We're very clear that the
22 Building Inspector does the Building Code, the
23 Board of Health does the Board of Health code,
24 and all we're saying is this is where you're

1 allowed to put it. And that's simply all we're
2 doing, is you can now put it in a - if we pass
3 this bylaw, it can be in a General Residential
4 District, as well as Agricultural and regular
5 Residential we already have.

6 Does that answer your question?

7 MS. PUTNAM: Thank you, yes, because
8 it's to the point of what Ms. Valiela is saying,
9 is basically that we are adding bedrooms in
10 estuaries, and you're not. You're keeping the
11 same number of bedrooms in that same lot that
12 somebody is requesting to convert to produce an
13 opportunity, as this Town keeps saying that they
14 want to do, of affordable housing. It's just a
15 perfect chance to do the housekeeping and make it
16 a possibility for people to be able to rent.

17 Thank you.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay, I had someone in
19 the back right. Yeah.

20 MR. KLAUER: For the record, my name is
21 Kevin Klauer, Precinct 6, and I'm an attorney
22 with Ament Klauer Law Firm here in Falmouth. I
23 do have some thoughts on this because we do have
24 clients who are interested in the petition.

1 Specifically, General Residence
2 currently allows you to have a duplex as a by
3 right matter. You can have multifamily housing,
4 which is three or more, in a situation where at
5 least one of them is affordable. Multifamily
6 housing can be in one or two structures.
7 Duplexes must be in one. All this does is
8 allows you to have an accessory apartment in a
9 separate structure, essentially as General
10 Residence does with multifamily housing. The
11 only difference here is we're talking about two
12 units as opposed to potentially three units.

13 It seems that the omission of General
14 Residence truly was an oversight. I think there
15 was a lot of surprise when we realized General
16 Residence District was not included in last
17 year's article, and I think that surprise was
18 shared by the members of the Planning Board that
19 we spoke with.

20 So, all this does is take the existing
21 bylaw - as Mr. Fox has said, take the existing
22 bylaw and extend it to the district that probably
23 makes the most sense overall for accessory
24 apartments to be allowed.

1 Thank you.

2 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Moran.

3 CHAIRMAN MORAN: Thank you, Mr.
4 Moderator.

5 The Board of Selectmen has worked very
6 hard to allow our volunteer committees and folks
7 interested in issues to coordinate efforts. I
8 want to applaud the Planning Board for putting
9 this idea out there, given the really vital need
10 we have to be more creative about our housing,
11 but it caused some issues. It caused some
12 confusion. And I think we owe it to the public
13 going forward to continue the efforts at
14 coordinating so that we provide a more
15 coordinated approach which will allow the public
16 to have more confidence in making plans and to
17 save money in moving forward with the projects.

18 I think Ms. Valiela and other folks who
19 have looked at this issue in detail and have
20 actually formed a committee to work out some of
21 the kinks is really the perfect balance. So
22 we're moving forward, but the proposal to not
23 vote this in but wait and discuss it in November
24 would allow the folks that have the most

1 knowledge to contribute their ideas, coordinate
2 the efforts and move it forward as Town Meeting
3 sees fit in November, but not now.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Donahue.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Bob Donahue, Precinct 3.
6 Through you, Mr. Moderator, could
7 somebody please define what is a General building
8 area, and why are they scattered so wildly around
9 the town? It looks like, you know, you threw an
10 ink pen at it and where the dots are, that'll be
11 General housing and all the rest will be regular
12 housing. This is the kind of thing that, as a
13 non-political person in the town I don't
14 understand these things. They're scattered.
15 They don't seem to have any rhyme or reason for
16 being there, but they're there and they seem to
17 throw obstacles into the way of progress in the
18 town.

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Fox. Give
20 us a 30,000 foot view of --

21 CHAIRMAN FOX: The General Residence,
22 the definition, you can build one, two or three
23 family structures. In regular Residential, you
24 can only build one. In General Residence, you

1 can build one, two or three, and the third one if
2 it's affordable. And you can do it by right.
3 I've actually built several of them around town
4 in the past. That is what General Residential
5 is.

6 It is used in planning as kind of like a
7 buffer zone. It's usually used in between a
8 Business zone and a Residential zone. So it's
9 kind of a buffer where you get a little bit more
10 density in an area just between the two different
11 zones. And it's generally used in our villages,
12 in our village centers, and that's where we want
13 to have apartments and houses and more people.

14 So, it's part of a general plan in
15 zoning to have the - you know, the zoning flow
16 from residential to business and you put General
17 Residential in the middle. It also has a little
18 bit of business use that's allowed in by a
19 special permit. In a General Residential zone
20 you can actually have an office, but you have to
21 do it by special permit. You have to go to the
22 Zoning Board of Appeals.

23 So it's really like a flex zone. It's
24 meant to be a buffer between two different zones

1 and it's scattered around in the village centers
2 as a reason because that's - you should see in
3 some of those areas you would see Residential
4 zones and Business zones in those same areas and
5 it's usually just in between. Like, it's all
6 along Palmer Avenue. It's very - it's right
7 behind Main Street, it's from where the B1
8 changes. Like on Shore Street, the first couple
9 - hundred yards is Business Residential. It's
10 kind of a buffer zone in between the two larger
11 zones, and it's in our village centers.

12 Does that answer the question?

13 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Lowell.

14 MS. LOWELL: Vicki Lowell, Precinct 1.

15 I think he asked why it was so
16 scattered, and I think part of the reason is that
17 they come from when the Town adopted zoning in
18 1926. I don't think many new General Residence
19 areas have been created. And they were probably
20 - most of the zoning then, they just looked at
21 the uses that were on the land at the time and
22 they made categories to fit those uses. So I
23 think that's very ancient history of why we have
24 such scattered General Residence zones. But I

1 think Chairman Fox did describe the role that
2 they play in the zoning effort.

3 Thank you.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Ms. Valiela,
5 did you?

6 MS. VALIELA: Mr. Fox and I conferred
7 after his answer. Yes, if you pass this, it can
8 add units. Obviously the proposal will vary
9 from lot to lot. But the density will increase.
10 The nitrogen will increase. And some of these
11 parcels are in the impaired watersheds that are
12 not properly mapped.

13 We need to - we really need to just
14 logically do it in the fall.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Ms. Wilson.

16 MS. WILSON: Holly Wilson, Precinct 1.
17 Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee.

18 I was wondering if someone from the
19 Board of Health could speak to the septic issues
20 involved with the General Residence zone. And
21 further, I'm hearing what Ms. Valiela and Ms.
22 Moran are saying, but I think there's a fairness
23 issue here, as well. This was just overlooked.

24 When the Planning Board worked for a

1 couple of years - and I said this at last Town
2 Meeting - worked for a couple of years on this
3 new zoning, all of the departments, all of the
4 committees were asked to give their feedback and
5 their advice, and all these things we assumed
6 were considered.

7 The other Residential and Agricultural
8 zones, also I would assume parts of them are in
9 these coastal overlay areas, and these people are
10 allowed to do the accessory apartments, whether
11 by special permit or by right. And I do believe
12 that the Board of Health has the oversight on the
13 septic issues and there's state requirements,
14 etcetera, that have to be met.

15 So, I don't know, is there someone here
16 that could speak to that?

17 THE MODERATOR: Scott. Welcome to
18 your first day on the job.

19 MR. MCGANN: I was just looking; it's
20 been about 14 hours, 15 minutes and 23 seconds.

21 But, in terms of Title V, if there's, on
22 those parcels, nine bedrooms and they're divided
23 by three units or nine units, Title V doesn't
24 care. So it's based on the number of bedrooms,

1 and how it's broken up is not relevant in the
2 code. It's 110 gallons per day per bedroom,
3 regardless of how it's actually broken up.

4 I don't know a lot about the bylaw since
5 it's been 14 hours, 13 minutes and 27 seconds,
6 but from what I know about it and the alternative
7 technology, you know, with Title V itself really
8 only cares about the total number of bedrooms on
9 a parcel.

10 Does that answer your question?

11 MS. WILSON: [No mic:] Not really.

12 MR. MCGANN: I didn't think it would.

13 [Laughter.]

14 THE MODERATOR: But he tried.

15 MR. MCGANN: Since I wasn't involved
16 with any of the parts previous to it. So I'd
17 have to say I'd have to plead ignorance on that
18 part. But, specifically, I'll grab the mic.

19 MS. WILSON: So, with the General - I
20 don't have all this down, either - General
21 Residence, there can be up to three dwelling
22 units but two have to be attached, like a duplex
23 or townhouses, correct, and the third one has to
24 be affordable? Is that what you said, Jim?

1 CHAIRMAN FOX: Yes.

2 MS. WILSON: So, all on one lot?

3 CHAIRMAN FOX: General Residential is
4 one, two family houses or three, and they have to
5 be - the term is used semi-detached. And my
6 understanding of that is - well, at least when I
7 built three of these things, that living space
8 had to be touching in some place of the
9 structure. We did one on - we did a duplex last
10 year, or we did some on Pelican Lane. And it's
11 a duplex house but it was built by right without
12 any special permit or anything because it was in
13 General Residential. And it just has to be semi
14 detached. So it can't be a separate structure.
15 And I believe that's really the only difference
16 is - because, by putting this, you could do it in
17 a separate structure, but when you do that it
18 still has to go Board of Health, and it still has
19 to go to the Building Department and it still has
20 to go to Zoning. Zoning has to give them a
21 special permit. So it is given a lot of special
22 care.

23 Right now - I built - ten years ago I
24 built a three unit, six bedroom house on 12,000

1 square feet on Locust Street. It was done by
2 right. Just applied to the Board of Health,
3 showed them the system, 610 gallons a day.

4 Some of this is being attached to the
5 Accessory Apartment bylaw unnecessarily, in my
6 opinion.

7 THE MODERATOR: Are we all set, Ms.
8 Wilson, or?

9 MS. WILSON: The concern is wastewater
10 and nitrogen, and so what I'm trying to figure
11 out - is anyone else wondering this, too? - what
12 happens with that lot as far as nitrogen loading?
13 Any problem more than anywhere else in town that
14 can do accessories now? That's my question.
15 And I don't think there's any.

16 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

17 MR. MCGANN: Well, Title V just goes by
18 the total number of bedrooms. Whether it's
19 broken up, it doesn't - it's not really important
20 to Title V, just the total number of bedrooms.
21 Not a lot.

22 THE MODERATOR: Okay, let's go to the
23 center.

24 MS. BENNETT: Joanna Bennett, District

1 8.

2 My family was actually, I believe, the
3 first to go through the bylaw gauntlet, if you
4 will. And the very first thing we had to do was
5 go to the Board of Health and verify how many
6 bedrooms were on our existing lot and what our
7 plan was going to be, going forward. If we were
8 going to add any bedrooms, we had to install a
9 denitrifying system.

10 To that end, if as Chairman Fox said
11 this is indeed just going to be, you know, a
12 housekeeping issue as far as adding onto the
13 existing bylaw, I would imagine that that would
14 have to remain true: if you add a bedroom, you
15 have to install the denitrifying system as per
16 the Board of Health.

17 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Bennett, are you a
18 Town Meeting Member in Precinct 8?

19 MS. BENNETT: [No mic:] No, I'm not.

20 THE MODERATOR: Is there a reason why
21 you're sitting in the center of the Town Meeting?

22 MS. BENNETT: [No mic:] I didn't know,
23 am I not supposed to be here?

24 THE MODERATOR: Yes. [Laughs.]

1 Only Town Meeting Members or members of
2 boards and committees that are sitting with their
3 respective boards and committees can sit in front
4 of row M or N, wherever the little cutoff is
5 there. Yeah, the one behind you where she's
6 pointing.

7 MS. BENNETT: [No mic:] Sorry. I just
8 sat with my friend.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay, sorry. All
10 right. So if you could retreat to where the
11 General Public goes.

12 We're looking, we're like, "Oh, we have
13 a new Town Meeting Member." I'm like, nah, no
14 we don't. [Laughs.]

15 But thank you for contributing to the
16 discussion tonight.

17 [Applause.]

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Ms. Shephard.

19 MS. SHEPHARD: Susan Shephard, Precinct
20 1.

21 The more I hear, the more I think that
22 Mrs. Valiela is right. I don't think that
23 putting this off to the fall is going to be big
24 harm to anyone. I really like the idea that

1 these various boards are getting together and
2 discussing how this will work. I think we
3 should wait until the fall to pass this meeting.
4 I think we should vote no tonight.

5 THE MODERATOR: Okay. The gentleman
6 in the center.

7 MR. LEMAY: Yeah, Lemay, Precinct 9.

8 I work for several charities in town,
9 and I get to go into people's homes and help them
10 with their financial difficulties. Every time
11 I'm on duty, I go into a house that has anywhere
12 between nine and 15 people stacked up. That's
13 the only way the workers in our retail
14 establishments can afford an apartment. Nine
15 people in a nine room house. Two bathrooms.
16 Not a working car in the driveway - there were
17 three cars; there were 12 flat tires.

18 The people are here. They're living in
19 substandard conditions. They need apartments.
20 Anything we can do to get apartments will
21 alleviate this housing problem. Bedrooms don't
22 make nitrogen; the people do. The people are
23 already here. They are already making the
24 nitrogen. I would like to have a whole lot of

1 apartments to clear out these overcrowded places
2 and get people decent living conditions.

3 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we're almost
4 ready. Ms. Putnam. And I got you on the list.

5 MS. PUTNAM: Rebecca Putnam, Precinct
6 9.

7 I really - one thing I really wish is
8 that this map was in our warrant books, because I
9 really can't read the roads that are up there. I
10 believe one of them, though, highlighted over on
11 the right is Debra Ann Lane, possibly? And then
12 the other section up to the left must be over by
13 Homestead Lane, am I correct? Anybody that can
14 read that map, tell me.

15 Okay. So, Debra Ann Lane. I know
16 none of you are probably familiar with it. But
17 I'm extremely familiar with it because it was my
18 grandparents' property. It already has duplexes
19 and is fully built out and cannot add any more
20 bedrooms there. Those are apartments.

21 But over there, over by Homestead Lane,
22 I believe have structures where people could put
23 a garage and be able to put an apartment and
24 eliminate a bedroom if they have to if the Board

1 of Health says you're limited to three bedrooms;
2 you're going to have to take one wall down in
3 that three bedroom house so you can get one
4 bedroom above that garage that may be there
5 separate from the house to add an apartment.
6 Because maybe they don't need three bedrooms in
7 their house and their kids are gone, but somebody
8 else could use an apartment so they could walk to
9 work in Teaticket.

10 That's what we're talking about. We're
11 not adding any bedrooms to the actual systems.
12 So, waiting for the Wastewater Management or
13 anybody else to make a determination of what kind
14 of a system you have to have in there, there's
15 already an established number of bedrooms allowed
16 on that lot, period, and cannot be added.

17 I ask that you vote yes on this because
18 that section of Teaticket, those folks could use
19 some housing and be able to walk to work. That's
20 what we're talking about, giving somebody the
21 opportunity to live and not have added expenses
22 of trying to work and stay in this town.

23 Thank you.

24 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Waterbury.

1 MR. WATERBURY: John Waterbury,
2 Precinct 1 and a member of the Board of Health.

3 There's some real problems with Title V
4 with this which we think we have found solutions
5 to. But I encourage Town Meeting to take
6 Virginia's lead and let that working group go
7 through this summer and work out some of the
8 kinks. There are a number of problems that make
9 this not a straight-forward thing to implement.

10 We all want to get reasonable affordable
11 housing, but we need to have all of these groups
12 get together, iron out the problems and come back
13 to Town Meeting in the fall with a solution that
14 will really work.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Dufresne.

16 MR. DUFRESNE: No, not for that
17 reason.

18 Mrs. Valiela made a strong point not
19 against this bylaw, merely a wait period for this
20 body for six months for their committee, who's
21 sole responsibility are the environmental
22 concerns that we all live with.

23 Now, I think they've done a hell of a
24 job so far. A six month wait for the addition

1 of these several parcels that were not included
2 in the original zoning article that we're looking
3 at. So let's come back in the fall. Personal
4 opinion, I can wait six months. And I'll be
5 here next fall.

6 [Laughter.]

7 MR. DUFRESNE: But I think we would be
8 doing, number one, an injustice to our bylaw
9 system of the Town of Falmouth by not weighing
10 very carefully if there is an environmental
11 concern on several of the parcels not included in
12 the zoning.

13 Thank you. And I would hope that we
14 would take the time to do it right.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay, the question is
16 going to come on the main motion, Article 8 as
17 printed.

18 This requires a two-thirds vote as a
19 zoning bylaw. All those in favor, signify by
20 saying aye.

21 [Aye.]

22 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

23 [No.]

24 THE MODERATOR: It's the opinion of the

1 Chair that the nos have it; therefore there is
2 not a sufficient two-thirds majority and the
3 article does not pass.

4 Article 10. This is to vote to amend
5 the Town's Salary Administration Plan. Madame
6 Chairman of the Finance Committee for the main
7 motion.

8 CHAIRMAN VOGEL: Mr. Moderator, I move
9 Article 10 as recommended.

10 THE MODERATOR: As recommended.

11 Who held this one? Ms. Fenwick.

12 MS. FENWICK: Judy Fenwick, Precinct 1.

13 At our precinct meeting last week, there
14 was a question on one of these positions that
15 several of them were new, and that there would be
16 clarifying information at Town Meeting. So I'm
17 simply asking for that information.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Ms. Petit.

19 MS. PETIT: Yes, these are not new
20 positions. We are reclassifying existing
21 positions.

22 THE MODERATOR: Okay, further
23 discussion?

24 Hearing none, the question will come on

1 the main motion as recommended. All those in
2 favor, signify by saying aye.

3 [Aye.]

4 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

5 [None opposed.]

6 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it
7 unanimous.

8 Article 12. This is the Operating
9 Budget. Madame Chairman for the main motion.

10 CHAIRMAN VOGEL: Mr. Moderator, I move
11 Article 12 as recommended.

12 THE MODERATOR: Okay, as recommended.
13 That is the center section, all of the yellow
14 pages. It starts off with the spreadsheets of
15 all the expenses and then the last sheet, page 34
16 of your warrant booklet, lists the revenue
17 sources to support the expenses in the previous
18 sheets.

19 We'll have a main budget presentation,
20 general questions, and then we'll go through the
21 budget section by section. No need to do a
22 hold. We'll just go into each section and folks
23 can ask questions or make amendments as they see
24 fit.

1 Mr. Suso.

2 MR. SUSO: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
3 Julian Suso, Town Manager. We have a brief
4 presentation.

5 The FY 2019 Operating Budget is pursuing
6 what we call best practices. The Town secured a
7 Community Compact Grant from the state which
8 allowed us to reorganize the budget process to
9 centralize information. And those of you who
10 have seen the budget - since it is available
11 online - will note that it has a revenue chapter,
12 a chapter on debt. It also deals with the
13 financial policies. It includes a community
14 profile and a fund balance schedule, as well.
15 Intended to be much more user friendly and I
16 thank Finance Director Jennifer Petit and members
17 of the Finance Committee for their assistance and
18 support with this important process.

19 Moving forward, as part of the budget
20 message that is in the rear of your warrant
21 article booklet, I prepared that budget message
22 back in December for transmission to the Board of
23 Selectmen. In summary, the budget includes
24 three additional proposed firefighter positions.

1 One additional position in the Police Detective
2 Bureau. An Administrative Clerk for the
3 Building Department. A part-time Building
4 Inspector position. An additional Utility
5 Maintenance Worker in the Water Department; this
6 is the second, as I noted in my budget message.
7 There was one for the current Fiscal Year 18 and
8 an additional one, long anticipated in the Water
9 Department, for FY '19. Again, that's a Utility
10 Maintenance Worker.

11 And, finally, a part-time Conservation
12 Regulatory position, as well.

13 Continuing from the budget message.
14 Health Insurance has increased 7 percent.
15 \$200,000 has been moved from Health Insurance to
16 Snow and Ice, resulting in an adjusted net
17 increase of 5.6 percent or \$802,823. The
18 Retirement Assessment is 5.65 percent increase;
19 \$439,000. The School Department budget
20 represents an increase of 2.65 percent, totaling
21 a \$1,234,600 increase.

22 And the Upper Cape Vocational Tech,
23 there's a 10.3 percent increase, representing an
24 enrollment increase for that institution totaling

1 \$270,000.

2 Now we'll move onto revenues, and
3 Finance Director Jennifer Petit will carry on
4 from here.

5 Jennifer.

6 MS. PETIT: Thank you and good evening.

7 We will start with the revenue detail.
8 Property taxes are almost 75 percent of the total
9 revenue used to balance the budget. We have a
10 revenue policy and we also have in our overall
11 fiscal policies we discuss debt exclusions, our
12 local estimated receipts and our other available
13 funds. And I just want to remind Town Meeting
14 that the Board of Selectmen does vote a budget
15 policy every October and we use those guidelines
16 in order to put the budget together.

17 And, as I say, every year reoccurring
18 revenues fund reoccurring expenses. Our
19 reoccurring revenues are the property taxes,
20 state aid, our estimated local receipts and other
21 available funds. And there is a detail in the
22 back of your warrant booklet of the revenues, how
23 we calculate the revenues and suggested
24 appropriations for your vote tonight.

1 And one time revenues fund one time
2 expenses, and those are your Free Cash and your
3 Reserves. You'll see a lot of those
4 appropriations in the Fall Town Meeting.

5 As you know, we can only raise our
6 property taxes by 2 ½ percent without a ballot
7 vote, so we use that 2 ½ percent to grow the
8 budget, if you will. Our estimated new growth
9 was \$700,000. We're continuing to maximize our
10 debt drop-off, so as we pay down our principal
11 and pay less interest, we incorporate new capital
12 projects into the budget for borrowing and we're
13 able to continue to do that.

14 And we are offsetting the debt from the
15 Debt Stabilization Fund for about \$1.2 million.

16 And this just kind of gives you a
17 snapshot of our revenue. And it is just a good
18 picture of, you know, the majority of our revenue
19 for our budget does come from property tax.

20 And our FY '19 Operating Budget, as you
21 can tell, these are the different categories that
22 fund our budget and it gives you the percentages.
23 Again, it's a good snapshot of, you know, where
24 your money goes.

1 And I also want to mention that this
2 year, for FY '19, we did put a - we put the
3 budget together very differently than we have in
4 the past. And it is on our website and it's
5 under the Finance Department and also the Board of
6 Selectmen and you can go in there and go in the
7 tabs and look at the different aspects of the
8 budget and there's a lot more narrative and it
9 gives you more historical reference on the
10 revenues and the expenses. And it's pretty
11 informative, if you would want to take a look at
12 that.

13 So our Estimated Local Receipts, what make up
14 our Estimated Local Receipts? Well, we have our
15 taxes: our motor vehicle excise, hotel/motel and
16 meals. A hundred percent of the meals tax is
17 allocated to capital and the General
18 Stabilization Fund, and that is written into our
19 fiscal policies and was a vote of the Board of
20 Selectmen about five years ago.

21 Our departmental revenue, we have Water
22 and Sewer, Beach, Licenses and Permits, Ambulance
23 and our Special Assessments. Our Special
24 Assessments are our betterments.

1 In Estimated Local Receipts. We
2 balance the budget on 20.1 million in Estimated
3 Local Receipts. We did increase the estimates
4 in our Water and Sewer revenue. We did raise
5 the water rates last fiscal year to offset budget
6 increases for the Water and the Sewer Departments.
7 As you know, we're finishing up the Little Pond
8 Sewer Service Area project and we've built the
9 Water Filtration Plant which is online right now
10 and there's been increases in those areas and
11 that's why we increased the Local Estimated
12 Receipts.

13 Increased other departmental revenue for
14 three additional firefighters and some additional
15 motor vehicle excise and licenses and permits to
16 offset service increases.

17 And our other available funds, we vote
18 those every year. There's really nothing
19 different in the back of the warrant booklet.
20 We have the parking meter revenue; that has been
21 increased because of the new parking meters.
22 Embarkation Fees from the Steamship Authority.
23 Our wetlands and waterways. Our energy
24 receipts. Golf revenues. Our Community

1 Preservation. Bond premiums and debt
2 stabilization.

3 And as also as part of our Operating
4 Budget, and it's not in Article 12 but they're in
5 subsequent articles, but it is part of the whole
6 process because of the reoccurring revenue. We
7 have dedicated reoccurring revenue to fund our
8 reserves. And we do fund our reserves, over a
9 million dollars which is allocated to our Capital
10 Stabilization Fund. We continue to fund our
11 Stabilization Fund at 440,000 and to fund the
12 OPEB Trust at about 100,000, and continue to fund
13 the Worker's Compensation Trust Fund, as well.

14 And I just want to mention, as we
15 probably approach the FY '20 budget, we'll be
16 looking at our reoccurring revenues that are
17 supporting our reserves and looking at
18 reallocating that a little bit.

19 And our other non-voted appropriations
20 are our state assessments and our allowance for
21 abatements. And what that means is when we
22 estimate the revenue for FY '19, we have to keep
23 in mind these expenses that Town Meeting doesn't
24 vote to appropriate but we have to raise that

1 money on the tax rate when we set the tax rate in
2 November.

3 So, in conclusion, our new positions
4 will result in an increase in the service to the
5 community. The budget allows for flexibility,
6 and continued implementation and further
7 exploration of departmental reorganization and
8 cost saving measures.

9 Thank you.

10 THE MODERATOR: Okay, we'll lead off
11 with any general questions before we get into the
12 actual line items.

13 Mr. Young.

14 MR. YOUNG: Bob Young, Precinct 5.

15 I've brought this up before and I'll
16 bring it up again this year. There are six
17 items in this Operating Budget, Article 12
18 Operating Budget, that have the word "capital"
19 next to them, and I question why those are in
20 there. And if we vote on these in an Operating
21 Budget, do we have to vote again for these
22 capital items? I don't think they belong in
23 there.

24 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Petit.

1 MS. PETIT: Yes, there are certain
2 reoccurring capital items that we know we want to
3 fund every year. A small percentage of the
4 Capital Budget, for instance cruisers. We know
5 that we're going to need to buy police cruisers
6 every year. And we have some smaller equipment
7 in the IT budget and it is capital and we do vote
8 that as a separate line item. But we wanted to
9 work that into the Operating Budget, which we did
10 a few years ago, just to make sure that we had,
11 you know, some reoccurring revenue for those
12 capital expenses. And also there's some small
13 equipment in the Fire Department as well.

14 THE MODERATOR: Okay, anything else,
15 Mr. Donahue.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Bob Donahue, Precinct 3.

17 And through you, Mr. Moderator, to Mr.
18 Suso. You mentioned that you're going to, in
19 the Police Department go - have another detective.
20 Is this going to come just from the general ranks
21 of a patrolman? And if so, are we going to hire
22 and look out for a new officer to - person to
23 take that new - the old officer's post?

24 I'm not sure how to phrase that, but I

1 think you got the idea.

2 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Suso.

3 MR. SUSO: I do get the idea, thank
4 you.

5 Essentially, Chief Dunne has indicated
6 that - the importance of adding another officer
7 to the Detective Bureau and, to accomplish that,
8 we will be hiring a new police officer full time,
9 essentially, and the Chief will make the
10 determination about which officer is most
11 appropriate to assign to that Detective Bureau.
12 So it will be a net increase of an additional
13 police officer, correct.

14 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Any other
15 general questions?

16 All right, we'll jump in, here.

17 Town Meeting. Town Moderator.
18 Selectmen/Town Manager. Finance Department.
19 Town Accountant. Assessing Department. Town
20 Treasurer/Collector. Personnel Department.
21 Legal Department. Finance Committee.
22 Information Technology. GIS. Town
23 Clerk. Elections. Conservation Commission.
24 Planning Department. Zoning Board of Appeals.

1 Building Department. Health Inspection.
2 Police Department. Fire Department.
3 Consolidated Communications Department. Marine &
4 Environmental Services.
5 Department of Public Works. Facilities
6 Maintenance. Administration and Engineering.
7 Highway Division. Snow and Ice Control.
8 Street Lighting. Vehicle Gasoline. Waste
9 Management Facility. Solid Waste Collection.
10 DPW Wastewater Utilities.

11 FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. Moderator.

12 THE MODERATOR: This hand up first.
13 You yelled, but he put his hand up first.

14 Mr. Zweig and then - yeah.

15 MR. ZWEIG: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
16 I just have a question on the Other expenses
17 line, line 159. As I recall from the Fall 2017
18 Town Meeting, \$120,000 was voted to compensate
19 for electricity that was no longer generated by
20 the wind turbines because they were not
21 operating. And I'm just wondering what this
22 \$134,800 is for, specifically. Is it again in
23 part for or mostly for the electricity gap from
24 Fiscal Year 2018, or this is about a 50 percent

1 increase? So, I'm just curious about what it
2 is.

3 Thank you.

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Ms. Petit.

5 MS. PETIT: I can answer the question
6 generally and then Amy Lowell can come up and
7 speak about her specific line items. Those are
8 a number of line items that we need to operate
9 the Wastewater Treatment Department. And that
10 120,000 was incorporated into the budget that
11 year and it hasn't increased from 120,000. We
12 incorporated it into the Operating Budget and
13 it's still incorporated in the budget.

14 If you want detail of what those other
15 line items are, Amy can come up and give you a
16 better overview.

17 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Zweig, do we want
18 to go in - do you want to dig a little deeper?

19 MR. ZWEIG: Yeah.

20 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

21 MR. ZWEIG: Yeah, thank you. Um, what
22 I'm - what I'm basically thinking about about
23 what you just said is that when I went back to
24 look at the budget, it was approved last spring

1 for this fiscal year. The amount was the same
2 as the budget here of 729,642. So, that was
3 approved and then, on top of that, there was
4 120,000 approved. So that, that, if you go back
5 to the budget that was approved by this body last
6 spring, it was the same amount: 729,642. So the
7 120,000 seems to be on top of that, because it's
8 the same figure.

9 MS. PETIT: I can answer that. We
10 increased the budget. It wasn't in April. We
11 increased it that November. So it was a year
12 ago November. And then it was incorporated into
13 the budget and that's why it's the same. But it
14 is in the electricity budget, that 120,000.

15 MR. ZWEIG: I'm talking about the
16 spring vote, a year ago, not the fall. The
17 spring. The fall vote was 120 - sorry, the
18 spring.

19 MS. PETIT: We're not adding 120 every
20 year. We added it once; we don't keep
21 increasing it, if that's what your question is.

22 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Lowell.

23 MS. LOWELL: Ms. Petit is right, that
24 it was a vote in November because it wasn't

1 included in the Operating Budget previously.
2 This was a vote to increase the Operating Budget,
3 and once that change is made, that will be the
4 baseline for the following years' operating
5 budget. The only other change was a \$15,000
6 increase in the request for chemicals.

7 Sorry, Amy Lowell, Wastewater
8 Superintendent.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Okay, Mr.
10 Zweig.

11 MR. ZWEIG: So, in the 130 for those
12 and 120,000 is for electricity, roughly?

13 MS. LOWELL: Yes.

14 MR. ZWEIG: Is that right? Okay.

15 THE MODERATOR: Yes.

16 MR. ZWEIG: Thank you. Because the
17 turbines aren't working, thank you.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Walker.

19 MR. WALKER: [No mic: inaudible.]

20 THE MODERATOR: Okay, that was the same
21 issue, okay.

22 Any further discussion on DPW Wastewater
23 Utilities?

24 DPW Water Utilities. Renewable energy.

1 What's that? We have a question?

2 FROM THE FLOOR: Yeah, what is it and
3 how come it dropped so much?

4 THE MODERATOR: Okay, our Purchase of
5 Services under Renewable Energy. Ms. Petit.

6 MS. PETIT: That line item is the
7 Vestus contract who holds the maintenance
8 agreement for the wind turbines and the wind
9 turbines are not running, so the maintenance has
10 decreased.

11 THE MODERATOR: DPW Parks. Mr.
12 Latimer. And then Mr. Netto.

13 MR. LATIMER: Richard Latimer, Precinct
14 1.

15 When I was a kid, I used to work for the
16 Park Department summers and I know we used to take
17 care of all the athletic fields. I think we did
18 a good job. We had - the foreman was Joe Couto;
19 he was very good at directing us and most fields
20 were in good shape. I would like to know, I -
21 I'm assuming the Park Department still is
22 responsible for doing that work, and I would like
23 to know how much more in terms of salaries it
24 would require to bring the Park Department or

1 whatever agency is doing the fields now, up to
2 adequate staff to maintain the fields as the
3 Recreation Department has shown that so many of
4 these fields are now in a state of disgrace all
5 over town, and I would like to know how much more
6 would be required. And I would like to know
7 this in terms of maintaining all of our fields.
8 How much more money would be required to get
9 adequate staff to maintain our grass fields?
10 Thank you.

11 THE MODERATOR: Okay, who wants to -
12 Mr. Jack?

13 MR. SUSO: Mr. Moderator - yeah I'm
14 sure Ray Jack, our Public Works Director, can
15 comment but we're not prepared to give an instant
16 answer to that question. It's something that
17 would require further analysis and report. But
18 I would welcome Ray's comments, as well, if he
19 may do so.

20 THE MODERATOR: Yes. Mr. Jack.

21 MR. JACK: We'll be doing an extensive
22 amount of research and analysis over the course
23 of the next several months and I would presume
24 that, at a minimum, we would have something to

1 report back in November; at the outside, it would
2 be next spring. But there is no question that
3 two things happened here. Well, actually three.
4 In that the usage of the fields has gone up over
5 the years. The maintenance, as a consequence,
6 has gone up over the years. And I think
7 probably one of the biggest players of recent
8 years that has had an impact on this is the
9 economic recession that we went through.

10 From a Public Works Department
11 perspective, I think that the Department
12 performed very well over that period of time. We
13 did, I think, much better than most communities
14 did in being able to maintain services without
15 dramatically cutting what we have. But the
16 simple reality of an eight year recession like
17 that is that we didn't have the opportunity to
18 grow in the various divisions, such as the Parks
19 division as we normally would have. And I think
20 now at this Town Meeting you're starting to see
21 where we're able to rebound from that and recover
22 from it and move forward with advancing those
23 services by trying to restore some of the
24 services that were lost.

1 So, even in the Town Manager's budget
2 message that you heard a few minutes ago, one of
3 those positions was in the Water Department, for
4 a utilities maintenance worker, and that is one
5 of the maintenance positions that was frozen over
6 that economic time period. So we actually had
7 seven positions that were cut or held back as a
8 consequence of that. So we're starting to move
9 forward now.

10 But I think by November, latest next
11 Town Meeting, we'll have a much better
12 organizational plan for you.

13 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Netto.

14 MR. NETTO: Joe Netto, Precinct 9.

15 I would like to just make a comment
16 similar to Mr. Latimer's and I would hope that
17 the Board of Selectmen would obviously be behind
18 the idea and the statement as Mr. Jack just said
19 that we need more people.

20 I was holding this as a DPW Parks
21 because I'm sure if all of you look in your
22 neighborhood, your neighborhood is no different
23 than mine two weeks after the storm that
24 devastated this town. There's still trees and

1 branches down, on Town property, not private.
2 We heard a report tonight from the Recreation
3 chairman and we saw the condition of the fields.
4 And first - and I'm not pointing any finger
5 because we have to give this department the money
6 to do their job and then we have to give them the
7 people; and we're not doing that.

8 We don't need a big study. I mean, we
9 always love studies. We need more people in the
10 general term of the Department of Public Works,
11 whether it be the Tree Department - I mean, it's
12 so obvious in the Tree Department. Those
13 gentlemen are going to be out there until the
14 Fourth of July weekend, and we expect them to be
15 doing the same - the job that they're supposed to
16 be doing, because it's April, May, June.

17 I think we have to come to the
18 realization that we need more support staff in
19 this town. We need more blue collar workers.
20 To show pictures that we saw earlier we would
21 tend to think that, wow, somebody's not doing
22 their job. No, I don't think so. The chairman
23 showed you that a position was cut. I don't
24 want to get into that and ask why. But

1 hopefully our elected Board of Selectmen will
2 take the initiative. And I would ask the rest
3 of you Town Meeting Members that if you feel this
4 way that when you see them that maybe we should
5 say it, and ask them.

6 If my memory serves me correct - and Mr.
7 Herbst and I were talking about this at the
8 precinct meeting - a little history here - about
9 ten or maybe 15 years ago Ralph Herbst got up,
10 and we created five more positions in the DPW.
11 So, this body has been aware of the service that
12 that department does and the manpower that it
13 needs. I would hope the administration of the
14 Town begins to realize that, also.

15 Thank you.

16 THE MODERATOR: Anything else on DPW
17 Parks? Oh, somebody in the back? Mr.
18 McDonald?

19 MR. DONALD: Malcolm Donald, Precinct
20 6.

21 Yeah, why do we have to wait a year to
22 have our athletic fields remain deplorable? I
23 mean, this is disgusting. I mean, it's like why
24 do we have the worst fields? Tonight, we're

1 going to be - or this meeting, we're going to be
2 talking about purchasing a state of the art turf
3 - artificial turf field, when we're not even
4 maintaining our existing fields. So, what's
5 going on? What do we have to do to fix it?
6 And let's not have to wait a year.

7 [Applause.]

8 THE MODERATOR: Okay, anything else,
9 DPW Parks?

10 Education. Mr. Shearer, did you want
11 to - no, okay.

12 School Department. Upper Cape
13 Vocational School. Clinics and Nurses.
14 Council on Aging.

15 Mr. Dufresne.

16 MR. DUFRESNE: Line item 194, Meals on
17 Wheels, that's a service that's always been
18 provided for the elderly people that are shut in
19 and, for some reason or other, that one and
20 Volunteers to the Elderly of a thousand dollars,
21 neither one of them are funded in that particular
22 budget. Is there a reason why?

23 THE MODERATOR: He wants to know why
24 the line item is zeroed out for Meals on Wheels.

1 Yes, Mr. Johnson-Staub.

2 MR. JOHNSON-STAUB: Peter Johnson-
3 Staub, Assistant Town Manager.

4 So, just to repeat the question if
5 anyone didn't hear it. Mr. Dufresne was asking
6 about the line items for Meals on Wheels and
7 Volunteers for the Elderly, which are funded at
8 two combined 16,000 for the current year Fiscal
9 '18, and in this report showing it zeroed out for
10 Fiscal '19.

11 What we did is a re-allocation.
12 There's an annual formula grant that the Council
13 on Aging has been receiving for, I don't know, 20
14 years, and those items are being funded from that
15 annual formula grant. And that was part of a
16 switch where we are actually increasing funding
17 in total for the Council on Aging slightly by
18 fully funding an Outreach Coordinator position
19 that appears under the Salary and Wage section.

20 So, if you see the increase from roughly
21 220,000 to 258,000 in Salary and Wages, that
22 reflects that increased commitment to that year-
23 round 30 hour a week position.

24 So, it was a matter of we had a position

1 that was partially funded in the budget,
2 partially funded by a grant. We felt it made
3 sense to make a, you know, a long-term
4 commitment. But that Meals on Wheels program
5 will continue. It's funded by the grant. And,
6 if anything were to happen to that grant, I
7 assure you we would be coming back for budgeted
8 funds because it is a critically important
9 service.

10 MR. DUFRESNE: My question to you, Mr.
11 Staub: is this program still going to be
12 administered through the Council on Aging?

13 MR. JOHNSON-STaub: Yes. Yes, it is.

14 MR. DUFRESNE: I truly believe that if
15 it raised the question in my mind, it should
16 raise a question in a lot of other peoples' minds
17 and there should have been a proper, a proper
18 explanation of why it was deleted from the
19 budget.

20 THE MODERATOR: Okay, again, it was
21 reorganized back to the formula grant. So we're
22 not getting rid of the Meals on Wheels. They
23 just reorganized with a formula grant, put the
24 money up in the Salaries and Wages. Okay.

1 Anything else on the Council on Aging?

2 Mr. Finneran?

3 MR. FINNERAN: [No mic: inaudible.]

4 THE MODERATOR: Let's do a microphone,
5 please, for the record.

6 MR. FINNERAN: Is the same true for -
7 I'm Marc Finneran, Precinct 6.

8 Is the same true for the Visiting Nurses
9 up above that's been zeroed out? Is that going
10 to continue?

11 MR. JOHNSON-STaub: Mr. Moderator.

12 THE MODERATOR: Yeah.

13 MR. JOHNSON-STaub: That item has been
14 moved within the budget. If you look under
15 Human Services, the final line item, which is
16 actually number 91, shows the funding for the
17 VNA.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else
19 Council on Aging?

20 Veterans Services. Commission on
21 Disabilities. Human Services. Falmouth public
22 library. Recreation Department.

23 Beach Department. Bikeways Committee.
24 Retirement. Unemployment. Health Insurance.

1 Life Insurance. Medicare Tax. Other Employee
2 Benefits. Court Judgments. Town Insurance.
3 Long Term Excluded Debt. Long Term Unexcluded
4 Debt. Short Term Debt.

5 And the last page, A through L, revenue
6 line items.

7 Any further questions on the budget?
8 Hearing none, the question will come on the main
9 motion as recommended.

10 All those in favor, signify by saying
11 Aye.

12 [Aye.]

13 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

14 [None opposed.]

15 THE MODERATOR: The ayes have it
16 unanimous.

17 Ms. O'Connell? Let's do a microphone,
18 please.

19 MS. O'CONNELL: Maureen O'Connell,
20 Precinct 4.

21 I rise to make a motion that we table
22 the next two articles held and move instead to
23 Article 22 in light of the time. And Article 22
24 being about the replacement of the seats. This

1 is I think a perfect moment --

2 [Laughter.]

3 MS. O'CONNELL: - to approach that
4 issue and give the appropriate amount of time to
5 the other two articles tomorrow night.

6 THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right, we
7 don't need a motion to table because there's not
8 a motion on the floor. So the motion would be
9 to advance to the Article 22.

10 The question will come on advancing to
11 Article 22.

12 All those in favor, signify by saying
13 Aye.

14 [Aye.]

15 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

16 [No.]

17 THE MODERATOR: It's the opinion of the
18 Chair that the ayes have it by a majority and
19 Article 22, Madame Chairman of the Finance
20 Committee for the main motion.

21 CHAIRMAN VOGEL: Mr. Moderator, I move
22 Article 22 as recommended.

23 THE MODERATOR: I've just got to keep
24 track so I don't forget to do those tomorrow

1 night. Okay.

2 Article 22 as recommended. This is to
3 transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Certified Free
4 Cash for the purpose of replacing the seats in
5 the auditorium here at Lawrence School.

6 Ms. Murphy held this one. I thought it
7 was Ms. Murphy, no?

8 Mr. Putnam, did you hold this?

9 MR. PUTNAM: [No mic:] I will
10 [inaudible.]

11 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Siegal, I've got
12 you up further in the book, but okay. Carol
13 Murphy held this.

14 FROM THE FLOOR: Carol Murphy held it.

15 THE MODERATOR: Yeah, that's what I
16 thought.

17 FROM THE FLOOR: She's gone.

18 THE MODERATOR: Oh, she's gone, okay.
19 So, Mr. Putnam, you're up first. And then, Ms.
20 Siegal, I'll come over to you.

21 MR. PUTNAM: Thank you, Mr. Moderator,
22 Brent Putnam, Precinct 9.

23 My butt hurts. So I'm thankful I can
24 stand.

1 But if you'll excuse that for just a
2 moment, I'm going to ask that you all vote this
3 down, because, these seats - I heard a groan, I
4 know, but come on: these seats. Look at these
5 seats, folks. They've been here for, what this
6 says, the 1950's. These things are 75 years
7 old?

8 You know, there's an old saying that
9 goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

10 FROM THE FLOOR: [General talking.]

11 MR. PUTNAM: And sometimes you do have
12 to replace things.

13 THE MODERATOR: Folks. That is
14 unacceptable. Mr. Putnam has the floor.

15 MR. PUTNAM: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

16 I'm not sure what we're going to replace
17 these seats with, but quite frankly I don't think
18 that there's anything that we can replace these
19 seats with that is going to last another 75
20 years. I have not sat in a single seat in this
21 auditorium -- and I've sat in this auditorium a
22 lot. Not just for this, but from when all three
23 of my kids went through these schools - this
24 school. And none of these seats failed on me.

1 I've seen seats in other auditoriums
2 fail. We've had to replace seats in other
3 auditoriums. I've seen a lot of furniture in
4 this school system get replaced; these seats are
5 75 years old, Folks, and they still hold us.
6 They still function, they still work. Replacing
7 them just because our butts hurt? I mean, come
8 on.

9 The reality is is we'd be throwing good
10 money after bad, in that case. Please, vote
11 this down.

12 FROM THE FLOOR: Hear, hear.

13 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Siegal.

14 MS. SIEGAL: Deborah Siegal, Precinct
15 6.

16 And, yes, you are going to see history
17 here tonight because Mr. Putnam and I agree on
18 something.

19 [Laughter.]

20 MS. SIEGAL: We're being asked to spend
21 almost a quarter of a million dollars for a few
22 hours that we spend here twice a year. Now, I
23 have had to accept the fact recently that I have
24 become an old person. And I would just as

1 happily be sitting in something really
2 comfortable and that is why I bring a cushion.

3 I completely agree with what Mr. Putnam
4 said about the quality of these seats. I think
5 money can be much better spent for the students,
6 to do something else for them in the schools.

7 There's also a possibility that if we put
8 something - cushions in here, we don't know what
9 is going to happen to air quality with cushions.
10 These nice, solid seats don't have that problem.
11 So I would ask you to vote this down. Let's
12 give the money to the schools and let's all go
13 out and buy cushions. Maybe the schools can
14 start selling those cushions that they used to
15 sell. And we can figure out how to get through
16 this without spending a quarter of a million
17 dollars.

18 Please vote it down. Thank you.

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay. This is on
20 request of the School Committee. Does the
21 School Committee want to weigh in on this? It's
22 your article, so.

23 MS. TAYLOR: Nancy Taylor, Precinct 1,
24 Superintendent of Schools.

1 We put the article in after it was being
2 requested by several people and several
3 stakeholders. So, the School Committee put the
4 article forward and we're hoping that you will
5 replace the seats here in our auditorium.

6 Thank you.

7 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Bidwell.

8 MR. BIDWELL: Ms. Taylor started to
9 answer the question. That was my question, was
10 why the School Committee was bringing this
11 forward. And could we ask for a bit more
12 clarification as far as the stakeholders?

13 Tod Bidwell, Precinct 4, if I didn't say
14 it. Thank you.

15 And as far as the stakeholders, what are
16 - is it regarding the use of the auditorium, that
17 we're seeing an increase of community use, school
18 use? Just what are some of the concerns?

19 THE MODERATOR: Ms. Taylor.

20 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, I'd be happy to
21 address that. If you look around, you'll see
22 seats that are broken and not available for use
23 anymore. We've had complaints about cracks in
24 the seats and people being cut on the seats.

1 We've heard from parents, we've heard it from
2 community members. It was, you know, it
3 behooved me to put it forward and let Town
4 Meeting decide what they wanted to do with the
5 seats here in the Lawrence School.

6 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Lichtenstein.

7 MS. LICHTENSTEIN: Leslie Lichtenstein,
8 Precinct 8.

9 I have a question for anyone on the
10 board who can answer this. I was told that Town
11 Meeting voted to replace these seats a number of
12 years ago, and the money was never expended for
13 that? Could someone address that?

14 THE MODERATOR: Well we haven't done it
15 in the last 19 ½ years. I know that. I
16 believe it was originally in the scope of work of
17 the renovation project but was then downsized
18 with the budget within the renovation.

19 Ms. Taylor.

20 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Moderator,
21 Nancy Taylor, Precinct 1. Superintendent of
22 Schools.

23 I did reach back to a former
24 superintendent to be able to answer this

1 question, and the answer that I received was that
2 these became a low priority as change orders came
3 forward and that the district had to fund the
4 change orders and the renovations and that the
5 seats dropped to the bottom of the list and they
6 never did make it.

7 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Latimer.
8 Mrs. Whitehead, you're on the list.

9 MR. LATIMER: Thank you. Richard
10 Latimer, Precinct 1. Again, like Deborah, I am
11 in the unusual position of having to agree with
12 Mr. Putnam.

13 I go back a long way with these seats,
14 and I like them for Town Meeting. I cannot
15 stand Town Meeting up at the new High School with
16 those padded seats. I just go to sleep.

17 [Laughter.]

18 MR. LATIMER: These seats, just as they
19 used to keep me awake -

20 THE MODERATOR: Maybe I ought to get a
21 wooden chair up here.

22 [Laughter.]

23 MR. LATIMER: Just as they used to keep
24 me awake during study hall and assemblies in

1 1961, they keep me awake at this meeting.

2 I would like to offer a constructive
3 suggestion, however, is they could use a little
4 bit of rehabbing. Some of them are broken. I
5 think these are a great example of Mid-19th
6 Century - excuse me, Mid-20th Century -

7 [Laughter.]

8 MR. LATIMER: - functional -
9 functional, very functional, natural materials.
10 I don't think we should junk them. I think we
11 should maybe spend not a couple of hundred
12 thousand, but maybe spend, maybe spend twenty or
13 even thirty thousand to refinish them, repair
14 some of them that are broken and bring them back
15 to what they should be. That would be my
16 suggestion. Maybe come back next Town Meeting
17 and do that.

18 Thank you.

19 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Wilson.

20 This list is really long, so let's -
21 Ms. Wilson.

22 MS. WILSON: I actually would like to
23 keep these chairs, as well. And the reason -
24 there's two reasons why. One's been mentioned

1 before. One is the synthetic materials that
2 chairs are made of now, we don't know what that
3 does to air quality, et cetera.

4 But, secondly, it's unsanitary. You
5 can't clean those cushioned chairs. I know from
6 movie theaters, when I get home I have to wash my
7 clothes because they're dirty, and nobody cleans
8 them. They can't really be cleaned. And I
9 think the expense of cleaning something like that
10 would be prohibitive.

11 I am actually quite comfortable in
12 these, and I had sat in them my freshman year of
13 high school here, and then I moved into the new
14 high school where there were padded seats, and I
15 would have preferred these all the way along the
16 way.

17 And there were air quality problems at
18 that new high school, too, that didn't exist
19 here.

20 So, those things need to be thought
21 about.

22 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Whitehead.

23 MS. WHITEHEAD: Lynn Whitehead,

24 Precinct 1.

1 I think we could get an antique dealer
2 in here and we might get our money back because
3 of these. But I've been in this school a long
4 time and worked in this school and, you know,
5 we've had splinters. There's been students that
6 have received splinters. I've gotten a
7 splinter.

8 We've had them break. We've got a
9 broken one down there without any back. The
10 custodians have repaired these.

11 There are many things that happen in
12 this auditorium; it's not just Town Meeting.
13 This auditorium is used all the time. All the
14 time.

15 And the students do not take pride in
16 these seats. And, believe it or not, it makes a
17 difference to students when they sit in these
18 seats. They do not feel that they are worthy
19 enough to have good seats.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: [Inaudible.]

21 MS. WHITEHEAD: Yeah, you think that's
22 a "Nah", but it's true. They go to the high
23 school, and actually -

24 Now, I graduated - I hate to tell you

1 this - in 1960 from Dedham High School. Brand
2 new high school with the seniors that year.
3 Those same seats are still in existence. They
4 have no formaldehyde. They are perfectly good
5 for the environment. You can get good seats.

6 The BSO has gone through all kinds of
7 studies to find the seats that they should have.
8 Those seats are remarkable; they've been there
9 for years and years and years.

10 And just for the investment to help
11 kids, to help all of the people in this town to
12 come into this school. It's been renovated.
13 When Dr. Antonucci did all this work and to help
14 with everything that has been done in this school
15 system, and then here we have old, battered,
16 broken - the backs break. I just think that we
17 deserve, the kids deserve, the community deserves
18 to look at that and say, "Wow, this is nice."

19 And they don't - you know, chairs are
20 not all the same. There are many, many seats
21 for an auditorium. It just takes a good
22 committee to find out which ones are the best.
23 And they don't have to spend all outdoors for
24 them. They can be good and they can be

1 reliable.

2 So, I would hope that we could vote for
3 this. And it's an investment in the future that
4 can last and last and last and last. These are
5 going to break. They will break. They have
6 broken. And I don't want to get any more - how
7 many of you have gotten a splinter in your butt?

8 [Laughter.]

9 MS. WHITEHEAD: It's happened before,
10 here, and it's not been one time or two.

11 Thank you very much.

12 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Netto.

13 MR. NETTO: Joe Netto, Precinct 9.

14 I'd like to remind Town Meeting Members
15 that we're responsible for all the money that's
16 going into the tax rate except for a Proposition
17 2 ½ override. And that's our fiscal
18 responsibility as Town Meeting Members. And we
19 have to make decisions. And, oh, boy, wouldn't
20 it be nice to have a brand new seat here? We
21 think. And what would we be getting? Well, we
22 don't know.

23 You know, sometimes the devil you know
24 is better than the devil you don't know.

1 But I'd like to talk more about fiscal
2 responsibility in the sense that I just stood up
3 here ten minutes ago, saying that, you know, we
4 should hire more Department of Public Works
5 employees, that we need more support staff.
6 Well, it's time to make a decision. We can't
7 have it both ways.

8 I would much rather take this sum of
9 money and spend it on what we need in the Town
10 for the six nights that we spend sitting in these
11 seats. And these seats are being done for us.
12 They're being done because we went to the high
13 school because they were softer. We got there
14 and we found out: yeah, the seat was - but it was
15 very narrow.

16 Look down on what you're sitting on.
17 I've been sitting in this seat since 1958. It's
18 still functional. Yeah, would we like a Lazy
19 Boy recliner? Sure, we would. But I really
20 think we have to look at what our responsibility
21 is here. Do we need to appropriate \$200,000 to
22 have brand new, shiny seats, or do we want to
23 back up what we say and spend this money and get
24 a better bang for the taxpayers' dollar?

1 Thank you.

2 I would hope you will vote this down.

3 Thank you.

4 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Shearer.

5 Yeah, you're next on the list. Ms.
6 Shephard, I'll add you to the list.

7 MR. SHEARER: Dan Shearer, Precinct 6.

8 I wanted to know why we were spending
9 all this money. So I met the gentleman who
10 takes care of this room, and I asked him why.
11 And he had one reason: they are breaking, you
12 can't get parts, and we can't make parts for
13 these chairs.

14 If you go up in the balcony, you'll find
15 there's quite a few chairs missing. They've
16 been brought down here to replace the ones that
17 are broken. That's the - and I don't know who
18 put this on the warrant to come up here and made
19 this; I would think they would be here. But
20 that, as far as I'm concerned, is the reason.

21 I don't want to spend the money. I
22 think that the kids don't sit here that long and
23 it keeps them awake. But -

24 [Laughter.]

1 THE MODERATOR: We could buy wooden
2 chairs.

3 MR. SHEARER: But the new chairs, if we
4 do get them, are two inches wider. They will be
5 either a vinyl or a cloth and they will not last
6 - being in the furniture business - 20 years.
7 No more 70-something.

8 Thank you.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Fenwick.
10 Ms. Connolly, you're on the list.

11 MS. FENWICK: Judy Fenwick, Precinct 1
12 and a former member of the School Committee.

13 I have a little history. I think maybe
14 four or five years ago, when Hamilton Tree bought
15 the Nickelodeon Theater out on 151, they offered
16 the School Department the chairs from the
17 Nickelodeon. We turned down the offer for two
18 reasons. One, there weren't enough of those
19 chairs because they didn't come up to the 700
20 plus that are needed for this room? Can
21 somebody tell me how many chairs are here right
22 now?

23 FROM THE FLOOR: [Inaudible.]

24 MS. FENWICK: No, no, that's the number

1 of new ones. Is it not correct? Is it 640
2 seats that are here right now?

3 FROM THE FLOOR: 750.

4 THE MODERATOR: 750.

5 MS. FENWICK: Thank you. And so the
6 Nickelodeon seats were not that number and we'd
7 have had to store them for a period of time. So
8 the School Committee turned that down.

9 I'm conflicted on this. I was tempted
10 to make an amendment on this article, which I
11 think I'll do. Which is for the first sentence
12 to read: "To see if the Town will vote to
13 appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of
14 repairing the seats in Memorial Auditorium" and
15 have it remain -- but I do not have a sum of
16 money to put in.

17 Do I need to do that as part of the
18 amendment?

19 THE MODERATOR: Well, if you're just
20 going to change "replace" with --

21 MS. FENWICK: "Repair".

22 THE MODERATOR: - "repair", and
23 transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Certified Free
24 Cash.

1 MS. FENWICK: No.

2 THE MODERATOR: Then, you can't fix
3 something without money.

4 MS. FENWICK: Okay -

5 THE MODERATOR: I know I wouldn't do it
6 for free, so.

7 MS. FENWICK: Okay, does somebody want
8 to help me out on a potential dollar amount?
9 20,000? This is like an auction, okay. All
10 right, so I -

11 THE MODERATOR: I think the best bet
12 would be if you want to go on that route, vote no
13 on this and then the Finance Committee can go
14 through the process of bringing a future article
15 for repair after they figure out what it costs to
16 repair them.

17 MS. FENWICK: Okay, all right.

18 THE MODERATOR: That way the School
19 Committee could bring it and Finance Committee
20 will review it.

21 MS. FENWICK: Okay, so I would like to
22 make sure we vote to turn this down at this point
23 and for Fall Town Meeting to come back with
24 further information.

1 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Mr. Clark. No,
2 you're all set. Okay.

3 Mrs. Schwalbe.

4 MRS. SCHWALBE: [No mic:] My questions
5 have been answered.

6 THE MODERATOR: Questions have been
7 answered.

8 Mr. Zweig.

9 MR. ZWEIG: Ron Zweig. I'm sorry, I
10 didn't - Precinct 1. Sorry I didn't identify
11 myself when I spoke previously.

12 I'm just wondering about this. There
13 is a couple of numbers in there. Since we're in
14 a school, I look at the arithmetic. And if you
15 look at 640 seats, times -

16 FROM THE FLOOR: Hold the microphone
17 up.

18 MR. ZWEIG: If you look at 640 seats
19 times \$240 a seat, that comes out to \$153,600.
20 Which is 30 percent, roughly, below what's being
21 asked. So, does it mean there are going to be
22 more seats or what does it mean?

23 FROM THE FLOOR: Installation.

24 THE MODERATOR: Yeah, Mister -

1 microphone to my right, please. I'm sure we
2 have to pay the guys to get rid of the old ones,
3 but go ahead.

4 MR. MURPHY: Pat Murphy, Director of
5 Finance and Operations.

6 That's the answer. We have to -
7 there's an install cost and there's a get rid of
8 the old chair cost. Our estimates for the seats
9 come in somewhere between 170 a seat to 260 a
10 seat. We haven't put this out to bid because we
11 - no money was allocated yet. So we feel the
12 \$200,000 number is right in the ballpark.

13 There would be fewer seats because the
14 seats are bigger.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay, Ms. Connolly.

16 We're almost there.

17 MS. CONNOLLY: Hi, Annie Connolly,
18 Precinct 6.

19 We've heard from Nancy Taylor and others
20 that the seats can't be repaired or fixed; that
21 they're in failure; that kids have gotten hurt.

22 I happen to be sitting diagonally across
23 from two extraordinarily tall men. I don't know
24 how they sit here, because my fanny hurts and I'm

1 5'3". Of course, it's a little bigger than
2 theirs, but they - um. You know, people back in
3 the '50's weren't big. They weren't this big.
4 Have you seen the kids here at Lawrence, these
5 days? They are very tall. I don't think these
6 chairs were made for modern day people. Sorry,
7 I don't.

8 And I think we should support the public
9 schools who have asked, who have come to us and
10 asked for money. They have told us numerous
11 times that it's not just for Town Meeting.
12 This building needs some work. It's in pretty
13 bad shape. And I think we should - and we just
14 had a big conversation about deferred maintenance
15 and the fields and - and look where we are.

16 So why are we going to kick the can down
17 the road some more? I think we should support
18 it and I think we should go home.

19 Thanks.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: Yeah.

21 THE MODERATOR: Okay. One more.

22 Ms. Shephard.

23 MS. SHEPHARD: [No mic:] Ask the
24 question.

1 THE MODERATOR: Yeah, ask the question.

2 The question is going to come on the

3 main motion, Article 22 as recommended. All

4 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

5 [Aye.]

6 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

7 [No.]

8 THE MODERATOR: Let's cue up that

9 slide.

10 [Laughter.]

11 THE MODERATOR: The Chair will

12 entertain a motion to go past 11:00 for the

13 purpose of the roll call.

14 All those in favor, signify by saying

15 Aye.

16 [Aye.]

17 THE MODERATOR: All those opposed no.

18 [No.]

19 THE MODERATOR: The opinion of the

20 chair is that the ayes have it by the two-thirds.

21 [Laughter.]

22 THE MODERATOR: Okay, if you want the

23 new seats appropriation, 1A -

24 MR. DONALD: Mr. Moderator.

1 THE MODERATOR: Mr. McDonald. Mr.
2 Donald.

3 MR. DONALD: [No mic:] Yes. A roll
4 call, please.

5 FROM THE FLOOR: No, no.

6 THE MODERATOR: It's too late. I
7 already called for a - I already called for a
8 voice vote and I couldn't determine the outcome
9 of the voice vote, so we can't change the method
10 of voting; we go to the clickers.

11 We'll get to your article tomorrow night
12 to do that every time we do this.

13 So, 1A is yes. 2B -

14 MR. DONALD: [No mic:] Point of
15 information, when do you ask for a roll call
16 vote?

17 THE MODERATOR: During the course of
18 debate, you can fix the method of voting. You
19 cannot fix the method of voting after you vote.

20 MR. DONALD: [No mic:] We haven't voted
21 yet.

22 THE MODERATOR: Yes, you did, and I
23 could not determine a voice vote, so therefore
24 I've asked a slide to be prepared to use the

1 electronic voting device.

2 Are we ready on the slide? Okay. A
3 yes is 1A, no is 2B. Article 22, to transfer
4 the sum of \$200,000 from Certified Free Cash for
5 replacing the seats in the auditorium.

6 [Pause.]

7 THE MODERATOR: Ten seconds remaining
8 in the poll.

9 [Pause.]

10 THE MODERATOR: Okay, folks, when you
11 leave tonight, don't forget to put your clickers
12 in the box in the back of the room.

13 By a counted vote of 122 in favor --

14 [Cheers.]

15 THE MODERATOR: -- and 64 opposed, the
16 article passes and the meeting will stand
17 adjourned by a call of the Chair until seven
18 o'clock tomorrow night.

19 Don't forget to turn in your clickers on
20 the way out.

21 [11:04, whereupon meeting adjourned.]

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COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE, SS

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notary Seal this 10th Day of May, 2018.

Carol P. Tinkham, Notary Public
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