



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STOUGHTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

NORFOLK, SS

To any constable in the Town of Stoughton:

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoughton, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at:

**STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
232 PEARL STREET, STOUGHTON**

ON MONDAY THE EIGHTEENTH DAY of NOVEMBER 2024

at seven o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Stoughton Charter.

Meeting at 7:07 p.m.. Quorum passed at 137 in attendance.

ACTION: By voice vote Procedural Motions passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator. November 18, 2024.

Article 1 - Sunset By-law Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to delete and annul the Sunset Bylaw adopted as Article 70 at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting and to replace it with the below Sunset Bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto;

Chapter 43 Sunset of Appropriations and Borrowing

§ 43-1. Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of this bylaw, the "Sunset Bylaw," to provide for certain special purpose appropriations be administratively closed out unless specifically extended by town meeting, extended by the Select Board, or exempted.

§ 43-2. Effective Date, Applicability and Prior Inconsistent Bylaws

This bylaw shall only apply to appropriations and borrowing approved after May 1, 2025. This bylaw shall replace and supersede any prior and/or inconsistent bylaw and, to the extent a prior or inconsistent bylaw impacted any appropriation and/or borrowing prior to the effective date of this

bylaw, such prior or inconsistent bylaw shall be null and void as applied to such appropriation and/or borrowing and this bylaw shall control.

§ 43-3. Appropriations and Borrowing \$250,000 or Less

Any Article approved that has \$250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) funding or LESS will have a “sunset” of approval of three years starting on the first day of the fiscal year following the date the article was approved unless stipulated as part of the article. Approved fund spending must be initiated prior to the end of the third fiscal year of approval. Spending must be completed prior to the ending of the fourth fiscal year. A one-year extension may be granted by the Select Board to complete an approved article. Otherwise, the article funding will be rescinded, then must be resubmitted to Town Meeting for reconsideration or continued approval. Unspent and unencumbered appropriations from any restricted funding source may only revert to that same restricted funding source, or as required by statute.

§ 43-4. Appropriations and Borrowing More Than \$250,000

All Articles approved for MORE than \$250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) will have a “sunset” of approval of four years starting on the first day of the fiscal year following the date the article was approved unless stipulated as part of the article. Approved spending funds must be initiated prior to the end of the fourth year of approval and spending must be completed prior to the ending of the sixth year. An extension as needed may be granted by the Select Board. Otherwise, the article funding will be rescinded, then must be resubmitted to Town Meeting for reconsideration or continued approval. Unspent and unencumbered appropriations from any restricted funding source may only revert to that same restricted funding source, or as required by statute.

§ 43-5. Exceptions

All funding for articles not spent past “sunset” that have not been extended will no longer be available unless resubmitted for Town Meeting approval.

Any State and/or Federal Grants will be exempt from this “sunset” requirement.

Any labor negotiation agreement will be excluded from this provision.

Community Preservation Act funding will be excluded from this provision.

§ 43-6. Regulations

The Select Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Failure by the Select Board to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate this chapter.

§ 43-7. Consistency with Federal and State Law

The provisions of this bylaw are intended to be interpreted, and should be construed, to harmonize to the fullest extent possible with Federal and State law to effectuate the purpose and intent of this bylaw as set forth herein, however, to the extent this bylaw conflicts with any requirement of Federal or State law, such Federal or State law shall control.

Nothing herein shall alter the Town's authority under G.L c. 44, § 20 to apply any balance not in excess of \$50,000 for the payment of indebtedness and/or to apply any premium and accrued interest received on account of an issue of bonds, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, not in excess of \$50,000 for the payment of indebtedness.

§ 43-8. Severability

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to approve Article 1 and amend the Town's General Bylaws as printed in the warrant; and further that the Town Clerk be authorized to make clerical, editorial or other adjustments to effectuate the purposes hereof.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 9-4-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 1 as written in the Warrant.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: Voted 9-0 to recommend Article 1 to Town Meeting for Approval.

ACTION: Yes 125, No 6, Abstentions 2 – Moderator declares motion passes by simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 2 - FY25 Supplemental Budget

To see if the Town will vote the supplemental budget for FY2025 as shown in Detail "A" below; or take any other action thereto;

DETAIL "A"

ORG	OBJECT	PAGE	DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND TOWN		FY2025		FY2025	
					RECEIVED	RECEIVED	TRANS COMMITTEE	TRANS COMMITTEE	TRANS COMMITTEE	TRANS COMMITTEE
TOTAL SHARED EXPENSES (TOWN AND SCHOOL)										
		53	911	RETIREMENT		\$ 8,055,360	\$ 8,055,360	\$ 379,402		
				SUBTOTAL SHARED EXPENSES	\$ 32,978,329		\$ 32,978,329	\$ 379,402		
				GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 130,081,486		\$ 130,081,496	\$ 379,402		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND LESS SCHOOL-BALANCES TO MUNIS										
				TOWN MANAGER SALARIES						
0112301	511187		7	INTERNAL AUDITOR		\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500	\$ (38,494)		
0112301	511902		1	OTHER - COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR		\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ (18,326)		
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 574,674		\$ 574,674	\$ (107,220)		
				TOWN MANAGER EXPENSES						
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 91,994		\$ 91,994	\$ -		
				TOWN MANAGER-TOTALS	\$ 667,168		\$ 667,168	\$ (107,220)		
				NOTES:						
				TOWN ACCOUNTANT-DEPT 135						
				TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES						
0112501	511022		1	ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT		\$ 87,455	\$ 87,455	\$ 17,795		
113501	511165			STAFF ACCOUNTANT		SUBTOTAL	\$ 326,265	\$ 326,265	\$ 85,000	
				TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES						
0112502	510021			ANNUAL AUDIT FEE		\$ 32,375	\$ 32,375	\$ 4,625		
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 51,577		\$ 51,577	\$ 4,625		
				TOWN ACCOUNTANT-TOTALS	\$ -		\$ -			
				RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION-DEPT 911						
				TOWN WIDE RETIREMENT & CONTRIB						
019101	517004			CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SAVI		\$ 8,055,360	\$ 8,055,360	\$ 379,402		
				TOWN WIDE RETIREMENT & CONTRIB		\$ 8,055,360	\$ 8,055,360	\$ 379,402		
				NOTES:						

Inserted by: Select Board
 Date: September 30, 2024
 Estimated Cost: \$379,402

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$379,402 (Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Two Dollars) to supplement the FY2025 operating budget and to meeting this appropriation that such funds be transferred from the Final Cherry Sheet that was approved by the Conference Committee is August of 2024 of which the net increase in State Aid of \$262,916 and Local Receipts of \$116,486.

TOWN OF STOUGHTON FY2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET SUMMARY INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY								
Revenue	Per Recap FY2024	Estimated FY2025	Final Revenue Estimates STM 11.19.2024 FY2025	Available for Appropriation	Expenditures	FINANCE COMMITTEE FY2025	Town Meeting FY2025	Appropriation FY2025
General Fund:								
Property Taxes								
Local	\$8,371,741.83	\$1,222,832.53						
New Growth	\$70,047.00	\$0.00						
State Total Property Tax	\$9,241,781.83	\$1,222,832.53						
Debt Reduction								
High School	4,620,150.00	4,620,150.00						
Fire Station	672,500.00	672,500.00						
Other Capital								
State Total Debt Reduction	\$5,292,650.00	\$5,292,650.00						
Total Property Taxes	\$45,344,132.83	\$7,315,432.53						
State Aid								
Cherry Sheet	\$1,111,478.00	\$3,053,339.00	\$3,086,942.00					
Other	(\$329,842.00)	(\$3,385,287.00)	(\$3,383,974.00)					
Total State Aid	25,281,634.00	\$3,770,852.00	\$3,821,968.00	32,016				
Total Estimated Receipts								
Local Receipts	\$11,414,540.00	\$13,212,876.00	\$13,209,362.00					
Total Local Est. Receipts	\$11,414,540.00	\$13,212,876.00	\$13,209,362.00	116,486				
Total Revenue	\$12,231,014.83	\$18,204,410.53	\$11,362,314.00	379,402.00	Operating Budget Total	\$10,681,486	\$10,681,406	\$379,402
Other Sources of Revenue								
Transfer from Free Cash	\$2,500,000.00	\$690,668.00						
Transfer from Other Surplus								
Transfer from Tax V Receipts	\$1,944.00	\$1,554.00						
Indirect Costs Code Bill	\$9,314.00	\$3,185.00						
Indirect Costs Public Health	\$26,059.00	\$6,507.00						
Indirect Costs Sewer	\$35,345.00	\$50,000.00						
Indirect Costs Water	\$46,979.00	\$50,000.00						
Total Other Revenue	\$109,408.00	\$36,259.20						
Total GF Sources of Revenue	\$125,820,102.83	\$18,241,386.73	\$11,362,314.00	379,402.00	Total General Fund Expenditures Surplus/Deficit	\$11,316,922.00	\$11,316,922.00	\$379,402.00
EXCESS CAPACITY AS REPORTED 5	(\$1,338,446)							

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 12-1-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 2 as written in the Warrant.

ACTION: Yes 115, No 19, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes by simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 3 – Unpaid Bills

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, a sufficient sum of money to pay any unpaid bills from prior fiscal years in excess of departmental appropriations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Costs: \$756.86

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to appropriate the amount of \$756.86 and authorize the payment of unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year in the amount of \$756.86 to Verizon for various bills related to data transmission lines from the current year DPW Budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 14-0-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 3 as written in the Warrant.

ACTION: Yes 130, No 2, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes. November 18, 2024.

Article 4 - Combine Water and Sewer Enterprise Accounts

To see if the Town will vote revoke the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, ceasing Water Department fund as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2026 and ceasing the Sewer Department fund as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2026; and vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the Water and Sewer Fund as a single Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund effective fiscal year 2026 and to establish such accounts that may be necessary for the receipt and expenditure of such funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to approve Article 4 as printed in the warrant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 14-0-0 to take no action on Article 4, informed this Article would be withdrawn.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: No vote received.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: No vote received.

ACTION: Motion to dismiss Article 4. Moderator declares motion passes. November 18, 2024.

Article 5 - Page Street Discontinuance Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept easements as described below from of IV3 Stoughton Logistics Park, LLC, and Stephen O'Duggan, Trustee of the 126 Olde Page Street Realty Trust, which are or were portions of the county layout of Page Street as discontinued by the Norfolk County Commissioners, by vote as of September 18, 2024, 2024; all as shown on a plan on file and available at the Town Clerk's office, entitled "Plan Showing the Reservation of Access/Egress and Utility Easement and Apportionment of a Discontinued Portion of the October 22, 1872 Layout of Page Street in Stoughton, MA" prepared by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.

(1) four portions of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street as discontinued by the Norfolk County Commissioners, of which: the first constitutes approximately 11,522 square feet, bounded on the north by the 1956 town layout of Page Street, on the east by the centerline of the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street and, on the farther east, by that town layout, the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 048), and the property located at 127 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 047), on the south by a line extending from the southeast corner of the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061) to the centerline of that county layout, and on the west by the property located at 162 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 050), the eastern limit of the subdivision road definitively approved by the Stoughton Planning Board on October 26, 2023 (Sub 23-002), and the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061), intending to describe the parcel shown as "Parcel B" on a Plan entitled "Plan Showing the Reservation of Access/Egress and Utility Easement and Apportionment of a Discontinued Portion of the October 22, 1872 Layout of Page Street in Stoughton, MA" prepared by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (the "Plan"); the second constitutes approximately 4,615 square feet, bounded on the north by a line extending from the northwest corner of the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 048) to the centerline of the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street, on the east by the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 048), on the south by a line extending from the southwest corner of the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 048) to the centerline of that county layout, and on the west by the centerline of that county layout and, on the farther west, by the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061), intending to describe the parcel shown as "Parcel C" on the Plan; the third constitutes approximately 5,373 square feet, bounded on the north by a line extending from the northwest corner of the property located at 127 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 047) to the centerline of the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street, on the east by the property located at 127 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 047), on the south by the town layout of Old Page Street, and on the west by the centerline of that county layout and, on the farther west, by the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061) and the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 049), intending to describe the parcel shown as "Parcel D" on the Plan; and the fourth constitutes approximately 5,381 square feet, bounded on the north by a line extending from the northeast corner of the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 049) to the centerline of the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street, on the east by the centerline of that county layout and, on the farther east, by the property located at 127

Page Street (Map 094, Lot 047), on the south by the town layout of Old Page Street, and on the west by the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 049), intending to describe the parcel shown as "Parcel E" on the Plan; for the purpose of the Town to install, use, repair, maintain, and replace any utilities under, on, or over said four portions of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street as discontinued by the Norfolk County Commissioners;

(2) a portion of the subdivision road definitively approved by the Stoughton Planning Board on October 26, 2023 (Sub 23-002), constituting approximately 17,925 square feet, bounded on the north by the property located at 162 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 050), on the east by a portion of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street and to be dedicated after discontinuance as a town way, on the south by the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061), and on the west by the town layout of Old Page Street, for the purpose of the Town to install, use, repair, maintain, and replace any utilities under, on, or over said portion of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street as discontinued by the Norfolk County Commissioners herein described;

And further to see if the Town will vote to accept the discontinuance by the Norfolk County Commissioners, by vote as of September 18, 2024, of that approximately 6,751 square foot portion of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street and to authorize and direct the Select Board to dedicate that portion as a town way, to wit:

(3) a portion of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street as discontinued by the Norfolk County Commissioners, by vote as of September 18, 2024, constituting approximately 6,751 square feet, bounded on the north and east by the 1956 town layout of Page Street, on the south by a line extending from the northwest corner of the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 048) to the centerline of that county layout, and on the west by the centerline of that county layout and, to the farther west, by the property located at 162 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 050), the eastern limit of the subdivision road definitively approved by the Stoughton Planning Board on October 26, 2023 (Sub 23-002), and the property located at 0 Page Street (Map 094, Lot 061) intending to describe the parcel shown as "Parcel A" on the Plan;

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Costs: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to accept, and to authorize and direct the Select Board to execute and deliver, the easements described as printed in Article 5 in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 each from IV3 Stoughton Logistics Park, LLC and/or from Stephen O'Duggan, Trustee of the 126 Olde Page Realty Trust; and further to accept the discontinuance by the Norfolk County Commissioners of that approximately 6,751 square foot portion of the property subject to the October 22, 1872 county layout of Page Street and to authorize and direct the Select Board to dedicate that portion as a town way as described and printed in Article 5 in paragraph 3;

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 5 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 129, No 2, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes 2/3 vote.
November 18, 2024.

Article 6 - National Grid Easement located on Town Owned Parcel - Map 61, Lot 59

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant an easement from National Grid, its successors and assigns, to allow for the construction and maintenance of utilities, and for continued access to carry out said purposes, to a portion of the property known as 1 Atkinson Ave. Ext., as shown on the preliminary easement sketch prepared by National Grid a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and, further, to authorize the Select Board and other applicable Town of Stoughton boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article, or take any other action related thereto;

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to approve Article 6 as printed in the warrant.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 6 to Town Meeting for approval.

Article 7 - Roadway Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund Roadway Resurfacing; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: \$2,066,036

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$2,066,036 (Two Million Sixty-Six Thousand Thirty Six Dollars) to resurface and repair several roadways including utility upgrades and as applicable, professional engineering, architectural services, design, site preparation, demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs, and, to meet this appropriation, that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$2,066,036 (Two Million Sixty-Six Thousand and Thirty Six Dollars) and to issue bonds or notes therefor pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 14-0-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 7 as written in the Warrant.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 7 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 123, No 8, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes by 2/3 vote. November 18, 2024.

Article 8 - Adopt MGL Chapter 44, S. 28C (f) - Tax and Excise Collections

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §§ 42A-42F and G.L. c. 83, §§ 16A-16F of the Massachusetts General Laws which, in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 28C(f), authorizes the Town to fix, revise, charge and collect such fees and other charges related to the collection or disposal of solid waste in the same manner as water and sewer services; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Costs: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §§ 42A-42F and G.L. c. 83, §§ 16A-16F as printed in the warrant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 14-0-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 8 as written in the Warrant.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: Voted 9-0 to recommend Article 8 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 127, No 3, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes. November 18, 2024.

Article 9 – Adopt Provisions of Chapter 653 § 40 of the Acts of 1989 - Assessment of New Construction

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 653 § 40 of the Acts of 1989; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Costs: None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 653 § 40 of the Acts of 1989 as printed in the warrant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 6-8-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 9 as written in the Warrant. **MOTION FAILED**

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: Voted 9-0 to recommend Article 9 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 109, No 28, Abstention 1 – Moderator declares motion passes as a simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 10 – Construction of Halloran Multi-Sport Arena Supplemental Funding

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, borrow, or fund, pursuant to GL c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, a sum of money to supplement the \$300,000 granted under Article 25 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for funding the construction of a multi-sport arena on Pierce Street on Assessors Map 066, Lot 030, or take any other action relative thereto. This article is exempt from the Sunset Bylaw, Article 70 of May 2023.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: \$164,400

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$164,000.00 to supplement the \$300,000 granted under Article 25 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for funding the construction of a multi-sport arena on Pierce Street on Assessors Map 066, Lot 030. This article is exempt from the Sunset Bylaw, Article 70 of May 2023.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 12-2-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 10 as written in the Warrant.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 10 to Town Meeting for approval.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Voted 5-0-1 to recommend Article 10.

ACTION: Yes 113, No 12, Abstention 1 – Moderator declares motion passes as a simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 11 — Recreational Conservation Restriction for Glen Echo Recreation Area

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, borrow, or fund, pursuant to GL c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, a sufficient sum of money for the establishment of a perpetual conservation restriction on a 6.7-acre portion of land, more or less, currently owned by the Town of Stoughton, which includes portions of Assessors Map Number 70, Parcels 104, 128, and 129, and portions of Assessors Map Number 82, Parcel 34; and also that the Select Board be authorized to grant said conservation restriction in said parcel of land meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 44B, § 12 and G.L. c. 184, §§ 31-33, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect said establishment, including all incidental and related expenses; or take any other action relative thereto. This article is exempt from the Sunset Bylaw, Article 70 of May 2023.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: \$30,000.00

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$30,000 for the establishment of a perpetual conservation restriction on a 6.7-acre portion of land, more or less, currently owned by the Town of Stoughton, which includes portions of Assessors Map Number 70, Parcels 104, 128, and 129, and portions of Assessors Map Number 82, Parcel 34; and also that the Select Board be authorized to grant said conservation restriction in said parcel of land meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 44B, §12 and G.L. c. 184, §§ 31-33, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect said establishment, including all incidental and related expenses. This article is exempt from the Sunset Bylaw, Article 70 of May 2023.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 13-1-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 11 as written in the Warrant.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 11 to Town Meeting for approval.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: Voted 9-0 to recommend Article 11 to Town Meeting for approval.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Voted 6-0 to recommend Article 11.

ACTION: Yes 125, No 2, Abstention 0 – Moderator declares motion passes as a simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 12 - FAA Lease Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease, for a term which exceeds three years, with the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, for an Outer Marker Facility/Off Airport Land Lease, relative to Town property located off of West Street and as described in said Lease which is on file with and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: None

PROPOSED MOTIONS: That the Town vote to approve Article 12 as printed in the warrant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 13-0-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 12 as written in the Warrant.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 12 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 121, No 2, Abstention 0 – Moderator declares motion passes as a simple majority. November 18, 2024.

Article 13 - School Capital Projects

To see if the Town will vote to transfer raise or appropriate a sum of money to fund the School Capital Project requests as noted below:

- A. Telephone System Replacements at various schools \$40,000 (forty-thousand dollars)
- B. Complete HVAC Services at the Dawe School \$125,000 (one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars)
- C. Grades K-5 Charging Carts for Chromebooks \$82,810 (eighty-two thousand eight hundred and ten dollars)
- D. Capital Needs Assessment relative to all School Buildings \$120,750 (one hundred twenty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars)

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 30, 2024
Estimated Cost: \$368,560

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote to reallocate and transfer \$368,560 (Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars) from the below schedule of articles to fund the School Department Capital requests in the aggregate as set forth below:

Source:

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FUND	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TOWN MEETING DATE	ORIGINAL APPROP	PROJECT LIFE TO DATE BALANCE
5036	ENGINEERING	05703	05703 A60 ATM 05/13 TRAFFIC CONSULTANT	May-13	75,000.00	76.67
5036	DPW GENERAL	05821	05821 A40 ATM 05/12 PW REPL Post lights	May-12	45,000.00	10,103.00
5036	DPW GENERAL	05836	05836 A27E5 ATM 05/14 UPGR STREET LIGHTING	May-14	100,000.00	36,578.82
5036	TOWN CLERK	10072	10072 A22B1 ATM 05/16 TOWN CLE	May-16	5,000.00	1,000.00
5036	Assessing	10096	10096 A31 ATM 05/16 ASSESS REV	May-16	87,500.00	406.25
5036	ENGINEERING	10097	10097 A33 ATM 05/16 VEGETATION	May-16	40,000.00	9,945.00
5031	SCHOOL	10099	10099 A39 ATM 05/16 UPDATE MAS	May-16	200,000.00	15,155.00
5031	SCHOOL	10227	10227 A17F3 ATM 05/18 HVAC DAW	May-18	300,000.00	192,071.93
5031	SCHOOL	10268	10268 A4 STM 11/18 TELEPHONE S	Nov-18	700,000.00	81,400.94
5036	POLICE	10285	10285 A26A1 ATM 05/19 3 POLICE	May-19	187,000.00	6,278.55
5036	Assessing	10284	10284 A25 ATM 05/19 ASSESS REV	May-19	156,000.00	370.00
5036	ENGINEERING	10305	10305 A42 ATM 05/19 CONS COMM	May-19	40,000.00	10,050.00
5036	ECONOMIC DEVELOPM	10334	10334 A30 ATM 05/19 CDBG CONSU	May-19	17,000.00	3,300.32
5031	SCHOOL	10395	10395 A23E1 ATM 06/20 SCHOOL VAN	June-20	40,000.00	1,766.65
5036	ENGINEERING	10401	10401 A30 ATM 06/20 LAKE MANAG	June-20	35,000.00	50.00
5036	ENGINEERING	10399	10399 A28 ATM 06/20 CENTRAL &	June-20	150,000.00	6.97
						368,560.10

Capital Project:

- A. Telephone System Replacements at various schools \$40,000
- B. Complete HVAC Services at the Dawe School \$125,000
- C. Grades K-5 Charging Carts for Chromebooks \$82,810
- D. Capital Needs Assessment relative to all School Buildings \$120,750

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 12-2-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 13 as written in the Warrant.

NOTE: The Finance Committee took the following votes on the individual Capital Projects
 13A Voted 11-3-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 13A as written in the Warrant.

13B Voted 13-1-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 13B as written in the Warrant.

13C Voted 11-3-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 13C as written in the Warrant.

13D Voted 12-2-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 13D as written in the Warrant.

ACTION: Yes 128, No 14, Abstentions 0 – Moderator declares motion passes by simple majority. November 20, 2024.

Article 14 - Prior Appropriations: Closeouts Under Article 70 ATM 2023 (Sunset)

To see if the Town will vote to close the following articles and return funding to said accounts as listed below or take any other action thereto.

Municipal appropriations to be closed:

FUND	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Town Meeting Date	ORIGINAL APPROP	Project life to date balance 8.29.24	
5035	WATER	06883	06883 A48 ATM 05/12 WATER SYST	May-12	4,480,000.00	57,376.41	return funds to water enterprise
5036	POLICE	10221	10221 A17A1 ATM 05/18 51 BULLET PROOF VESTS	May-18	63,000.00	21,542.44	return to general fund
5036	FACILITIES	10240	10240 A18C ATM 05/18 DPW GARAG	May-18	23,114.00	22,161.43	return funds to bldg stabilization
5036	FACILITIES	10241	10241 A18E ATM 05/18 FIRE STAT	May-18	132,643.00	27,066.80	return funds to bldg stabilization
5036	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	10334	10334 A30 ATM 05/19 CDBG CONSU	May-19	17,000.00	8,349.68	return to general fund
5036	ENGINEERING	10399	10399 A28 ATM 06/20 CENTRAL &	June-20	150,000.00	150,000.00	return to general fund
						286,496.76	

Community Preservation Act appropriations to be closed:

FUND	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Project life to date balance 8.29.24	
5040	CPA	01503	01503 A55 ATM 05/11 PURCHASE GLEN ECHO	100.98	apply to borrowing balance
5040	CPA	10056	10056 A45A ATM 05/15 GLEN ECHO design &	646.59	apply to borrowing balance
5040	CPA	10057	10057 A45B ATM 05/15 CAPEN REY SECURITY	22,271.21	return to cpa historical
5040	CPA	10393	10393 A32 ATM 06/20 PRES ANCIE DOCUMENT	116.00	return to cpa historical
				23,134.78	

Inserted by:

Select Board

Date:

September 30, 2024

Estimated Cost:

None

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town Vote to close the Municipal Appropriation Articles and return the funds to the accounts of which the original appropriation was made, and vote to close Community Preservation Act appropriations and return funds to the accounts of which the original appropriation was made and /or to pay down outstanding debt as related to each article; all as printed in the Article 14.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 15-0-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 14 as written in the Warrant.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Voted 5-0-1 to close out the four CPA projects listed in Article 14 of the Warrant.

ACTION: Yes 137, No 3, Abstentions 1 – Moderator declares motion passes by simple majority. November 20, 2024.

PETITIONED ARTICLES

Article 15

PROPOSED MOTION FOR TOWN MEETING: To see if the Town will move to request that the Select Board schedule an election to be held as may be deemed appropriate to the Select Board, so that the Town may vote whether to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½) relative to the South Elementary School Project approved in Article 1 of the 2024 Special Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

We the undersigned also ask the Select Board to approve a re-vote on the latest set of plans for a new Stoughton Elementary School for the below reasons:

1. The town will lose \$47 million in grants from the MSBA and will be financially responsible for repairing and rehabbing both the South Elementary School and the Wilkins Elementary School.
2. The current South Elementary school is in a state of severe disrepair. If the school closes due to a catastrophic failure, the costs to the town would be enormous, including overcrowding at all elementary schools, added costs for modular units and bussing of students to other elementary school, and further disruption throughout the town.
3. Investing in a new elementary school is essential for the continued growth and prosperity of our town. A modern, safe, and well-equipped school will attract new families, increase property values, and ensure that our community flourishes for generations to come.
4. The “Vote No” campaign spread misinformation about the tax increase that would result from a debt exclusion (6.4% instead of the actual 4.8%). With the correct information in hand, voters may have been more likely to vote YES on 6/11.

Petitioner: Lori Jacques, 6 Harris Circle

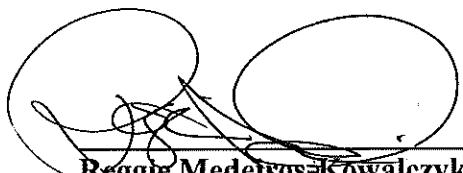
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 11-2-2 to refer Article 15 to Town Meeting.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: Voted 5-0 to recommend Article 15 to Town Meeting for approval.

ACTION: Yes 111, No 34, Abstentions 0 – Moderator declares motion passes by simple majority. November 20, 2024.

MotionResolve Special Town meeting Motion: Carolyn Campbell, Seconded Peter Murphy

AT TRUE COPY ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reggie Medeiros-Kowalczykowski". The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a middle name or title.

Reggie Medeiros-Kowalczykowski, CMC
Interim Town Clerk

Date: 4/20/24

