

Annual Town Meeting

May 1, 2017 (FY18)

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Moderator Michael M. Seele. He asked for the count of voters. . Detective Officer Daniel Connolly announced the count of the voters present was 151, constituting the quorum requirement of 50 voters. The meeting pledged allegiance to the flag and Rev. Craig Ouellette of the South Shore Pentecostal Church gave the invocation. A moment of silence was held for deceased Town employees who died in 2016. Town Clerk Dawn M. Varley swore in the following tellers: Lawrence Roache, 26 Acorn Rd., Daniel P. Cullity, 4 Locust Hill Ln., Frederick Small, 87 Hilltop Rd., Matthew Mackenzie, 49 Belmont St.

Brian Bezanson on behalf of the Republican Town Committee, and Larry Roache on behalf of the Democratic Town Committee, spoke about candidate night for the upcoming May 20th Annual Town Election. Both Brian and Larry emphasized that this was a non-partisan event just a good opportunity for residents to listen to the candidates.

Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk. Moderator Seele went over the rules governing town meeting. Moderator Seele acknowledged the Finance Committee on their service to the town.

Article 1

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to hear the reports of several Boards, Officers and Committees, and act thereon, and to see if the Town will bring in their vote for the following Town Officers: One Moderator for Three Years; One Town Treasurer/Collector for Three Years; Two Selectmen for Three Years; One Assessor for Three Years; Two PK-12 Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Committee Members for Three Years; Two Department of Public Works Commissioners for Three Years; Two Public Library Trustees for Three Years; One Planning Board Member for Five Years; One Board of Health Member for Three Years; and to choose all other necessary officers.

The polls for the election of officers will be opened in said Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on said Saturday, the 20th day of May, 2017, and kept open until five o'clock in the evening. Both of which days will constitute the Annual Meeting and this call is issued in accordance with the vote of the Town passed January 29, 1902.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moderator Seele asked Michael Hayes to give a brief description on the Electronic Voting Study to the Town Meeting. Michael Hayes had a short question and answer period for the voters.

At 7:58 P.M. Moderator Michael Seele adjourned the Annual Town Meeting and opened the Special Town Meeting. **The Special Town Meeting is recorded in a separate document.** Special Town Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting was reconvened.

Article 2

To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Public Works, Veterans' Benefits, Education, Library, Recreation and Unclassified, specifying what appropriations shall be taken from the receipt of a department, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

The following Line Items were questioned: 6, 25, 34, 44, 57, 64, 66, 93a, 127, 133, 145, 168, 170, 175, 224, 225, 256, 410,.The line items that were amended were Line Items 25, 34, 44, 66, 145, 225, 410. All other line items were voted unanimously

A MOTION was made and seconded to reconsider Line items 60, 184, 197, 210, 239. These lines items were reconsidered and amended 60, 184, 197, 210, 239.

Article 2 Line 6 standing vote 96 YES and 62 NO to accept line as presented by Finance Committee.

For continuity in recording Article 2 is listed at the end of this recording

Article 3 CITIZEN'S PETITION – ARTICLE DEFEATED

To see if the Town will vote to act on the following Citizen's Petition received on January 5, 2017, to wit:

"We, the undersigned Citizens of Whitman hereby Petition the Town of Whitman to accept Paul Street as a public way and to make all necessary grading, repairs and resurfacing for its use as a public way.

Submitted and signed by 19 registered voters of the Town of Whitman
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to not recommend

Article 4 CITIZEN'S PETITION – ARTICLE DEFEATED

To see if the Town will vote to act on the following Citizen's Petition received on January 24, 2017, to wit:

"We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Whitman, do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to insert the following article in the WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE:
Health Imperatives' VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS request \$1,500 from the Town of Whitman for services provided to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Fiscal Year 2017.

Submitted and signed by 20 registered voters of the Town of Whitman
Finance Committee voted 6-0-1 to not recommend

Article 5 CITIZEN'S PETITION – ARTICLE DEFEATED

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX of the Town's general By-Laws by changing Section 1 to read:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee, of nine citizens of the Town, who shall be sworn to a faithful performance of their duties. The Moderator jointly with the Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint three members for three year terms, no member of which may hold any other elective Town office, or be a member of any other committee, except that a member may be appointed to a building or facilities committee with the approval of the Town Moderator and Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee voted 5-0-2 to not recommend / By-Law Study Committee voted unanimously to not recommend

Article 6

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED, as authorized by MGL C 44 §53E ½ to continue for fiscal year 2018, the following Revolving Accounts for purposes as indicated and limited as set forth below or take any action relative thereto:

Revolving Account Description / Name	Source of Receipts	Use of Funds	Receipts Limit	Disbursed by
Council on Aging Revolving Account	Minibus Fares and Program Fees	Defray Council on Aging Expenses	\$10,000.00	Director, Council on Aging
Library Fines and Fees Revolving Account	Library Fines	Defray Library Expenses	\$17,500.00	Board of Library Trustees
Passport Fees Revolving Account	Sale of Photographs and Passport Acceptance Fees	Defray Expenses Passport Acceptance Services	\$3,000.00	Director, Council on Aging
Planning Board Revolving Account	Fees Paid on Submission of Plans to the Planning Board	All expenses except Personnel Salaries	\$75,000.00	Planning Board by Majorit
Police Department Revolving Account (Marijuana Fines)	Fines assessed under MGL C. 42 §21D	Police Training and Equipment	\$10,000.00	Chief of Police
Southeastern Mass Law Enforcement Council Revolving Account	Grant Funds from the Council	Police Training and Equipment	\$10,000.00	Chief of Police
Animal Adoption Revolving Account	Funds paid in connection with animal adoption	Care and Treatment of animals offered for adoption	\$1,000.00	Animal Control Officer

**Proposed by disbursing departments
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend**

Article 7

The Town voted IN THE MAJORITY to rescind the Town's acceptance of MGL C 149, Sections 33A and 33B originally accepted at the March, 1956 Annual Town Meeting, Article 67, AND to rescind the Town's acceptance of MGL C 149 §33B originally accepted at the March, 1958 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11.

Note: The federal Fair Labor Standards Act and state statutes passed subsequently to the 1956 and 1958 statutes provide for the treatment of overtime and this request to rescind is based on the protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 8

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, subject to a Title Exam acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, a gift of land from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said land shown as Lot 25 on Land Court Plan 33140A (Sheet 4) filed with Certificate of Title No. 35677 in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Land Court such acceptance to be conditioned upon the Town Administrator's confirmation that title to the property is good and marketable at the time of recording or registration, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign and register any documents necessary to effect the conveyance of such property to the Town, or to take any action relevant thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Article 9

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate outside the Levy limit \$478,603.35 to pay Whitman Hanson Regional School District debt payments, which debt was authorized by article 7 of the May 7, 2002 annual town meeting and the May 18, 2002 Debt Exclusion Vote, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 10

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$70,208.75 and transfer \$100,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts account to make a payment of \$170, 208.75 on debt authorized by Article 41 of the May 19, 1998 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector and the Fire Chief
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 11

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$6,623.20 from the Reserve for Appropriation Title 5 Loans Account to make Fiscal Year 2018 debt payment, with any balance remaining in this appropriation at fiscal year-end to be returned to said account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 12

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate 783,562.50 from Free Cash to make interest and principal payment on debt authorized by Article 1 of the November 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting for the construction of a new Police Station and renovations to the Fire Station and Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 13

The Town voted IN THE MAJORITY to raise and appropriate \$7,100 to engage an actuary to perform an assessment of future liabilities for Other Post-Employment Benefits as required by GASB 45, 74 and 75, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 14

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to be used for the purpose of holding an Emergency Dispensing Site training session to meet the requirements of the Department of Public Health, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 15

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$18,000 to replace the Town Hall fire panel, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Buildings, Facilities and Capital Expenditures Committee
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 16

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$30,260.77 from the Police Reserve for Appropriation Motor Vehicle Fine Account to fund the second of three payments for the lease purchase of two 2016 police cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 17

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$11,332.69 from the Police Reserve for Appropriation

Motor Vehicle Fine Account for the third and final payment for the lease purchase of a 2015 Ford Taurus, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 18

The Town voted IN THE MAJORITY (ONE NO VOTE - THIS MEETS THE 2/3 REQUIREMENT) to appropriate \$4,400 from the Police Reserve for Appropriation Motor Vehicle Fine Account to extend the existing lease of a 2015 Harley Davidson Motorcycle for an additional year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 19

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$13,732.91 from the Reserve for Appropriation Motor Vehicle Fine Account to fund the first of three annual Lease Purchase payments for a 2017 Ford Explorer police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 20

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$63,557.66 for the purchase of 26 Motorola portable radios to be used by uniformed police personnel, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 21

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$11,050.54 to purchase six tasers, cartridges, and batteries to equip police personnel, or take any other action relative to.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 22

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$10,080 for the purchase of ten (10) Active Shooter Body Armor Kits, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend

Article 23

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to raise and appropriate \$310,000 outside the Levy Limit to fund the salary cost associated with hiring for three firefighter/EMT and or Paramedics for the fire department, and to transfer \$20,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to equip new hires, with any unspent funds of the \$20,000.00 being returned to the Reserve for Appropriation Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief
Finance Committee voted 3 for and 3 against on recommendation

Article 24

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$70,926.90 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account for the third of seven lease purchase payments for a pumping engine first approved in article 20 of the May 4, 2015 annual town meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 25

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$60,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to refurbish a 1990 Emergency One pumping engine, to include body work, mechanical and drive train, pump, equipment, lighting and other related items related to said pumping engine, with any unspent funds to be returned to the Ambulance Revenue Account, or take any action relative thereto. Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 26

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$40,050.28 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account for the first of five annual lease purchase payments for the purchase of an ambulance as approved by article 4 of the May 2, 2016 Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 27

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$22,204 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to fund a 10% match for a regional grant to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, with any funds remaining at fiscal year-end to be returned to said account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 28 - Withdrawn

Article 29 – Withdrawn

Article 30 - Withdrawn

Article 31

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to appropriate \$323,296.20 from available chapter 90 funds and transfer \$9,921 from chapter 90 funds previously appropriated for the purchase of a vehicle for the purpose of resurfacing and/or installing surface treatments and line painting to town streets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend

Article 32

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise appropriate \$42,105.55 to fund the first of four (4) annual payments to lease-purchase and equip a 2017 Prinoth/Bombardier model SW4S sidewalk plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 33

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the purchase of security appliances (firewalls) to replace existing firewalls that are no longer supported by the manufacturer, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Director of Technology
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

Article 34

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise an appropriate \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a multifunction copier/printer to replace a nine-year-old copier/printer, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Director of Technology
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 35

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$28,000 to install card access controllers and associated equipment in the Public Works Administration Building, the Senior Center, and the west and rear exterior doors of the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Director of Technology and Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 36

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to replace aging computer equipment located in the public works administration building, senior center, and town hall, or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Director of Technology and Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 37

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund costs associated with securing and maintaining properties taken in tax title/foreclosure, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 38

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to accept MGL 60A §1 which reads, in part:

“ In any town which accepts the following provision, excise taxes shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned and registered by or leased to a resident who is in active and full-time military service as a member in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard, army or air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the commonwealth for a period of At least 45 days in the calendar year of the exemption. If the military member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, he shall not be subject to the foregoing period of service qualification for the calendar year in which he is wounded or killed. This exemption shall apply only to a motor vehicle owned and

registered by or leased to a military member in his own name or jointly with a spouse for a non-commercial purpose and a military member may qualify for this exemption for only 1 motor vehicle for each calendar year. A municipality which accepts the provisions of this paragraph shall, in connection with the issuance of warrant to collect unpaid motor vehicle or trailer excise from a delinquent taxpayer, add \$3 to the fee prescribed in clause 9 of section 15 of chapter 60. The acceptance by a municipality of this paragraph shall take effect on the first day of January next occurring after the approval by the municipality to accept this paragraph. “

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 39

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to amend its General ByLaws by adding Article XXXVI, imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the sale and distribution of Recreational Marijuana, definitions, temporary moratorium and severability, or take any other action relative thereto:

5-5. Temporary Moratorium on the Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana:

By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. The law provides that it is effective on December 15, 2016 and the Cannabis Advisory Board is required to issue regulations regarding implementation by September 15, 2017.

Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers are not a permitted use in the Town and any regulations promulgated by the State Cannabis Advisory Board are expected to provide guidance to the Town in regulating Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

The regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers raise novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and other uses related to the regulation of recreational marijuana. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers so as to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt and/or amend provisions of the Town's Protective Zoning Bylaw in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

(A) Definitions:

“Manufacture”, to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a marijuana product.

“Marijuana accessories”, equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,

manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

“Marijuana cultivator”, an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana establishment”, a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

“Marijuana product manufacturer”, an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana products”, products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

“Marijuana testing facility”, an entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants.

“Marijuana retailer”, an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

(B) Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Advisory Board regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses, determine whether the town shall restrict any, or all, licenses for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, determine whether the Town will prohibit on-site consumption at Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and shall consider adopting new and/or amending current provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to address the impact and operation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses.

(C) Severability

The provisions of this Bylaw are severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applicability of this Bylaw.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

The By-law Study Committee voted unanimously to recommend

Article 40

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to amend Article III of its by-laws by replacing its current content with the following:

Rule for Government of Town Meetings

Section 1. All questions or motions submitted for the consideration of the Town meeting shall be reduced to writing by the person submitting the question or motion to the Moderator. However, any person may request the Town Clerk to reduce his or her question or motion to writing and the request shall be complied with.

Section 2. The Moderator shall require all those desiring to vote to occupy seats in the reserved area until seating capacity is exhausted. Additional seating areas for voters shall be designated by the Moderator. Tellers shall be instructed to count the votes only of those persons seated in the areas reserved and/or designated for Town meeting voters. The Town Administrator and any non-resident department head shall have the right to sit with his/her respective Board, Committee, or Commission.

Section 3. Every person desiring to speak shall arise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining recognition, shall identify him/herself and his/her address and shall stand while speaking unless the Moderator directs otherwise.

Section 4. All votes, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be taken, in the first instance, by a "Yes" and "No" voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the vote, or if five voters immediately question the vote once completed and reported by the Moderator, the Moderator shall call either for a standing vote or a roll call vote, or the Moderator may employ an electronic handset voting system.

Section 5. If the majority of the Town meeting approves a motion for a vote by ballot on any question, such a vote on the main motion shall be taken by electronic handset voting system or with the Town furnishing ballots as per the following sample:

Yes _____ No _____

Section 6. No vote shall be reconsidered more than once and only after a majority vote of the voters present and voting on a motion to reconsider such vote. There shall be no reconsideration of any article at an adjourned Town meeting except on advice of Town Counsel.

Section 7. Printed copies of the warrant, with Finance Committee recommendations on appropriations of over Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, shall be furnished to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting and at Special Town Meetings.

Section 8. Articles in the warrant shall be acted upon in their order, unless the meeting, by majority vote, otherwise determines.

Section 9. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, to wit:

- To adjourn*
- To lay on the table*
- For the previous question*
- To postpone to a certain time*
- To commit, recommit, or refer*
- To amend*
- To postpone indefinitely*

shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 10. No motion, the effect of which would be to dissolve a Town meeting, shall be in order until every article in the warrant has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not prevent the postponement of action on, or the consideration of, any article to an adjournment of the meeting to a stated time.

Section 11. Only persons whose names are on the list of voters shall be admitted to the meeting and allowed to be seated in the reserved area for voters, except as hereinafter provided. A visitors' section of not more than 50 seats shall be provided so long as seats are available for student groups or anyone else who in the opinion of the Moderator deserves such consideration. Persons wishing to visit shall request permission of the Moderator before said meeting and will not be allowed to speak or vote on any question.

Section 12. The duties of the Moderator and Town Officers and the government of the Town Meeting, when not specially provided for by , or by the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, so far as they are adapted to the conditions and power of the Town and its Town meeting.

The By-Law Study Committee voted unanimously to recommend

Article 41 – PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the costs for the first year of a multiyear collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and local 1769, international Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 42 – PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the costs for the first year of a multiyear collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the Whitman Public Library Employees, SEIU, Local 888, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 43

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to raise and appropriate \$21,845 to fund the cost for the first year of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the American Federation of State, local, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1700, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 44 – PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost for the first year of a multiyear collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the Whitman Police Association, I.B.P.O. Local 509, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 45

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to confirm and clarify the Town Meeting vote on Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 2, 2016, such vote to read in its entirety as follows: to accept, subject to a Title Exam acceptable to the Town Administrator, a gift of land being shown on Assessors Map 23D, Block 8, Lot 350, such property to be kept and maintained as open space in perpetuity by the Town of Whitman and to be under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Whitman, said land being two certain vacant parcels of land situated on the northerly side of Auburn Street in Whitman, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, being shown as Parcel G (containing 4.688± acres) and Parcel H (containing 7.904± acres), as shown on a plan entitled

“Condominium Phase Development Plan, The Village at Auburnville, 877 Auburn Street, Route 14, Whitman, Massachusetts”, dated July 8, 2004, prepared by Merrill Associates, Inc., and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 48, Page 360, and being subject to an existing 20 foot wide utility easement and Commonwealth Electric Company Easement, such acceptance to be conditioned upon the Town Administrator’s confirmation that title to the property is good and marketable at the time of recording or registration, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Article 46

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to discontinue May Street as a town way pursuant to M.G.L. c.82, §21.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Article 47 Withdrawn

Article 48 – PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from free cash to be added to various stabilization accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Article 49

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to diminish the number of members on the Planning Board from seven members to five members pursuant to the terms of Sections 2 and 81A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, with such diminution to become effective by reducing the number of elected positions on the Planning Board by one at each of the next two Annual Town Elections commencing with the Annual Town Election in May 2018, so that no members are elected to the Planning Board in the Annual Town Elections in May 2018 or May 2019, and any positions on the Planning Board which are eligible for election at those times will be vacated and eliminated, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

The Following articles are submitted by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Articles related to Town of Whitman Facilities

Article S-1 - PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the capital cost to replace fire alarm panels, smoke detectors and devices for the Whitman Middle School and Conley Elementary School, which have reached the end of their 15 year useful life, or take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee voted to not recommend with 5 NO votes and one abstention

Article S-2

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to fund the capital cost to repair the existing gym floor, reline and resurface for the Whitman Middle School, or take any other action

relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-3

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the capital cost to install motorized physical education curtain and/or to replace current bleachers with portable bleachers for the Whitman Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Pending Finance Committee Recommendation

Article S-4

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$16,000 to fund the capital cost to replace exterior doors with card access at each school; Duval Elementary School, Conley Elementary School and the Whitman Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-5

Article Withdrawn

Article S-6

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$13,000 to fund the capital cost to seal cracks and reline playgrounds to ensure these will not need to be fully replaced prematurely at each school; Duval Elementary School, Conley Elementary School and the Whitman Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-7

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the capital cost to replace deteriorated sections of the sidewalk for the Duval Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Articles related to Regional School District-Owned Facilities

Article S-8

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$253,087 to pay for the apportioned capital cost to replace the existing turf field at the High School, (\$425,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-9 - PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125,055 to pay for the apportioned capital cost to repair roadway at the High School, (\$210,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to not recommend with 6 NO votes and one abstention

Article S-10

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$23,820 to pay for the apportioned capital cost to repair roadway potholes and cracks at the High School, (\$40,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-11

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$11,910 to pay for the apportioned capital cost to purchase and install two school crossing blinking lights which are solar powered at the High School, (\$20,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to recommend with 4 in favor, 2 against and one abstention

Article S-12 - PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,910 to pay for the apportioned capital cost for safety lightning on RTE 27 for the safety of students, this will align with the crosswalk at the signal light at the High School, (\$20,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to not recommend with 6 NO votes and one abstention

Article S-13

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$14,887 to pay for the apportioned capital cost for exterior envelope repairs: resurface sections of the exterior finishing insulation system. EFIS composite wall system is showing signs of failure in some areas at the High School, (\$25,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

Article S-14

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate \$20,842 to pay for the apportioned capital cost for the replacement of the hot water heater for the kitchen and shower area with an energy efficient unit at the High School, (\$35,000 X 59.55%), or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted recommend with 6 YES votes and one abstention

The Town meeting was adjourned at 10:53pm. There were 191 total voters checked off of the voting list.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK - WHITMAN