

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF HULL, MASSACHUSETTS

Facsimile of the May 2, 2016

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

and

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

with

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS



Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening

**In the Hull High School situated at
180 Main Street, Hull, MA**

**TOWN OF HULL
MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the 2016 Hull Town Meeting. After many starts and stops to Spring, we can all look forward to a warm Summer on the beach and on the water! Although the Special Town Meeting in October was difficult, it is in the best interest of the Town to have a civil, informative and productive forum for the important issues before us. We have a number of items for your consideration regarding Debt Exclusion and Town Meeting business. As usual, we have annual business to attend to: Budget review and approval along with our fair share of zoning changes and local by-law proposals. Local issues deserve our attention. Voter participation is vital to Hull's character. For more than 300 years, Hullonians have been meeting to decide Town business. Town policy and financial decisions are made which affects everyone in Town. Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy. Each voter can stand up and speak their mind on any particular issue. The opportunity to speak on a given issue, and attempt to persuade your fellow voters is at the core of our democratic values. Our forbearers fought many a battle for the right to be able to govern themselves. Immigrants from around the world still flock to America to live in a place governed by the people. Our Town Meeting is a direct expression of local governance. As we debate the articles remember that vigorous debate need not be disrespectful. Not everyone is going to agree with you and that is OK. Different opinions make Town Meeting interesting and useful. Remember to please be considerate and get to the point in your comments. This year, as usual, we have quite a bit of ground to cover. Clarity, brevity and respect for others are held in high regard. Thank you for coming to speak your mind and for your respect for other's opinions.

Some frequently used Town Meeting procedural rules are set out below:

Quorum: In 1987 we abolished quorum requirements. Therefore, town meetings begin at the time designated by the Selectmen in the warrant (usually 7:30 p.m.).

Order of Articles: In 1980, we enacted a by-law providing, that the order of considering articles, except for the general budget articles, shall be determined by lottery. The moderator may declare certain articles, due to legal requirements, must be considered before or after other articles are considered.

Motions: After an article has been chosen by lottery, the moderator reads the motion pertaining to that article. The motion must be within the scope of the article as printed in the warrant and must be seconded. After a motion has been made, substitute motions and amendments may be offered, but no more than two (2) substitute motions or amendments may be before the meeting at any given time. Any substitute motion or amendment must also be within the scope of the article.

Discussion of articles: Persons wishing to speak should stand and remain standing until recognized by the moderator. If there are microphones at the head of the room, come up and wait until the moderator signals it is your turn to speak. Begin your remarks by stating your name and address. We usually vote to limit first time comments on an article to ten (10) minutes. We have a bylaw limiting second time comments to five (5) minutes. Remember, often the most effective comments are succinct and to the point.

Point of order: May be used to raise a procedural question only. A point of order may be made at any time, requires no second and is not debatable.

Call for the question is a motion to terminate debate. It requires a two-thirds vote and is not debatable.

Voting by secret ballot shall occur when the Advisory Board so recommends in writing or when 15 voters so request, or when required by statute or town by-law.

Questioning the vote: When seven (7) voters question the moderator's calling of voice vote, a standing vote will be taken.

Motion to reconsider must be made on the same night that the vote to be reconsidered was taken; a two-thirds vote is required; a vote once reconsidered cannot be further reconsidered.

Resolutions may be offered without prior notice; are non-binding and not debatable.

Other procedural rules governing our meetings are spelled out in the book "Town Meeting Time", Little Brown, 1962, 2nd Ed. 1984.

Michael S. Nuesse, Moderator

ADVISORY BOARD MESSAGE

Under our current form of Government, the Town Manager, with the guidance of the Board of Selectmen, prepares the Town Budget and presents it to the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board for their review. Through discussions with the Town Manager and Department Heads, the Advisory Board reviews the budgets and makes recommendations for changes. This process usually concludes with agreement between the Advisory Board and the Town Manager in terms of presenting the Budget to Town Meeting. The Advisory Board considers all Articles for the purpose of making recommendations with explanatory statements. While considering each Article many questions are considered such as: Is it necessary? Can the Town afford it? Is it in the Town's best interest? Is it fair to all? Does it affect the balance of power? Is it within legal and allowable guidelines?

The following section includes a facsimile of the Town Warrant. It is called a facsimile because the actual warrant does not include the commentary and recommendations of the Advisory Board. Some confusion has been caused in the past when motions are read at town meeting and are differently worded than what you see here. Motions may be worded differently so long as they are worded within the scope of the printed article. Some people think of the printed warrant as an agenda of the Town Meeting. The legal warrant is printed, signed and posted by our Board of Selectmen.

Comments are in italicized print under the ARTICLES. The RECOMMENDATION precedes the commentary of the Advisory Board. Typical recommendations are as follows:

FAVORABLE ACTION - The Advisory Board is recommending a favorable vote on the Article.

UNFAVORABLE ACTION - The Advisory Board is recommending an unfavorable vote on the Article.

NO RECOMMENDATION - The Advisory Board does not wish to make a recommendation or there is insufficient information to support a recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION AT TOWN MEETING - The Advisory Board does not wish to make a recommendation prior to reviewing additional information or waiting for another committee to hold a public hearing.

NO ACTION - A no action motion or recommendation suggests that Town Meeting set aside and prevent any further action on this Article for the meeting.

THE ADVISORY BOARD:

D. Clinton, Chair
R. Kenney
D. Sullivan

J. G. Boylen, Vice Chair
P. Larsen
J. Dennard

J. Tiani, Clerk
J. Polito
R. Carney

J. Schmid



**TOWN OF HULL
Advisory Board**

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To the Citizens of Hull,

This warrant contains a Projected Revenue and Expenditure Summary for the year ending June 30, 2017. This summary reflects a balanced budget achieved by diligent work of all town departments. This enables the Town to maintain services. As has been mentioned in previous years, we look for all Town Departments to work within a tight budget and manage accordingly. For example, we have been working to expect only 2.75% growth on operating budgets. This year's total budget projects a growth of 3.65%.

FY17 will be the fourth year that Memorial School debt will be paid without using the Stabilization Fund.

We wish to report to you that the Fire Hydrant repair and replacement program is ahead of scheduled. The final hydrant identified will be completed in the fall and we expect that the capital planning funding that has been used during the program will continue in the future to maintain our hydrants in the future.

There are a number citizen's petition articles to consider this year. Seven articles (articles 26 – 32) seek to change the Town By-Laws relating to Town Meeting. We have provided the language for Chapter 60, Town Meeting By-laws, in this warrant starting on Page 29. Article 34 and 35 seek to allow the town to enter into the South Shore Vocational Technical Educational Program district. Article 36 seeks amend a By-Law that will define the meaning of a permanent resident for the purposes of cemetery lots sales. Article 26, in particular, seeks to rescind a previous bond authorization for Turf Field Project at the High School. Article 32 is a similar article with slightly different wording that will move No Action by the proponents.

There are three article that related to authorizations to take easements or land for municipal purposes. Article 15 would take an easement for the purpose of allowing emergency equipment access to Burr Rd. Article 16 would take an easement for the purpose of allowing access to the James Ave beach area. Article 20 seeks to take land formerly used as the Waveland Gas Station to perform remediation of this unsafe property and restore it for municipal purposes. This has been vetted with all appropriate agencies including the EPA and State environmental agencies.

There are two zoning articles for Town Meeting consideration that seek to revise wording in two sections of the zoning By-Laws.

Thank you, in advance, for your involvement and participation at this important time in Hull's history.

Sincerely,

David Clinton, Chairman
George Boylen, Vice Chairman

Advisory Board Members:

Expire in 2016: John Schmid, Richard Kenney, Jay Polito, George Boylen

Expire in 2017: Dan Sullivan, Jill Dennard, Robert Carney

Expire in 2018: John Tiani, David Clinton, Peter Larsen, Vacant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hull in the County of Plymouth

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hull qualified to vote on Town affairs and elections to meet at Hull High School situated at 180 Main Street in said Hull, on Monday, the Second day of May next, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the following:

- The Report of the Selectmen
- The Report of the School Committee
- The Report of the Fire Department
- The Report of the Police Department
- The Report of the Treasurer/Collector
- The Report of the Town Clerk
- The Report of the Board of Assessors
- The Report of the Municipal Light Board
- The Report of the Trustees of the Public Library
- The Report of the Town Counsel
- The Report of the Retirement Board
- The Report of the Committees
- The Report of the Town Accountant
- The Report of the Board of Health
- The Report of the Planning Board

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 1. The Advisory Board recommends acceptance of the Annual Town Reports as presented. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 2. A) To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws and amendments thereto, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts and/or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and nontidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along the public beach outside of Boston Harbor and authorize the Selectmen or Town Manager to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth; and further,

B) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen or Town Manager to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and/or County Commissioner

And/or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the construction or maintenance of seawalls and land areas bordering on tidal waters, for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 2. Town Meeting approval is necessary to allow the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Commonwealth for work to be performed by the Commonwealth. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its divisions, commissions and agencies, including the Department of Public Works and/or the County Commissioners for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 3. This is an annual housekeeping article which allows the Town to enter contract with the Commonwealth which provides funds for highways and roads. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements, as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Treasurer/Collector)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 4. This is an annual housekeeping article which enables the Treasurer to gain services or benefits from banking institutions with which we have funds on deposit. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote that all income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electrical supplies to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and for sales of appliances and jobbing during the next fiscal year, be appropriated for the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Town Manager for the expenses of the plant for the next fiscal year, as defined in section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1989, as amended, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 5. This article reaffirms that operating income from the Light Plant sales and activities will be used to meet the expenses of the Light Plant. In addition, it stipulates the Town Manager will see that the funds are expended as specified by the laws of the Commonwealth. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will fix the salaries of the following Town Officers, viz;

Selectmen
Moderator
Town Clerk
Assessors
Municipal Light Board

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Town Manager)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 6. This is an annual housekeeping article that provides compensation for the above-mentioned board members. (Unanimous)
Salaries are set as follows:

Selectmen	\$3,000.00 Chair
	\$2,500.00 Members
Moderator	\$420.00
Town Clerk	\$18,000.00
Assessors	\$400.00
Municipal Light Board	\$600.00 Chair
	\$450.00 Members

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Harbormaster's Department as a so-called enterprise account, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Harbormaster)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 7. This article fulfills the State requirement that the Town appropriate sufficient funds to operate the Harbormaster Enterprise Account. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department as a so-called Enterprise Account, including appropriating retained earning/surplus revenue for repairs, maintenance and capital improvements, or take any other, action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Permanent Sewer Commission)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 8. This article fulfills the State requirement that the Town appropriate sufficient funds to operate the Sewer Enterprise Account. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the expenses of Fiscal Year 2017 for:

General Government
Schools

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 9. The Advisory Board recommends favorable action on the Fiscal Year 2017 town budget. We recognize the work that the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the various department heads have invested to structure a budget that funds our various general government and school priorities. This budget represents the collaborative efforts of these various stakeholders, and we acknowledge the sacrifices that

are being made by all as we work together to meet the needs of our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain Town Departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY17 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY17 Fund Balance</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	Board of Appeals	Application fees charged for special permits, variances and appeals on orders or decisions of the Building Commissioner	Expenses and fees of the Zoning Board of Appeals	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure
Inspectional Services	Building Commissioner	Receipts for plumbing, gas and electrical permits and inspections	Salaries and expenses for the plumbing, gas and electrical inspectors, and for the related proportion of support staff expenses related thereto	\$80,000	Balance available for expenditure
Vaccination Clinics	Board of Health, Director of Public Health	Fees and billings for vaccination clinics	Expenses related to vaccination clinics, including nursing services and related proportion of support staff expenses related thereto	\$35,000	Balance available for expenditure
Inspectional Services	Board of Health, Director of Public Health	Receipts for rental housing unit inspections and housing and residential swimming pool inspections	Salaries and expenses for the health inspector(s) and any other required inspector, and for the related proportion of support staff expenses related thereto.	\$100,000	Balance available for expenditure

Integrated Preschool	School Committee	Preschool class tuition	Salaries, expenses and fees for three (3) integrated preschool classes for children ages three to five identified as having a disability to provide a nurturing, caring and supportive environment that fosters the development of self- esteem	\$20,000	Balance available for expenditure
Council on Aging Activities	Director of Council on Aging	Fees for programs sponsored by the COA, other fees for services	Salaries and expenses to provide additional services to senior citizens, payment of program fees	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure
Hazardous Materials Clean Up	Fire Chief	Insurance claims, clean-up fees, receipts for use of personnel and equipment for hazardous material clean-up	Salaries, equipment and supply replacement, and other expenses related to clean up and disposal	\$25,000	Balance available for expenditure
Parking Fund	Board of Selectmen	Sale of parking stickers, visitors stickers, visitor passes, and parking meters	Enforcement, signage, obtaining new parking areas and other parking related costs	\$110,000	Balance available for expenditure
Tax Title Legal Expenses	Treasurer/ Collector	Legal fees charged to past due accounts	Tax Title legal services	\$15,000	Balance available for expenditure

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 10. This is an annual housekeeping article that is required to re-establish revolving funds for various uses in FY2017. The revolving funds ensure that the funding of these departments is generated by these departments. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will amend the Personal Bylaw, Salary Plan, of the town, by striking the Exhibit B-3, X1, (Assistant Harbormaster) the figure therein, and inserting in its place the figure of \$12.00 or take any action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: *No Action on Article 11. This Article is a redundant since this Assistant Harbormaster salary plan is being considered in Article 17. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 32 section 20 (6)(a) to Compensate Hull Contributory Retirement Board members an annual stipend of no less than \$3,000 and not more than \$4,500 per year; provided that the stipend shall be paid from funds under the control of the board as determined by the Public Employees Administration Commission or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Hull Contributory Retirement Board)

Recommendation: *Unfavorable Action on Article 12. The Advisory Board unanimously voted unfavorable action after a presentation by the proponent, public hearing and debate. We recognize the important role and responsibilities members of Hull Contributory Retirement Board play in overseeing the Hull retirement system and do not in any way minimize that with our action on this Article. Many Town boards and committees, including the Advisory Board, are made up in whole or in part of volunteers who participate with significant time, disclosure and educational requirements, and other efforts for a number of good reasons (civic-mindedness, interest, skill set, desire to be part of the process, etc.), but we do not feel those reasons should include monetary compensation or cost recovery for the volunteer's efforts, particularly during these times of significant financial constraints that must be balanced each year and into the future (including moving toward a fully-funded pension obligation). We worry that compensation for volunteers, even the relatively modest compensation proposed here, could have the capacity to undermine the spirit of volunteerism and spread to other boards and committees. While we commend the idea of inducing and encouraging people to become involved in town government and seek opportunities to promote that, we do not think this proposal is the right opportunity at this time. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of M.G.L. Chapter 32, section 103(j) inserted by section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010 to increase the maximum base amount on which the COLA adjustment is calculated from \$12,000.00 annually up to \$15,000.00 annually. (Inserted at the request of the Hull Contributory Retirement Board)

Recommendation: *Recommend at Town Meeting on Article 13. The Advisory Board does not wish to make a recommendation prior to understanding the true cost to the town. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will accept G. L. c. 44B, Secs. 3-7, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a special "Community Preservation Fund" that may be appropriated and spent for certain open space, recreational, historic resources and affordable housing purposes; and further to approve a property tax surcharge in the amount of 1.5% (one and a half percent) of the taxes assessed annually on real property which shall be dedicated to the fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017; and further to exempt from the surcharge property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Hull, as defined in Section 2 of said Act. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 14. The advisory board's recommendation for favorable action was based on allowing the voters of the town the opportunity to decide at the November election whether or not Hull should participate in the Community Preservation Act. A favorable vote by town meeting tonight does not commit Hull to participate in the Community Preservation Fund. As proposed, if voters support the CPA, property owners will be assessed a 1.5% property tax surcharge. Exceptions are provided based on a combination of income level and age. Based on the average property value in Hull of \$375K this will be a surcharge of \$78.40 per year. In addition to the funds raised in Hull, the Town will receive a grant from the State, which varies from year to year to supplement the town's contribution.*

If approved by the voters these funds can only be utilized for specified purposes such as Historic Preservation, Preservation of Open Space, Creation and Preservation of Open Housing, Development of Outdoor Recreation facilities. If this is passed, a committee is required to be appointed to review potential projects and oversee the awarding of funds. (6-1)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the property or an interest therein where Burr Road, so called, crosses 19 Burr Road, Assessors Map 51, Lot 091 and in all or a portion of Burr Road, so called, shown as a gravel road on an Approval Not Required Plan dated April 2, 2008 and on file at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds or Registry District and on file in the Building Department, only for the municipal purposes of providing access for public safety and public works vehicles and municipal purposes and not for purposes of providing access or property rights that do not otherwise exist; and to accomplish same to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money; and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for and accept grants and gifts to accomplish said projects and purposes; and to authorize the Town to enter into agreements for said projects and purposes and to appropriate from available funds and/or by borrowing and/or authorize the use of grants or gifts to acquire said property and for said projects

and purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: *Recommend at Town Meeting on Article 13. The Advisory Board does not wish to make a recommendation prior to understanding the true cost to the town. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the property or an interest therein at the opening on the Town seawall at James Avenue Wharf and the James Avenue beach, so called, to enable and facilitate public and municipal access to and use of the beach and for municipal purposes; and to accomplish same to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money; and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for and accept grants and gifts to accomplish said projects and purposes; and to authorize the Town to enter into agreements for said projects and purposes and to appropriate from available funds and/or by borrowing and/or authorize the use of grants or gifts to acquire said property and for said projects and purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 16. This article will allow, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the property adjacent to the opening at James Ave Wharf and James Ave Beach. Currently, a fence that would run adjacent to the wharf and across the opening to the beach is the process of being built by the adjacent homeowner. This will effectively block access to an area that has been traditionally used for an extended period of time by local resident and the Town of Hull including swimming lessons for residents. This area in addition to the small beach area that has been used to for swimming, launching kayaks etc. also provides access along the shore from James Ave to the Coast Guard station. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 46 of the Code/Bylaw of the Town, being the Classification and Salary Plan, as follows:

A. Salary Plan, Exhibit B-3, Seasonal Positions, by increasing the following hourly rates by \$1.00 (and making any necessary weekly adjustment):

- i. General Government, Category 650 (Recreation Staff Positions)
- ii. Division of Public Safety, Category 285 (Assistant Harbormasters)

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 17. This article is intended to increase the hourly wages of two groups, the part time summer employees of Park and Rec and beach clean-up, and the assistant harbormaster positions. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 50-2(b) of the Zoning Bylaw as show in paragraph (1) and paragraph (2); and to add a new section as shown in paragraph (3):.

Note: Bold letters and words are additions; strike throughs are deleted words:

- (1) Side yards and rear yards **shall** ~~are to be~~ measured from the furthestmost projection of the main structure. **However,** chimneys, cantilevered windows, eaves, and canopies may project no more than 30 (thirty) inches into the **side or rear** ~~prescribed~~ setbacks.
- (2) ~~Platforms not exceeding 30 square feet in addition to accompanying stairs are allowed in the prescribed setbacks as a matter of right. Under no circumstances, however, shall the projection of any item into a setback constitute a preexisting nonconformity~~

Entry and exit platforms not exceeding 30 square feet (and accompanying stairs) are permitted in the side or rear setback as a matter of right.

- (3) **In FEMA Flood Zones VE, AO, and AE, a covered structure to house utilities may be constructed in the side or rear setback of an existing residential building for the purpose of housing utilities that are to be elevated above the base flood elevation as shown on the FEMA Flood Map for that building's location. Utilities are defined as and are limited to heating units, hot water, electrical panel, washer and dryer. The footprint of such structure shall not exceed 50 square feet and it shall not encroach into the side or rear setback more than 50% of the required setback of the structure. Such structure shall be allowed when the Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer determines that no other practical space is available in the structure to house the elevated utilities.**

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 18. The Advisory Board unanimously voted favorable action after a presentation by the Building Commissioner and Community Development/Planning Director, public hearing and debate. This Article amends three (3) aspects of the Zoning Bylaw: Subsection (1) clarifies and confirms the Building Commissioner's general interpretation that certain building features (e.g., chimneys, cantilevered windows, etc.) may extend thirty (30) inches into the building's actual existing side or rear setback (as opposed to the Bylaw's "required setback"), allowing for these minimal building features to be installed and maintained without having to seek relief from the Board of Appeals. Subsection (2) clarifies and confirms that entry and exit platforms of 30 square feet or less are permitted in the side or rear setback as a matter of right as this need touches on life-safety aspects of a building/dwelling's safe ingress/egress. Subsection (3) allows for certain minimal (having a footprint not in excess of 50 square feet) structures housing a building's essential utilities to encroach into 50% of a required side or rear setback in certain flood zones only when the Building Commissioner determines there is no other practical alternative within the structure to locate these utilities. This last amendment allows the owner to take advantage of potential significant flood mitigation and flood insurance rate savings. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 34 of the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

(a) by striking extraneous wording in the title of Section 34 so it now reads as follows;

~~Section 34 - Business District and Mixed Use Residential Districts~~

(b) by striking extraneous wording in Section 34-1 so it now reads as follows:

~~34-1. Permitted Uses for Business District and Mixed Use Residential District.~~

(c) by striking the entire Section 34-1B, "Mixed Use Residential District":

~~34-1B. Mixed Use Residential District~~

~~a. Multi-family dwellings, no such dwelling to contain more than eighteen (18) dwelling units and no such dwelling to exceed forty (40) feet in height;~~

~~b. Business and commercial uses limited to the following:~~

~~(i) Office uses;~~

~~(ii) Professional uses such as medical, dental, legal and accounting;~~

~~(iii) Crafts, the products of which being sold on the premises;~~

~~(iv) Convenience shopping and personal service business uses and establishments;~~

~~(v) Restaurants and banks.~~

~~c. Mixed use buildings designed for business and commercial uses as provided in Paragraph 34-1B.b and multi-family dwelling uses, no such building to contain more than sixteen (16) dwelling units and no such building to exceed forty (40) feet in height;~~

~~d. Accessory recreational facilities for personal use and enjoyment for the enhancement of the other uses permitted in Paragraph 34-1B.a, such as walkways, nature areas, tennis courts, shuffleboard decks, athletic facilities and swimming pools.~~

~~e. Interior and exterior parking facilities, structures for utility services, structures for traffic control services, and structures of a decorative nature, and other accessory uses normally associated with the permitted uses set forth in this Paragraphs (34-1B).~~

(d) by striking extraneous wording in Section 34-2 so it now reads as follows:

~~34-2. Dimensional Requirements and Intensity Regulations for Business District and Mixed Use Residential District~~

(e) by striking extraneous wording in Section 34-3 so it now reads as follows;

~~34-3. General Requirements for Business and/or Commercial Recreation Uses in a~~

~~all Business and Mixed Use Residential District~~

or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 19. The Advisory Board unanimously voted favorable action after a presentation by the Community Development/Planning Director and the Building Commissioner, public hearing and debate. Simply put, this is a housekeeping item deleting the remnants of the "Mixed Use Residential District" which is

a zoning district classification that no longer exists in the Town or the Town's Zoning Bylaw. Deleting these references will clean-up the relevant portions of the Bylaw and eliminate confusion. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the property or an interest therein at 663 Nantasket Avenue, Assessors Map 18, Lot 095 and the parcel across same at the intersection of Nantasket Avenue and Bay Avenue East, Assessors Map 18, Lot 098-A, formerly used as the Waveland Gas Station, so called, to enable and facilitate the remediation of unsafe property to restore the same to usable property and for municipal purposes; and to accomplish same to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money; and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for and accept grants and gifts to accomplish said projects and purposes; and to authorize the Town to enter into agreements for said projects and purposes and to appropriate from available funds and/or by borrowing and/or authorize the use of grants or gifts to acquire said property and for said projects and purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

***Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 20.** Favorable Action on this Article will allow the Town to continuing the process of taking control of, and ultimately removing this long-time eyesore. It allows the Board of Selectmen to act if necessary, advantageous, and prudent. (Unanimous)*

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 90, Animal Control Laws, of the Code/Bylaws of the Town in the following manner:

- A. In Section 90-7.A (**Penalties for complaints of general violations of local Animal Control Laws, Chapter 90 of the Town's Code/Bylaws, Article I, Dog (Animal) Control, bylaw violation, First Offense**), strike "Twenty-five (\$25)" and insert "Fifty (\$50)"
- B. In Section 90-7.B, (**Penalties for complaints of general violations of local Animal Control Laws, Chapter 90 of the Town's Code/Bylaws, Article I, Dog (Animal) Control, bylaw violation, Second and Subsequent Offenses**) strike "Fifty (\$50)" and insert "Seventy-five (\$75)"
- C. In Section 90-8.C (**Dog license fees and tags; replacement tags**), strike "One dollar (\$1)" and insert "Five dollars (\$5)"
- D. In Section 90-8.F.A (**Dog license annual fee, unspayed and unneutered**), strike "Fifteen (\$15)" and insert "Twenty (\$20)"
- E. In Section 90-8.F.B (**Dog license annual fee, spayed and neutered**), strike "Ten (\$10)" and insert "Fifteen (\$15)"
- F. In Section 90-8.G (**New dog license fee- new resident with valid license from elsewhere**), strike "one (\$1) dollar" and insert "Five (\$5) dollars"
- G. In Section 90-8.H (**Violations of Section 90-8 Dog license fees and tags**), strike "twenty five (\$25)" and insert "Fifty (\$50)"
- H. In Section 90-17.A (**Dog Waste Removal, add area**), add after the phrase "in or upon any public property" the phrase "in or upon any public drainage system"
- I. In Section 90-17.A (**Dog Waste Removal, clarification**), add at the end "nor shall such person deposit or leave such waste in any of the aforementioned locations"

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Animal Control By-Law Committee)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 21. This article asks the town to approve an increase in the areas of animal control licensing and fine schedules. The Animal Control By-Law Committee seeks these increases in order to help fund the Animal Control Services outlined in Article 22. (Unanimous)

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ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the below listed revolving fund for Animal Control Fees and Fines under MGL Chapter 44, section 53 E ½ for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Animal Control By-Law Committee)

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY16 Spending Limit	Disposition of Fund Balance
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	Fees and Fines generated under Ch. 90	Animal Control Services	TBD	Available for expenditure

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 22. This seeks to create a new Revolving fund for the purpose of funding animal control services not including salaries. This would be helpful to fund services such as Spay/Neutering clinics, community education relative to pet care, etc. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be added to the Capital Improvement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, provided further that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, sec. 21C (Proposition 2 ½) the remaining debt service (principal and interest) for borrowings for the Jacobs and Memorial School Renovation Projects at the May 2016 Annual Town Election, or take any other action related thereto; (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 23. Article 23 states that should the debt exclusion pass in the May town election, that all the available funds from the debt exclusion will be segregated for use in the Capital Improvement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund. A yes vote for this article assures that the funds cannot be used for any other purpose than to fund the capital outlay projects that town meeting approves. A two-thirds majority vote is required at town meeting to approve this article. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Capital Improvement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to fund various capital improvements, capital projects and/or capital equipment purchases for various departments, boards, commissions and agencies of the Town, or take any other action related thereto; (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 24. Article 24 is the vehicle for using the funds which may exist in the Capital Improvement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund. The town must vote for the way the funds are to be used. The town meeting vote requires a two-thirds majority at town meeting. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 46 of the Code/Bylaw of the Town, being the Classification and Salary Plan, as follows:

- B. Part III. Salary Plan, by deleting in section 46.3.7, Public Safety Administrative Positions, "A. Police Chief, in one (1) rate step, being the ratio of 2.0 of step 3 of P1" and inserting "A. As established by an employment contract negotiated by the Town Manager and approved by the Board of Selectmen, which shall be inclusive for all compensation and benefits for said Police Chief." Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: Favorable Action on Article 25. Last year town meeting voted to remove the Police Chief from Civil service with the intent of allowing the town to appoint a chief without the limitations sometimes associated with civil service. This will allow the town to negotiate salary as part of the contract with the new chief. Previously the Chiefs salary was based on a ratio related to what increases the town negotiated with the Police unions. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will rescind article 6 passed at the Special Town Meeting of Thursday, October 15, 2015, which authorized the raising, appropriation and transfer from available funds, or borrowing a sum of One Million Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars for the design and construction of a Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field at the High School located at 180 Main Street or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: No Action on Article 26. The majority of the Advisory Board voted no action after presentations by the proponent, public hearings and substantial debate. Majority Commentary: This Article seeks to rescind the so-called "Turf Article" from last year's Special Town Meeting authorizing the bonding for Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field. This Board, like the Board of Selectman and other boards and committees, voted favorably on the Turf Article prior to last year's Special Town Meeting. We must respect the outcome of Special Town Meeting and at the same time we respect the right of the proponent to bring forward this Article. By voting no action on this Article the majority is not, as some may think, shying away from a favorable or unfavorable recommendation. Rather, the majority of the Board does not wish to see the Turf Article turned

into a "referendum" on the Debt Exclusion because we recognize that while most, if not all, of us agree that there is a dire need to address Town capital projects generally, there will always be some debate on the need and priority for specific capital projects. The majority of the board does not want to get side-tracked in the debate as to whether the turf, or any other specific project, is included in those capital projects or the priority of those projects. We are unanimous, however, in pursuing a plan that puts in place a much needed capital program that will immediately start to address the Town's public capital needs (which include streets, seawalls, parks and public spaces and, yes, athletic fields). We are also unanimous in our belief that the proposed Debt Exclusion provides the most realistic and responsible way to do this - whether or not this rescission Article passes. There will be robust (and we hope thoughtful) debate on this Article but we believe sincerely that the Debt Exclusion and the Capital Outlay Committee process, along with the Town Meeting checks and balances on the Capital Improvement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, will provide a sound and responsible process to allow the Town to balance and fund these important projects into the future. **Minority Commentary:** The passage of Article 6 at last year's Special Town Meeting was done lawfully and in compliance with all established rules. That does not make it right. The true will of the voters was overturned that night with a procedural maneuver. The minority view of the Advisory Board is for Favorable Action on this article to correct that wrong and affirm our commitment to the sanctity of the Vote, accurately reflect the true will of the voters, and move to preserve faith in the grand institution of Town Meeting.

(5 for, 2 against, remainder absent with notice)

ARTICLE 27. Chapter S60-15 Duties of the Moderator

To see if the town will amend Hull by-law Town Meeting Chapter S60-15 by replacing "Town Meeting Time, Little Brown, 1962" with "the most recent edition of Town Meeting Time, Little Brown." In addition, to see if the town will amend this chapter by adding "Following the offer to speak first by the generator of the motion or his/her designee, the Moderator will attempt to call persons wishing to speak in the order in which they indicated a desire to speak," or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: Refer to Study on Article 27. After a presentation by the proponent, public hearing, and substantial debate, the Advisory Board unanimously voted to refer the issues raised by this Article to a committee for further study and report back to the 2017 annual meeting for appropriate consideration and action at that time. We believe that this Article and its companion Articles raise important considerations that need to be further studied and discussed in depth. While we appreciate the proponent's efforts to address these issues, we want to be sure each gets due consideration and avoid the "law of unintended consequences". As Town Meeting is the forum for some of the Town's most important legislative business, we think it is vital to study each of these topics and also determine whether there are

other Town Meeting procedural matters that should be brought before Town Meeting's consideration for action. Accordingly, we unanimously suggest the Board of Selectmen create a Town Meeting Procedure Committee to carefully review and consider, in open forum, updating the Town's Bylaw on Town Meeting procedure, including the items raised by this Article and its companions. We suggest that this Committee have Town Counsel as staff and be made up of not more than seven (7) members including the Town Moderator (ex officio), the Town Clerk (ex officio), as each of these positions are a critical part of the Town Meeting process, and no more than five (5) members of the public appointed by the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectman and the Chair of the Advisory Board but including at least one individual appointed from the Board of Selectmen and from the Advisory Board (be they members or not). We suggest this Committee be charged with reviewing all of Section 60 (including the specific issues raised by this Article) of the Town Bylaw to recommend what changes are appropriate to make the Town Meeting process stronger and more efficient (and modern) but without losing sight of the important democratic principles that make Town Meeting unique and relevant to our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 28. Chapter S60-14 Reconsideration of Motions

To see if the town will amend Hull by-law Town Meeting Chapter S60-14 By inserting after "...whether such vote of adjournment be final or to a day certain." {insert} "A motion for reconsideration for any article can only be offered if new information is discovered, that in the opinion of the Moderator, could have affected the outcome of the vote on such article," or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: Refer to Study on Article 28. After a presentation by the proponent, public hearing, and substantial debate, the Advisory Board unanimously voted to refer the issues raised by this Article to a committee for further study and report back to the 2017 annual meeting for appropriate consideration and action at that time. We believe that this Article and its companion Articles raise important considerations that need to be further studied and discussed in depth. While we appreciate the proponent's efforts to address these issues, we want to be sure each gets due consideration and avoid the "law of unintended consequences". As Town Meeting is the forum for some of the Town's most important legislative business, we think it is vital to study each of these topics and also determine whether there are other Town Meeting procedural matters that should be brought before Town Meeting's consideration for action. Accordingly, we unanimously suggest the Board of Selectmen create a Town Meeting Procedure Committee to carefully review and consider, in open forum, updating the Town's Bylaw on Town Meeting procedure, including the items raised by this Article and its companions. We suggest that this Committee have Town Counsel as staff and be made up of not more than seven (7) members including the Town Moderator (ex officio), the Town Clerk (ex officio), as each of these positions are a critical part of the Town Meeting process, and no more than five (5) members of the

public appointed by the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectman and the Chair of the Advisory Board but including at least one individual appointed from the Board of Selectmen and from the Advisory Board (be they members or not). We suggest this Committee be charged with reviewing all of Section 60 (including the specific issues raised by this Article) of the Town Bylaw to recommend what changes are appropriate to make the Town Meeting process stronger and more efficient (and modern) but without losing sight of the important democratic principles that make Town Meeting unique and relevant to our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 29. Chapter S60-6 Continuation of Town Meeting

To see if the town will amend Hull by-law Town Meeting Chapter S60-6 by adding "Fix the time at which to adjourn or continue to when the meeting concludes the business which may be pending at eleven o'clock p.m. (11:00 p.m.), the meeting will stand adjourned until the next business day at 7:00 p.m.," or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: Refer to Study on Article 29. After a presentation by the proponent, public hearing, and substantial debate, the Advisory Board unanimously voted to refer the issues raised by this Article to a committee for further study and report back to the 2017 annual meeting for appropriate consideration and action at that time. We believe that this Article and its companion Articles raise important considerations that need to be further studied and discussed in depth. While we appreciate the proponent's efforts to address these issues, we want to be sure each gets due consideration and avoid the "law of unintended consequences". As Town Meeting is the forum for some of the Town's most important legislative business, we think it is vital to study each of these topics and also determine whether there are other Town Meeting procedural matters that should be brought before Town Meeting's consideration for action. Accordingly, we unanimously suggest the Board of Selectmen create a Town Meeting Procedure Committee to carefully review and consider, in open forum, updating the Town's Bylaw on Town Meeting procedure, including the items raised by this Article and its companions. We suggest that this Committee have Town Counsel as staff and be made up of not more than seven (7) members including the Town Moderator (ex officio), the Town Clerk (ex officio), as each of these positions are a critical part of the Town Meeting process, and no more than five (5) members of the public appointed by the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectman and the Chair of the Advisory Board but including at least one individual appointed from the Board of Selectmen and from the Advisory Board (be they members or not). We suggest this Committee be charged with reviewing all of Section 60 (including the specific issues raised by this Article) of the Town Bylaw to recommend what changes are appropriate to make the Town Meeting process stronger and more efficient (and modern) but without losing sight of the important democratic principles that make Town Meeting unique and relevant to our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will amend Hull by-law Chapter 60 Town Meeting as follows.

Chapter S60-12 Voting

To see if the town will amend Hull By-law Town Meeting Chapter S60-12 by replacing "by voice vote" with holding up a daily voting card in a way to be easily viewed by the moderator" and replacing "if after two (2) such voice votes the Moderator is..with "if after two (2) such votes the Moderator."

To further amend this article by adding "Daily voting cards will be supplied to each registered voter on each day of Town Meeting to be used for voting purposed. Standing votes will be counted by at least two separate tellers and only those holding daily voting card issued on that day will be counted," or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: Refer to Study on Article 30. After a presentation by the proponent, public hearing, and substantial debate, the Advisory Board unanimously voted to refer the issues raised by this Article to a committee for further study and report back to the 2017 annual meeting for appropriate consideration and action at that time. We believe that this Article and its companion Articles raise important considerations that need to be further studied and discussed in depth. While we appreciate the proponent's efforts to address these issues, we want to be sure each gets due consideration and avoid the "law of unintended consequences". As Town Meeting is the forum for some of the Town's most important legislative business, we think it is vital to study each of these topics and also determine whether there are other Town Meeting procedural matters that should be brought before Town Meeting's consideration for action. Accordingly, we unanimously suggest the Board of Selectmen create a Town Meeting Procedure Committee to carefully review and consider, in open forum, updating the Town's Bylaw on Town Meeting procedure, including the items raised by this Article and its companions. We suggest that this Committee have Town Counsel as staff and be made up of not more than seven (7) members including the Town Moderator (ex officio), the Town Clerk (ex officio), as each of these positions are a critical part of the Town Meeting process, and no more than five (5) members of the public appointed by the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectman and the Chair of the Advisory Board but including at least one individual appointed from the Board of Selectmen and from the Advisory Board (be they members or not). We suggest this Committee be charged with reviewing all of Section 60 (including the specific issues raised by this Article) of the Town Bylaw to recommend what changes are appropriate to make the Town Meeting process stronger and more efficient (and modern) but without losing sight of the important democratic principles that make Town Meeting unique and relevant to our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 31. Chapter S60-1 Annual Town Meeting

To see if the town will amend Hull By-law Town Meeting Chapter S60-1 by replacing "in each year at 7:30 p.m. with "in each year at 7:00 p.m." or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: Refer to Study on Article 31. After a presentation by the proponent, public hearing, and substantial debate, the Advisory Board unanimously voted to refer the issues raised by this Article to a committee for further study and report back to the 2017 annual meeting for appropriate consideration and action at that time. We believe that this Article and its companion Articles raise important considerations that need to be further studied and discussed in depth. While we appreciate the proponent's efforts to address these issues, we want to be sure each gets due consideration and avoid the "law of unintended consequences". As Town Meeting is the forum for some of the Town's most important legislative business, we think it is vital to study each of these topics and also determine whether there are other Town Meeting procedural matters that should be brought before Town Meeting's consideration for action. Accordingly, we unanimously suggest the Board of Selectmen create a Town Meeting Procedure Committee to carefully review and consider, in open forum, updating the Town's Bylaw on Town Meeting procedure, including the items raised by this Article and its companions. We suggest that this Committee have Town Counsel as staff and be made up of not more than seven (7) members including the Town Moderator (ex officio), the Town Clerk (ex officio), as each of these positions are a critical part of the Town Meeting process, and no more than five (5) members of the public appointed by the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectman and the Chair of the Advisory Board but including at least one individual appointed from the Board of Selectmen and from the Advisory Board (be they members or not). We suggest this Committee be charged with reviewing all of Section 60 (including the specific issues raised by this Article) of the Town Bylaw to recommend what changes are appropriate to make the Town Meeting process stronger and more efficient (and modern) but without losing sight of the important democratic principles that make Town Meeting unique and relevant to our community. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will repeal article 6 passed at the Special Town Meeting of Thursday, October 15, 2015, which authorized the raising, appropriation and transfer from available funds, or borrowing a sum of One Million Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars for the design and construction of a Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field at the High School located at 180 Main Street or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Rhoda B. Kanet and others)

Recommendation: No Action on Article 32. The Advisory Board unanimously voted no action on this Article after being advised by the proponent that she would make a motion to withdraw this Article and proceed with the related Article 26. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 33. To ask the Town of Hull to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents. (Inserted at the request of Jean Marie Fleck and others)

Recommendation: *Unfavorable Action on Article 33.* The Advisory Board was previously notified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue indicating municipalities are not legally allowed to make grant payments to private entities (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 34. This article is to seek and authorize an exploratory committee of the Town of Hull to enter into an agreement and to fund the joining of the South Shore Vocational Technical High School District.

Under the direction of the Hull Board of Selectmen, to put the committee together and poll the residents of Town of Hull.

The exploratory committee should be comprised of:

- 1 Member of the Board of Selectmen
- 1 Member of the School Committee
- 1 Member of the Advisory Board
- 4 Residents of the Town of Hull

(Inserted at the request of Ann Marie Papasodero and others)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 34.* The article allows for the establishment of a study committee to investigate possible admission into the South Shore Regional Vocational school. Any final decision to do so will require the approval of a future town meeting as well as approval by the town meetings of the member communities (Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, Whitman)

Hull is not in a position to offer a vocational program to students. Hull students can apply to South Shore Vocational Technical however they can only gain acceptance if member towns do not use up the available seats. Currently according to the Director of the South Shore Vocational Technical school this rarely happens.

South Shore Vocational Technical School mission is to provide the technical, academic, and social experiences so that our students can do the following:

- be college and career pathway ready (over 60% go on to higher education)
- achieve competency in technical and academic standards
- develop work habits that foster independence, self--awareness, civic- mindedness, and commitment to personal growth

Vocational tracks include Allied Health, Auto Body, Automotive, Carpentry, Information Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting, Electrical, Electronics, Graphic Communications, HVAC, Precision Machine Technology, Metal Fabrication and Welding.
(Unanimous)

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town of Hull will enter into an agreement and fund the joining as district of the South Shore Vocational Technical High School.

Under Section 14-16, Chapter 71 to approve entering into South Shore Vocational Technical Educational Program District. (Inserted at the request of Ann Marie Papasodero and others)

Recommendation: *No Action on Article 35.* This article seeks to take and action prematurely. Part of the process for inclusion in the South Shore Vocational Technical High School district requires a planning committee to be formed by the Town seeking to enter the district and the district itself. The Petitioners have indicated their willingness for a motion of No Action.

ARTICLE 36. To see is the Town will vote to amend section 9 of the code/bylaws of the Town of Hull, which section deals with the cemetery as follows:

To amend subsection 9-6 of the code/bylaws titled "Sale of Lots; Conditions", by adding to that section an additional subsection C which will define and interpret the meaning of the word "permanent" as that word appears in subsection 9-6. Hereafter, the word "permanent" shall, in addition to its usual meaning shall also include those persons who were then not resident in Hull but had been resident for a continuous period of time of seven or more years and had relocated to an adult living community, to an assisted living facility, a nursing home or to the home of a child or sister or brother, or act on anything related thereto. (Inserted at the request of Lawrence A. Kellem and others)

Recommendation: *Refer to a Study Committee on Article 36.* The article would change the definition of a "permanent" resident to enable a former resident to acquire a Town of Hull cemetery lot. The Advisory Board feels that this article should be sent back for further study by the Board of Selectmen in their capacity as the Town of Hull Cemetery Commissioners. This may then be presented again with more defined language.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 60-3 of the Code/Bylaws of the Town, Service of Warrants for Town Meetings, by striking the phrase "and thirty (30) days at least before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting" and insert in its place "and ten (10) days at least before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting", or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Counsel)

Recommendation: *Favorable Action on Article 37.* (Please note this Article applies only to a Special Town Meeting, not an Annual Town Meeting.) Favorable Action on this Article will allow for smart flexibility in the Special Town Meeting scheduling process. We believe the current requirements can be detrimental to the voters. Part of our Town Meeting process mandates your Advisory Board to properly vet each

Article. Last autumn, due to a full warrant and this extreme schedule, that came precariously close to not being able to happen. Passage of this Article will allow for proper and effective vetting and will in no way reduce the amount of time the warrant is posted for review. (Unanimous)

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by causing attested copies thereof to be posted at the main entrance to the Municipal Building and at least three other public places in said town thirty days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this day of 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Plymouth ss

By virtue of the above warrant, I have this day notified and warned as therein directed, the Inhabitants of the Town of Hull qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein stated.

Constable, Town of Hull

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hull in the County of Plymouth

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hull qualified to vote on Town affairs and elections to meet in the Auditorium of Hull High School situated at 180 Main Street in said Hull, on Monday, the second day of May next, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills incurred prior to July 1, 2016: (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting Action on Article 1. At the time of this printing, there were no transfers relative to this article. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the amounts voted under Article 14 (FY16 Town Operating Budget) of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Recommendation: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting Action on Article 2. At the time of this printing, there were no transfers relative to this article. (Unanimous)

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by causing attested copies thereof to the posted at the main entrance to the Municipal Building and at least three other public places in said town thirty days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this day of , A.D. 2016.

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CONSTABLE, TOWN OF HULL

CHAPTER 60 TOWN MEETINGS

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S60-1. Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be held on the first or second Monday in May as determined by the Selectmen, in each year at 7:30 p.m.

S60-2. Annual Town Elections

The annual election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be held on the third Monday of May in each year.

S60-3. Service of Warrants

Service of the warrant for every Town Meeting, unless a different time or method is prescribed by law, shall be made by posting a copy thereof at the main entrance to the Municipal Building and at least three (3) other public places in said town thirty (30) days at least before the day appointed for an Annual Town Meeting and thirty (30) days at least before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting. Compliance with this section shall constitute legal notice of any meeting.

S60-4. Duty of Town Clerk

The Town Clerk shall have a number of printed copies of the town warrant and recommendations of the Finance Committee with him on the day of the adjourned town meeting, so that any legal resident voter of the town may have one if he or she asks for it. These printed copies of the town warrant and recommendations of the Finance Committee shall be furnished to the town Clerk by the Finance Committee at least one (1) hour before the time set for the adjourned town meeting.

S60-5. Closing Date for Submitting Articles by Petition

The closing date and time of day for the submission of articles by petition to be placed in the warrant for an Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be published by the Selectmen in the local town newspapers at least ten (10) days before the closing of the warrant.

S60-6. Continuation of Town Meetings

Whenever an Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be called, the meeting shall continue until all business is completed, day after day, Monday through Thursday, of each week beginning with the first session, said week or weeks being known as "Town Meeting Week"; provided, however, that the Town Meeting may, by a two-thirds vote, continue a meeting to another day and time and/or another time during the same day. If there is another town meeting within a meeting, the time for convening or resuming said meeting may be delayed until the current meeting is either completed or continued. Nothing contained

herein shall prevent the adjournment by majority vote of a meeting in order to convene another meeting at the time for which said meeting is called.

S60-7. Admission to Town Meeting

At any town meeting held for the transaction of town business no person whose name is not on the list of voters shall be admitted to the floor of the hall and these bylaws shall be enforced by use of the check list. Notwithstanding the foregoing, officials, officers and employees and consultants of the town who are non-residents or nonregistered voters may attend and speak on any matter related to their duties in the same manner as any registered voter. Such persons may not, however, vote on any matter, nor shall they be counted towards any quorum requirement. The Moderator may assign such persons to a specific seating area. Other persons who may be non-residents or non-registered voters may attend any town meeting upon invitation of the Board of Selectmen or Moderator. The Moderator shall designate the areas in which such persons shall be seated. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any representative from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or County Commissioners from attending a meeting and speaking on a matter nor shall the same prevent representatives of the press from attending the meetings. Such persons shall be assigned to a specific seating area by the Moderator. Unless registered voters, such persons shall not vote on any matter nor shall they be counted towards any quorum requirement.

S60-8. Copies of Warrant and Recommendations Furnished

A printed copy of the warrant and the recommendations of the Finance Committee shall be furnished to voters as provided in S60- 4 of this chapter at all town meetings.

S60-9. Order of Consideration of Articles

A. With the exception of the general budget article, the order for consideration of all town meeting articles shall be chosen in lottery fashion by the Town Clerk, assisted by the Town Moderator. After an article has been drawn for consideration, subsequent articles shall not be drawn until the meeting has acted upon the drawn article. All articles affecting the Classification and Salary Plan must be acted upon before action is taken on the general budget article. The general budget article shall be considered immediately upon completion of all classification and salary plan articles.

B. The Moderator may declare that certain articles, due to legal requirements, must be considered before or after articles or at a certain time, In such a situation those articles shall be considered when directed by the Moderator.

S60-10. Reports, Motions and Resolutions

All reports, motions and resolutions submitted for the consideration of the meeting involving the expenditure of money shall be in writing. Any report, resolution or motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator so directs.

S60-11. Speaking on a Question

A. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except for the correction of an error or to make an explanation, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, nor until others who have not spoken on the question shall speak if they desire.

B. No person shall speak more than five (5) minutes for the second time on any subject, if there are others who desire to speak but who have not been heard on the same subject, without first obtaining leave of the meeting.

C. Every person desiring to speak shall arise, address the Chair, first obtain recognition and stand while speaking, unless the Moderator otherwise directs.

S60-12. Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot when required by law or when at least fifteen (15) citizens so request or when requested by the Finance Committee in its written report. Except as required by law all other votes shall be taken by voice vote. If after two (2) voice votes the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his declaration of the vote is questioned by seven (7) or more voters, the Moderator shall without debate determine the vote by ordering a standing vote.

S60-13. Precedence of Motions

When a question is before the meeting, the following motions shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order and the first three (3) shall be decided without debate:

- A. To adjourn
- B. To lay on the table
- C. For the previous question
- D. To postpone for a time certain
- E. To commit, recommit or reform
- F. To amend
- G. To postpone indefinitely

S60-14. Reconsideration of Motions

A motion to reconsider any vote must be made and voted upon the same day that the vote to be reconsidered was taken and before any vote of adjournment whether such vote of adjournment be final or to a day certain. A vote for reconsideration of any action must carry a two-thirds vote or the same shall be declared lost. There can be no reconsideration of a vote once reconsidered or after a vote not to reconsider. The rules applicable to a motion to reconsider shall also apply to a motion to rescind. Nothing contained in this section, however, shall prevent the reconsideration or rescission of any vote at a subsequent town meeting duly called and containing a proper article for the purpose.

S60-15. Duties of Moderator

The duties of the Moderator not specifically provided for by law or by this code shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in "Town Meeting Time, Little Brown 1962" so far as they may be adapted to the circumstances and powers of the town.

S60-16. Quorum

No quorum requirements shall apply to any Annual or Special Town Meeting.

S60-17. Majority Vote Required

In order to delete, amend or add any bylaws of the Town of Hull, a majority vote shall be required, except where otherwise provided for by Massachusetts General Laws.

Fiscal Year 2017 Projected Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue Summary		FY 16	FY 17	Dollar Change	Percent Change
1	Real Estate/Property Taxes				
2	Base Tax Levy	25,513,140	26,286,223	773,083	3.03%
3	Statutory 2 1/2 Increase	637,829	657,156	19,327	3.03%
4	Growth in Tax Base	127,795	124,361	(3,434)	-2.69%
5	Debt Exclusion-High School	457,650	444,324	(13,326)	-2.91%
6	Excess Levy	0	0	0	
7	Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	26,736,414	27,512,064	775,650	2.90%
8	Intergovernmental Revenues				
9	State Revenue Sharing	6,171,577	6,357,726	186,149	3.02%
10	Less School & Library Offsets	(10,276)	(10,239)	37	-0.36%
11	Projected Net State Aid	6,161,301	6,347,487	186,186	3.02%
12	Local Receipts				
13	Estimated Local Receipts	3,463,990	3,827,709	363,719	10.50%
14	Overlay Surplus	200,000	200,000	0	0.00%
15	Available Funds (Free Cash)	1,260,000	1,300,000	40,000	3.17%
16	Stabilization Fund	0	0	0	
17	PILOT-HRA	45,000	60,000	15,000	33.33%
18	Reserved for Appropriation	45,000	45,000	0	0.00%
19	Transfer from Enterprise-ROB	182,783	192,007	9,224	5.05%
20	Total Local Receipts	5,196,773	5,624,716	427,943	8.23%
21	TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,094,488	39,484,267	1,389,779	3.65%
II	Expenditure Summary	FY 16	FY 17	Dollar Change	Percent Change
22	Operational Budget	24,442,540	25,115,787	673,247	2.75%
23	General Reserve	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
24	Health Insurance	4,063,357	4,347,792	284,435	7.00%
25	Other Insurances	939,819	954,125	14,306	1.52%
26	Town Wide	300,824	313,435	12,611	4.19%
27	Veterans Benefits	461,250	400,000	(61,250)	-13.28%
28	Pension Total	3,509,864	3,642,596	132,732	3.78%
29	Debt & Interest	2,214,191	2,170,722	(43,469)	-1.96%
30	Capital Improvements-General	345,000	365,000	20,000	5.80%
31	Total Services Costs	36,326,845	37,359,458	1,032,613	2.84%
32	Other				
33	Overlay	352,363	350,000	(2,363)	-0.68%
34	Snow Removal Deficit	250,000	225,000	(25,000)	-12.77%
35	Blizzard Deficit	0	217,000	217,000	
36	Other Total:	602,363	792,000	189,637	34.75%
37	Intergovernmental Charges				
38	State County Assessments	345,850	365,096	19,246	5.56%
39	Charter School Assessment	422,766	543,283	120,517	28.51%
40	Regional Dispatch	396,664	424,430	27,766	7.00%
41	Intergovernmental Total	1,165,280	1,332,809	167,529	14.38%
42	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	38,094,488	39,484,267	1,389,779	3.65%
	NET EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	0	(0)		

Fiscal 2017 Budget

Department		FY16 Approp	FY17 Request	Town Manager Recommend	Advisory Bd. Recommend	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Elections	113	12,420	19,970	19,970	19,970	7,550	60.79%
Town Manager	121	238,096	243,719	243,719	243,719	5,623	2.36%
Selectmen	122	136,333	125,228	125,228	125,228	(11,105)	-8.15%
General Government Support	124	170,700	193,213	193,213	193,213	22,513	13.19%
Advisory Board/Reserve	131	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750	0	0.00%
Accounting	135	159,898	164,269	164,269	164,269	4,371	2.73%
Assessors	141	190,929	195,845	195,845	195,845	4,916	2.57%
Treasurer/Collector	145	326,177	330,072	330,072	330,072	3,895	1.19%
Law Department	151	125,604	128,862	128,862	128,862	3,258	2.59%
Boards & Commissioners	152	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	0	0.00%
MIS/IT	155	82,115	84,470	84,470	84,470	2,355	2.87%
Town Clerk	161	21,850	22,100	22,100	22,100	250	1.14%
Board of Registrars	163	5,975	6,125	6,125	6,125	150	2.51%
Conservation	171	100,063	102,714	102,714	102,714	2,651	2.65%
Planning Board	175	105,725	109,862	109,862	109,862	4,137	3.91%
Board of Appeals	176	9,774	9,842	9,842	9,842	68	0.70%
Town Buildings	192	145,807	149,636	149,636	149,636	3,829	2.63%
Police Department	210	2,791,094	2,866,847	2,866,846	2,866,846	75,752	2.71%
Fire Department	220	3,170,477	3,257,575	3,257,575	3,257,575	87,098	2.75%
Building Department	241	176,632	181,328	181,328	181,328	4,696	2.66%
Emergency Preparedness	291	34,925	35,885	35,885	35,885	960	2.75%
Animal Control	292	23,527	24,020	24,020	24,020	493	2.10%
Shellfish	297	12,383	12,667	12,667	12,667	284	2.29%
School	301	14,436,980	14,833,997	14,833,997	14,833,997	397,017	2.75%
Highway	421	922,475	949,823	949,823	949,823	27,348	2.96%
Snow Removal	423	74,830	74,830	74,830	74,830	0	0.00%
Landfill	430	64,024	67,474	67,474	67,474	3,450	5.39%
Grounds Maintenance	491	85,180	87,380	87,380	87,380	2,200	2.58%
Watershed Management	495	7,398	7,398	7,398	7,398	0	0.00%
Park Maintenance	496	61,147	61,147	61,147	61,147	0	0.00%
Board of Health	511	199,411	204,893	204,893	204,893	5,482	2.75%
Council on Aging	541	162,225	166,212	166,212	166,212	3,986	2.46%
Veterans' Services	543	27,637	28,236	28,236	28,236	599	2.17%
Library	610	300,876	309,159	309,159	309,159	8,283	2.75%
Park and Recreation	650	51,352	52,490	52,490	52,490	1,138	2.22%
Department Budgets		24,442,540	25,115,787	25,115,787	25,115,787	673,247	2.75%
Worker's Comp	912	39,000	40,950	40,950	40,950	1,950	5.00%
Unemployment Comp	913	57,200	60,060	60,060	60,060	2,860	5.00%
Health & Life Insurance	914	4,063,357	4,347,792	4,347,792	4,347,792	284,435	7.00%
Townwide Insurance	915	394,151	426,924	426,924	426,924	32,773	8.31%
FICA Payments	916	269,988	283,487	283,488	283,488	13,500	5.00%
Uninsured Medical Payments	920	64,480	67,704	67,704	67,704	3,224	5.00%
Veteran's Benefits	543	461,250	400,000	400,000	400,000	(61,250)	-13.28%
Fuel Reserve	131	115,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	(40,000)	-34.78%
Insurance Total		5,464,426	5,701,917	5,701,918	5,701,918	237,492	4.35%
Hydrant Availability	124	241,824	253,915	253,916	253,916	12,092	5.00%
Derelect Property Services	124	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%
Audit/Consultant	124	54,400	54,920	54,920	54,920	520	0.96%
Town Wide Total		300,824	313,435	313,436	313,436	12,612	4.19%
Non Contributory	911	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	0	0.00%
Contributory	918	3,468,864	3,601,596	3,601,596	3,601,596	132,732	3.83%
Pension Total		3,509,864	3,642,596	3,642,596	3,642,596	132,732	3.78%
Principal-Debt Excluded	712	320,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	15,000	4.69%
Interest-Debt Excluded	752	137,650	82,623	82,623	82,623	(55,027)	-39.98%
Principal-General Long Term	710	1,279,882	1,334,882	1,334,882	1,334,882	55,000	4.30%
Interest-General Long Term	750	466,659	403,217	403,217	403,217	(63,442)	-13.59%
Interest-Temp Borrowing	751	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	5,000	50.00%
Fees on Borrowing	751	0	0	0	0	0	-
Transfer to Capital Projects	751	0	0	0	0	0	-
Debt Service Total		2,214,191	2,170,722	2,170,722	2,170,722	(43,469)	-1.96%
Reserve Fund		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
Capital		345,000	365,000	365,000	365,000	20,000	5.80%
Total Budget		36,326,845	37,359,458	37,359,459	37,359,459	1,032,614	2.84%