COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF HULL, MASSACHUSETTS



Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock PM

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

PLEASE BRING THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE MONDAY MAY 2, 2022, 7 p.m. HULL HIGH SCHOOL

After a two-year absence it appears, at least at the moment, that we will be able to return to Hull High School for the annual Town Meeting. We are planning at this time to conduct the meeting in the gym which allow everyone additional opportunity to spread out.

If you are a registered voter in Hull, I urge you to attend Town Meeting and make your voice heard as we gather to decide the future direction of the Town of Hull.

Once again, all our town employees, elected officials and volunteers on numerous committees have managed to continue to do their important work over the last year despite the challenges of dealing with the Covid pandemic and the additional work and challenges that this pandemic has created. They all deserve our thanks.

The warrant you have received describes the Articles that will be discussed and voted on at town meeting. The actual vote will be on the motion presented and not necessarily on the warrant article as written. However, the motion must basically adhere to the scope presented in the warrant or it will be ruled out of order.

One of the major items considered at each year's Town Meeting is the annual budget and Town Meeting has the right to propose changes to the budget and any warrant article by offering amendments to any motion presented. The budget and other warrant articles presented to you for consideration go through a detailed process before being presented for your consideration. Here's a brief explanation of what happens before Town Meeting: Beginning in the fall, Department heads in both the School Department and Town Hall submit their preliminary budgetary and other requests to the School Superintendent and the Town Manager. These professionals spend months reviewing, revising and inevitably reducing the requests. They are then presented to the elected School Committee and the elected Board of Selectmen for another close review and revision. These budgets are then forwarded to the Advisory Board who then spend two to three months reviewing the budgets department by department. All department heads appear before the Advisory Board to once again, explain and justify their budget requests. Things like zoning changes and Community Preservation Committee requests etc., also come before the Advisory Board. Finally, the Advisory Board votes on each warrant article and makes a recommendation for your consideration at town meeting. Much of this process this year was done via video conferencing, but the same level of review has taken place.

Key items for consideration at this year's town meeting include approval of the FY23 Operating Budget of \$29,019,051, proposed bond requests of \$1 million dollars for the Fitzpatrick Way sea wall and a \$2.2 million bond for rehabilitation of Fort Revere.

Community Preservation Act funding will be requested for the Village fire house, Hull Live Saving Museum HVAC improvements, beach signage, the Green Hill playground and other projects.

In addition, a proposed bylaw change to allow electronic voting at Town Meeting is proposed, a demonstration of the system will be presented at Town Meeting.

The rules at town meeting are relatively straightforward and are geared to providing each of you the opportunity to speak and vote on each of the motions presented at town meeting. The detailed procedure for running Town Meeting can be found in *Town Meeting Times* and a link to a Citizens Guide to Town Meeting can be found at the following link: https://www.town.hull.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif3286/f/uploads/citizens guide to town meeting.pdf

I will briefly explain the rules at the beginning of town meeting. I hope you will all take the opportunity to review the Warrant prior to Town Meeting and join me at the Annual Town Meeting at Hull High School on Monday, May 2, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m.

<u>George Boylen, 181</u>

George Boylen Hull Town 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 its review. Through discussions with the Town Manager and Department Heads, the Advisory Board reviews the budgets and, where applicable, 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 worded differently 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.

REFER TO STUDY–This motion refers (commits) a matter to a committee for additional investigation and report or carry out substantive action.

THE ADVISORY BOARD:

D. Clinton, Chair	J. Polito, Vice Chair	D. Sullivan, Clerk	R. Carney
P. Cormier	J. Frady	R. Healey	S. Kiley
P. Larsen	C. Wolfe		



TOWN OF HULL Advisory Board

253 Atlantic Avenue Hull, Massachusetts 02045 781-925-2000

To the Citizens of Hull,

This Warrant contains a Projected Revenue and Expenditure Summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. 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.

This will be the fourth year that the Community Preservation Committee presents projects for appropriation of funds derived via the Community Preservation Act adopted by the Town. Please review these petitions and read through the Advisory Board recommendations to assist in your understanding.

This is the first year that we can remember that no citizen's petitions are being offered to Town Meeting, hence, all Articles are submitted by the Town for action, and we encourage each member of Town Meeting to review these articles and come prepared for the discussion and votes.

The Advisory Board would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude for the assistance and support of the Town Manager Phil Lemnios, Town Accountant Mike Buckley, Town Counsel James Lampke, Town Clerk Lori West, and Town Manager Administrative Assistant Nancy Allen. Their support allows the Advisory Board to represent and serve the citizens of the Town of Hull at the highest level.

The Advisory Board further acknowledges the work of all department heads, the Board of Selectmen, the School Superintendent and the School Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Planning Board, and the numerous other Town Boards and Commissions with which the Advisory Board has worked. The collaboration of all Town departments, boards, committees, and employees serves the Town of Hull well. We are immensely proud of their dedication.

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

Sincerely,

David Clinton, Chair Jay Polito, Vice Chair Dan Sullivan, Clerk

Advisory Board Members: Expire in 2022: Patricia Cormier, Robyn Healey, Jay Polito, Chad Wolfe Expire in 2023: Dan Sullivan, Robert Carney, Vacant Expire in 2024: Stephen Kiley, David Clinton, Peter Larsen, Jason Frady

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, 2022 at 7:00 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/Select Board 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 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 the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 1: FAVORABLE ACTION: The Advisory Board recommends acceptance of the Annual Town Reports as presented. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 2A: 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 non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along the public beach outside of Boston Harbor and authorize the Selectmen/Select Board or Town Manager to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 2A: FAVORABLE ACTION: 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 2B: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen/Select Board or Town Manager to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and/or 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.

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 2B: FAVORABLE ACTION: 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 2C:To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen/Select Board 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 the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 2C: FAVORABLE ACTION: 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 2D: 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 ON ARTICLE 2D: FAVORABLE ACTION: 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 2E: 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 the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 2E: FAVORABLE ACTION: 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 fix the salaries of the following Town Officers, viz; Selectmen/Select Board Moderator Town Clerk Assessors Municipal Light Board

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

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 3: FAVORABLE ACTION: This is an annual housekeeping Article that provides compensation for the above mentioned Town Officers. The salaries have remained unchanged from last year. (Unanimous)

Salaries are set as follows:

Selectmen

Moderator Town Clerk Assessors Municipal Light Board \$3000.000 Chair \$2500.00 Members \$420.00 \$26,000.00 \$400.00 \$600.00 Chair \$450.00 Members

ARTICLE 4: 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 2023 for:

General Government Schools

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

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 4: FAVORABLE ACTION: The Advisory Board recommends favorable action on the Fiscal Year 2023 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. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 4A: 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 ON ARTICLE 4A: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article fulfills the State requirement that the Town appropriate sufficient funds to operate the Harbormaster Enterprise Account. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 4B: 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 earnings/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 ON ARTICLE 4B: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article fulfills the State requirement that the Town appropriate sufficient funds to operate the Sewer Enterprise Account. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 4C: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Cable Television Public, Educational and Governmental Access Fund as a so-called enterprise account, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 4C: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article fulfills the State requirement that the Town appropriate sufficient funds to operate the Cable Television Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Enterprise account. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills incurred prior to July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 5: RECOMMENDATIONAT TOWN MEETING: There are no unpaid bills for the previous fiscal year expected at this time. If this holds true, we will likely see Town Manager move No Action. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 6A: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$68,000.00
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$68,000.00
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserves	\$68,000.00
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$32,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 6A: FAVORABLE ACTION: The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee in making these appropriations as set forth above. The appropriation amounts in this Article are based on the FY23 estimated local surcharge revenue and an estimated State match. This Article also establishes an allowed administrative fund and allocates the maximum 5% into that fund. The remainder of the estimated receipts will be deposited into the Town's CPA general fund. This Article does not authorize funds to be allocated or used, but merely establishes balances in the reserve accounts to adhere to the State statute. Any expenditure from the CPA must be approved in future Town Meetings. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 6B: To see if the Town will take the following action and appropriate from the Community Preservation accounts in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

- a) Appropriate \$4,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve to be used by the Beach Management Committee for the North Nantasket Beach Signage Project, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- b) Appropriate \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve to be used by the Conservation Commission for surveying to establish a plan for Straits Pond Walking Path located near Eastman Road Map 50/Lot 029 in accordance with the Town's procurement practices, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.

- c) Appropriate \$34,066 from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve and \$22,934 from the Community Preservation General Fund, total of **\$57,000**, to be used by the Town of Hull for design and engineering work associated with the redevelopment of the Village Playground located at Main Street and Nantasket Avenue Map 06/Lot 062, in accordance with the Town's procurement practices, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- d) Appropriate \$62,607 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used for an Open Space/Recreation project to be used by the Town of Hull to complete the undertaking of the design and construction of new playground facility at the Green Hill/Gunrock Playground located at Atlantic Avenue Map 51/Lot 030 in accordance with the Town's procurement practices, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- e) Appropriate \$73,750 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used for an Open Space/Recreation project to be used by the Town of Hull design and engineering work associated with the redevelopment of Jones Park with a new play structure and an ADA compliant playground located at Kingsley Road and Touraine Avenue Map 22/ Lot 181-182, in accordance with the Town's procurement practices, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- f) Appropriate \$78,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, to be to be used by the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. located at 1117 Nantasket Ave. Map 07/Lot 029, subject to a grant agreement between the Town and the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. containing terms and conditions approved by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board with the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- **g)** Appropriate **\$165,000** from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Town of Hull for the Village Fire Station Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation Plan located at 129 Spring Street Map 06/Lot 062, in accordance with the Town's procurement practices, with the Town of Hull also filing reports on said project with the Community Preservation Committee; and further that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager are authorized to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote.
- **h)** Appropriate an additional amount of to the 10% required amount for Community Housing reserve, bring the total amount to an even \$100,000. This will remain in the reserve to be held for future Community Housing projects.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Committee) **RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 6B sections a-h:** The Advisory Board makes the following recommendations as outlined in the lettered sections of this Article:

a) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$4,000 from the Community Preservation Community Open Space/Recreation reserve to be used for the creation and posting of new beach signage.

b) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve to be used by the Town of Hull for the planning and design of a Straits Pond Walking path.

c) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$34,066 from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve and \$22,934 from the Community Preservation General Fund for a total of \$57,000, to be used by the Town of Hull for design and engineering work associated with the redevelopment of the Village Playground.

d) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$62,607 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used for an Open Space/Recreation project to be used by the Town of Hull to complete the undertaking of the design and construction of new playground facility at the Green Hill/Gunrock Playground. Green Hill/Gunrock playground is in need of replacement. Money has been appropriated in the past for the design of this playground and this \$62,607 will be used to complete the design and construction of the playground. This work is part of an ongoing effort for the Town of Hull to use CPA funds to reconstruct the playgrounds one by one. Playgrounds meet the Open Space/Recreation requirements for CPA funding.

e) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$73,750 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used for an Open Space/Recreation project to be used by the Town of Hull design and engineering work associated with the redevelopment of Jones Park with a new play structure and an ADA compliant playground located at Kingsley Road and Touraine Avenue.

f) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$78,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund. The Hull Lifesaving Museum plays a critical part in sharing Hull's maritime heritage. Its mission celebrates the "Spirit of Skills, Courage, and Caring." The museum is housed in the former Point Allerton US Lifesaving Station that opened in 1889 under the leadership of Joshua James, the founder of the US Coast Guard. The building itself is owned by the Town of Hull. This grant of \$78,000 will be used to add air conditioning to the current central heating system providing climate control during the summer months. It will protect the museum's collection of lifesaving artifacts and provide a more comfortable environment for the staff and visitors. The grant will also fund repairs to the floors.

g) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$165,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Town of Hull for the Village Fire Station Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation Plan.

h) The Advisory Board agrees with the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve. The CPA has 3 areas of focus for funding projects: Historic Preservation, Open Space and Recreation, and Community Housing. Thus far, the grants for Community housing have been limited since housing projects tend to be larger projects that cannot be broken down into smaller pieces and funded on an annual basis. We have a clear need for more affordable housing on the South Shore as rents and housing prices have increased significantly over the last few years. This Article will add an additional \$100,000 to the Community Housing Reserve Fund to so that we can take on an affordable housing project at a later date.

All votes by the Advisory Board and the CPC of the lettered sections were unanimous.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote on the following:

A. To see if the Town will petition the General Court to enact special legislation to permit the Town to issue pension obligation bonds as follows:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HULL TO ISSUE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Hull may issue bonds or notes from time to time for the purpose of funding the unfunded pension liability of the retirement system of the town. The proceeds of any such issuance, other than amounts necessary, in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen/Select Board, to be maintained in a pension stabilization fund and to pay issuance costs and expenses, shall be transferred by the town to the retirement system. The term of any such bonds or notes shall not exceed 30 years from their date or dates of issuance and the amount of any such bonds or notes shall be outside the limit of indebtedness prescribed in section 10 of chapter 44 of the General Laws. No such bonds or notes shall be issued without. for each issuance, a 2/3 vote of the town meeting of the town of Hull. Upon the authorization of the issuance of pension obligation bonds by the town meeting, the town shall submit the vote and a plan demonstrating how the town will finance and allocate the debt service associated with the bonds or notes to the executive office for administration and finance, and no bonds or notes authorized to be issued by this act shall be issued until the secretary for administration and finance has approved the plan and the issuance of such bonds or notes. Except as otherwise provided in this act, such bonds or notes shall be subject to the provisions of said chapter 44. Pursuant to section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen/Select Board of the town of Hull may, by a 2/3 vote, seek voter approval at a regular or special election to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay principal and interest on such bonds or notes.

SECTION 2. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds or notes issued under this act shall not be greater than the amount sufficient to extinguish the unfunded pension liability of the retirement system of the town of Hull as determined in accordance with this section, plus an amount to fund a pension stabilization fund and to provide for issuance costs and other expenses necessary or incidental thereto. The retirement board of the town shall first determine the amount sufficient to extinguish the unfunded pension liability of the retirement system of the town in accordance with the report of a nationally recognized independent consulting firm, which may be the consulting actuary generally retained by the retirement board. Such report shall also set forth the present value savings to the town reasonably expected to be achieved as a result of the issuance of such bonds or notes and an allocation of the unfunded pension liability of the retirement system of the town among each governmental unit the employees of which are members of the retirement system. A pension stabilization fund shall be established in accordance with section 5B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, and amounts held within any pension stabilization fund established in conjunction with the issuance of bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this act, shall be held by the treasurer and invested in accordance with section 55 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. The maturities of the bonds or notes issued under this act shall be scheduled such that the annual combined payments of principal and interest for each issue shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Board of Selectmen/Select Board; provided, however, that the maturities of such bonds or notes may be scheduled so as to provide for a more rapid amortization of principal, or in accordance with any other manner consistent with the town's plan of finance submitted to and approved by the secretary for administration and finance, as the secretary for administration and finance shall approve.

SECTION 4. Every governmental unit, the employees of which are members of the retirement system of the town of Hull, shall be responsible, in accordance with this section, for paying such proportion of the annual debt service expense paid by the town for bonds issued

under authority of this act as is equal to the proportion of the total unfunded pension liability of the retirement system allocated to such member under section 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the public employee retirement administration commission shall increase the annual amount to be certified under section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws as the amount necessary to be paid by each governmental unit in the retirement system other than the town by each such governmental unit's proportional share of the annual debt service expense as determined herein and shall decrease the amount to be paid by the town by an equal amount. The town shall have the same legal rights and authority as the retirement board of the town to collect any amount so assessed by the retirement board to any such governmental unit.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding chapter 70 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the portion of the annual debt service paid by the town of Hull for bonds or notes issued under this act applicable to school department personnel who are members of the town's retirement system shall be included in the computation of net school spending for the purposes of said chapter 70 or any other law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

B. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen/Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen/Select Board are hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

Or taken any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Town Accountant)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 7: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article is the first step required for the Town of Hull to seek a bond to cover the gap between our current pension reserves and the amount to be considered "fully funded". Prior to 1988, Massachusetts towns contributed to their pensions on a "pay as you go" basis. In 1988 State law changed to establish a funding schedule, requiring towns to contribute for the future benefits and pay down the unfunded liabilities. Towns and their employees do not pay into Social Security, and the employees do not earn credit towards Social Security. Town employees are required by state law to make contributions to their retirement as well. The Town is currently making annual payments to the pension to cover the gap by the required deadline of 2040. By borrowing funds to cover the gap, we would be spreading catch-up payments for the next 18 years to up to 30 years allowing us to lower our annual expenditures. There are several conditions we must meet to issues these bonds. We must complete an actuarial study of the pension obligations and we may only borrow up to the amount of the unfunded liability. Should this pass at Town Meeting and be passed by the State, we would expect this to be a 1-time issuance of bonds which would require a 2/3 vote by the Select Board to seek authorization at Town Meeting, and a 2/3 vote by Town Meeting to authorize the borrowing. This process may allow us to borrow at a rate lower than the projected investment return which would make this a cost-effective way to reach funding and reduce the impact on the annual budget. This approach is similar to the choice Town Meeting made to borrow money to repair the out of service fire hydrants in a one-time bond that allowed us to catch up on the repairs all at once to offset the bond payments by reducing the annual operating budget for those replacements. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,262,662.00 for repairs, replacements and upgrades associated with the Town of Hull wastewater treatment facility and sanitary sewer system, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Permanent Sewer Commission)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 8: FAVORABLE ACTION: This is an internal transfer of funds previously approved, not new borrowing. This is a continuation of ongoing sewer system repairs and upgrades. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of the design and construction of repairs and improvements to the Fitzpatrick Way seawall, and any other costs incidental or related thereto; to authorize the Town Manager to apply for and accept grants and gifts to accomplish said projects and purposes, which amounts shall be spent in addition to the funds appropriated under this vote; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen/Select Board to enter into agreements and take any other action necessary to carry out said projects, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 9: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article represents the Town's 25% match required to obtain a state grant. The Town has applied for the maximum grant amount of \$3,000,000. Town and State funds will be used for the first phase of the project that will begin the process of repairing the Fitzpatrick seawall. Phase I of this project will be limited to work landward of the high water mark and will construct approximately 850 feet of new seawall landward of the existing seawalls. The existing roads will be modified to raise the surface, and utilities will be relocated as required for the complete project. If the grant is not awarded to the Town, the Town funds authorized with this Article will not be used. The Fitzpatrick Seawall is critical in protecting the merger between Fitzpatrick Way and Nantasket Avenue, which is the only roadway providing access for passenger and emergency vehicles to and from Pemberton Point with the US Coast Guard Station, 2 schools and over 700 private lots. Phase II of this project will be a continuation of the work of Phase I and will incorporate the work outshore of the high water line. Phase II is not within the scope of this grant application but will likely be the subject of a future grant application. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 410, Section 410-5.1 Dimensional requirements and intensity regulations as follows:

	Bus	CR-A	CR-B	CR-C	POS
Maximum	15(m)	14.5<u>15</u>(m)(n)(r)	18(m)(n)(r)	14.5<u>15</u>(m)(n)(r)	(q)
Number of					
Dwelling					
Units per					
Acre					

[Strikeout to be eliminated / underline to be incorporated]

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

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 10: FAVORABLE ACTION: Majority - The State has decided to increase housing stock in Massachusetts, to mandate higher housing density in MBTA communities. Density requirements are based on the type of MBTA service whether, bus, train, or commuter rail and the designated areas must be within ½ mile of the provided service. The overall density requirement cannot be less than 15 units per acre. Hull is currently at 14.5 units per acre in the areas that would be affected, thus meeting the State's requirements will be a relatively small adjustment to our zoning configuration.

Minority - The minority would have preferred a NO ACTION vote. The deadline to makes this change is not required by the Commonwealth until next year. With the real potential for changes, the minority believes the best course of action is to wait until next year's Town Meeting and act based on any updated requirements. (7-1)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 410, Section 410-3.3 Multi-Family and Townhouse Residence Districts by <u>eliminating</u> the following strikethrough sections:

410-3.3.A(1)(a): Multi-Family residential uses, restricted to four rooms no more than two of said rooms to be bedrooms excluding bath.

410-3.3.A(1)(b): Garden apartments and town houses, restricted to four rooms no more than two of said rooms to be bedrooms excluding bath.

410-3.3.A(2)(a): Multi-Family residential uses, restricted to four rooms no more than two of said rooms to be bedrooms excluding bath.,

410-3.3.A(2)(b): Garden apartments and town houses, restricted to four rooms no more than two of said rooms to be bedrooms excluding bath. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of Planning Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 11: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article helps the Town meet the new density requirement for MBTA communities by adjusting the number of bedrooms allowed within a structure. No change to the other dimensional requirements is being proposed. This adjustment will not change the outside envelope of any structure, merely the configuration within the envelope. The Planning Board voted unanimous approval for this Article on March 31, 2022. Additionally, the Planning Board was working to create this change even before the State's density mandate. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 12: -To see if the Town will lay out, relocate or alter and/or abandon and/or discontinue a portion of Cadish Avenue and V Street from the approximate intersection of Cadish Avenue and V Street, running to Nantasket Avenue through the parcel shown as Assessors Map 12, Lot 106; and to authorize Board of Selectmen/Select Board to sell, transfer, grant an easement, convey or grant use of all or a portion of the Town's right, title and interest in same to such parties as approved by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen/Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the following property or rights or interests therein or a portion thereof, to wit: the bay/beach parcel shown as Assessors Map 12, Lot 110, at the approximate intersection of Nantasket Avenue and Fitzpatrick Way, for general municipal purposes and for all purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 12: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article was reinserted this year (having been moved No Action in a prior Town Meeting) and authorizes the Town to relocate or abandon and ultimately sell, transfer or convey an interest in what is essentially a non-publicly used "paper street" portion at the end of Cadish Avenue that encumbers the land described in the Article. This Article also authorizes the Town to acquire rights and/or interests in certain waterside portions of the described land at or near the intersection of Nantasket Avenue and Fitzpatrick for municipal purposes. To be clear, the goal of this Article in abandoning certain Town rights in the parcel at issue is to create a more cohesive and developable parcel and for the Town to obtain the described rights in other portions of that parcel but will be done only with just compensation paid to the Town. The transfer of these Town rights, however, is an important action that must be done prudently and with all necessary and appropriate transparency. The Advisory Board was advised that the Town, through the Board of Selectman, would take the proposed action(s) only after obtaining, through an appropriate process, a

market-based valuation on the land rights being abandoned, and reaching a satisfactory agreement with the benefited parcel owner that would provide for appropriate and significant consideration to the Town. Based on this, the Advisory Board recommends Favorable Action on this Article solely to authorize the Board of Selectman to pursue such a satisfactory agreement to provide land and financial benefit to the Town. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 13 – To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000.00, or any other amount, to pay the costs of engineering, permitting and work related to dredging the Nantasket Pier Area, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether this sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, to authorize the Board of Selectmen/Select Board and Town Manager to contract for state and federal aid available for the project, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Harbormaster)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 13: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article authorizes the Town to appropriate funds from the Harbor Enterprise Account to dredge the area around Nantasket Pier. Maintaining safe and continuous access to the Nantasket Pier area is in the best interest of the Town and critical to supporting local businesses and the on-the-water activities for which the Town is known. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 14 – To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$420,000.00, or any other amount, to pay the costs of acquiring departmental equipment for the use of the Department of Public Works, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether this sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 14: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article authorizes the Town to appropriate and spend up to \$450,000 to replace seven (7) priority requested well-worn vehicles and equipment used by the Department of Public Works including a 2003 Dump Truck, a 2013 Backhoe, a 1992 wood chipper and several larger cemetery mowers. Each replacement item has been recently quoted and priced and several are paired with a trade-in of the worn equipment to mitigate the budget impact where feasible. At our public meeting with the Director of Public Works (and others) it was made clear that these items are beyond, at or near approaching their useful lives and replacement at this time is warranted for several factors, including necessity, increasing need for repairs, pricing and budgetary ability. Based on this, the Advisory Board recommends Favorable Action on this Article to maintain the Town's Public Works Department ability to accomplish its mission into the future. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 15 – To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$525,000.00, or any other amount, to pay the costs of completion of the Hull Sanitary Landfill assessment and closure, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether this sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 15: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article seeks to appropriate funds to continue the process of closing the Hull Sanitary Landfill. While the language in the Article seeks "\$525,000, or any other amount, to pay the costs of completion of the Hull Sanitary Landfill assessment and closure", this amount requested will not exceed \$525,000. This amount is for the assessment of the landfill and is not going to cover the cost of the work required to cap and close the landfill. The language in this request would allow funds appropriated to be used for both the studies and permits required and allow any excess funds to be used in the work of capping and closing the landfill. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 16 – To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,200,000.00, or any other amount, to pay the costs of renovating and making repairs to the Fort Revere Tower on Telegraph Hill in Hull, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether this sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 16: FAVORABLE ACTION: Majority – This Article authorizes the Town to appropriate and spend up to \$2.2 million for work relating to the design and repair of the exterior and interior of the Fort Revere Water Tower (including the interior observation deck). The Town anticipates that it will pay for the required sums through the issuance of a bond, and the Town, and not the Community Preservation Committee, will service the debt going forward. The Advisory Board recommends Favorable Action on this Article because it recognizes that these repairs are critical to restore and preserve access to this historic building that is at the core of the Town's identity.

Minority - Without question there are emotional and nostalgic reasons for restoring the Ft. Revere Tower. It's a beacon from atop Telegraph Hill that frames sunset pictures and reflects the glow of a Hull sunrise. But it hasn't been open to the public for decades due to an appalling deterioration of its structure. The costs to rehabilitate it are being divided into the priorities of, one, stop the exterior deterioration, and two, rebuild the interior so as to make its platform accessible again. It is hoped that the 2.2 million dollars of debt that the town will incur will accomplish both goals, but the reality is that with ever increasing construction costs, both goals will not be accomplished and the interior will remain inaccessible. The objection for this expenditure comes from an analysis of the other more critical possibilities for this funding. Roads and the sewer plant being the most critical. The Town voted for a 5 year plan to renovate and save our crumbling sewer system. The next phase of work is under funded due to increasing material costs and right now decisions are being analyzed as to how to modify the plans to accomplish what can be funded. More than likely, the shortfall will have to be addressed as more debt in the future.

The tower will not generate revenue, the land around it will continue to be a mix of Hull and DCR ownership leading to challenging positions regarding maintenance and upkeep. (8-1 with 1 abstaining)

ARTICLE 17 – To see if the Town will strike Chapter 56, Section 56-12, Voting, of the Code/Bylaws of the Town and insert in its place the following to allow for electronic voting:

§ 56-12Voting.

<u>A.</u>

Unless prohibited by law or due to the need to make a reasonable accommodation or if declared not feasible by the Moderator or at the discretion of the Moderator for particular motions, voting at Town Meeting shall be by electronic voting technology if available.
In all other instances voting shall be as follows: voting shall be by secret ballot when required by law or when at least 15 citizens so request or when requested by the Advisory Board in its written report. Voting by secret ballot hall require the showing of a valid voter card. Except as required by law all other votes shall be taken by voice vote or by use of voter cards, at the discretion of the Moderator. If after two voice votes the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, the Moderator shall require a vote by show of voter cards issued to registered voters at check-in. If the Moderator's declaration of the vote is questioned by seven or more voters, the Moderator shall without debate determine the vote by ordering a standing vote by show of same voter cards.

B.

In a matter requiring a 2/3 vote for passage, a count need not be taken and a recording of the actual vote need not be made, it being sufficient for the Moderator to declare the voice vote, unless the Moderator is unable to decide the vote or his declaration of vote is questioned by seven or more voters or a ballot vote is required, all as provided herein.

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

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 17: FAVORABLE ACTION: The Advisory feels passage of this Article will greatly enhance the efficiency of Town Meeting and give us more confidence and greater anonymity by eliminating the need for standing votes and potentially limiting even more secret ballots.

ARTICLE 18 – To see if the Town will accept G.L. c. 59, section 5, clause twenty-second H, also known as the BRAVE Act, which provides in part for a property tax exemption for real estate to the full amount of the taxable valuation of the real property of the surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and veterans who (i) during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death; or (ii) are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the armed forces of the United States, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 18: NO RECOMMENDATION: Majority - The Advisory board has spent a lot of careful time debating and deliberating the context of this Article. First and foremost, the Board agrees with the overall sentiment of this Article. However, as an advisory committee that makes recommendations through a financial lens, the majority felt that there were just too many unanswerable questions as it pertains to the potential financial impact. This Article, as written, and without a means test in place may or may not have the desired effect. Rather, the majority felt that no recommendation to be the most prudent course of action and encourage the residents of Hull to personally reflect on this Article, as we have, and make their own decision.

Minority - The minority agree with the majority in that there are many unknows associated with this article. We believe, however, they pale when compared to the knowns of what Gold Star families must endure. It is the opinion of the minority that Favorable Action on this Article is reasonable, affordable, and the right thing to do. (6-2)

ARTICLE 19 – To see if the Town will accept G.L. c. 59, section 5N,also known as the VALOR Act, providing authority to establish a program for a reduction of the property tax obligation of veterans in exchange for volunteer services, and to adjust the exemption by: (i) allowing an approved representative for persons physically unable to provide such services to the town; or (ii) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$1,500.00, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 19: FAVORABLE ACTION: The Board feels that favorable action on this article would honor the veteran community by lessening their tax burden while also having a positive impact on the Town through community involvement and volunteer services. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 20 – To see if the Town will petition the General Court to grant the Town, for the purposes of promoting economic development within the Town and the more effective use of Town property, the authority, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to lease or extend leases or renew leases to current lessees or others of Town property up to the maximum allowed by law, and may thereafter be extended for consecutive terms up to the maximum allowed by law, including but not limited to Bayside Marketing, Inc. (Jake's), Steamboat Wharf Marina, Inc. (Nantasket Pier) and Beach Food, Inc. (Mezzo Mare), their successors and assigns, who have made or will make improvements to any of said parcels of land or property, such as erecting buildings or improving existing structures, all subject to

such terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen/Select Board shall deem in the best interests of the Town; and further that the amount charged to such tenants or others by the Town for rental of said property shall be based upon the fair market value of such Town owned property and land, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 20: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article allows the Town to renegotiate lease agreements of Town property including, but not limited to, Bayside Marketing, Inc. (Jake's), Steamboat Wharf Inc., (Nantasket Pier) and Beach Food, Inc. (Mezzo Mare). The existing lease agreements for these particular properties are toward the end of their lease terms. As such, current lessees are hindered from making further, longer-term property improvements in regard to securing financing, uncertainty of lease renewal, etc. Allowing the Town to enter into renegotiating the existing leases to longer-term duration provides a degree of certainty enabling the continued betterment of the property.

ARTICLE 21 – To see if the Town will amend the Code/Bylaws of the Town by striking Chapter 147, Memorial Commission and Chapter 313, Memorials, and inserting in their place the following:

Chapter 147 Memorial Commission

§ 147-1 Establishment; purpose.

§ 147-2 Membership; compensation.

§ 147-3 Appointments; term.

§ 147-4 Chairperson and other officers.

§ 147-5 Powers and duties.

§ 147-6 Annual and Other Reports.

<u>§ 147-7 Intent.</u>

§ 147-1 Establishment; purpose.

There shall be established a Memorial Commission which shall be responsible for overseeing the care and maintenance of the War Memorial (also known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial) at Monument Square and its surrounding grounds to Phipps Street, the Gold Star Mothers' Memorial at the entrance to the cemetery and its immediate surrounding grounds, and squares or other locations in Town dedicated in memory of deceased or other veterans. The Board of Selectmen/Select Board may assign such other duties to the Commission as it deems appropriate.

§ 147-2 Membership; compensation.

The Commission members shall serve without compensation and shall consist of a number of members with qualifications as determined by the Town Meeting.

§ 147-3 Appointments; term.

<u>A.</u> Appointments to the Commission shall be made annually on or as of the first day of July by the Board of Selectmen/Select Board to serve at their pleasure. The term of office shall be for a term of three (3) years, with the initial terms staggered such that the terms of no more than two of the Commissioners ends in the same year.

§ 147-4 Chairperson and other Officer.

The Commission shall annually or when it votes to do so organize by choosing from its own number a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

§ 147-5 Powers and duties.

A. No major additions, alterations or improvements shall be made to memorials without the approval of the Town Meeting body.

B. The Commission shall consult with and work in cooperation with the local Veterans' organizations.

C. Requests to dedicate a square or other property in memory or honor of a veteran or to add a name to any existing places of observance shall be made to the Veteran's Agent, who shall

investigate the request, and to the Memorial Commission. The Veteran's Agent and Memorial Commission shall make a report and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen/Select Board, which shall have final approval. In considering its recommendations or approval, the Veteran's Agent, Memorial Commission and Board of Selectmen/Select Board shall take into consideration any contributions by the person nominated to the wellbeing of the community.

D. Any request shall be in writing and supported by valid documentation, which shall include, at a minimum, copies of discharge papers, citations, awards and decorations, and such other documentation as the Town may require.

E. All persons whose home of record was Hull at the time of original or subsequent enlistment shall be considered to be added to the War Memorial wall at Monument Square or other appropriate location.

F. The names of all persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during an armed conflict are included in the dedication of Veterans Road, the Memorial School and any future memorials which may be constructed pursuant to such service within the Town.

G. All residents of the Town of Hull who served in the armed forces during peace time are included in memorials raised to that service.

§ 147-6 Annual and Other Reports.

The Commission shall annually render a report in writing to the Town on the management of the memorials, with any recommendations. Such report shall be submitted in accordance with the bylaw for publication in the Town Report. The Commission shall also provide such other reports as may be requested.

§ 147-7 Intent.

It is the intention of this chapter that appointees to the Commission be dedicated to the preservation of the memorials, and that the memorials shall be cared for, altered or improved in a manner befitting the Town of Hull's and our country's commitment to honor those who served and those who died in the service of our country.

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

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 21: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article will update and modernize the organization and make-up of the Memorial Commission. It has been communicated to the Advisory Board that the Commission, in its current make-up, is in favor of these changes. (Unanimous)

ARTICLE 22 - To see if the Town will appropriate sum of \$100,000.00 or such lesser or larger amount, to pay for the costs of professional services to identify costs and opportunities relative to the rehabilitation and more effective use of Town owned buildings and services, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 22: FAVORABLE ACTION: This Article will appropriate no more than \$100,000 in order to engage with a contract service to identify costs associated with any Town building changes. If school building consolidation should eventually occur, funds will be needed to identify costs for engineering modifications. These funds will provide for those projects. Should school building consolidation not occur, these funds will be used to pay for engineering and repair plans for other town buildings. Our meeting with the School Committee displayed cooperation and support for this Article. (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.

day of	2022.
Jennifer Constable	
Greg Grey	
Donna Pursel	
John D. Reilly	
Domenico Sestito	
BOARD OF SELECT	MEN/SELECT BOARD

Plymouth ss.

Given under our hands this

Date:_____

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

Fiscal Year 2023 Projected Revenue and Expenditures

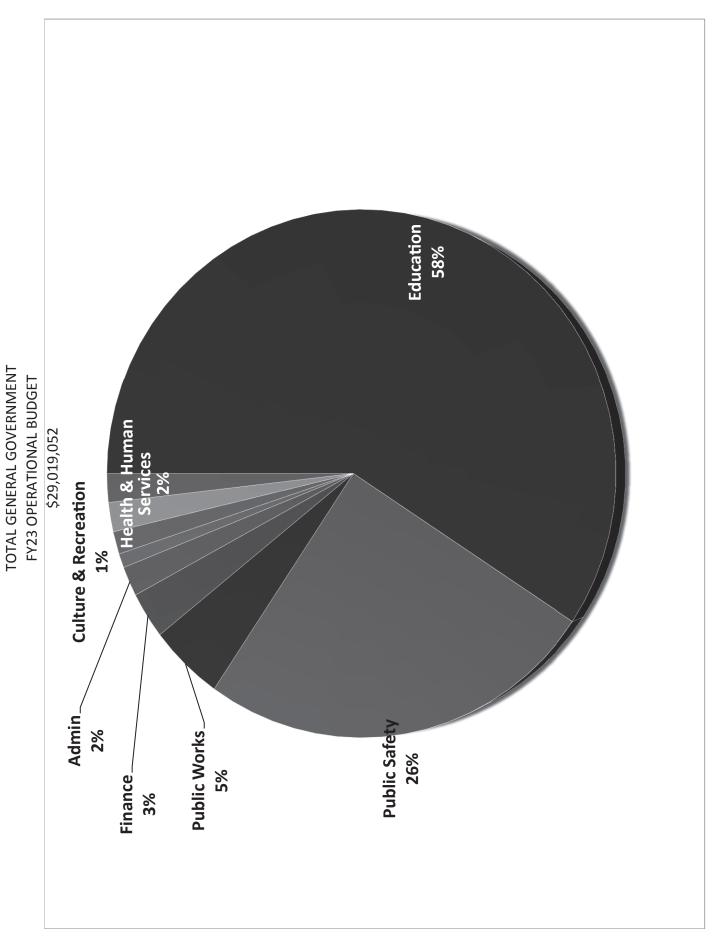
Revenue Summary	FY 22	FY23	Dollar Change	% Change
Real Estate/Property Taxes				
Base Tax Levy	31,093,592	32,289,848	1,196,256	3.85%
Statutory 2 1/2 Increase	777,340	807,247	29,907	3.85%
Growth in Tax Base	418,916	325,000	-93,916	-22.42%
Debt Exclusion-High School	347,750	335,300	-12,450	-3.58%
Debt Exclusion-Streets	968,042	895,969	-72,073	-7.45%
Excess Levy	0	0	0	-
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	\$33,605,640	\$34,653,364	\$ 1,047,724	3.12%
Intergovernmental Revenues				
State Revenue Sharing	6,493,455	6,592,579	99,124	1.53%
Less Offsets	(15,775)	(14,747)	1,028	-6.52%
Projected Net State Aid	\$6,477,680	\$6,577,832	\$ 100,152	1.55%
Local Receipts				
Estimated Local Receipts	3,575,235	4,200,000	624,765	17.47%
Overlay Surplus	150,000	350,000	200,000	133.33%
Available Funds (Free Cash)	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	0.00%
PILOT-HRA	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
Reserved for Appropriation	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
High School Field Revolving	98,252	96,648	(1,604)	-1.63%
Transfer from Enterprise-ROB	427,465	427,466	1	0.00%
Total Local Receipts	\$5,605,952	\$6,429,114	\$ 823,162	14.68%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$45,689,272	\$47,660,310	\$ 1,971,038	4.31%
Expenditure Summary	FY 22	FY23	Dollar Change	% Change
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Operational Budget	27,662,052	29,019,052	1,357,000	4.91%
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Operational Budget	27,662,052	29,019,052	1,357,000	4.91%
Operational Budget General Reserve	27,662,052 25,000	29,019,052 25,000	1,357,000 0	4.91% 0.00%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933	1,357,000 0 236,921	4.91% 0.00% 4.00%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00%
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Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82%
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Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 405,131	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273)	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82% - - 4.78%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 405,131 275,000	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82% - - -39.02% 208.24%
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Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit Other Total: Intergovernmental Charges	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216 \$753,620	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 405,131 275,000 \$680,131	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784 \$ (73,489)	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit Other Total: Intergovernmental Charges State County Assessments	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216 \$753,620 391,287	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 680,131 275,000 \$ 680,131	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784 \$ (73,489) (20,458)	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82% - 4.78% - 39.02% 208.24% -9.75% -5.23%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit Other Total: Intergovernmental Charges State County Assessments Charter School Assessment	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216 \$753,620 391,287 416,540	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 405,131 275,000 \$680,131 370,829 433,810	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784 \$ (73,489) (20,458) 17,270	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82% - 4.78% - - 39.02% 208.24% - - 5.23% 4.15%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit Other Total: Intergovernmental Charges State County Assessments Charter School Assessment Regional Dispatch	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216 \$753,620 391,287 416,540 566,201	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 405,131 275,000 \$680,131 370,829 433,810 530,000	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784 \$ (73,489) (20,458) 17,270 (36,201)	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82%
Operational Budget General Reserve Health Insurance Other Insurances Town Wide Veterans Benefits Pension Total Debt & Interest Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund Total Services Costs Other Overlay Snow & Ice Deficit Other Total: Intergovernmental Charges State County Assessments Charter School Assessment Regional Dispatch Intergovernmental Total	27,662,052 25,000 5,923,012 1,265,005 330,893 200,000 4,228,367 3,652,295 275,000 0 \$43,561,624 664,404 89,216 \$753,620 391,287 416,540 566,201 \$1,374,028	29,019,052 25,000 6,159,933 1,370,620 345,787 200,000 4,228,367 3,739,781 357,000 200,000 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 45,645,540 \$ 680,131 370,829 433,810 530,000 \$ 1,334,639	1,357,000 0 236,921 105,615 14,894 0 0 87,486 82,000 200,000 \$ 2,083,916 (259,273) 185,784 \$ (73,489) (20,458) 17,270 (36,201) \$ (39,389)	4.91% 0.00% 4.00% 8.35% 4.50% 0.00% 0.00% 2.40% 29.82%

Revenue Summary	FY 22	FY 23	Dollar Change	Percent Change	
Sewer Revenue	6,288,345	6,759,414	471,069		
Sewer Available Funds	20,000	20,000	0		
Sewer Retained Earnings	924,464	431,754	-492,710		
Total Sewer Revenues	\$7,232,809	\$7,211,168	-\$21,641	-0.30%	
Cable Revenue	285,571	269,165	-16,406		
Cable Available Funds	0	0	0		
Cable Retained Earnings	0	24,021	24,021		
Total Cable Revenues	\$285,571	\$293,186	\$7,615	2.67%	
Harbormaster Revenue	190,000	188,053	-1,947		
Harbor Available Funds	110,678	80,000	-30,678		
Harbor Retained Earnings	0	31,390	31,390		
Total Harbor Revenues	\$300,678	\$299,443	-\$1,235	-0.41%	
Total Enterprise Fund Revenue	\$7,819,058	\$7,803,797	-\$15,261	-0.20%	

Fiscal Year 2023 Projected Revenue and Expenditures Enterprise Funds

Expenditure Summary	FY 22	FY 23	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Sewer Operating Budget	4,004,759	4,141,844	137,085	
Sewer Debt and Interest	3,213,050	3,054,324	-158,726	
Sewer OPEB	15,000	15,000	0	
Total Sewer Expenditures	\$7,232,809	\$7,211,168	-\$21,641	-0.30%
Cable Operating Budget	280,571	288,186	7,615	
Cable Debt and Interest	0	0	0	
Cable OPEB	5,000	5,000	0	
Total Cable Expenditures	\$285,571	\$293,186	\$7,615	2.67%
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Harbormaster Operating Budget	295,678	294,443	-1,235	
Harbor Debt and Interest	0	0	0	
Harbor OPEB	5,000	5,000	<u> 0 </u>	
Total Harbor Expenditures	\$300,678	\$299,443	-\$1,235	-0.41%
Total Enterprise Expenditures	\$7,819,058	\$7,803,797	-\$15,261	-0.20%
NET EXCESS(DEFICIT)	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Worksheet						
Department		FY22 Approp	Town Manager Recommend	Advisory Bd. Recommend	FY22 to FY23 Change	Percent Change
Selectmen	122	404,245	421,371	421,371	17,126	4.24%
General Government Support	124	135,900	139,602	139,602	3,702	2.72%
Advisory Board	131	6,750	6,750	6,750	0	0.00%
Director of Finance	135	181,294	186,565	186,565	5,271	2.91%
Assessors	141	229,890	249,314	249,314	19,424	8.45%
Treasurer/Collector	145	391,244	403,043	403,043	11,799	3.02%
Law Department	151	139,643	144,524	144,524	4,881	3.50%
Information Technology	155	40,800	44,000	44,000	3,200	7.84%
Town Clerk	161	99,304	103,440	103,440	4,136	4.16%
Conservation	171	115,209	180,481	180,481	65,272	56.66%
Comm Dev & Planning	175	130,618	199,186	199,186	68,568	52.50%
Town Buildings	192	215,245	226,685	226,685	11,440	5.31%
Police Department	210	3,129,575	3,392,577	3,392,577	263,002	8.40%
Fire Department	220	3,561,104	3,796,348	3,796,348	235,244	6.61%
Building Department	241	221,067	259,316	259,316	38,249	17.30%
Emergency Management	291	35,885	35,885	35,885	0	0.00%
Animal Control	292	29,257	31,504	31,504	2,247	7.68%
Shellfish	297	14,190	15,054	15,054	864	6.09%
School Department	301	16,339,650	16,829,840	16,829,840	490,190	3.00%
Public Works	421	1,188,489	1,225,231	1,225,231	36,742	
Snow Removal	423	74,830	74,830	74,830	0	0.00%
Park Maintenance	496	68,100	72,333	72,333	4,233	6.22%
Board of Health	511	205,341	209,448	209,448	4,107	2.00%
Council on Aging	541	283,821	324,483	324,483	40,662	14.33%
Veterans Services	543	28,554	30,148	30,148	1,594	5.58%
Library	610	336,324	359,699	359,699	23,375	6.95%
Park and Recreation	650	55,723	57,395	57,395	1,672	
Department Budgets		27,662,052	29,019,052	29,019,052	1,357,000	4.91%
Self Insurances	912	201,599	211,679	211,679	10,080	
Health & Life Insurance	914	5,923,012	6,159,933	6,159,933	236,921	4.00%
Townwide Insurance	915	660,000	726,000	726,000	66,000	10.00%
Medicare Tax	916	340,975	358,024	358,024	17,049	5.00%
Veterans Benefits	543	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0.00%
Fuel Reserve	131	62,431	74,917	74,917	12,486	20.00%
Insurance Total		7,388,017	7,730,553	7,730,553	342,536	4.64%
Hydrant Availability	124	257,893	270,787	270,787	12,894	5.00%
Derelict Property Services	124	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Audit/Consultant	124	71,000	73,000	73,000	2,000	2.82%
Town Wide Total		330,893	345,787	345,787	14,894	4.50%
Non Contributory	911	24,522	24,522	24,522	0	0.00%
Contributory	918	4,203,845	4,203,845	4,203,845	0	0.00%
Pension Total		4,228,367	4,228,367	4,228,367	0	0.00%
Principal-Debt Excluded	712	918,000	910,000	910,000	-8,000	-0.87%
Interest-Debt Excluded	752	397,793	321,269	321,269	-76,524	-19.24%
Principal- Long Term	710	1,705,334	1,693,690	1,693,690	-11,644	-0.68%
Interest- Long Term	750	616,168	689,822	689,822	73,654	
Interest-Temp Borrowing	751	15,000	125,000	125,000	110,000	733.33%
Fees on Borrowing	751	0	0	0	0	-
Debt Service Total		3,652,295	3,739,781	3,739,781	87,486	2.40%
Reserve Fund		25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
Capital		275,000	357,000	357,000	82,000	29.82%
Total Budget		43,561,624	45,445,540	45,445,540	1,883,916	4.32%
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