

Advisory Committee Recommendations for Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

Advisory Committee is a 7 member volunteer committee appointed by the Moderator, and was formed under statutory requirements of MGL c.39, section 16, so a representative group of taxpayers could conduct a thorough review of municipal finance on behalf of all citizens.

The Advisory Committee is the official fiscal watchdog for the Town.

One of the Advisory Committee's most important functions is to oversee the Town's reserve fund. This involves approving transfers from the Town's reserve fund (a contingency fund normally created as part of annual budget appropriations) to other line items in the budget for extraordinary or unforeseen occurrences.

Advisory Committee also is responsible for making recommendations to Town Meeting on warrant articles.

ARTICLE 1 - FY 2018 Operating Budget Amendment(s)

Advisory has no recommendation – result of a tie vote (3 for / 3 against)

A majority vote required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 2 - Consent Agenda

Advisory Recommends for this article

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 3 - Amend By-Laws Re: Department Revolving Funds

Advisory Recommends against this article

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 4 - Amend By-Laws Re: Advisory Committee

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 5 - Amend By-Laws Re: Siting of Class II Auto Licenses

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 6 - Amend By-Laws Re: Veterans Advisory Board

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Wrong by-law referenced – Article LV is sex offender by-law.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 7 - Amend By-Laws Re: Licenses & Permits

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 8 - Amend By-Laws Re: Timing of Annual Town Election & Meeting

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question as to whether any by-laws should be changed prior to the codification results have been analyzed.

Has Phillipston agreed to election change? School Committee election.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 9 - Acquisition of Certain Lands of the Walter Fernald Corporation for Conservation and Passive Recreation Purposes.

Advisory Recommends for this article / 2 votes for and 4 abstain.

Two-Thirds Vote Required for this article to pass.

ARTICLE 10 -Acceptance of Lafayette Road as a Public Way

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 11 - Templeton Scholarship Fund

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 12 - Property Valuation Account

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 13 -Funding of Community Preservation Account(s)

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 14 - Expending of Community Preservation Reserves

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 15 - FY 2019 Cable Department Operating Budget

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 16 - FY 2019 Sewer Department Operating Budget

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required pass this article.

ARTICLE 17 - Deferred Maintenance Sewer Department

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 18 - Establishment of Stabilization Fund w/In Sewer Fund

Advisory Recommends for this article.

2/3 Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 19 - Deposits to Reserve Accounts of the Sewer Fund

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 20 - Set the Salaries of Elected Town Officials

Advisory Recommends against this article.

If Light & Water Commission is not included, article conflicts with Massachusetts General Law.
Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 21 - FY 2019 General Fund Operating (OPEX) Budget

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Question concerning budget plan as presented; is there \$30,000.00 in excess allocation request.
Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 22 - Funding of AFL-CIO Local 155 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 23 - Funding of AFL-CIO Local 155A Collective Bargaining Agreement

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 24 - Supplemental FY 2019 Operating Budget Re: Fire/EMS

Advisory Recommends for this article

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 25 - Supplemental FY 2019 Operating Budget Re: Extraordinary Inspection Work Load

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 26 - Adoption of MGL Re: Local Option Marijuana Tax

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 27 - Adoption of MGL Re: Local Option Meals Tax

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 28 - Authorize Lease of Capital Items – Police & DPW

Advisory Recommends against this article.

The article asks to allocate funds not in hand yet. Also, the funding is based off an estimate, Advisory suggests it would be better to allow for one year to pass before spending any meals tax revenue so there is an actual collected amount to base future estimates off of. (Remember the ambulance collection estimates that were less than estimated.)

2/3 Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 29 - Authorize Lease of Capital Items – Fire

Advisory Recommends for this article.

2/3 Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 30 - Capital Budget – A

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 31 - Capital Budget – B

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Two - Thirds Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 32 - Supplemental Borrowing RE: Police Station

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Reasons: Process involved, no bond rating, location, general cost.

2/3 Vote Required to pass this article

ARTICLE 33 - Narragansett Regional School District

Advisory Recommends against this article.

Over the years, school budget / assessment has risen while the Town struggles. District is not under the same restraints of prop 2 ½ as the Town is. Unfunded state mandates such as transportation.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 34 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

Advisory Recommends for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 35 - CITIZEN'S PETITION: Fluoride Warning on Water Bills

Advisory has no recommendation on this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 36 - CITIZEN'S PETITION: To See If the Town Of Templeton Shall Institute A Moratorium
On Water Flouridation.

Advisory has no recommendation for this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 37 - CITIZEN'S PETITION: Fluoride Legislation

Advisory has no recommendation on this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 38 - CITIZEN'S PETITION: R-A-2 Zoning on Patriots Road

Advisory has no recommendation on this article.

2/3 Vote Required to pass this article.

ARTICLE 39 - CITIZEN'S PETITION: Smart Meter

Advisory has no recommendation on this article.

Majority Vote Required to pass this article.