

**PROCEEDINGS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 4, 2018**

**On June 4, 2018, Town Clerk, Kevin Poirier, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30pm by announcing, “with 86 RTM members present, we have a quorum.”**

Town moderator , Deborah Kohl, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.  
She then called for a moment of silence for the Men and Women service in our Armed Forces.

**Town moderator, Deborah Kohl, read the warrant**

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT  
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday June 4, 2018**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Bristol, ss.**

**To either Constables of the Town of North Attleborough:**

**GREETINGS:**

**In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of North Attleborough to meet at the North Attleborough Middle School Cafetorium, in said North Attleborough on:**

**Monday the 4th of June 2018, A.D.**

**At 7: 30 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:**

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Richards Memorial Library, and Town Hall at least twenty-one days before the time of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given our hands and seal of the town of North Attleborough on this March 8, 2018.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Michael Lennox, Chairman  
Keith Lapointe, Vice-Chairman  
John C. Rhyno  
Paul Belham  
Patrick Reynolds

**Moderator read the return:**

**BRISTOL, ss.**

Pursuant to this within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Attleborough within described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant in Town Hall Lobby, Richards Memorial Library and Town Website twenty-one (21) days before the time of said meeting.

Chief John J. Reilly, Constable  
Town of North Attleborough

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

*I move that the Town Meeting Adopt the Bourne Amendment: That any motion to increase the amount of money recommended for and article must specify where the additional monies will come from.*

Motion seconded

**Motion carried.**

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

*I move that the Town Meeting adopt the procedural rule: That the count of a super majority vote, when declared obvious by the Moderator, shall not be taken unless requested by seven or more RTM members.*

Motion seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN REPORTS**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

As per Article V, Section 6a of the Town By-Laws, each department, Board and Committee of the Town shall annually present a full report of its acts for the previous year. RTM members vote to accept the report at the Annual Town Meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.**

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 3 – ANNUAL COMPENSATION - ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the town will vote to determine the annual compensation of the elected Town Officers. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Town Clerk	\$20,124.00 Annual	<u>Municipal Light Board</u>	
Treasurer/Collector	\$84,423.00 Annual	Chairman	\$1,200.00
Town Moderator	\$100.00 per meeting/ Maximum \$1,200.00	Members	\$1,000.00

<u>Board of Assessors</u>		<u>Planning Board</u>	
Chairman	\$3,200.00	Chairman	\$750.00
Members (2)	\$2,900.00	Members (4)	\$500.00

<u>Board of Public Works</u>		<u>Board of Health</u>	
Chairman	\$1,200.00	Chairman	\$650.00
Members (2)	\$1,000.00	Members (2)	\$500.00

<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		<u>School Committee</u>	
Chairman	\$1,200.00	Chairman	\$1,200.00
Members (4)	\$1,000.00	Members	\$1,000.00

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The compensation for Town Officials must be approved by Town Meeting annually.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to determine the annual compensation of the elected Town Officers as follows:**

<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$20,124.00 Annual</b>	<b><u>Municipal Light Board</u></b>	
<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>	<b>\$86,111.00 Annual</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Town Moderator</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Board of Assessors</u></b>		<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Members (2)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Members (4)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Board of Public Works</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Health</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Members (2)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Members (2)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Board of Selectmen</u></b>		<b><u>School Committee</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Members (4)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.**

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 4 – ANNUAL COMPENSATION – APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS      BOS**

To see if the town will vote to determine the annual compensation for the following appointed boards, commissions or committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Election Commissioners (4)

Chairman	\$2,000.00
Members (3)	\$1,500.00

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The compensation for these appointed boards, commissions, or committees must be approved by Town Meeting Annually.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to determine the annual compensation for the following appointed boards, commissions or committees:**

Election Commissioners (4)

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Members (3)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At this time the Town does not have the funds to compensate these positions.**

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5A – ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FY 19**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for Town departments funded through the General Fund for operating expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$84,799,922 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget pages 1-6 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget, for a total General Fund Operating Budget, and to defray the expenses of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$1,135,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account, and transfer the sum of \$36,167 from Expendable Trust Funds, and transfer the sum of \$44,917 from the Betterment Stabilization Fund, and accept a payment of \$300,000 in lieu of taxes from North Attleboro Electric; and raise \$83,283,838 from the 2019 Tax Levy, state aid and other sources for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.

<b>General Fund Operating Budget</b>		<b>\$84,799,922</b>
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	Defray cost of Ambulance Svc.	1,078,000
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	Debt Service on Ambulance	57,000
Jewett town Hall Trust Fund	TH Maintenance & Improvements	5,044
Mason Town Hall Trust Fund	TH Maintenance & Improvements	4,110
JF Mason Comfort Station Fund	TH Maintenance & Improvements	811
MB McKreth Hospital Fund	Public Health Nurse & Expenses	10,770
JF Mason Hospital Trust Fund	Public Health Nurse & Expenses	10,770
Littlefield Health Trust Fund	Public Health Nurse & Expenses	1,554
Littlefield Fire Trust Fund	Fire Dept. General Expenses	1,554
Littlefield Police Trust Fund	Police Dept. General Expenses	1,554
Betterment Stabilization Fund	Debt Service on Betterment Projects	44,917
NAED Payment in Lieu of Taxes	General Fund Operations	300,000
<b>Less Total Transfers</b>		<b>\$1,516,084</b>
<b>To be raised by the 2019 Tax Levy</b>	<b>State aid &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$83,283,838</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5B – WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, for the water enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for the Water Enterprise Fund for operating expenses of the Water Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,007,202.23 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget page 7 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget for a total Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget, inclusive of indirect Costs to the General Fund of \$261,499, to fund the total cost of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$300,000 from Retained Earnings, and transfer the sum of \$60,522 from the Betterment

**Stabilization Fund; and raise \$4,646,680.23 through Water Rates and Other Sources for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.**

<b>Water Enterprise Fund Budget</b>		<b>\$5,007,202.23</b>
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Retained Earnings	To Stabilize the Water Rate	300,000
Betterment Stabilization	Debt Service on Betterment Projects	60,522
<b>Less Total Transfers</b>		<b>\$360,522</b>
<b>To be raised by Water Rates</b>	<b>and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$4,646,680.23</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.**

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5C – SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, for the sewer enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for operating expenses of the Sewer Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,927,379.21 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget page 6 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget for a total Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget, inclusive of indirect Costs to the General Fund of \$249,006, to fund the total cost of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$625,000 from Retained Earnings, and transfer the sum of \$113,064 from the Betterment Stabilization Fund; and raise \$5,189,315.21 through Sewer Rates and Other Sources for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.**

<b>Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget</b>		<b>\$5,927,379.21</b>
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Retained Earnings	To Stabilize the Sewer Rate	625,000
Betterment Stabilization	Debt Service on Betterment Projects	113,064
<b>Less Total Transfers</b>		<b>\$738,064</b>
<b>To be raised by Sewer Rates</b>	<b>and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$5,189,315.21</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.**

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5D – SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, for the solid waste enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for operating expenses of the Solid Waste Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,185,151.08 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget page 6 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget for a total Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Operating Budget, inclusive of indirect Costs to the General Fund of \$50,330, to fund the total cost of operations of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$400,000 from Retained Earnings; and raise \$2,785,151.08 through User Rates and Other Sources for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.

<b>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget</b>		<b>\$3,185,151.08</b>
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Retained Earnings	To Stabilize the User Rate	400,000
<b>To be raised by User Rates</b>	<b>and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$2,785,151.08</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5E – COMCAST PEG ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, for the Comcast PEG Access Enterprise for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for the Comcast Enterprise Fund to fund North TV’s operating expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$337,000 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget page 7 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget to be appropriated from Comcast Franchise Fees and Other Cable Related Revenues for the Comcast PEG Access Enterprise for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5F – VERIZON PEG ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, for the Verizon PEG Access Enterprise for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual budget article for the Verizon Enterprise Fund to fund North TV’s operating expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$278,000 as designated in the attached FY2019 RTM Line Item Budget page 7 (dated 5/14/2018 3:06) in the column labeled: FY19 Fin. Com. Recommended Budget to be appropriated from Verizon Franchise Fees and Other Cable Related Revenues for the Verizon PEG Access Enterprise for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2018.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6A – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES, AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EFFORTS FUNDED BY TAXES OR OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$1,651,000.00 for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, to be expended under the direction of Town Board/Official indicated or Municipal Building Committee if applicable. Said sum to be raised by General Tax or available funds; and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Assessors	1/5 <sup>th</sup> Quinquennial Revaluation	\$60,000
2.	Park & Recreation	Protective Ground Cover for Play Areas	\$ 9,000
3.	Fire	Replace Cardiac Monitor	\$45,000
4.	Fire	Fire Alarm Supt. Vehicle Replacement	\$37,000
5.	Board of Selectmen	Facility Safety & Security	\$500,000
6.	School	Technology & Curriculum	\$1,000,000

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual Capital Improvement projects that are necessary for the upkeep and replacement of the Town’s infrastructure and capital assets by using available funds such as free cash to fund capital purchases. List attached.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**ROLL CALL MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$1,651,000.00 for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, to be expended under the direction of Town Board/Official indicated or Municipal Building Committee if applicable. Said sum to be raised by General Tax or available funds; and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting,**

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Assessors	1/5 <sup>th</sup> Quinquennial Revaluation	\$60,000
2.	Park & Recreation	Protective Ground Cover for Play Areas	\$ 9,000
3.	Fire	Replace of Personal Protective Gear	\$45,000
4.	Fire	Fire Alarm Supt. Vehicle Replacement	\$37,000
5.	Board of Selectmen	Facility Safety & Security	\$500,000
6.	School	Technology & Curriculum	\$1,000,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.**

Robert Nerz, made a motion to correct number 3, Fire Dept. description to read as follows: Replacement of Personal Protective Gear.

Motion seconded

**Motion carried.**

**By unanimous vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6B – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EFFORTS FUNDED BY RETAINED EARNINGS/ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$930,500.00 or any other sum, shall be undertaken and financed by Retained Earnings, from the Enterprise Funds or other funds as shown below. Such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/ Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>
1.	\$175,000	Tag-long Generator Replacement	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
2.	\$45,000	Pump Station SCADA Upgrade	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
3.	\$20,500	Yard Tractor Replacement	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
4.	\$55,000	Track Skid Loader with Snow Blower	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
5.	\$100,000	Water Tank Rehab Program	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
6.	\$250,000	Lead Service Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
7.	\$40,000	Truck 30 Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
8.	\$70,000	Truck 34 Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
9.	\$175,000	Backhoe Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual Capital Improvement projects that are necessary for the upkeep and replacement of the Town’s infrastructure and capital assets related to the various enterprise funded departments.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**ROLL CALL MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$930,500.00 or any other sum, shall be undertaken and financed by Retained Earnings, from the Enterprise Funds or other funds as shown below. Such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/ Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>Tag-long Generator Replacement</b>	<b>Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>Pump Station SCADA Upgrade</b>	<b>Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings</b>

3.	\$20,500	Yard Tractor Replacement	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
4	\$55,000	Track Skid Loader with Snow Blower	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
5	\$100,000	Water Tank Rehab Program	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
6	\$250,000	Lead Service Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
7	\$40,000	Truck 30 Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
8	\$70,000	Truck 34 Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
9	\$175,000	Backhoe Replacement	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By unanimous vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6C – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE EFFORTS FUNDED BY BORROWING OR OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS** **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,051,977.00 or any other sum to hereby be appropriated for various Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases, including design, engineering, construction and installation thereto, as listed below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

That said sum for any project listed in Article 6C be raised by General Tax, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$6,051,977.00 (total of projects listed in Article 6C of this article) or any other sum, under and pursuant to the statutes cited or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that the requested sum of \$6,051,977.00 be expended for project costs by the Town Board/Official listed, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, and the sum of – 0 – be expended for issuance costs under the direction of Town Treasurer; and that betterment assessments therefore shall be levied under the provisions of Town By-Laws where applicable:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	
1.	\$125,000	Lighting Upgrades - Town Hall	BOS / Town Hall	44,7 (1)
2.	\$176,977	Police Cruiser Replacement Program	Police Department	44,7 (1)
3.	\$50,000	Command Car 3 Replacement	Fire Department	44,7 (1)
4.	\$400,000	District Technology Plan	School Department	44,7 (9)
5.	\$100,000	SPED Buses	School Department	44,7 (1)

6.	\$55,000	Pickup Truck w/Plow	School Department	44,7 (1)
7.	\$60,000	Playgrounds	School Department	44,7 (1)
8.	\$500,000	Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks Program	DPW - Highway	44,7 (1)
9.	\$250,000	10-Mile River Improvements	DPW - Highway	44,7 (1)
10.	\$200,000	Asphalt Management Plan	DPW-Highway	44,7 (1)
11.	\$150,000	Cushman Street Bridge Design	DPW-Highway	44,7 (1)
12.	\$1,500,000	Downtown Revitalization	DPW-Highway	44,7 (1)
13.	\$130,000	Window Replacement	Library	44,7 (1)
14.	\$55,000	Four Deck Mower Tractor	Parks & Recreation	44,7 (1)
15.	\$1,000,000	I & I Removal Program	DPW - Sewer	44,7 (1)
16.	\$1,300,000	Water Main Replacement	DPW - Water	44,8 (5)

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Annual Capital Improvement purchases that are necessary for the upkeep and replacement of the Town’s infrastructure and capital asset funded through bonding by the Town. List attached.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the sum of \$6,051,977.00 is appropriated by the Town to pay costs of the projects listed in Article 6C including design, engineering, construction, installation and other incidental costs related thereto by General Tax, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$6,051,977.00 (total of projects listed in Article 6C, under and pursuant to the statutes cited in Article 6C or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town to finance such projects; and that the sum of \$6,051,977.00 be expended for such project costs by the Town Board/Official listed, or the Municipal Building Committee, if applicable; and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTED BY	
1.	\$125,000	Lighting Upgrades - Town Hall	BOS / Town Hall	44,7 (1)

2.	\$176,977	Police Cruiser Replacement Program	Police Department	44,7 (1)
3.	\$50,000	Command Car 3 Replacement	Fire Department	44,7 (1)
4.	\$400,000	District Technology Plan	School Department	44,7 (9)
5.	\$100,000	SPED Buses	School Department	44,7 (1)
6.	\$55,000	Pickup Truck w/Plow	School Department	44,7 (1)
7.	\$60,000	Playgrounds	School Department	44,7 (1)
8.	\$500,000	Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks Program	DPW - Highway	44,7 (1)
9.	\$250,000	10-Mile River Improvements	DPW - Highway	44,7 (1)
10.	\$200,000	Asphalt Management Plan	DPW-Highway	44,7 (1)
11.	\$150,000	Cushman Street Bridge Design	DPW-Highway	44,7 (7)
12.	\$1,500,000	Downtown Revitalization	DPW-Highway	44,7 (1)
13.	\$130,000	Window Replacement	Library	44,7 (1)
14.	\$55,000	Four Deck Mower Tractor	Parks & Recreation	44,7 (1)
15.	\$1,000,000	I & I Removal Program	DPW - Sewer	44,7 (1)
16.	\$1,300,000	Water Main Replacement	DPW - Water	44,8 (5)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By unanimous vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6D – STATE AND/OR FEDERAL GRANTS**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize any boards, commissions, committees or departments listed in Article 6C to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that are, or may become available for these purposes under the provisions of the Town By-Laws where applicable, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To provide departments the ability to fund Capital Improvement projects that are necessary for the upkeep and replacement of the Town’s infrastructure and capital assets through various grant programs.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to authorize any boards, commissions, committees or departments listed in Article 6C to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that are, or may become available for these purposes under the provisions of the Town By-Laws where applicable, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 7 – SET EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR REVOLVING FUNDS**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following expenditure limits for the attached list of Revolving Funds as approved by Town By-Law under M.G.L. Chapter 44 § 53E ½ , or to take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Revolving Account</u>	<u>Spending Authority</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Allowed Expenses</u>	<u>Expenditure Limits</u>
E-Rate Fund	School Committee	E-Rate Funds	To be used to help schools improve and expand telecommunications and technology, including training for staff and students.	\$200,000
Fire Alarm Fund	Fire Department	Fire Alarm Fees	To be used to purchase, support and maintain all communication supplies and services related to the fire alarm service/operation.	\$50,000
WWII Memorial Pool Fees Fund	Park Commission	Swimming pool program fees	To be used to support the operating expenses and programs of the WWII Memorial Pool.	\$50,000
Gas Inspections Fund	Inspections	75% of Gas Inspection Fees	To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Gas Inspections.	\$50,000
Plumbing Inspections Fund	Inspections	75% of Plumbing Inspection Fees	To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Plumbing Inspections.	\$60,000
Electrical Inspections Fund	Inspections	75% of Electrical Inspection Fees	To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Electrical	\$120,000

			Inspections.	
Clinic Receipts Fund	Board of Health	Clinic related receipts from the provisions of public health services to citizens	To be used for payment of costs directly related to the performance of the clinic.	\$10,000

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Revolving Funds authorized under the Revolving Fund By-Law need to (each year) vote the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established under the Towns By-laws.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town will vote to authorize the following expenditure limits for the attached list of Revolving Funds as approved by Town By-Law under M.G.L. Chapter 44 § 53E ½ , or to take any other action relative thereto.**

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Gas Inspections Fund	Inspections	75% of Gas Inspection Fees	To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Gas Inspections.	\$50,000
Plumbing Inspections Fund	Inspections	75% of Plumbing Inspection Fees	To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Plumbing Inspections.	\$60,000
Electrical	Inspections	75% of Electrical	To be used to pay the	\$120,000

<b>Inspections Fund</b>		<b>Inspection Fees</b>	<b>inspectors performing these Electrical Inspections.</b>	
<b>Clinic Receipts Fund</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>Clinic related receipts from the provisions of public health services to citizens</b>	<b>To be used for payment of costs directly related to the performance of the clinic.</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 8 – OPEB TRUST FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following amounts into the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Trust Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

- \$253,908 from the General Fund to be funded through Taxation
- \$142,665 from the Water Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings
- \$157,810 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings
- \$44,291 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To transfer various amounts from the General Fund revenues and the Retained Earnings of the three Enterprise Accounts to cover their portion of this year’s schedule for deposit into the Other Post Employment Trust Fund. A fund was established to address the ongoing issue of the Town’s liability as a result of OPEB.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town Vote to appropriate the following amounts into the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Trust Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By unanimous vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 9 – 53<sup>rd</sup> WEEK PAY**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$56,000 to be accrued for Fiscal Year 2019 to pay the next 53<sup>rd</sup> pay week and to determine how said sum shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Town Accountant has proposed a 53<sup>rd</sup> week Salary Reserve account to be established to accrue funds needed to meet the obligations of the Town for Salary and Wage calculations in excess of the normal 52 week pay periods budgeted annually. The next projected 53<sup>rd</sup> week to occur in 2023.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate \$56,000 to be accrued for Fiscal Year 2019 to pay the next 53<sup>rd</sup> pay week. Said sum to be funded through taxation.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 10 – ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

To see if the town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which allows an additional real estate tax exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Passage of this article will return qualified property owners a tax exemption that compensates for the effects of inflation, since the exemptions were initially established.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0-1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which allows an additional real estate tax exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 11 – ACCEPT A GRANT OF MUNICIPAL BRIDGE EASEMENTS**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant of municipal bridge easements affecting the following lands, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Owner	Plat/Lot	Location	Easement Type	Sq. Ft.
Allen Bros, Inc.	4/16	35 Chestnut St	Permanent	144
Greenleaf Alan Trustees	4/102	75 Chestnut St	Permanent	144
XIT Realty LLC	4/32	84 Chestnut St.	Permanent	144
Darren and Brandy O’Brien	4/30	66 Chestnut St.	Permanent	136

for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00). Said easements are shown and described on that plan of land entitled “**Easement Plan for Bridge Rehabilitation Chestnut Street – North Attleboro, MA**” Prepared for BETA Group, Inc. Scale 1”=20 Feet, Lighthouse Land Surveyors dated August 29, 2017”

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Department of Public Works is finalizing design for a bridge replacement project for the Chestnut Street Bridge over the 10-Mile River. These easements are needed to allow for the widening of the bridge span and placement of the curved end-posts.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant of municipal bridge easements affecting the following lands, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**By a majority vote the RTM members approved a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 8:15 PM on June 4, 2018.**

