

**Select Board Town Meeting Recommendations  
Fall Annual Town Meeting October 19, 2010**

Several years ago, the Select Board provided Town Meeting with their thoughts on the articles to be presented at Town Meeting. However, that practice was not continued. At the last Town Meeting, the Select Board decided to re-instate this practice in conjunction with their policy leadership role for the Town.

Thus, the Select Board reviewed the Fall Annual Town Warrant and made the following recommendations.

<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
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<b>1</b>	<b>Outstanding Bills</b>
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*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 1.*

<b>2</b>	<b>Personnel By-Law</b>
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*After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 2.*

<b>3</b>	<b>Authorization for Appropriation—Waterways</b>
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*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 3.*

<b>4</b>	<b>Solar Energy Generating Facility Lease</b>
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The Select Board supports this Article which is in line with Dartmouth's commitment to Green Energy. Projects such as these fit with the approach we are taking in our community.

Any Contractual Agreement should be subject to review and approval by the Select Board prior to being executed.

*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 4.*

<b>5</b>	<b>Rescinding Borrowing Authorization</b>
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*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 5.*

This article was subsequently revised and unanimously supported to include the re-purposing of \$501,000 of previously borrowed but unexpended Water Enterprise Funds. The Select Board unanimously approved the revised article as it will save the Town from borrowing the funds long term in February, 2011 and retire a temporary bond.

**6 Amendment to Article 3—June 1, 2010 Community Preservation Act – MA Audubon Society Stone Barn Farm Restoration and Rehabilitation Project –786 Horseneck Rd.**

It was noted that this project was not being revisited, as Town Meeting voted to support it at the June Town Meeting. The Select Board voted to support this Article as it would be difficult for the project to proceed without such support. The changes noted are due to an administrative error.

*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 6.*

**7 Amendment to Article 3—June 1, 2010 Community Preservation Act – Town of Dartmouth Department of Parks and Recreation-Creation of Dartmouth Community Park—Dartmouth Street**

As was noted in Article 6, the same rationale was used with this vote. The changes noted are due to an administrative error.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 7.*

**8 Community Preservation Act—Russells Mills Library**

The Select board believes the Town needs to address the issues outlined in the CPC project application before the Town can move forward to sell or preserve this historical building. To stand by and do nothing would be irresponsible.

*After a motion was made by Selectperson Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 8.*

**9 Community Preservation Act—Dartmouth Community Park Phase II**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 9.*

**10                    Community Park Grant Authorization**

Money would not be expended by the Town of Dartmouth unless funds were awarded to the Town by a State Conservation grant. The State grant is structured as a reimbursable project.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 10.*

This article was subsequently amended and unanimously supported to better clarify that the amount spent would be limited by the sum of grant funds & CPA appropriations.

**11                    Zoning By-Laws—"For Sale" Signs and Real Estate  
Development Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 11.*

**12                    Zoning-By-Laws—Office Industrial Zoning District for Faunce  
Corner Road**

The Select Board did not feel prepared to offer detailed recommendations on this article due to lack of time reviewing the Article with the Planning Board prior to issue. It may offer recommendations on the floor of Town Meeting if it desires.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted (3) three in favor (Vice-Chairperson Watson, Selectman Michaud, Selectwoman Stone) and (2) two opposed (Chairman Trimble and Selectman McDonald) would issue a recommendation from the floor of Town Meeting.*

**13                    Acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39  
Section 23D-Adjudicatory Hearings**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 13.*

**14                    Acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B  
Section 9E—Town Contribution of More Than 50 Percent of  
Employee Health Insurance for Retirees**

*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 14.*

**15                    Special Petition to Legislature to Create a Trust Fund for  
Police Officer Medical Benefits**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 15.*

**16                    General By-Laws – Parking Regulations**

*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 16.*

This article was subsequently amended and unanimously supported to clarify that parking fines would apply to both residential & commercial neighborhoods and clarify the relationship between this article and the Dias Landing, formerly known as Gulf Road Landing By-Laws.

**17                    Handicapped Parking**

The Select Board voted to approve of the recommended increases in fees to support the initiatives of the Dartmouth Disability Action Committee. A detailed MOU is pending that will outline how these fees will be spent.

*After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 17.*

**18                    General By-Laws -- Black Friday**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to amend Article 18 to read the business entity submits an application along with a Safety Plan.*

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 18 as amended.*

**19                    Acceptance of Capital Improvement Planning Committee  
Report and Funding of FY2011 Capital Plan**

There was some discussion about re-purposing some unexpended funds for previously bonded capital projects in the General Fund and Water Fund. Vice-Chairperson Watson indicated that if such funds were available they should be used for CIP needs, such as roads.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted (3) three in favor (Vice-Chairperson Watson, Selectwoman Stone, Selectman McDonald and (2) opposed (Selectman Michaud, Chairman Trimble) to recommend Article 19.*

This article was subsequently amended & supported by a 4-1 vote (Opposed Chairman Trimble). The amended version deletes the Dozer from the DPW category and adds De-icing Equipment & increases Road Maintenance (\$40,000) in the DPW category. Finally this article repurposes over \$80,000 of General Fund bond funds in the DPW category.

**20                    Borrowing – Quinn School Roof Replacement**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 20.*

**21                    Collective Bargaining and Non-Union COLA for FY2011**

Selectman Michaud did not vote in favor of this article because he believes that the Town cannot afford to do so during this fiscally uncertain time. He believes the Town should not obligate itself to give pay increases when the private sector is not giving out increases.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted (4) four in favor (Vice-Chairperson Watson, Selectman McDonald, Selectwoman Stone, Chairman Trimble) and (1) one opposed (Selectman Michaud) to recommend Article 21.*

**22                    Appropriation to the Stabilization Fund**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to recommend Article 22.*

**23                    Post Employment Health Insurance Liability Fund**

The Select Board unanimously supported adding this article which accepts M.G. L. c. 32B, s. 20 and allows the creation of an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to fund future OPEB costs plus initiate an appropriation of \$50,000 in to the new trust fund from Other Surplus Revenue.