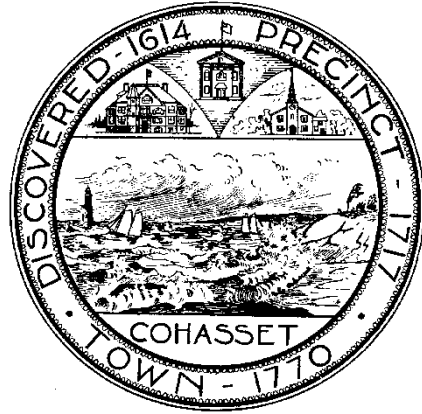


TOWN OF COHASSET

WARRANT



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

**COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL
SULLIVAN GYMNASIUM
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS**

TOWN OF COHASSET

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss

To the Constables of the Town of Cohasset, in the County of Norfolk.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

**MONDAY, THE FOURTH OF DECEMBER, 2017
AT 7:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend, modify, increase or decrease, or otherwise, to balance the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget as voted in Article 4 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, including proposed revised appropriations and any additional sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds or otherwise, for the payment of the salaries and compensation, expenses, equipment, and outlays, capital and otherwise, of the several Town departments, for the current fiscal year, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests supplemental and/or reduced appropriations for the Fiscal 2018 operating budget due to additional or reduced revenue received from the State and other sources after the budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting as follows:

General Fund

Action	Amount	From	To
Line Item Transfer	\$5,875.00	SSVoTech	Debt Service
Line Item Transfer	\$11,167.00	SSVoTech	Medicare Taxes
Supplemental Appropriation	\$17,367.00	Free Cash	Medicare Taxes
Supplemental Appropriation	\$59,000.00	Free Cash	Police Department

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

Article 2: UNPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum or sums of money, to be expended by the Town Manager, to pay for unpaid bills of the Town, the Water Commission and/or Sewer Commission from previous fiscal years, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article will allow for the payment of properly authorized bills incurred by the Town in a previous fiscal year, which for various reasons, were not paid during that fiscal year as follows:

Department	Vendor	Amount	Description
None	At	This	Time

Board of Selectmen: (Recommend indefinite postponement)

Advisory Committee: (Recommend indefinite postponement)

Article 3: STABILIZATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to be deposited into the General Stabilization Fund, the Capital Stabilization Fund, Special Education Stabilization Fund and the OPEB Trust Fund, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would appropriate the following sums into the following accounts:

Amount	Source of Funds	Deposited into
\$125,000	Free Cash	General Stabilization Fund
\$250,000	Free Cash	Capital Stabilization Fund
\$25,000	Free Cash	Special Education Stabilization Fund
\$250,000	Free Cash	OPEB Trust Account

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

School Committee (Special Ed Stabilization Fund): Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

Article 4: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ONE-TIME COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money for funding one-time expenditures and projects, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN MANAGER

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would provide funding for the following:

Amount	Source of Funds	Purpose
\$6,700	Free Cash	Additional Voting Machine, Town Clerk
\$8,215	Free Cash	Thermal Imaging Camera/Fire
\$20,000	Free Cash	Facilities Projects
\$50,000	Free Cash	Consulting for Cunningham Bridge Project
\$100,000	Free Cash	Road Improvement Projects

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0
Capital Budget Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 5: MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 71, SECTION 71F

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 71F, concerning monies received by the School Committee as tuition payments for nonresident students and as state reimbursements for students in foster care or to take any other action related thereto.

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article adopts MGL Chapter 71, Section 71F which will allow the School Committee to establish a revolving account to accept tuition payments for nonresident students and state reimbursements for students who are foster care children. Any such monies paid to the Town, will be held in a separate revolving account with the treasurer of the Town and may be expended by the School Committee without further appropriation for expenses incurred in providing education for such nonresident or foster care children attending Cohasset schools.

Board of Selectmen for the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0
School Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0

ARTICLE 6: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to fund various capital improvements, capital projects and/or capital equipment for the various departments, boards, commissions and agencies of the Town, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article proposes funding for the following projects:

Amount	Purpose	Department	Source
\$100,000	Cunningham Bridge	DPW	Capital Reserve
\$50,000	Electronic Document Management Consulting	IT	Capital Reserve
\$225,000	Updating Water Department SCADA Systems	Water	Water Retained Earnings
\$155,000	Replace: Settler Tubes; Drain Valve Operator Filter #2; Raw Water Pump #2. Rebuild High Lift Pump Motor #5	Water	Water Retained Earnings

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Water Commission: (SCADA and Special Projects only) Recommend Approval 3-0
Capital Budget Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 7: COHASSET TOWN HALL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute and/or transfer from available funds, a sum or sums of money, to be expended for the creation of detailed engineered design and construction plans and the conducting of a bidding process for the reconstruction and addition to Town Hall, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would fund the creation of detailed plans and specifications and the bidding process for the Town Hall project, in the amount of \$1,050,000. Additional materials on this project may be found on the Town website at www.cohassetma.org.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Capital Budget Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 8: AUTHORIZATION OF BORROWING FOR ROAD BETTERMENT PROJECTS FOR PRIVATE WAYS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money, to be expended by the Town Manager with approval by the Board of Selectmen, to fund improvements to private ways, including but not limited to paving, grading, sloping and drainage; or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize borrowing for improvements to private road that would be required to be repaid by the property owners benefitting from the road improvements through betterments assessed and approved by the Board of Selectmen. The proposed borrowing authority is \$500,000.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

Article 9: APPLICATION OF BOND PREMIUM

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following capital project borrowing authorization votes of the Town:

- 2011 ATM Article 15
- 2013 ATM Article 7
- 2014 STM Article 11
- 2016 ATM Articles 10 and 15
- 2017 ATM Article 8

such amendment to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less the costs of preparing, issuing, and marketing such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay the costs of each project financed by such bonds or notes and that the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN MANAGER

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article is to supplement prior borrowing votes to permit the application of sale premium to pay project costs.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

Article 10: GRANT OF EASEMENTS FOR A SOLAR ARRAY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant perpetual and/or temporary easements for the benefit of the Town of Cohasset over and otherwise to dispose of a portion of or interest in the Town-owned property located at 81 Cedar Street for the purposes of providing electricity and telecommunications to and from such Town-owned property; or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant easements for utility poles to connect the Solar Array project on the Town’s closed landfill to the power grid.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 11: DRAINAGE AND ACCESS EASEMENT TO SANDY COVE OFF ATLANTIC AVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and gift perpetual easements and lesser interests over and under portions of the properties located off Atlantic Avenue in Cohasset and listed below for drainage purposes, including but not limited to for the installation, maintenance, repair, removal and operation of drains and outfalls together with rights of entry and access; to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, a sum or sums of money for any of such purposes; or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements for drainage purposes for the area around Treats Pond off Atlantic Avenue.

ADDRESS	PARCEL ID	SUPPOSED OWNER	LCC No
123 Atlantic Avenue	F4-29-018	123 Atlantic Ave Realty Trust 123 Atlantic Ave Cohasset, MA 02025	191803
111 Atlantic Avenue	F4-29-013	Ralph S. Dormitzer Jacqueline M. Dormitzer 111 Atlantic Ave Cohasset, MA 02025	162856
99 Atlantic Avenue	F4-29-004	15845 Westerly Terrace Jupiter, FL 33477	173967
95 Atlantic Avenue	F4-29-003	R. Michael Sceery Helene R. Sceery 95 Atlantic Avenue Cohasset, MA 02025	148977
91 Atlantic Avenue	F4-29-001	Dewey, Et. Al. 50 Craft Island Road Chestnut Hill, MA 02467	134309

89 Atlantic Avenue	F4-31-021E	Anne W. Manchester & Eli Manchester, Jr. Robert J. & Judith Ann Murray David P. & Katherine M. Greaney William W. Park 89 Atlantic Avenue Cohasset, MA 02025	181913
87 Atlantic Avenue	F4-31-021A	David P. & Katherine M. Greaney 87 Atlantic Avenue Cohasset, MA 02066	177505
85 Atlantic Avenue	F4-31-021C	William W. Park 85 Atlantic Avenue Cohasset, MA 02025	181912

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 12: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on recommendations by the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2018 pursuant to Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act: to implement such recommendations by appropriating and/or reserving a sum or sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to such Act for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to amend any votes previously adopted by Town Meeting on prior recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee; to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain such real property interests in the name of or enforceable by the Town, or to authorize the conveyance of such real property interests, enforceable by third parties, as may be required by the Community Preservation Act, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, including real property interests in the form of permanent affordable housing restrictions, historical preservation restrictions and conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing; or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Under the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee is required to make recommendations to the Town Meeting as to how the Community Preservation funds raised through local taxation and state matching funds are to be spent. The Community Preservation Committee is recommending the following project be approved: the repair of the Sandy Beach bathhouse in an amount up to \$250,000.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

CPC: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof, attested by you in writing, at the Post Office of the Town of Cohasset and in not less than five (5) other public places in the Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time appointed for in the meeting called for in this Warrant.

Whereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, indicating your method of service, and posting thereon, to the Clerk of the Town of Cohasset, on or before the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, in the year two thousand and seventeen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Paul Schubert, Chairman

Jack Keniley, Vice Chairman

Diane Kennedy

Steve Gaumer

Kevin McCarthy

NORFOLK, ss

By virtue of the above Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes therein mentioned.

ATTEST:

Maria A. Plante, Constable of Cohasset