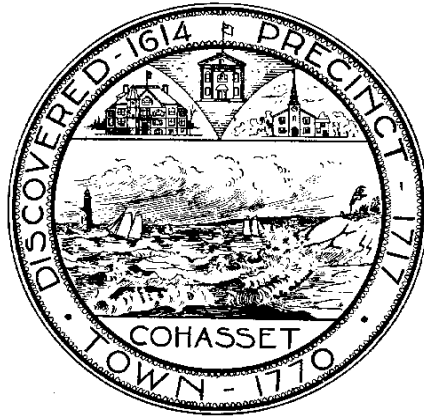


TOWN OF COHASSET

WARRANT



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

**SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS
130 SOHIER STREET**

**OFFICE OF THE TOWN
MANAGER COHASSET
TOWN HALL**
41 HIGHLAND AVENUE
COHASSET, MA 02025



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To: Citizens of Cohasset
From: Christopher Senior, Town Manager
Date: May 27, 2020

Since the very first Town Meeting on May 7, 1770 after the formal separation from Hingham was approved by the Commonwealth, Cohasset citizens have been gathering in the spring to pass a budget, enact bylaws and policies, and set the general direction for the community. On June 16, 2020 this annual tradition will again take place, adapted to accommodate public health and safety as a result of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Annual Town Meeting will be conducted in a style similar to a “drive-in movie” in the parking lot of the South Shore Music Circus at 130 Sohier Street, starting at 6:00pm. Residents will remain in their cars (except to move to a microphone to speak), with large display screens showing speakers and presentations, and sound provided through an FM radio channel and on-site speakers. Attendees will need to wear masks while checking in (while in their cars) and then if they are outside their cars. More information on how to participate will be provided to those who attend, as well as on the Town website (www.cohassetma.org), 143TV, and on the Town’s Facebook pages.

This year’s Warrant, which represents the agenda for the meeting, includes articles ranging from adoption of the annual Operating Budget (Article 4) and the annual Capital Plan (Article 8), to updates to the Town’s floodplain map (Article 22) and new tax exemptions for qualifying veterans and their spouses (Articles 14 and 15). There is an article approving the next step in the proposed Community Choice Electrical Aggregation Program (Article 17) and to transfer a parcel of land to the Cohasset Affordable Housing Trust for the development of affordable housing (Article 23). There are also many routine articles which appear annually involving revolving funds for recreation and other departments (Articles 9 and 10), accepting the annual Town report (Article 1), and renewing already existing veteran’s tax exemptions (Article 13).

In order to assist residents as they prepare for Town Meeting, information on the Articles contained in this warrant may be found on the Cohasset website, www.cohassetma.org, by clicking on the link labeled Annual Town Meeting. The annual Cohasset Budget Book, which contains both a summary of the spending plan as well as more detailed information on the Town’s operating budgets, its proposed capital budget, and its debt, may also be found in that section. In addition, Cohasset143TV will be hosting pre-meeting update shows on the 2020 Warrant. Please visit 143TV for broadcast times.

The preparation of this Warrant in the middle of a public health crisis was only made possible by the collaborative efforts of board and committee members, staff, and citizens. Maintaining the Town’s steady course through these challenging times now requires the community to come together once again, adapt to the novel process of this year’s meeting, and keep Cohasset moving forward.

See you at the Music Circus.

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**TOWN OF
COHASSET**

**WARRANT FOR 2020
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 16th FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS
JUNE 27th FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**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 South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA.

**TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH OF JUNE 2020
AT 6:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Annual Town Report

To act upon the reports of the various Town Officers as printed in the Annual Town Report for 2019, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article asks the Town Meeting to accept the reports of the Town Officers printed in the Annual Town Report for Calendar Year 2019. Copies of the Town Report are available in the Town Clerk’s Office, the Office of the Board of Selectmen, and on the Town’s website.

Article 2: Reports of Committees

To hear the reports of any Committee heretofore chosen and act thereon, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article provides an opportunity for Boards and Committees to present a report directly to the Annual Town Meeting. As of the printing of this Warrant, the Board of Selectmen has not requested any specific reports. Any recommended reports will take place at the Annual Town Meeting. No reports are planned for this meeting.

Article 3: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Acceptance

To see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019 and which provides as follows:

“Section 53F³/₄. Notwithstanding section 53 or any other general or special law to the contrary, a municipality that accepts this section may establish in the treasury a separate revenue account to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which may be deposited funds received in connection with a franchise agreement between a cable operator and the municipality. Monies in the fund shall only be appropriated for cable-related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement, including, but not limited to : (i) support of public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with the franchise agreement; or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license.” or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Changes to State law require the Town to formally establish a special revenue fund in order to transfer fees collected from cable providers to Cohasset143 TV so they can operate the Town’s cable TV channels.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0

Article 4: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries and compensation of Elected Officers, and to see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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, including the enterprise funds for the Water Department and Sewer Department, for the ensuing fiscal year, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests Town Meeting to accept the Town Manager’s Proposed Fiscal 2021 Operating Budget as set forth in APPENDIX A in this warrant booklet.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-1

School Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 4-0-1

Article 5: Unpaid Bills from Previous 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 is required in case funding from available funds is needed to pay for bills incurred by the Town from previous fiscal years that for one reason or another were not paid during the particular fiscal year in which the bill was received. There are no unpaid bills reported at this time.

Board of Selectmen: If no bills, Indefinite Postponement will be recommended.

Advisory Committee: If no bills, Indefinite Postponement will be recommended.

Article 6: Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2020

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 by the Town Manager, needed by various departmental budgets and appropriations to complete the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 or to decrease or otherwise adjust any budget line item as appropriated by the Town at the April 29, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, or the November 4, 2019 Special Town Meeting, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests additional funding for various departmental budgets that are experiencing a shortfall for Fiscal 2020.

Action	Amount	From	To
Supplemental Appropriation: Transfer PEG Access Funds to Cohasset 143TV	\$203,126.75	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund	Cohasset 143TV
Supplemental Appropriation: Sewer Department	\$170,000	Sewer Retained Earnings	Sewer Department

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

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

Article 7: Stabilization and other Special 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 Capital Stabilization Fund, the OPEB Trust Fund, the General Stabilization Fund, the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund, or the Water Capital Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article proposes that Town Meeting appropriate funds available from general revenue and other available revenue, and place them into the following funds:

Amount	Source of Funds	Fund
\$1,996,060	General Revenue	Capital Stabilization
\$165,000	Free Cash	OPEB Trust Fund
\$62,000	Sewer Revenue	Sewer Capital Stabilization

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

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

Article 8: Capital Improvements Budget

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 a variety of capital projects and equipment for the Town Departments as described below:

A. ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Fund	Purpose	Amount	CBC Recommendations
Water	Expand Residuals Area at Lily Pond WTP	\$300,000	For Approval 4-0
Water	Replace water main- Elm Street	\$450,000	For Approval 4-0
Water	GAC Filtration at WTP	\$300,000	For Approval 4-0
Sewer	Sludge Thickener	\$50,000	For Approval 4-0
Sewer	(3) Flow Master Meters Convergence Manhole	\$60,000	For Approval 4-0
Sewer	SCADA	\$75,000	For Approval 4-0
Sewer	Pump Station Rehab	\$15,000	For Approval 4-0
Sewer	Wastewater Treatment Upgrades	\$400,000	Recommendation at ATM

B. GENERAL FUND

Department	Purpose	Amount	CBC Recommendations
DPW	4 Wheel drive loaders- CAT 1985 950B	\$250,000	For Approval 4-0
DPW	Replace 2008-#6 Truck Ford F550 Dump	\$105,000	For Approval 4-0
DPW	Heavy Haul Tractor Lease	\$42,000	For Approval 4-0
Police	Police Cars (2)	\$ 99,400	For Approval 4-0
Police	Mobile Radios	\$ 6,300	For Approval 4-0
Fire	Ambulance(A-1/2008 Ford/Osage)Replacement	\$244,220	For Approval 4-0
Fire	Powered Ambulance Cot and Power Load System	\$60,571.02	For Approval 4-0
Facilities	Generator	\$38,000	For Approval 4-0
Schools	Bus Lease	\$90,000	For Approval 4-0
Schools	Repair Windows (DH)	\$40,480	For Approval 4-0
Schools	Repair/Replace Courtyard Doors	\$20,000	For Approval 4-0
Schools	Retile all Corridors (DH)	\$71,400	For Approval 4-0
Schools	Split AC Band Rooms	\$30,000	For Approval 4-0
Public Works	Seawalls along the Border Street Veteran's Memorial, Margin Street and Howard Gleason Road	\$72,000	For Approval 4-0
Public Works	South Main St. Culvert	\$45,000	For Approval 4-0
Public Works	Annual Road Repaving	\$300,000	For Approval 4-0

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 9-0 on all projects except Facilities Generator which was to Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-2

Capital Budget Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 4-0

Water Commission (on Water Items): Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0

Sewer Commission (on Sewer Items): Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0

Article 9: Departmental Revolving Funds - Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Cohasset Bylaws, Chapter 8 “Departmental Revolving Funds” by amending Section 8-5 to include the following three additional funds:

Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Fiscal Years
Library Patron Printing	Library Director	Patron Printing and copying fees	Supplies, maintenance, and related expenses	FY 2021 and subsequent fiscal years
Road Moratorium Fees	DPW Director	Road opening fees and fines	Roadway and related infrastructure expenses	FY 2021 and subsequent fiscal years
Cohasset Tree Bank	DPW Director	Tree Mitigation Fees	Tree planting, maintenance and related expenses	FY 2021 and subsequent fiscal years

or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN MANAGER

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article will add three new revolving funds to those already in existence.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0

Article 10: Departmental Revolving Funds-Annual Spending Limits

To set the spending limits the Town will establish for revolving accounts established pursuant to Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Section 10 of Article VI of the Town of Cohasset General Bylaws the Town will set for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN MANAGER

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article will establish annual spending limits for the Town’s revolving funds as noted in the table below;

Revolving Fund	Spending Authority
Library Patron Printing	Library Director, up to \$10,000
Road Moratorium Fees	DPW Director, up to \$25,000
Cohasset Tree Bank	DPW Director, up to \$5,000
Conservation & Stormwater	Town Manager, up to \$100,000
Food Permits	Director of Public Health, with Town Manager Approval, up to \$50,000
Elder Affairs Programs	Director of Elder Affairs, with Town Manager Approval, up to \$100,000
Recreation Programs	Director of Recreation, with Town Manager Approval, up to \$950,000

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0

Article 11: Allocation of Funds for One Time Cost

To see it 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 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	Department
\$100,000	Free Cash	Maintenance & Equipment Upgrades	Facilities
\$75,000	Free Cash	Supplies & Equipment	Town Manager
\$50,000	Free Cash	Consulting Services	Town Manager
\$10,000	Waterways Fund	Dock & other Waterways Repairs	Harbor Master
\$75,000	Free Cash	Elementary Math Curriculum	Schools

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-1

Article 12: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by the MGL Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the improvement, development maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, great ponds, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores, and shores along a public beach in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91 and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver bond on indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This is an annual article and is a prerequisite for state funds for performing work in Cohasset Harbor and along the shoreline.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0

Article 13: Additional Real Estate Exemptions-Annual Renewal

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 to grant an additional real estate tax exemption of not more than one hundred percent (100%). Such additional exemption may be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under clauses 17, 17C ½, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, 41C, 42 and 43 of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws and also, to see if the Town will vote to accept the amendment of Clause 41C in accordance with Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002, to subsequently grant an additional real estate tax exemption of not more than one hundred percent (100%). Such additional exemption may be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemption under Clause 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the BOARD OF ASSESSOR

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Annual article from the Board of Assessors. Part 1 acceptance of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 doubles the exemption for qualified elderly, veterans and legally blind taxpayers. For example, a veteran with at least a 10% service-related disability would receive a \$400 real estate tax exemption. If this article is adopted, that veteran would receive an \$800 exemption. Part 2 acceptance of the amendment of Clause 41C, Elderly with low income, doubles the exemption for qualified elderly taxpayers. For example, a qualified elderly taxpayer would receive a \$500 exemption which would double to \$1,000 under Part 1 above and double to \$2,000 under Part 2. This was adopted to benefit seniors on fixed incomes who have been taxpayers in Cohasset for many years and are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their taxes.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 6-0-1

Article 14: Veteran’s Tax Benefits and Exemptions

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018, An Act Relative to Veteran’s Benefits, Rights, Appreciation Validation and Enforcement, known, as the BRAVE Act as it relates to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause Twenty-second G, Twenty-second H, the text of which are below, in order to allow additional Veteran’s benefits in accordance with Clause 22 exemption commencing in Fiscal Year 2021, or to take any other action related thereto:

Board of Selectmen for BOARD OF ASSESSORS

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This local option allows municipalities to allow a Clause 22 exemption to property owned in a trust for the benefit of the Veteran. Changes eligibility requirement from 5 years in state residency to 2 years. Allows option to increase Veteran’s exemption up to the cost of living adjustment annually. Allows Prisoners of War to qualify for the Clause 22 Exemption with documentation for the Veteran’s Administration. Extends the Gold Star spouse exemption to parents and legal guardians. The exemption to is the same as 22D, for the parents of the Veteran. This local option provision will enable the Board of Assessors to grant exemptions to qualified applicants effective upon acceptance.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 9-0

Board of Assessors: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 2-0

Article 15: Former Prisoners of War or Spouses Tax Exemption.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the seventh paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 60A of the Massachusetts General Laws to grant a motor vehicle excise tax exemption commencing in Fiscal Year 2021 for former Prisoners of War or their surviving spouse, the text of which statute is below, or to take any other action related thereto:

Board of Selectmen for BOARD OF ASSESSORS

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This local option will enable former Prisoners of War or their surviving spouses to receive an exemption from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. This local option provision will enable the Board of Assessors to exempt motor vehicle excise tax for qualified applicants commencing in the Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 9-0

Board of Assessors: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 2-0

Article 16: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on recommendations by the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2020 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 (i) the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee; (ii) the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; (iii) the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; (iv) the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; (v) the acquisition and preservation of historic resources; (vi) the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and (vii) the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing acquired or created under such Act; 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, 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 the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Under the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee is required each year to make recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting as to how the Community Preservation funds raised through local taxation and state matching funds are to be spent. A recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting is required even if the Committee recommends that money be reserved rather than spent. The CPC is recommending the following projects be approved:

Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Amount
CPC Revenue	Open Space/Recreation Sub-Account	\$58,400
CPC Revenue	Historical Sub-Account	\$58,400
CPC Revenue	Affordable Housing Sub-Account	\$58,400
CPC Revenue	Administrative Sub-Account	\$29,200
Source of Funds	Projects	Amount
Historical Preservation	Paul Pratt Memorial Library	\$3,000
Open Space & Recreation	Aaron River Reservoir/Trail Improvements	\$11,000
Community Housing	Affordable Housing Trust	\$200,000
Historical Preservation	Town Hall Renovation/Restoration	\$200,000
Open Space & Recreation	Schools/Fencing to meet MA Disability Requirements	\$13,000
CPC Revenue-Unallocated	Bond Payment-King Street Land	\$21,884
Extension of Funds June 30,2021	Use of Funds	Amount
Historical Society	Work on Maritime Museum	\$8,400
Trettis House	Supplemental Funding	\$200,000
Trettis House	Handicapped Housing	\$100,000
Cohasset Youth Baseball	Dugouts & Bleachers	\$6,137.15
Milliken Field	Bathrooms/Storage	\$136,786
Sandy Beach Association	Bathhouse	\$3,479.67

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-1

CPC: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 8-0

Article 17: Implementation of the Cohasset Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan

To see if the town will vote to take further action to implement the action voted by the Town pursuant to Article 16 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting (by which vote the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, were authorized to exercise the authority granted under M.G.L. c. 164, s. 134 “Load Aggregation Programs” to initiate a process for the aggregation of the Town’s total electric power load, municipal and private, commercial and residential, and as a consequence thereof to allow for the entering into a contract or contracts, alone as a Town or in concert with a group of other municipalities, for the aggregated purchase of electric utility service and related services on behalf of the Town and on behalf of all private commercial and residential ratepayers in the Town subject to further action by town meeting to approve a specific aggregation plan) by taking the following additional actions:

1. to approve and adopt the Cohasset Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan on file with office of the Town Clerk and the Board of Selectmen and available on the Town Manager's web page,

2. to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement such Cohasset Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan, subject to the Board deciding, upon review and evaluation of the competitive proposals received from energy suppliers, that the best proposal will be beneficial for the residents and businesses of Cohasset, and further subject to any applicable statutory processes and procedures for electrical aggregation being implemented as are set forth in said c.164, s.134 that includes but not limited to the certification of the state Department of Energy Resources as set forth in said c. 164, s. 134, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: At Annual Town Meeting on April 29, 2019 Article 16 for Electrical Billing Aggregation to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek out and negotiate electric services for Cohasset municipal facilities, residences and businesses at discounted rates. The objective is not simply to save residents money on their electricity bills, but also to offer inexpensive options for the purchase of renewable energy. All residents will have the opportunity to participate and benefit but may opt out if they so desire. Details of the plan are available in the Town Hall and on the Town Manager's web page.

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

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

Alternative Energy Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 6-0

Article 18: Change the Name of the Cohasset Board of Health to the Cohasset Board of Public Health

To see if the Town will vote upon Petition of the Board of Selectmen acting pursuant to Section 6(i) of the Acts of 1997 as amended by Charter 421 of the Acts of 1998, Chapter 330 of the Acts of 2000 and Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2014, or any other applicable authority, to adopt the following General Bylaw amendment regarding the Town's Board of Health: To amend Section 30-26 Board of Health of Article II Election Town Officers of the Cohasset General Bylaws as follows:

- a. Replace all references to "Board of Health" in Section 30-26 with "Cohasset Board of Public Health"
- b. Amend subsection C of Section 30.26 by deleting the existing text and replacing same with the following "C. The Cohasset Board of Public Health shall have such duties and responsibilities as are prescribed for a "Board of Health" by Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth or any other applicable general law, and by regulations promulgated thereunder"
- c. Insert a new subsection "G" to Section 30-26 at the end of the existing section, providing as follows: "G. The functions and mission of the Cohasset Board of Public Health is hereby prescribed to include, in addition to the duties and responsibilities described in subsection C above, the additional duties and responsibilities of keeping the community safe and healthy through the provision of public health programs consistent with the principles of public health and to

coordinate and assist programs of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in furtherance of the public health of the community.”

- d. Replace all other references to the “Board of Health” in the Cohasset General Bylaws and Cohasset Zoning Bylaws with “Cohasset Board of Public Health”

or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the COHASSET BOARD OF HEALTH

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: To change the name of the Cohasset Board of Health to the Cohasset Board of Public Health reflecting the mission of the Board: to keep the community safe and healthy by providing programs consistent with the principles of public health.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 9-0

Board of Health: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0

Article 19: Home Rule Petition to Change the Name of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen to Cohasset Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cohasset Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation for the Town of Cohasset to amend the Cohasset Town Manager Act (Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1997 as amended by Chapter 421 of the Acts of 1998, Chapter 330 of the Acts of 2000 and Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2014) as set forth below, provided however, that the General Court is authorized, with the approval of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen, to make constructive changes in language as may be necessary or advisable towards perfecting the intent of this petitioned legislation in order to secure passage, as follows, and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the amendment of the Town’s local bylaws and regulations in accordance with the petitioned for Act, or to take any other action related thereto:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COHASSET TOWN MANAGER ACT TO CHANGE THE COHASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO “COHASSET SELECT BOARD”

Section 1. The words “Board of Selectmen” whenever appearing in the Cohasset Town Manager Act (Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1997 as amended by Chapter 421 of the Acts of 1998, Chapter 330 of the Acts of 2000 and Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2014, hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), except for the reference in Section 3 of the Act, fourth sentence, to “boards of selectmen”, are hereby deleted and those deleted words are to be replaced throughout the Act with the words “Select Board”;

Section 2. As a result of the amendment described in Section 1, the fourth sentence of Section 3 of the Act shall read “The executive powers of the town shall be vested in the Select Board, who shall have all the powers given to boards of selectmen by the General laws”.

Section 3. The word “selectman” whenever appearing in said Act, is hereby deleted, and that word is to

be replaced throughout the Act with the words “Select Board member”.

Section 4. The word “selectmen”, whenever appearing in said Act, is hereby deleted, and that word is to be replaced throughout the Act with the words “Select Board members”.

Section 5. With the consent of the Town having already been voted at the Town’s 2020 Annual Town Meeting, the use of the words “Board of Selectmen,” “Selectman” and “Selectmen” contained in the General Bylaws or the Town, the Zoning Bylaws of the Town, and all regulations issued by the Town, are hereby comprehensively hereby amended consistent with the provisions of the foregoing sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 above without the necessity of further local action.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon passage.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article will update the name of the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board, better reflecting both the duties and composition of the Board. At least 99 Massachusetts towns have already made a similar change.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-1-1

Article 20: Rescission of Unused Borrowing Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to rescind unused borrowing authorizations previously voted by the Town, or take any other action related there to.

Date of Authorization	TM Article	Project	Balance to Rescind
4/22/2013	Article #7	DPW Dump Truck F550 Dump Truck/Sander, Backhoe Loader & Facility	\$9,000
5/2/2016	Article #10	Maintenance Vehicle	\$1,000
5/2/2016	Article #15	Bear Hill Water Tank Painting & Repairs	\$165,000

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article will rescind unused bond authorizations.

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

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

Article 21: Acquisition of Easement at 2 Smith Place for Culvert to Transmit Waters of James Brook

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement located upon the real property known as and numbered 2 Smith Place as shown on a plan on file with the office of the Cohasset Town Clerk and available on the Town’s website entitled “Easement Relocation Plan 2 Smith Place (Assessors Parcels E5-39-65) Cohasset, Massachusetts” prepared by Morse Engineering Co., Inc. dated 2/11/19 (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”) and identified on the Plan as “Proposed Relocated James Brook Culvert Easement (25ft wide)” (hereinafter referred to as “new easement”), to be acquired for the municipal public purposes of operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, removing, constructing, and using an underground culvert to transmit and convey the waters of James Brook; and further, upon acquisition of the new easement heretofore described, then to authorize the Board of Selectmen upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the public interest, to abandon an easement currently held by the Town and located on the real property known as and numbered 2 Smith Place (Assessors Parcel E5-39-65) (hereinafter “old easement”), upon a finding that such old easement is no longer required for public purposes for the reason that the Town’s James Brook Culvert is not located within said old easement but instead is located within the new easement to be acquired by the authority by the authority granted by this Article; the old easement to be abandoned is identified on said Plan as “Easement 20’ Wide Easement James Brook”; or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: The easement for James Brook, which runs across the property known as 2 Smith Place, does not match the actual location of the Brook. The relocation of the easement to the actual location of the Brook will not change the current rights of the Town.

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

Article 22: Zoning Bylaw Amendment for Flood plain and Watershed Protection District: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Cohasset Zoning Bylaws to update the Flood Insurance Rate Map panel dates and suffixes, as well as update the date of the Flood Insurance Study, in the Location section of the Floodplain and Watershed Protection District bylaw for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program as follows:

“§ 300-9.2 Location.

The Floodplain and Watershed Protection District is herein established as an overlay district. The district includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Cohasset designated as Zone A, AE, AO, or VE on the Norfolk County Flood Insurance Rate Map (such map, hereinafter the "FIRM") issued by the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Norfolk County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Cohasset are panel numbers ~~25021C0113E, 25021C0114E, 25021C0118E, 25021C0251E, 25021C0252E, 25021C0254E, 25021C0256E, and 25021C0258E~~ dated July 17, 2012. **25021C0113E and 250121C0118E, dated July 17, 2012, and 25021C0114F, 25021C0251F, 25021C0252F, 25021C0254F, 25021C0256F, 25021C0258F** dated June 19, 2020. The exact boundaries of the district may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Norfolk County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated ~~July 17, 2012~~ **June 19, 2020**. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Inspector, and Board of Selectmen and on the Town’s website.”

Or to take any other action related thereto.

(old language in ~~strickthrough~~, new language in **bold**)

Board of Selectmen for the PLANNING BOARD

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This update is required for Cohasset to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program. Failure to adopt is an automatic removal from the program.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote to 9-0

Planning Board: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0

Article 23: Transfer 808 Jerusalem Road to the Affordable Housing Trust

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Custodian and the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Tax Custodian and the Board of Selectmen to the Cohasset Affordable Housing Trust Fund, for affordable housing purposes, the care, custody, management and control of all of the property identified on the on the Town’s website under Cohasset Assessors Map as A2, Page 02, Plot 02, Plot 030, 808 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA; or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article will transfer a parcel of land acquired for non-payment of taxes to the Cohasset Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of creating affordable housing on the parcel.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 9-0

Article 24: Reciprocal Easements for 124 Elm Street

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements for any or all of the following purposes upon terms that are mutually agreed between the Board of Selectmen and the property owner of record of 124 Elm Street Cohasset MA: vehicular access, pedestrian access or passage, parking, drainage, utilities, or maintenance, in a portion of the property located at 124 Elm Street and 2 Border Street, Cohasset MA, the exact locations of which are not yet determined but possible locations are illustrated on the plan entitled “Easement Sketch 124 Elm Street and 2 Border Street, prepared by Cavanaro Consulting, dated May 8, 2020” and any revisions thereof, available for inspection on the Town’s website; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant easements to the property owner of record of 124 Elm Street Cohasset MA for the purposes of construction, vehicular access, pedestrian access or passage, parking, drainage, utilities, or maintenance, in a portion of the property located at 124 Elm Street and 2 Border Street, Cohasset MA, the exact locations of which are not yet determined but possible locations are illustrated on the plan entitled “Easement Sketch 124 Elm Street and 2 Border Street, prepared by Cavanaro Consulting, dated May 8, 2020” and any revisions thereof, available for inspection on the Town’s website subject however, to the following conditions:

- (1) This authorization to the Board of Selectmen is conditioned on the requirement that the seventeen (17) public parking spaces which currently exist on the above properties shall at all times remain in close proximity to the Memorial Park and shall remain open to the public as they are currently and not be decreased in number.
- (2) The exact location of any easements pertaining to the properties located at 124 Elm Street and 2 Border Street Cohasset, MA shall not be executed or recorded by the Board of Selectmen, until a recordable plan of said easements exact locations is approved by the Cohasset Planning Board in connection with, and conditioned upon, the review and approval by the Planning Board of a Special Permit for a development plan or of any project to be submitted to the Planning Board by the property owner of record for 124 Elm Street. Or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the PLANNING BOARD

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: The intent of this Article is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to have the ability to negotiate reciprocal easements at the site of 124 Elm Street at a future date pursuant to a Planning Board Special Permit approval. This article does not seek to establish any new easements in and of itself, but rather to provide the ability for the Board of Selectmen to act on this matter in the future once the Planning Board permitting process concludes.

- Board of Selectmen:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0
- Advisory Committee:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 6-0-2
- Planning Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

Article 25: Lease of Town Property for Siting of Solar Power Electric Generation Facility

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to: (i) lease certain roofs of Town-owned buildings and other portions of the building real estate for up to and including twenty (20) years for the development and operation of a solar (PV) power electric generation facility for purposes of reducing the Town’s energy costs to the maximum extent feasible, by means of the provision of electrical energy via a net metering agreement or to supply electrical load on the site directly, together with (ii) permission to grant a non-exclusive easement for the reasonable access for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining the solar energy array, and (iii) permission to grant an easement for the duration of the solar energy array lease to National Grid or a third party for the benefit of the Town of Cohasset as necessary for the purposes of providing electricity and telecommunications to and from Town-owned property, for the following Town-owned sites:

1. The DPW Transfer Station identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcels B4-05-048, B4-06-025B, and B4-06-003, consolidated into a single lot currently known as B4-05-048 per plan #648-96-2016 with access located at Cedar Street; and
2. The Police and Fire Stations identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcels F5-27-057, located at 62-64 Elm Street in sequential order (currently recorded as 44 Elm Street), Cohasset, MA 02025; and
3. Willcutt Commons identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcel D5-15-002 with access located at 91 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025;

Or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease Town land and building roofs for purposes of solar energy arrays and other equipment that would improve the reliability of the Town of Cohasset’s power supply.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 6-0-2

Alternative Energy Committee: Recommendation at Annual Town Meeting

Article 26: Lease of School Property for Siting of a Solar Power Electric Generation Facility

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cohasset School Committee to (i) lease the following school building roofs and other portions of the school building real estate for up to twenty (20) years, for the development and operation of a solar (PV) power electric generation facility for purposes of reducing the Town’s energy costs to the maximum extent feasible, by means of the provision of electrical energy via a net metering agreement or to supply electrical load on the site directly, together with (ii) permission to grant a non-exclusive easement for reasonable access for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining the solar energy array, and (iii) permission to grant an easement for the duration of the solar energy array lease to National Grid or a third party for the benefit of the Town of Cohasset as necessary for the purposes of providing electricity and telecommunications to and from Town-owned property, for the following Town-owned sites:

1. Cohasset Middle/High School identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcel E7-41-001

located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025; and

2. Deer Hill School identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcel D6-42-026 and D6-42-042

located at 208 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025; and

3. Joseph Osgood School identified as Town of Cohasset Assessors map/parcel D6-40-002 and

D6-42-025 located at 210 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025;

Or to take any other action related there.

Board of Selectmen for the ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize the School Committee to lease land and building roofs under the Committee’s jurisdiction for purposes of solar energy arrays and other equipment that would improve the reliability of the Town of Cohasset’s power supply.

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

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by a Vote of 6-0-2

Alternative Energy Committee: Recommendation at Annual Town Meeting

Article 27: Citizen’s Petition-Release of Easement

To See if the Town will vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15 to abandon as easement located on the real property known as and numbers 2 Smith Place, Assessors Parcel E-5-39-65 (“Property”). Such easement no longer being required for public purposes. The easement to be abandoned is shown on a plan entitled “Easement Relocation Plan 2 Smith Place (Assessors Parcels EF-39-65) Cohasset, Massachusetts” prepared by Morse Engineering Co., Inc. dated 2/11/19 (“Plan”) and identified on the Plan as “Easement 20’ Wide Easement James Brook”. A copy of the Plan is filed with the office of the Town Clerk; or act on anything relating thereto.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>
Christina Hassan	241 Forest Ave	James Hassan	241 Forest Ave
Wayne H. Robbins	20 King Street	Joseph Laugelle	15 King Street
James Sheerin	60 Elm St. Apt 7	Richard Green	285A N. Main Street
Robert Healy	6 Norfolk Road	William Sargent	31 Mill Lane
Joseph Previte	38 Summer Street	Dana Silvia	43 Border Street

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: None provided.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Indefinite Postponement by a Vote of 5-0

Advisory Committee: Recommend Indefinite Postponement by a Vote of 5-0

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants present at the Town Hall Auditorium that sometime between the hours of 8:00AM and close time of 6:00PM of the polls on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of June 2020, to cast and/or give their votes upon their official ballot for the following officers:

- Two Selectmen each for a term of three years
- One Moderator for a term of three years
- One Town Clerk for a term of three years
- One School Committee member for a term of three years
- Three Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial library each for a term of three years
- One Assessor for a term of three years
- One member of the Board of Health for a term of three years
- One member of the Cohasset Housing Authority for a term of five years.
- One member of the Cohasset Housing Authority for four years to fill an unexpired term
- One member of the Planning Board for a term of five years
- One member of the Recreation Commission for a term of five years
- One Sewer Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Water Commissioner for a term of three years

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 seven (7) 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 26th day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN Kevin

McCarthy, Chairman Paul

Schubert, Vice Chairman

Diane Kennedy

Keri Thompson

Jack Creighton

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

**APPENDIX A
FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGETS**

DEPARTMENT	FISCAL 2018 BUDGET	FISCAL 2019 BUDGET	FISCAL 2020 BUDGET	FISCAL 2021 REQUESTED	FISCAL 2021 RECOMMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES					
TOWN MODERATOR	500	500	500	500	500
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	178,740	158,600	134,600	134,600	124,600
TOWN MANAGER	424,873	515,100	446,436	387,535	363,660
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	150,000	153,750	206,866	216,023	210,023
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	360	360	360	360	360
RESERVE FUND	225,000	229,500	234,090	238,772	238,772
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	254,736	240,661	248,805	258,704	250,704
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	229,209	211,761	220,827	233,254	230,254
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	316,923	335,821	349,418	357,059	357,059
LEGAL SERVICES	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	369,000	436,399	514,621	628,594	608,594
TOWN TECHNOLOGY	107,124	127,500	134,500	147,970	147,970
TOWN CLERK	159,115	171,100	180,962	198,417	190,417
PERMITS & INSPECTIONS	230,402	257,402	221,253	306,864	287,364
UNCLASSIFIED	416,240	416,240	421,500	418,000	418,000
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	3,212,222	3,404,694	3,464,738	3,676,652	3,578,277
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE	2,409,956	2,540,019	2,665,261	2,840,531	2,781,531
FIRE	2,427,200	2,462,851	2,617,404	2,821,647	2,700,500
BUILDING COMMISSIONER	151,665	150,165	159,168	160,900	160,900
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	38,000	38,000	39,200	41,200	41,200
HARBORMASTER	116,514	118,114	120,753	129,565	124,065
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE	475	475	475	475	475
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL	5,143,810	5,309,624	5,602,261	5,994,318	5,808,671
EDUCATION SERVICES					
COHASSET SCHOOLS	18,895,656	19,550,594	20,337,134	21,027,711	20,960,856
SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICER	100,000	75,380	77,265	79,197	79,197
SOUTH SHORE VOCATIONAL	69,116	58,000	59,450	172,295	144,719
WJC: INTERFACE	-	-	12,500	12,500	12,500
EDUCATION SERVICES TOTAL	19,064,772	19,683,974	20,486,349	21,291,703	21,197,272
PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES					
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,237,548	1,326,277	1,452,180	1,496,180	1,468,596
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
STREET LIGHTING	45,000	45,000	58,000	58,000	50,500
TRANSFER STATION	474,398	475,074	488,178	527,858	541,318
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	939,026	961,761	1,065,142	1,132,767	1,081,267
PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES TOTAL	2,820,972	2,933,112	3,188,500	3,339,805	3,266,681
HEALTH & WELFARE					
BOARD OF HEALTH	161,405	163,005	158,675	193,771	186,271
ELDER AFFAIRS	281,828	300,795	316,597	328,509	328,509
VETERANS SERVICES	141,592	144,364	146,059	149,864	129,864
HEALTH & WELFARE TOTAL	584,825	608,164	621,331	672,144	644,644

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DEPARTMENT	FISCAL 2018 BUDGET	FISCAL 2019 BUDGET	FISCAL 2020 BUDGET	FISCAL 2021 REQUESTED	FISCAL 2021 RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION					
LIBRARY	642,587	643,202	659,249	742,010	723,510
RECREATION	130,760	130,760	137,275	140,025	140,025
COMMON HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500	500	500
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	600	600	600	600	600
CULTURE & RECREATION TOTAL	774,447	775,062	797,624	883,135	864,635
DEBT SERVICE					
DEBT SERVICE	3,083,855	2,635,508	2,307,165	1,927,369	1,927,369
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	3,083,855	2,635,508	2,307,165	1,927,369	1,927,369
BENEFITS & INSURANCE					
PENSION ASSESSMENT	2,296,320	2,512,622	2,462,635	2,636,498	2,636,498
WORKERS COMPENSATION	198,000	278,242	198,373	208,292	208,292
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	5,155,527	5,433,859	5,433,859	5,433,859	5,433,859
LIFE INSURANCE	9,933	10,132	10,335	10,542	10,542
MEDICARE TAX	345,868	354,515	363,378	372,462	372,462
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	326,428	333,749	390,677	410,211	410,211
BENEFITS & INSURANCE TOTAL	8,337,076	8,928,119	8,864,257	9,076,864	9,076,864
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL	43,021,979	44,278,257	45,332,225	46,861,990	46,364,413
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND (indirect costs included in General Fund Budget)					
	2,259,706	2,560,643	2,300,540	2,273,260	2,273,260
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND (indirect costs included in General Fund Budget)					
	4,920,130	4,871,904	4,593,175	4,575,737	4,575,737

	RECAP FY20	FY21	FY22
LEVY			
Prior year	37,380,305	38,814,813	40,235,183
2.5% Increase New	934,508	970,370	1,005,880
Growth Debt	509,417	450,000	450,000
Exclusion Excess	1,260,213	1,153,335	846,063
Levy Capacity Total	(29,623)	-	-
Levy	\$ 40,054,820	\$ 41,388,518	\$ 42,537,126
REVENUES(and offsets to operational expenses)			
State Aid/Cherry Sheet Local Receipts Transfer	3,480,065	3,339,122	3,339,122
from Enterprise Funds for Indirect Costs Total	3,925,260	3,645,276	3,645,276
Revenues	212,744	221,036	226,562
Other Financing Sources/One-time receipts	\$ 7,618,069	\$ 7,205,434	\$ 7,210,960
Free Cash Transfer from Pension			
Reserve Fund	-	165,000	-
Transfer from Capital Stabilization(debt service)	-	200,000	-
Transfer from CPC Transfer from Title V	396,252	205,252	205,562
Betterments Transfer from MSBA Surplus Total	23,093	21,884	21,284
Other Financing Sources/One-time receipts	75,000	75,000	75,000
Total Levy/Revenue/Other Financing Sources	65,337	65,337	65,337
	\$ 559,682	\$ 732,473	\$ 367,183
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED Cherry	\$ 48,232,571	\$ 49,326,425	\$ 50,115,269
Sheet Offsets State & County			
Assessments Overlay Total Other			
Amounts to be raised	12,767	12,895	12,884
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	658,175	583,059	589,001
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	195,378	205,000	225,000
Transfer Stabilization Fund	\$ 866,320	\$ 800,954	\$ 826,885
OPEB Total Transfers to Other			
Funds	1,724,026	1,996,060	2,403,364
Facilities Department	50,000	-	50,000
Custodian Staff	150,000	165,000	180,450
Facilities Staff	\$ 1,924,026	\$ 2,161,060	\$ 2,633,814
Total Facilities Expenditures			
Articles/One-Time Costs Funded by Tax Levy	562,192	573,436	584,905
250th Committee Appropriation	502,860	497,917	507,876
Contract Settlements Total	\$ 1,065,052	\$ 1,071,353	\$ 1,092,780
Articles/One-Time Costs			
SHARED BUDGET DETAILS	50,000	-	-
124 Human Resources (town-wide)	60,000	-	-
125 School Support Officer (town-wide)	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -
132 Reserve Fund			
155 Chief Information Office (town-wide)	206,866	210,023	215,274
945 Risk Management	77,265	79,197	81,177
390 So Shore Vo Tech	234,090	238,772	243,547
391 WJC: Interface	514,621	608,594	623,809
700 Debt & Interest	390,677	410,211	430,722
700 Debt & Interest Excluded	59,450	144,719	148,337
911 Norfolk County Pension	12,500	12,500	12,500
912 Workers' Compensation	981,616	708,695	411,586
914 Health Insurance	1,325,550	1,218,672	911,400
915 Life Insurance	2,462,635	2,636,498	2,900,148
916 Medicare Taxes Total	198,373	208,292	218,707
Shared Budgets Total	5,433,859	5,433,859	5,814,229
All Expenditures	10,335	10,542	10,753
Available Revenue	363,378	372,462	381,774
	\$ 12,271,215	\$ 12,293,036	\$ 12,403,963
Net Change Y/Y	\$ 16,236,613	\$ 16,326,403	\$ 16,957,442
% Change Y/Y	\$ 31,995,958	\$ 33,000,022	\$ 33,157,827
	\$ 229,357	\$ 1,004,063	\$ 157,805
	0.72%	3.04%	0.48%
School Share of 61% New Revenue	\$ 139,908	\$ 612,478	\$ 96,261
Town Share of 39% New Revenue	\$ 89,449	\$ 391,584	\$ 61,544
School Budget as Recommended	\$ 19,774,942	\$ 20,387,420	\$ 20,483,681
Town Budget as Recommended	\$ 12,221,016	\$ 12,612,601	\$ 12,674,145
	\$ 31,995,958	\$ 33,000,021	\$ 33,157,826

TOWN OF COHASSET FIVE YEAR FORECAST OF REVENUES AN

	FY23	FY24	FY25
LEVY			
Prior year	41,691,063	43,183,340	44,712,924
2.5% Increase New	1,042,277	1,079,584	1,117,823
Growth Debt	450,000	450,000	450,000
Exclusion Excess	806,638	761,888	-
Levy Capacity	-	-	-
Total Levy	\$ 43,989,978	\$ 45,474,812	\$ 46,280,747
REVENUES(and offsets to operational expenses)			
State Aid/Cherry Sheet Local Receipts Transfer	3,339,122	3,339,122	3,339,122
from Enterprise Funds for Indirect Costs	3,645,276	3,645,276	3,645,276
	232,226	238,032	243,983
Total Revenues	\$ 7,216,624	\$ 7,222,430	\$ 7,233,381
Other Financing Sources/One-time receipts			
Free Cash Transfer from Pension Reserve Fund	-	-	-
Transfer from Capital Stabilization(debt service)	-	-	-
Transfer from CPC Transfer from Title V	202,812	153,965	153,965
Betterments Transfer from MSBA Surplus	21,884	21,884	21,884
	75,000	75,000	75,000
	65,337	65,337	-
Total Other Financing Sources/One-time receipts	\$ 365,033	\$ 316,186	\$ 250,849
Total Levy/Revenue/Other Financing Sources	\$ 51,571,635	\$ 53,013,428	\$ 53,764,977
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED			
Cherry Sheet Offsets State & County Assessments Overlay	13,013	13,143	13,274
	595,053	601,219	607,500
	225,000	225,000	225,000
Total Other Amounts to be raised	\$ 833,066	\$ 839,362	\$ 845,774
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS			
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	2,472,553	2,535,978	2,638,263
Transfer Stabilization Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000
OPEB	196,364	212,754	229,637
Total Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 2,718,917	\$ 2,798,732	\$ 2,917,900
Facilities Department			
Custodian Staff	596,603	608,535	620,705
Facilities Staff	518,033	528,394	538,962
Total Facilities Expenditures	\$ 1,114,636	\$ 1,136,928	\$ 1,159,667
Articles/One-Time Costs Funded by Tax Levy			
250th Committee Appropriation	-	-	-
Contract Settlements Total	-	-	-
Articles/One-Time Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SHARED BUDGET DETAILS			
124 Human Resources (town-wide)	220,656	226,172	231,826
125 School Support Officer (town-wide)	83,206	85,286	87,418
132 Reserve Fund	248,418	253,386	258,454
155 Chief Information Office (town-wide)	639,404	655,389	671,774
945 Risk Management	452,258	474,871	498,615
390 So Shore Vo Tech	152,045	155,846	159,742
391 WJC: Interface	12,500	12,500	12,500
700 Debt & Interest	398,696	392,696	348,984
700 Debt & Interest Excluded	871,975	827,225	-
911 Norfolk County Pension	3,190,163	3,509,179	3,860,097
912 Workers' Compensation	229,642	241,124	253,180
914 Health Insurance	6,221,225	6,656,711	7,122,681
915 Life Insurance	10,968	11,187	11,411
916 Medicare Taxes	391,318	401,101	411,129
Total Shared Budgets	\$ 13,122,474	\$ 13,591,215	\$ 13,608,567
Total All Expenditures	\$ 17,789,092	\$ 18,366,238	\$ 18,531,908
Available Revenue	\$ 33,782,543	\$ 34,647,190	\$ 35,233,069
Net Change Y/Y	\$ 624,716	\$ 864,647	\$ 585,879
% Change Y/Y	1.85%	2.50%	1.66%
School Share of 61% New Revenue	\$ 381,077	\$ 527,435	\$ 357,386
Town Share of 39% New Revenue	\$ 243,639	\$ 337,212	\$ 228,493
School Budget as Recommended	\$ 20,864,758	\$ 21,392,193	\$ 21,749,579
Town Budget as Recommended	\$ 12,917,784	\$ 13,254,996	\$ 13,483,489
	\$ 33,782,542	\$ 34,647,189	\$ 35,233,068

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES – COVID VERSION

Our Town Meeting is conducted in accordance with the Town Bylaws and traditions adopted in our Town Meetings over the years. Several matters of procedure are summarized below. Anyone with questions about procedure should see the Moderator, ideally prior to the start of the meeting.

- All attendees should maintain social distancing, wear masks outside their cars (except when speaking at a microphone), and otherwise follow public health guidelines and instructions for the Annual Meeting. Except with the permission of the Moderator or to move to a microphone to speak, all attendees should remain in their cars for the duration of the meeting.
- Discussion should be **courteous** and **respectful**, and generally should not refer to individuals involved in the debate. Sarcasm is not respectful. All questions should be directed to the Moderator, who will ask the appropriate person to respond. Under our Bylaws, no one may speak a second time on any subject for longer than five minutes, nor more than twice on any subject (except to correct an error or make an explanation), without permission of the Meeting.
- If you desire to speak, please leave your car, step to a microphone and seek the attention of the Moderator (wearing your mask until you begin to speak). When recognized, please use a microphone and begin by stating your name and address.
- Persons who are not registered voters may be admitted to the meeting as **guests**. Except with the permission of the Moderator, guests must remain in cars parked in the special guest area. Guests may address the meeting only with the permission of the Moderator.
- An **article** in the warrant describes the subject matter to be acted on. A **motion** is the actual proposed action, and must be within the scope of the article (i.e., within the subject matter, dollar amounts, restriveness, etc.). Articles will be acted on in the order in which they are published in the warrant unless the Moderator or the Meeting otherwise determines. On each article, the first main motion will be the Town Manager’s (or citizen proponent’s) proposed motion.
- All **motions** (including proposed amendments) should be **in writing** unless they are so brief and simple as to be easily understood orally. If you plan in advance to make a motion, please let the Moderator know before the meeting so any wording issues can be resolved smoothly.
- Votes will be signified when requested by the Moderator by holding outside your car window the colored cards given to each voter at check-in. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the results based on a simple scan, or if seven voters stand outside their cars to express doubt as to the result declared by the Moderator, a **hand count** will taken using the same method of voting.
- A **motion for the previous question**, if adopted, will be followed immediately by a vote on the pending question. The motion is not debatable and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption. The Moderator will not accept a motion for the previous question if both sides have not had a fair opportunity to be heard, and may allow voters who have sought recognition to speak to be heard prior to considering the motion. A person who **“moves the previous question”** may not accompany the motion with remarks on the question.
- Only those who were on the winning side of a vote may move to reconsider that vote. A vote may not be reconsidered a second time or after a motion to reconsider it has failed. A vote adopted at one session of the town meeting may not be reconsidered at a later (adjourned) session of the meeting unless notice of the intended reconsideration is given at the session at which the vote was passed.

Daniel S. Evans, Moderator

Important Information About Your Cloth Face Coverings

Print Resources Web Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html>

As COVID-19 continues to spread within the United States, CDC has recommended additional measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. In the context of community transmission, CDC recommends that you:



Stay at home as much as possible



Practice social distancing (remaining at least 6 feet away from others)



Clean your hands often



In addition, CDC also recommends that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, regardless of whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease, even when they don't have any symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

How cloth face coverings work

Cloth face coverings may prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community. Since people may spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering may protect others around you. Face coverings worn by others may protect you from getting the virus from people carrying the virus.



General considerations for the use of cloth face coverings

When using a cloth face covering, make sure:

- The mouth and nose are fully covered
- The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
- You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering
- The cloth face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping



Wash your cloth face covering after each use in the washing machine or by hand using a bleach solution. Allow it to completely dry.

For more information, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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