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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – Monday December 5, 2011

At the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Cohasset High School auditorium the following articles were contained in the warrant and acted upon as follows.

Checkers sworn in by the Town Clerk, Carol L. St. Pierre at 6:30 p.m. were Elizabeth Anderson, Abigail Alves, Debra Krupczak, Sandra Murray and Katherine Whitley. Tellers were appointed and sworn in by the Moderator, Daniel Evans.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and a quorum of 100 was present at that time. The registered voters checked in on the voting list totaled for Precinct 1 – 102 and Precinct 2- 72 for a grand total of 174.

It was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the call of the Meeting and Return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order.

Citizens recited the pledge of allegiance.

Congressman Stephen Lynch was recognized at this time.

ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

To see what additional action the Town will vote to amend, modify, increase or decrease, or otherwise, to balance the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget as voted in Article 3 of the April 30, 2011 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 take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget as voted in Article 3 of the April 30, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, be hereby amended, modified, increased or decreased, or otherwise, as follows:

Description of New Appropriation	Amount	Source of Funds	Transfers to Meet Appropriation	Balance In Source After Transfer
Planning Board, Personnel Services	\$10,800.00	Professional & Liability Insurance / General Expenses	\$10,800.00	\$236,350.00
Director of Finance/ Personnel Services	\$75,000	Health Insurance / General Expenses	\$75,000.00	\$3,060,360.00

Library General Expenses	\$22,000	Town Manager / Personnel Services	\$22,000	\$341,461.00

Motion adopted.

Article 2: 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 from previous fiscal years, or to take any other action related thereto.

Department	Unpaid Bill Amt.	Vendor	Reason
Selectmen	\$580.98	Verizon	6/14/11 Telephone Bill
Selectmen	\$117.26	Fox Associates	Letterheads
Fire - EMS	\$262.50	Philips Healthcare	Pediatric Defib Pads
Gas & Plumbing	\$3,975.00	Jay Yetman	FY11 June Inspections
DPW	\$3,010.00	PSC Environmental	6/18/11 Collections
DPW	\$1,168.24	Brighter Horizons	6/24/11 Disposal
DPW	\$109.45	Strategic Materials	6/9/11 Disposal
DPW	\$44.44	Mary Snow	5/4/11-6/23/11 Mileage
DPW	\$3,187.84	Global Montello	6/24/11 Delivery
Insurance	\$194.44	Signature Medical Group	FY10 Police Medical Bills
Totals	\$12,650.15		

MOVED that the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifteen cents (\$12,650.15) be hereby raised from the FY 2012 tax levy and general revenues of the town and appropriated to be expended by the Town Manager, to pay unpaid bills from previous fiscal years for the town's general fund, as set forth below,

Department	Unpaid Bill Amt.	Vendor	Reason
Selectmen	\$580.98	Verizon	6/14/11 Telephone Bill
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and further than the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Seventy Four Dollars and Thirty Three cents (\$270,074.33) be hereby raised from the FY 2012 tax levy and general revenues of the town and appropriated to the Water Department Enterprise Fund, to be expended to pay for unpaid bills from previous fiscal years as set forth in a chart entitled (Article 2) Unpaid Bills of the Water Department.

FY	Account #		Inv. Date	Vendor	Amount	Description
FY09	61-450-5880-020	Extraordinary Maintenance	8/31/2009	Mass Pavement Reclamation	10,500.00	Water of raingardens 6/17-9/18/08
FY11	61-450-5424-020	Consumer Confidence Report	7/12/2011	American Water Services	\$1,382.37	Postage for Consumer Confidence Report
FY10	61-450-5380-020	Contracted Services	6/10/2011	American Water Services	5,355.25	Pass thru charges W. McAuliffe 4/1-5/31/10
FY10	61-450-5380-020	Contracted Services	6/10/2011	American Water Services	8,826.79	Pass thru charges W. McAuliffe 1/1-3/31/10
FY11	61-450-5380-020	Contracted Services	6/10/2011	American Water Services	\$102,182.61	Contract Operations of Facilities 5/1 - 5/31/11
FY11	61-450-5380-020	Contracted Services	7/1/2011	American Water Services	\$87,722.84	O & M 6/1-6/30/11

FY11	61-450-5380-020	Contracted Services	7/12/2011	American Water Services	\$8,160.69	Overtime Hours in excess of 650 Hours
FY11	61-450-5880-020	Extraordinary Maintenance	7/12/2011	American Water Services	\$16,893.95	Repair & Maintenance Cap over \$20,000
FY11	61-4505740-020	General Liability Ins	6/10/2011	American Water Services	\$1,551.00	Liability Insurance 5/1 to 5/31/11
FY11	61-450-5740-020	General Liability Ins	7/12/2011	American Water Services	\$1,551.00	Insurance Reimbursement 6/1-6/30/11
FY11	61-450-5250-020	General Operating Expenses	5/10/2011	John Hoadley & Sons, Inc.	\$900.99	Back Flows for Hydrants
FY11	61-450-5250-020	General Operating Expenses	1/26-2/18/11	Town of Cohasset	\$861.77	fuel 1/26-2/18/11
FY11	61-450-5250-020	General Operating Expenses	2/19-4/20/11	Town of Cohasset	\$1,741.75	fuel 2/19-4/20/11
FY11	61-450-5250-020	General Operating Expenses	4/21-5/24/11	Town of Cohasset	\$980.64	fuel 4/21-5/24/11
FY11	61-450-5250-020	General Operating Expenses	5/25-6/30/11	Town of Cohasset	\$1,187.64	fuel 5/25-6/30/11
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	5/10/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$92.50	General Real Estate
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	5/10/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$203.50	Litchfield Conservation Restriction, Scituate
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	5/10/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$869.57	Ogrodnik v. Water Commission
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	5/10/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$2,368.00	Water Commission Real Estate Matters
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/7/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$370.00	Litchfield Conservation Restriction, Scituate
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/7/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$980.50	Robert Smith vs. Water Commissioners
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/8/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$37.00	Ogrodnik v. Water Commission
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/8/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$2,793.50	Water Commission Real Estate Matters
FY11	61-450-	Utilities	5/27-	National Grid -	\$6,529.26	Electric - Plant

	5214-020		6/29/11	Electric		
FY11	61-450-5801-020	Water Resource Protection	5/10/2011	Norfolk Ram Group, LLC	\$240.00	Stream Gauging
FY11	61-450-5801-020	Water Resource Protection	7/11/2011	Norfolk Ram Group, LLC	\$1,076.35	Professional Services June 1 - June 30, 2011
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/23/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$2,004.40	Water Commission Real Estate Matters
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/23/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$2,654.96	Ogrodnik v. Water Commission
FY11	61-450-5304-020	Legal	6/23/2011	Deutsch Williams Brooks	\$55.50	Conservation Restriction - Trustees of Reservation
					270,074.33	

A 9/10's vote required. Motion adopted by the required 9/10's.

Article 3: Stabilization Fund

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 Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion for indefinite postponement adopted.

Article 4: Capital Stabilization Fund

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, or to take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the subject matter of Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion for indefinite postponement adopted.

Article 5: Capital Improvements Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds 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, as listed below, or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund to be spent by the Town Manager for the purpose of purchasing a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department.

A 2/3's vote required. Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 6: Capital Improvement Budget Wording Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the wording of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011 as follows; or take any other action related thereto:

Wording as Voted:		
<u>Entity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department	Computer Server for regional dispatch	\$10,000

Proposed New Wording:		
<u>Entity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department	Computer Server for regional dispatch and associated hardware and software	\$10,000

MOVED that the appropriation purpose wording of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011 be amended as follows:

Wording as Voted:

Entity Purpose Amount

Fire Department **Computer Server for regional dispatch** \$10,000.00.

New Wording:

Entity Purpose Amount

Fire Department Computer Server for regional dispatch and associated hardware and software \$10,000.00.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 7: Transfer of Funds for Plumbing Inspections

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, the sum of \$13,000.00 to be appropriated to the FY12 Town Budget – Gas & Plumbing General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011; or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) be hereby raised from the FY 12 tax levy and general revenues of the town, and appropriated to the FY 12 Town Budget – Gas & Plumbing General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011.

Motion adopted.

Article 8: Transfer of Funds for Wiring Inspections

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, the sum of \$10,000.00 to be appropriated to the FY12 Town Budget – Wiring Inspector General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011; or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be raised from the FY 12 tax levy and other general revenues of the town and appropriated to the FY 12 Town Budget – Wiring Inspector General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011.

Motion adopted.

Article 9: Parking Clerk Budget Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, the sum of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated to the FY12 Town Budget – Parking Clerk General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011; or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be raised from the FY 12 tax levy and other general revenues of the town and hereby appropriated to the FY 12 Town Budget – Parking Clerk General Expenses budget line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 10: Transfer of Funds for Senior Center Needs Assessment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Town Manager’s FY 12 budget for the purposes of hiring a consultant to conduct a needs assessment for the proposed Cohasset Senior Center; or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised from the FY 12 tax levy and other general revenues of the town and hereby appropriated to the Town Manager’s FY 12 budget for the purposes of hiring a consultant to conduct a needs assessment for the proposed Cohasset Senior Center.

Motion adopted.

Article 11: Elder Affairs Board Amendment to Membership

Article V, Section 5 Elder Affairs Board

The following sentence to be added to (a) and before (b)

There shall also be up to 3 associate members, each appointed for a three (3) year term by the Board of Selectmen. The associate members shall be non-voting.

Moved that Article V, Section 5 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Cohasset be hereby amended by adding the following sentences to the end of subsection (a):

There shall also be up to 3 associate members, each appointed for a three (3) year term by the Board of Selectmen. The associate members shall be non-voting.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 12: Lease of Town Property for the use of a Solar Energy Array - Schools

To see if the Town will vote to adopt and approve the joint recommendation of the Alternative Energy Committee and the School Committee to authorize the School Committee to lease the roof of Cohasset Middle/High School located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025, for \$1.00 per year for up to twenty (20) years together with a non-exclusive easement for reasonable access for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a solar energy array to provide electrical energy via net metering to Town owned Cohasset Middle/High School and the purchase of solar power generated at subject school to reduce the Town's energy costs to the maximum extent feasible or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the School Committee, pursuant to the joint recommendation of the Alternative Energy Committee and the School Committee, be hereby authorized to lease the roof of Cohasset Middle/High School and other portions of the property as may be related thereto located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 for up to twenty (20) years, together with a non-exclusive easement for reasonable access for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a solar energy array to provide electrical energy via net metering to Town owned Cohasset Middle/High School and the purchase of solar power generated at subject school to reduce the Town's energy costs to the maximum extent feasible.

A 2/3's vote required. Motion adopted by the required 2/3's.

Article 13: Lease of Town Property for the use of a Solar Energy Array - DPW

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for \$1.00 per year for a term not to exceed a total of twenty years a certain parcel of land, known as Town Assessor Map 05, Plot 048, Parcel 10, located at 81-91 Cedar Street in Cohasset, Massachusetts, and further described in the deed recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2405, Page 423, subject to Massachusetts G.L.c30B for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating and maintaining a solar energy array to provide electrical energy to the Town of Cohasset via a net metering agreement to reduce the Town's energy costs or take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the Board of Selectmen be hereby authorized to lease for a term not to exceed a total of twenty years a certain parcel of land, known as Town Assessor Map 05, Plot 048, Parcel 10, located at 81-91 Cedar Street in Cohasset, Massachusetts, and further described in the deed recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2405, Page 423, subject to Massachusetts G.L.c. 30B for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating and maintaining a solar energy array to provide electrical energy to the Town of Cohasset via a net metering agreement to reduce the Town's energy costs.

A 2/3's vote required. Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 14: Vote to Lease Town Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for a term not to exceed a total of 30 years or otherwise dispose of all or any portions of the certain parcel of land, together with improvements thereon, known as Town Assessor Map 37, Parcel 10, located at 15-19 Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset, Massachusetts, and further described in the deed recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2665, Page 205, subject to Massachusetts G.L. c. 30B, for the purposes of promoting sailing activities and public access to and use of such property and Cohasset Harbor, or to take any other action related thereto.

MOVED that the Board of Selectmen be hereby authorized to lease for a term not to exceed a total of 30 years or otherwise dispose of all or any portions of the certain parcel of land, together with improvements thereon, known as Town Assessor Map 37, Parcel 10, located at 15-19 Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset, Massachusetts, and further described in the deed recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2665, Page 205, subject to Massachusetts G.L. c. 30B, for the purposes of promoting sailing activities and public access to and use of such property and Cohasset Harbor.

A 2/3's vote required. Motion adopted unanimously.

Article 15: Transfer to the Sewer Commission Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and /or borrow pursuant to any applicable statutes the sum of \$165,000 to the Sewer Commission Enterprise Fund in order to compensate the Sewer Commission for excess paving costs incurred, above the budgeted amount, due to the additional excavation necessary to certain portions of the Cohasset roads from other utility activities including storm water, gas and electric company work or take any action related thereto.

MOVED that the subject matter of Article 15 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion for indefinite postponement adopted unanimously.

Article 16: Transfer of Funds for Clerical Assistance for the Sewer Commission

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 \$7,604.97 to be appropriated to the FY12 Town Budget- Clerical Assistance line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011; or takes any other action related thereto.

MOVED that Seven Thousand Six Hundred Four Dollars and Ninety Seven cents (\$7,604.97) be appropriated from the Sewer Department FY 12 Receipts to the FY 12 Town Budget-Clerical Assistance line item as voted in Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 30, 2011.

Motion adopted unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that this Special Town Meeting be dissolved at 8:55 p.m.

A True Record, ATTEST:

Carol L. St. Pierre
Town Clerk