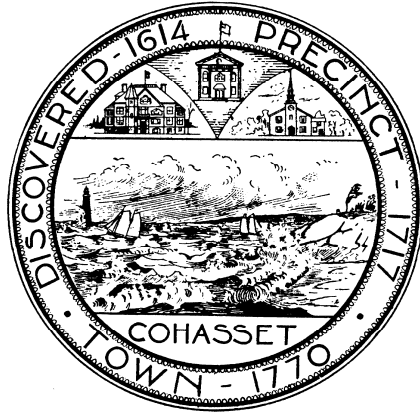


TOWN OF COHASSET

WARRANT



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

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

TOWN OF COHASSET

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

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 SECOND OF NOVEMBER, 2015
AT 7:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend, modify, increase or decrease, or otherwise, to balance the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget as voted in Article 4 of the May 2, 2015 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.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests supplemental and/or reduced appropriations for the Fiscal 2016 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:

Budgetary Transfers:

General Fund – From the Following Accounts	
Town Manager	\$63,717.00
Workers Comp	\$10,000.00
School Resource Officer	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$88,717.00

General Fund – To the Following Accounts:

Finance	\$4,875.00
Assessors	\$3,972.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$7,433.00
Town Clerk	\$2,724.00
Permits & Inspections	\$2,800.00
Building Inspector	\$1,656.00
Harbormaster	\$1,201.00
DPW	\$7,000.00
Transfer Station	\$3,678.00
Facilities	\$2,799.00
Board of Health	\$4,281.00
Elder Affairs	\$7,992.00
Library	\$10,484.00
Recreation	\$2,822.00
Medicare Tax	\$10,000.00
CTO	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$88,717.00

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0

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
Permits & Inspections	Indpt.Environmental Consultants, Inc.	\$300.00	ConCom Enforcement Action

Also, please note, the Town is currently reviewing a claim from a chemical supplier for the Water Department which states that the Town was underbilled for a particular water treatment chemical for a period of some 3 ½ years. This matter will continue to be investigated, and presented to Annual Town Meeting in May if merited.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approavl by a Vote of 4-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0

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, and the OPEB Trust Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article proposes that Town Meeting appropriate \$450,000 into the OPEB Trust Fund, \$300,000 into the General Stabilization Fund, and \$50,000 into the Capital Stabilization Fund from available Free Cash.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 6-3

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 take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN MANAGER

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would provide funding from available Free Cash for the following:

Amount	Source of Funds	Purpose
\$75,000	Free Cash	Termination payment of Our World Lease at 100 Sohier Street
\$25,000	Free Cash	Master Plan
\$1,000	Free Cash	Knox Box (Fire Safety Device) for Cohasset Housing Authority
\$30,000	Free Cash	Road and Tree Related Repairs
\$30,000	Free Cash	Renovations to 100 Sohier Street
\$20,000	Free Cash	Network Security Upgrades
\$20,000	Free Cash	Fire Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0
Capital Budget Committee (Select items only): Recommendation at Town Meeting
Planning Board: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0 (Master Plan only)

ARTICLE 5: TRANSFER FROM WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Capital Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the Water Commission and the Town Manager to jointly expend, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for WATER COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would transfer \$144,000 in funds from the Water Department’s Capital Stabilization Fund for the following projects:

Amount	Source of Funds	Purpose
\$49,000	Water Capital Stabilization Fund	Polymer System Upgrades
\$80,000	Water Capital Stabilization Fund	Filter Media Change Order
\$15,000	Water Capital Stabilization Fund	Ellms Meadow Well Insulation

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation Approval by a Vote of 9-0
Water Commission: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 3-0
Capital Budget Committee: Recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 6: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, FY 16 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

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 Water Commission and the Town Manager to jointly expend, to supplement the Water Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as approved by the Town at the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for WATER COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would transfer funds from the Water Department’s available retained earnings for the following projects:

Action	Amount	From	For
Capital Appropriation	\$110,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	Caustic Conversion
Supplemental Appropriation	\$35,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	Roof Repair
Supplemental Appropriation	\$40,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	Chemicals

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Rcommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0
Water Commission: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 3-0
Capital Budget Committee: Recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 7: SEWER COMMISSION TRANSFERS

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 Sewer Betterment Debt Stabilization Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for SEWER COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: The Sewer Commission on behalf of the ratepayers requests approval to transfer operating revenue, retained earnings, or a combination of both to the Betterment Debt Stabilization Fund to achieve a flat yearly debt payment over the term of the bonds. The current balance of this Fund is \$1,025,451.

Amount	Transfer From	Transfer To
\$28,217	Sewer Retained Earnings	Sewer Betterment Debt Stabilization Fund

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0
 Sewer Commission: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 3-0

ARTICLE 8: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, FY 16 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

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 Sewer Commission and the Town Manager to jointly expend, to supplement the Sewer Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as approved by the Town at the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for SEWER COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article would supplementally appropriate the following revenue from retained earnings into the Sewer Department's FY 2106 operating budget. The Sewer Commission would like to accelerate the replacement of grinder pumps, paid for through quarterly user fees, requiring additional funds for purchase of the pumps. The Town of Hull approved a rate increase to all ratepayers including the Town of Cohasset at its Annual Town Meeting in FY 2015 after the Sewer Department FY 2016 Operating Budget was approved. The actual increased cost to the Town of Cohasset is indeterminate at this time. The current balance of Sewer Retained Earnings is \$727,229.

Action	Amount	From	For
Supplemental Appropriation	\$155,000	Sewer Department Retained Earnings	Grinder Pump Replacements
Supplemental Appropriation	\$50,000	Sewer Department Retained Earnings	Anticipated Fee Increase from the Town of Hull

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0
 Sewer Commission: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 3-0

ARTICLE 9: ACCEPTANCE OF STATUTE – ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, to increase the Gross Receipts Limit to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple and to increase the Whole Estate Limit to \$40,000 for a single person and \$55,000 for a married couple, or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article will allow the Board of Assessors to increase the asset and income requirements for the Elderly Tax Exemption, thus allowing more residents over the age of seventy on fixed incomes to qualify for this tax exemption.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0
Board of Assessors: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 3-0

ARTICLE 10: ACCEPTANCE OF STATUTE – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 16A of Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts General Law, permitting the Town Clerk to appoint a person to fill vacancy occurring at the opening of the polls of an election officer, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article will allow the Town Clerk to make appointments of election officers on the day of an election to fill any vacancies which occur at the last minute pursuant to the following:

MGL: Chapter 54 Sec. 16A

“In any city or town which accepts this section, if the warden, clerk or inspector, or the deputy of any such officer, if any, is not present at the opening of the polls, the city or town clerk may appoint a person to fill such vacancy who shall be an enrolled voter of the same political party as the absent officer, if any competent person enrolled in such party is present and willing to serve.”

Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 11: BYLAW AMENDMENT – DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII, Section 16A (c) (ix) by increasing the application fee from \$25.00 (Twenty-Five Dollars) to \$75.00 (Seventy Five Dollars), or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article will raise the application fee for a solicitors permit to \$75 from the current level of \$25.

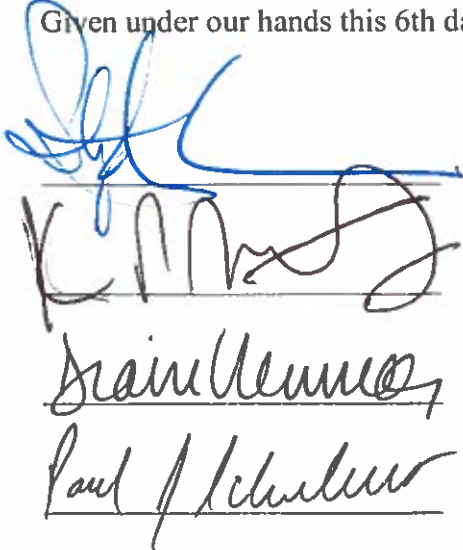
Board of Selectmen: Recommended Approval by a Vote of 4-0

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

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 6th day of October in the year two thousand and fifteen.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steve Gaumer, Chairman

Kevin McCarthy

Diane Kennedy

Paul Schubert

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

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

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.

- Discussion should be **courteous** and **respectful**, and should be confined to the subject under consideration. Sarcasm is generally not respectful, and the subject under consideration does not include the individuals involved in the debate. 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 rise and seek the attention of the Moderator. When recognized by the Moderator, 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**. Guests must display the nametags provided and, except with the permission of the Moderator (denoted by a colored sticker on the nametag), must remain in the designated guest seating area. Guests may address the meeting with the permission of the Moderator.
- An **article** in the warrant describes the subject matter to be acted on by the Town Meeting. A **motion** is proposed action to be taken by the Meeting, and must be within the scope of the article (i.e., the motion must not go beyond the subject matter, dollar amounts, restriveness, etc., contemplated by the article). Articles will be acted on in the order in which they are published in the warrant unless 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 generally be taken first by voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the results or if seven voters stand to express doubt as to the result declared by the Moderator, a **hand count** will taken. Voters wishing to participate in the hand count must be in designated seating areas.
- 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.
- 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.
- A **quorum** for the transaction of business is **100**. Once a quorum is determined, the presence of a quorum is presumed unless a point of no quorum is raised and a count shows that a quorum is not present. A quorum is not required to adjourn or dissolve.

Daniel S. Evans, Moderator

Cohasset Town Meeting



Town Meeting Child Care

Cohasset Recreation will take care of your children with our Recreation All-Star team.

Town Meeting

Cohasset High School Gymnasium

Monday, November 2nd

6:45 pm - 9:45 pm

Kid's Check-in at 6:30 pm

Kevin Dykas Dance Party

Toddler time and crafts with Linda Bolster

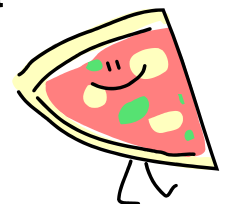
Great night of fun for Toddlers to 5th Graders

\$10 includes Pizza - discounts for families

Pre-registration by 5 pm is recommended



This is not a school sponsored event.



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