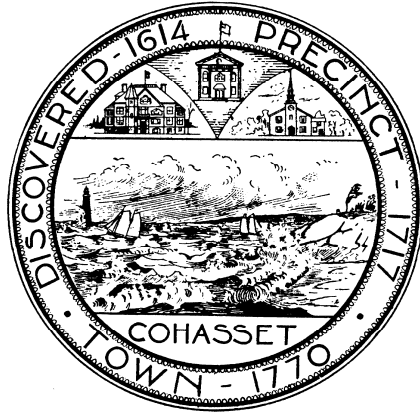


TOWN OF COHASSET

WARRANT



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

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

TOWN OF COHASSET

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

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 TWENTY-EIGHTH OF NOVEMBER, 2016
AT 7:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: 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 Town Meeting. Reports will be given by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Cohasset 250th Anniversary Committee.

Article 2: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend, modify, increase or decrease, or otherwise, to balance the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget as voted in Article 4 of the May 2, 2016 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 2017 operating budget due to additional or reduced revenue received from the State and other sources after the budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting as follows:

General Fund

Action	Amount	From	To
Line Item Transfer	\$11,500	School Support Officer	Human Resource Management
Supplemental Appropriation	\$20,000	General Fund Revenues	Permits & Inspections
Supplemental Appropriation	\$41,693	General Fund Revenues	Workers Compensation
Supplemental Appropriation	\$6,369	Debt Exclusion Reserve	Debt Service

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval 9-0

Article 3: 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
DPW	Goodwin Graphics	\$563.70	DPW Shirts

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval 9-0

Article 4: STABILIZATION FUNDS

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Amount	Source of Funds	Deposited into
\$500,000	Free Cash	General Stabilization Fund
\$721,000	Free Cash	Capital Stabilization Fund
\$250,000	Free Cash	Special Education Stabilization Fund
\$150,000	Free Cash	OPEB Trust Account

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 5: 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 for the following:

Amount	Source of Funds	Purpose
\$50,000	Free Cash	250 th Anniversary
\$100,000	Free Cash	Road & Drainage Repairs
\$95,000	Free Cash	Master Plan
\$7,500	Free Cash	Security Gates for various schools

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval 9-0

Article 6: 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.

Board of Selectmen for CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article would provide for the funding for various capital projects and equipment for Town departments as listed below:

Amount	Source of Funds	Purpose
\$275,000	Capital Stabilization	Town/School Phone System
\$14,000	Capital Stabilization	Security Upgrades at entrances to Deer Hill and Osgood
\$12,000	Capital Stabilization	Security Bollard installation at MS/HS and Osgood
\$40,000	Capital Stabilization	Osgood First Responder Entrance
\$30,000	Capital Stabilization	New main entry doors, MS/HS

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
 Advisory Committee: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting
 Capital Budget Committee: Recommend Approval 4-0

Article 7: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, FY 17 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, 2017, as approved by the Town at the May 2, 2016 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 into the operating budget for the following purposes:

Action	Amount	From	For
Supplemental Appropriation	\$50,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	New truck w/ plow
Supplemental Appropriation	\$60,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	Ellms Meadow Pump Station upgrades
Supplemental Appropriation	\$100,000	Water Department Retained Earnings	Sludge Removal Expenses

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval 9-0
Water Commission: Recommend Approval 3-0
Capital Budget Committee: (Not including Sludge removal) Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Article 8: BYLAW AMENDMENT – PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAYS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII (Safety and Public Order) by adding a new Section 42, “Photovoltaic Array Installation Requirements”, to read as follows: “All solar photovoltaic installations shall comply with the National Electric Code (NEC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, regulations and standards and as they exist at the time of application for installation,” or to take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the COHASSET FIRE DEPARTMENT

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Bylaw amendment will ensure that all photovoltaic (solar) systems installed in Cohasset will meet current nationally recognized installation and safety standards.

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

Article 9: AMENDMENT TO COHASSET GENERAL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will amend the General Bylaws of the Town as follows, or to take any other action related thereto:

A. By adding a new paragraph at the end of Article 1, General Provisions, Section 1(h) as follows:

“The specific penalty for non-criminal disposition of violations shall be the specific penalty set forth in each particular bylaw provision. If no specific penalty for non-criminal disposition of a violation is set forth in a particular bylaw provision, the specific penalty for non-criminal disposition shall be the same as the maximum criminal fine set forth but not more than \$300. If no specific penalty for non-criminal disposition or criminal fine is set forth, the specific penalty for non-criminal disposition shall be \$300. Each day or part thereof that a violation shall constitute a separate offense.”

B. By amending Article XIV Wetlands Protection, Section 10, Enforcement, as follows:

1. By adding in the second paragraph after the phrase “administrative orders” the phrase “enforcement orders”;
2. By adding the following at the end of the sixth paragraph, first sentence: “and Section 1(h) of the Town’s General Bylaws. The penalty for each violation shall be \$300. Each day or part thereof that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.”
3. By adding a new paragraph at the end of said Section 10 as follows:

“Any person or entity to whom an Enforcement Order under state law or this Bylaw has been issued by or on behalf of the Conservation Commission shall comply with the Enforcement Order. Any person or entity who fails to comply with the terms of an Enforcement Order issued by or on behalf of the Conservation Commission by the date specified within the Enforcement order, or immediately if no date is specified, shall be in violation of this Bylaw and shall be subject to a fine of \$300 per day for each violation. The non-criminal disposition penalty for violation of an Enforcement Order shall be \$300. Each day or part thereof of non-compliance shall constitute a separate violation. Fines and penalties imposed may be assessed in accordance with the non-criminal violations section of the Town’s Bylaw or by complaint to the appropriate court.

Board of Selectmen for the CONSERVATION COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: These Bylaw amendments will establish a specific penalty for non-criminal dispositions as required by the Massachusetts General Laws, and clarify the process for implementing Conservation Commission enforcement orders.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval 9-0

Conservation Commission: Recommendation at Special Town Meeting

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 25th day of October, in the year two thousand and sixteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

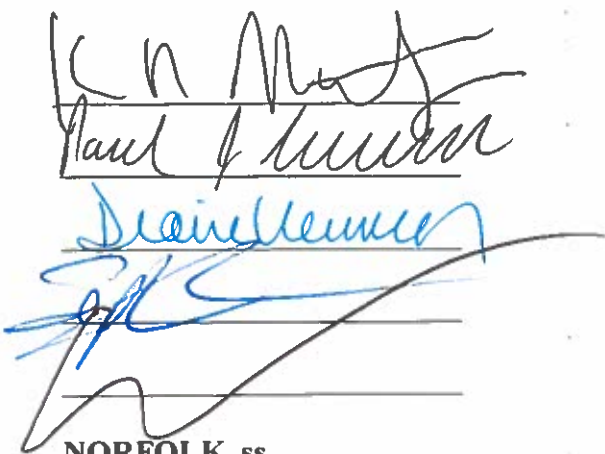
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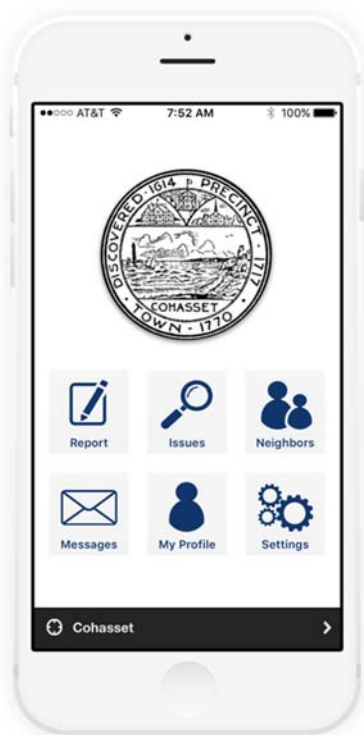
By virtue of the above Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes therein mentioned.

ATTEST: Maria A. Plante, Constable of Cohasset

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