

**Town of Mashpee
Special Town Meeting Warrant
Mashpee High School
Monday, May 5, 2014**

**Town Meeting convened at 7:10 PM
Voter Present 277
Quorum 100**

Barnstable, ss:

Greetings to the Constables of the Town,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the Town of Mashpee who are qualified to vote in the elections to meet at the Mashpee High School on Monday, the 5th day of May 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To act on the articles contained in the following Warrant:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from revenue available for appropriation \$3,520.90 to pay previous fiscal year unpaid bills as follows:

Troy Milles, Vacation Buyback FY2013	\$2,894.00
Vicki Govoni, Longevity	\$ 275.00
Electronic Recyclers International – Mass, Inc.	<u>\$ 351.90</u>
TOTAL	\$3,520.90

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman John Cahalane

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from revenue available for appropriation \$3,520.90 to pay previous fiscal year unpaid bills.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:12.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$150,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Snow & Ice Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

Explanation: This article is necessary to fund a deficit in the Snow & Ice Account.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Michael Richardson

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$150,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Snow & Ice Account.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:12 PM.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$110,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Assessor's Revaluation Account.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: To transfer existing monies to fund the Assessor's Revaluation Account for costs related to meeting the Department of Revenue's annual and triennial certification requirements. All towns are required by the D.O.R. to maintain a revaluation account for costs relating to valuation consultants, Appellate Tax Board expenses, private appraisals, defense of values and various other requirements to ensure accurate assessments and timely issuance of tax bills.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Thomas O'Hara

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$110,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Assessor's Revaluation Account.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:13 PM.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from the Interest Outside 2 ½ to Temporary Borrowing Inside 2 ½, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Treasurer/Tax Collector

Explanation: Approval of this article will transfer funds from the Interest Outside Account to the Temporary Borrowing Inside Account to cover a shortfall created by Bond Anticipation Notes that came due in September 2013 but were not renewed until January 2014.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Wayne Taylor

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer \$20,000 from the Interest Outside 2 ½ account to Temporary Borrowing Inside 2 ½ account.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:14 PM.

Article 5

To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to the Fire & Rescue Expense Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Acting Fire Chief

Explanation: This action will provide funding for an anticipated shortfall in the Medical Supplies line item. There has been a 15% increase in call volume for the Fire Department. These calls are largely medical related. This translates to an increase in the usage of medical disposal items with the prices of these items steadily rising.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Carol Sherman

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$5,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to the Fire & Rescue Expense Account.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:14 PM.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, as follows: \$22,500 from the 10% Historic Reserves for the purpose of funding *A History of Mashpee, Massachusetts*; an updated pictorial history of the Town of Mashpee, including any necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The goal of this project is to re-publish a documented pictorial history of the Town of Mashpee to update the 1995 version previously circulated to commemorate Mashpee's 125th Anniversary. The budget will cover the cost of printing 1500 copies of a 150-page glossy soft-cover book; 8.5" x 11" which would include 18 pages of color photographs. Funds from the sale of the books would be deposited into the Town's General Fund. The applicant of this project is the Mashpee Historical Commission.

The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 9-0 in support of this article.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman John Cahalane

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, as follows: \$22,500 from the 10% Historic Reserves for the purpose of funding *A History of Mashpee, Massachusetts*; an updated pictorial history of the Town of Mashpee, including any necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:16 PM.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, \$100,000 for the purpose of funding the installation of a Preschool Therapeutic Playground at the Kenneth C. Coombs School, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: This article seeks funding to improve the community play space at the K.C. Coombs School for safety purposes and to adequately address the needs of typically developing children. The new *Mashpee Plays Together – Kids Therapeutic Playground* is proposed for young children ages three to five years of all abilities. The play structures would address the

physical, cognitive and sensory needs of children through therapeutic playground features which would encourage exploration, discovery, creativity and imagination. Benches and shade structures are proposed to be incorporated into the design. The handicap accessible playground is intended to be open after school and on weekends for public usage. With Town Meeting approval, the targeted date for installation is August 2014. Fundraisers are planned to offset the additional \$60,000 required to construct the facility. The applicant is Elaine Pender, Principal of the Kenneth C. Coombs School. This playground would be maintained through the DPW and School budgets, and if possible with continued fundraising.

The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 9-0 in support of this article.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval by a vote of 5-0.

Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Michael Richardson

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, \$100,000 for the purpose of funding the installation of a Preschool Therapeutic Playground at the Kenneth C. Coombs School, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Motion passes unanimously at 7:17 PM.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, \$155,000 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of the Lewis Property; 32 Collins Lane, Mashpee; 3.7 acres referenced on Assessors Map 36, Block 4 for open space purposes, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The article seeks funding to purchase 3.7 acres of land for open space and passive recreation purposes. The acquisition of the property is consistent with the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan for Open Space for the protection of, and access to, the Mashpee River. The beautiful and scenic property lies approximately 50' from the Mashpee River. The site location has been a part of the Mashpee River Corridor project since 1985. The purchase of the property is an opportunity for the Town to enhance water quality and to protect Mashpee's natural resources. The applicant is Joan Muse on behalf of William Lewis, Jr.

The Community Preservation Committee voted 5-4 in support of purchasing the land. The Community Preservation Committee voted 9-0 in support of the purchase price.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend approval by a vote of 5-0.

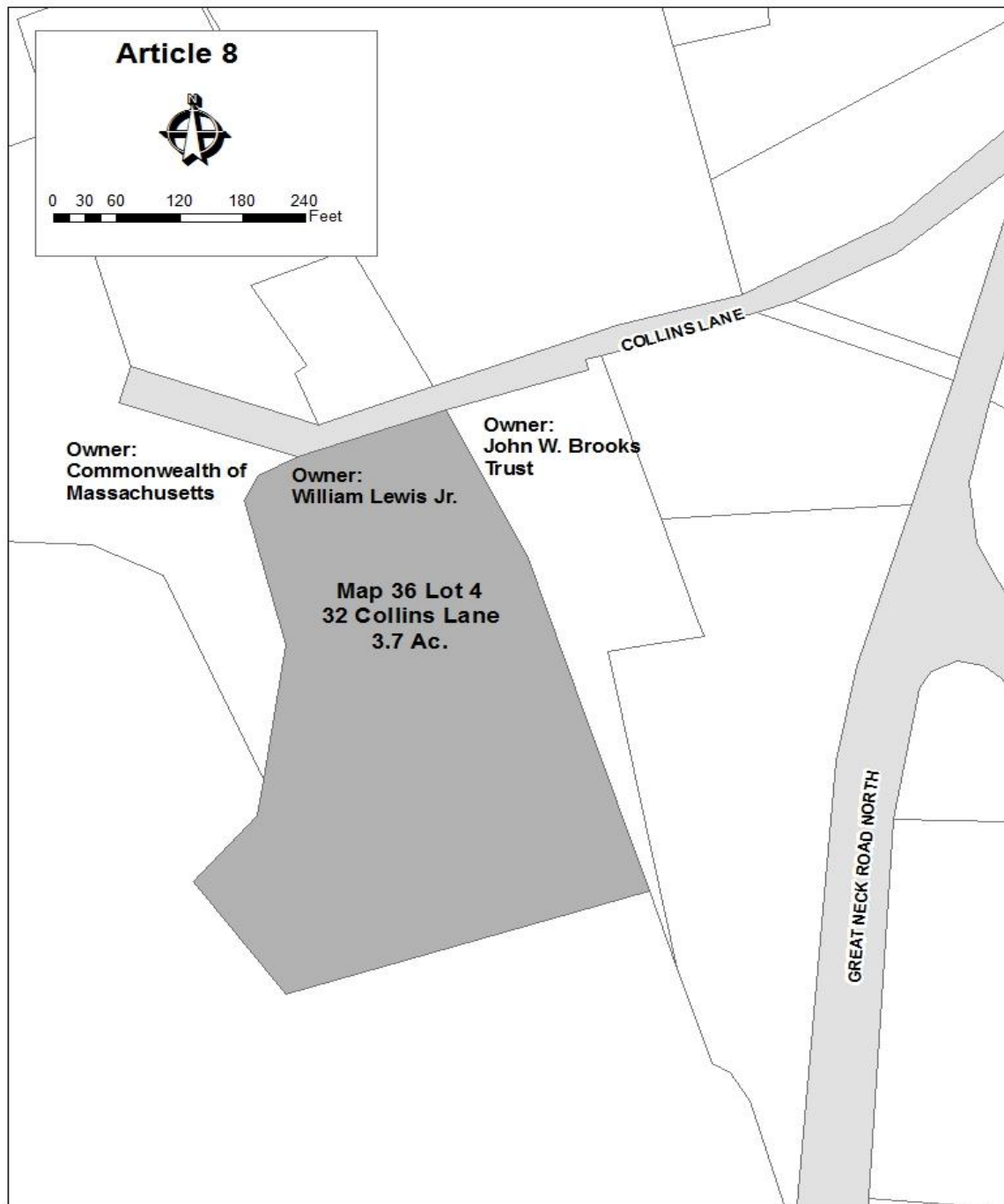
Finance Committee does not recommend approval by a vote of 7-0.

Motion made by Selectman Thomas O'Hara

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5, \$155,000 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of the Lewis Property; 32 Collins Lane, Mashpee; 3.7 acres referenced on Assessors Map 36, Block 4 for open space purposes, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Motion made to table article.

Motion to table article 160 to 63 passes at 7:36 PM.



Motion made to adjourn Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office, and one each on the bulletin boards, thirty days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.


Given under our hands this 24th day of March in the year two thousand and fourteen.

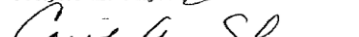
Per order of,
Board of Selectmen



John J. Cahalane, Chairman


Michael B. Richardson, Vice Chairman


Thomas F. O'Hara, Clerk


Wayne E. Taylor


Carol A. Sherman


John P. Dami-Constable
Posteed April 1, 2014