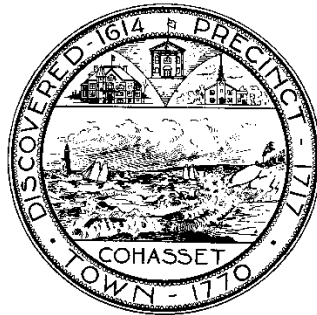


# **TOWN OF COHASSET**

## **TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED MOTIONS**



### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

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

**(Final 12/12/22)**

**Please note that the Committee votes included in this packet are for informational purposes only and are not part of the proposed motions**

**Article 1: Amendments to Fiscal 2023 Operating Budget**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, that One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) be hereby appropriated from the PEG Access & Cable Related Fund, for the item set forth below, amending the amount appropriated by the Town pursuant to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting held on May 22, 2022, which funds are to be expended by the Town Manager, to supplement certain departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

Action	Amount	From	To
<i>Transfer PEG Access Funds to Cohasset 143TV</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>	<i>PEG Access &amp; Cable Related Fund</i>	<i>Cohasset 143TV</i>

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

**Article 2: Unpaid Bills from Previous Fiscal Years**

**(A 9/10 vote is required)**

MOVED that Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$31,880.84) be hereby appropriated to pay the following unpaid bills of the Town, from previous fiscal years, as follows:

Department	Vendor	Amount	Description
Planning/Zoning	Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane	\$15,210.00	Legal Services
Finance	CohSolar LLC	\$11,839.26	May & June Payments
Sewer	Coughlin Environmental	\$1,480.10	Cook Estates Support
Fire	Doughboy Uniforms	\$1,569.32	Uniforms
Facilities	Ecosystems	\$105.16	Library Mosquito Spray
Town Clerk	Mass Mailers	\$1,677.00	Public Street Listing
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$31,880.84</b>	

AND TO meet this appropriation, Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$31,880.84) be transferred from available Free Cash in the Treasury of the Town.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

**Article 3: Stabilization Funds**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED that the following amounts be appropriated for the following purposes pursuant to the chart below:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Deposited into</b>
\$350,000	Free Cash	OPEB Trust Fund
\$625,000	Free Cash	Capital Stabilization
\$100,000	Free Cash	Special Ed Stabilization

AND TO meet these appropriations, One Million Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,075,000) be transferred from available Free Cash in the Treasury of the Town.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

**Article 4: Allocation of Funds for One-Time Costs**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED that Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$295,790) be appropriated to be spent by the Town Manager for the following purposes:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Department</b>
\$30,000	Free Cash	1. Removal of Compost Pile	DPW
\$7,500	Free Cash	2. CRM Platform	Town Manager
\$20,690	Free Cash	3. Revaluation Certification	Assessor
\$15,000	Free Cash	4. Various Playground Repairs	Facilities
\$10,000	Free Cash	5. Crack Seal Tennis Courts	Facilities
\$5,000	Free Cash	6. Field Rake	Facilities
\$3,600	Free Cash	7. Wetlands Engineering Consultant Wheelwright	DPW
\$200,000	Free Cash	8. Collective Bargaining Agreements	Town Manager
\$4,000	Free Cash	9. Owl Systems (3)	IT

AND TO meet this appropriation, Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$295,790) be appropriated from Free Cash in the Treasury of the Town.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

**Advisory Committee:** Recommended Approval by a Vote of 8-0.

**Article 5: Capital Improvements Projects**

**(A 2/3 vote is required)**

MOVED, that Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$729,814) be appropriated to be spent by the Town Manager with the approval of the Select Board for the purpose of purchasing certain items or services relating to capital or property, as set forth below:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>CBC Recommendations</b>
\$42,000	1. Electric Vehicles	Town Manager	Capital Stabilization Fund (CSF)	Vote of 3-0
\$12,764	2. Police Radios	Police	CSF	Vote of 3-0
\$40,000	3. Osgood School Vestibule	Schools/Facilities	CSF	Vote of 3-0
\$15,050	4. Police Interview Cameras	Police	CSF	Vote of 3-0
\$70,000	5. Public Safety Generator	Police/Fire	CSF	Vote of 3-0
\$10,000	6. HVAC Upgrades	DPW	CSF	Vote of 4-0
\$100,000	7. Beechwood Water Main	Water	Water Retained Earnings (WRE)	Vote of 3-0
\$105,000	8. Town Hall Elevator	Facilities	CSF	Vote of 3-0
\$25,000	9. Electric School Bus	School	CSF	Vote of 3-0-1
\$30,000	10. Milliken Field Study	Town Manager	CSF	Vote of 3-0-1
\$30,000	11. Beechwood Playground Repairs	Facilities	CSF	Vote of 4-0
\$100,000	12. Milliken Restrooms/Concession	Facilities	CSF	Vote of 4-0
\$150,000	13. Emergency Water Main Repair – South Main Street	Water	WRE	Vote of 3-0

AND TO meet this appropriation, Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$479,814) be transferred from the Town’s Capital Stabilization Fund, and Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) be transferred from the Retained Earnings of the Water Department.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0 on 1, 2, 4-13. Recommendation at Town Meeting for Project #3.

**Advisory Committee:** Recommend Approval by a Unanimous Vote on Projects 1, 2, 4-13. Recommendation at Town Meeting for Project #3.

**Water Commission:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0 on Projects 7 and 13.

## **Article 6: Community Preservation Committee**

(A Majority vote is required)

MOVED, that the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee be heard and acted upon as follows:

Source of Funds	Recipient/Project	Amount
CPA Open Space and Recreation Account	Library Amphitheater	\$125,000

AND, that for each of the above recommendations, the Select Board, or such other Town board as the Select Board may designate, be authorized to acquire by purchase or gift and hold in the name of or enforceable by the Town and to grant to a nonprofit organization, charitable corporation or foundation, such land, real property interests and permanent affordable housing restrictions, 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.

**Select Board:** Recommendation at Town Meeting.

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

**Community Preservation Committee:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 7-0.

## **Article 7 Creation of a Revolving Fund for Public Health Programs**

(A majority vote is required)

MOVED, that the Cohasset Bylaws Chapter 8 “Departmental Revolving Funds” be amended by adding the following new section to Section 8-5:

Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Fiscal Years
Vaccination Clinic Fund	Director of Public Health	Grants/Payments from Vaccination Clinics	Vaccination clinic administration, including vaccines, equipment, and staffing	FY23 and subsequent fiscal years

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

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

## **Article 8: Transfer of Funds received from the National Opioid Settlement**

(A majority vote is required)

MOVED, that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**Select Board:**

**Advisory Committee:**

## **Article 9: Easement from First Parish Church to Access Clock Tower**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, that the Select Board be so authorized to acquire and accept by gift, an easement from the First Parish Church on property located at 23 North Main Street, identified by the Assessor's Parcel E5-18-081, for the purpose of accessing and maintaining the Town clock.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

## **Article 10: Wetlands Protection Bylaws Updated Definitions –Resource Area**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, that the Cohasset General Bylaws, Chapter 260 "Wetlands Protection" be amended by amending the definitions of "Riverfront Area" and "Vernal Pool" as printed in the Warrant.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

**Conservation Commission:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

## **Article 11: Public Safety Communication Towers**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a portion of Wheelwright Park, which park is located on Forest Avenue, identified by the Assessors as Parcel D3-15-100, and is described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 1375, Page 362, and which portion to be transferred contains 2 acres, more or less, and is approximately shown on a plan entitled "Wheelwright Park Plan", on file with the Town Clerk, from the Select Board for park purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of leasing, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into telecommunications leases from time to time on such terms and conditions and for such duration, which may exceed thirty years, as the Select Board deems in the best interests of the Town, and to grant access, utility and other easements in said portion; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to file a petition with the General Court pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution for a special act authorizing the foregoing transfer under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, and, to satisfy the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' "no net loss policy," to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land containing 2 acres, more or less, on Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and known on Assessor's records as Parcel D8-52-006, and is described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 36605, Page 504, from the Select Board for general municipal purposes to the Select Board, acting as the Board of Park Commissioners, for park purposes in perpetuity under the provisions of G.L. c. 45, §3 and subject to the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, with the foregoing transfers to become effective upon the enactment of the Article 97 legislation, or to take any other action related thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

*INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This Article would authorize a petition to the State to allow public land owned by the Town to be utilized for the siting of a Cellular Communications Tower to address critical gaps in service in the northeast section of the Town.*

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0.

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

**Article 12: Removal of Cohasset Police Department from Civil Service**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, that the Select Board is authorized to file a home rule petition with the General Court pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution to remove the Cohasset Police Department from the Civil Service System.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

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

**Article 13: Contract Extensions for Cell Antennas at the Water Department**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30B, Section 12, that the Town authorize the Town Manager, to enter into leases for the use of space on equipment owned by the Cohasset Water Department for up to 20 years.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 5-0

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

**Water Commission:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-0

**Article 14: Citizens Petition- King Street Sidewalks**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED that the Town appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from available Free Cash for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study and preparing plans to construct sidewalks and other traffic calming and public safety measures along King Street from Beechwood to Route 3A and the portion of Pond Street from King Street to Route 3A.

**Select Board:** Recommend referral to the Sidewalk Committee.

**Advisory Committee:** Vote to Not Recommend by a Vote of 7-1.

**Article 15: Citizens Petition- Navigation Bylaw**

**(A majority vote is required)**

MOVED, that the Cohasset General Bylaws be amended by adding a new bylaw entitled “Navigation Bylaw” as printed under Article 15 in the Warrant and further that the Town Clerk be authorized to assign an appropriate Chapter and/or Section numbers for said bylaw amendment.

**Select Board:** Recommend Approval by a Vote of 3-1

**Advisory Committee:** Vote to Not Recommend by a Vote of 5-0-1