



**TOWN OF SWANSEA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021  
\*Original date: May 17, 2021**

The Annual Town Meeting held in and for the Town of Swansea, MA on Monday, June 14, 2021, was held in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts and the By-Laws of the Town of Swansea, with the rules of the meeting further governed by Town Meeting Time and Robert's Rules of Order, the Warrant and the Advisory & Finance Board recommendations duly posted, a quorum present, and all procedural requirements being met.

**7:30 PM**

Town Moderator Paul Burke called the Annual Town Meeting to order at the Joseph Case High, 70 School Street, Swansea, MA, with a quorum being present. At the opening of the meeting, there were 123 registered voters present.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant. - **Motion carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Burke announced two special guests Boy Scouts Anthony Celio and William Snell who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burke called for moment of silence for all members of our community who we have lost in the last year, along with their families during this difficult past year; and also, to recognize and thank all of our Town officials who have worked tirelessly during the pandemic, including our first responders.

Mr. Burke explained the procedure for tonight's meeting. Mr. Burke announced the ballot counters: Susan Hajder, Anita McGee, Susan Donais, Nicole Cantin and Susan Taveira; also announced, were the following guests: Mallory Aronstein (Town Administrator), Paul Treholme (Somerset PD), Eileen Dyer (Swansea Library Director), William Anderson (Swansea Highway Director), Zachary Seabury (Swansea Board of Health Agent), Atty. Anthony Savastano (Town Counsel), Randi Arruda-John Robidoux-Elizabeth White (Swansea School Dept), Luce Cabral – Brenden Dwyre (Swansea Cable TV), Amber Gordon-Anthony Celio-William Snell (Boys Scouts), Tracy Jo Anderson (Swansea Town Accountant), Scott Barbato (Swansea Building Inspector), John Hansen (Swansea Town Planner), Kevin Serpa (Swansea Veterans Agent), Atty. Thomas P. Killoran (Fall River, MA) and Audrey Cooney (111 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA).

**Article 1 VOTED:** That the Town hear the report of the Advisory and Finance Committee.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 2 VOTED:** That the Town accept the reports of the Town Officers and all Town Committees, and that the reading of such reports be waived.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 3 VOTED:** Motion made by the Town Moderator, and in accordance with Article II of the General Bylaws, Section 7-4, that the Town vote to confirm the appointments of the following individuals to the Advisory and Finance Committee to the year 2024:

Robert M. Sparrow	138 Kispert Court	Joyce A. Moore	27 Main Street
Robert Alford	22 Weaver Street	John Salzillo	11 Riverview Avenue
Thomas Tripp	286 Winslow Way		

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 4 VOTED:** That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all Town Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as follows:

Selectmen:	Chairman	\$ 5,000
	Vice Chairman	\$ 5,000
	Clerk	\$ 5,000
Town Clerk:		\$ 68,406.77
Treasurer/Collector:		\$ 80,999.17
Assessors:	Chairman	\$ 2,000
	Vice Chairman	\$ 1,000
	Clerk	\$ 1,000
Moderator:		\$ 500
Tree Warden:		\$ 500

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 5 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$47,513,379 as may be deemed necessary to defray the charges of the Town Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 based on the Advisory and Finance Committee recommendations for the Line Item Numbers 1 through 109 inclusive in the June 14, 2021 Annual Town Meeting Budget Book and that said sums be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

NO.	Department	FY2022
	<b>114 MODERATOR</b>	
1	SALARY	\$ 500.00
2	EXPENSE	\$ 50.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
	<b>122 SELECTMEN</b>	
3	SALARIES (SELECTMEN)	\$ 15,000.00
4	SALARIES	\$ 248,591.00
5	EXPENSE	\$ 43,456.00
6	EQUIPMENT	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 307,047.00</b>
	<b>123 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE - TOWN HALL</b>	
7	SALARY	\$ 52,691.00
8	EXPENSE	\$ 80,300.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 132,991.00</b>
	<b>131 ADVISORY &amp; FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	
9	SALARY	
10	EXPENSE	\$ 5,200.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>
	<b>132 RESERVE FUND</b>	
11	RESERVE FUND	\$ 100,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

**135 ACCOUNTANT**

<b>12</b>	SALARIES	\$ 160,247.00
<b>13</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 33,099.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 193,346.00</b>

**141 TAX ASSESSORS**

<b>14</b>	SALARIES (ELECTED)	\$ 4,000.00
<b>15</b>	SALARY	\$ 97,353.00
<b>16</b>	CLERICAL SALARIES	\$ 78,885.00
<b>17</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 59,205.00
<b>18</b>	INTERIM ADJUSTMENT & CYCLICAL REVAL	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 239,443.00</b>

**145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

<b>19</b>	SALARY	\$ 81,000.00
<b>20</b>	CLERICAL SALARIES	\$ 84,845.00
<b>21</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 36,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 201,845.00</b>

**151 LEGAL & RISK MANAGEMENTSERVICES**

<b>22</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 150,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

**155 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

<b>23</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 110,110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 110,110.00</b>

**161 TOWN CLERK**

<b>24</b>	SALARY	\$ 68,407.00
<b>25</b>	CLERICAL SALARIES	\$ 80,812.00
<b>26</b>	EQUIPMENT	
<b>27</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 14,132.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 163,351.00</b>

**162 ELECTION EXPENSE**

<b>28</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 51,550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 51,550.00</b>

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**163**

<b>29</b>	SALARIES	\$ 1,664.00
<b>30</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 8,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 9,864.00</b>

**171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

<b>31</b>	SALARY (AGENT)	\$ 65,052.00
<b>32</b>	CLERICAL SALARY	\$ 15,900.00
<b>33</b>	LONGEVITY	\$ 985.00
<b>34</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 6,112.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 88,049.00</b>

**175 PLANNING BOARD**

35	SALARY	\$	80,175.00
36	CLERICAL SALARY	\$	31,800.00
37	SALARIES (OTHER)/longevity	\$	985.00
38	EXPENSE	\$	12,475.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>125,435.00</b>

**176 ZONING BOARD**

39	SALARIES		
40	EXPENSE	\$	8,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>

**177 WATER AQUIFIER**

41	EXPENSE	\$	410.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>410.00</b>

**192 BEACH EXPENSE**

42	EXPENSE	\$	32,065.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>32,065.00</b>

**193 WATERFRONT - PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE**

43	EXPENSE	\$	30,456.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30,456.00</b>

**195 PRINTING TOWN REPORT**

44	EXPENSE	\$	1,650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>

**210 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

45	SALARIES	\$	4,147,542.00
46	EXPENSE	\$	378,926.00
47	EQUIPMENT	\$	87,565.00
48	SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	\$	1,500.00
49	TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>4,616,533.00</b>

**220 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

50	SALARIES	\$	644,271.00
51	EXPENSE	\$	252,150.00
52	EQUIPMENT	\$	20,000.00
53	OUT-OF-STATE EXPENSES		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>916,421.00</b>

**241 BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

54	SALARY (DEPT. HEAD)	\$	77,848.00
55	CLERICAL SALARY	\$	42,530.00
56	SALARIES (OTHER)	\$	87,000.00
57	EXPENSE	\$	25,200.00
58	EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>233,078.00</b>

**244 SEALER OF WEIGHTS**

59	SALARY	\$	6,800.00
60	EXPENSE	\$	500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>

**291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

61	SALARY	\$	2,000.00
62	EXPENSE	\$	11,150.00
63	EQUIPMENT	\$	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,150.00</b>

**300 SWANSEA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

64	SALARIES & WAGES	\$	8,647,197.00
65	MAINTENANCE & EXPENSE	\$	4,579,911.00
66	EQUIPMENT & OUTLAY	\$	235,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,462,108.00</b>

**390 BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT**

67	EXPENSE	\$	163,974.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>163,974.00</b>

**DIMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT**

68	EXPENSE	\$	1,509,972.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,509,972.00</b>

**422 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

69	SALARIES & WAGES	\$	831,663.00
70	OPERATING EXPENSE	\$	276,350.00
71	SNOW REMOVAL	\$	150,000.00
72	STREET LIGHTING	\$	125,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,383,013.00</b>

**425 WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

73	EXPENSE	\$	500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>

**429 TREE WARDEN**

74	SALARY	\$	500.00
75	EXPENSE	\$	49,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>

**491 CEMETERIES RECORDS CLERK**

76	SALARY	\$	1,486.00
77	EXPENSES	\$	150.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,636.00</b>

**493 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES**

78	EQUIPMENT	\$	2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

**510-512 BOARD OF HEALTH**

79	SALARIES & WAGES	\$	281,018.00
80	EXPENSE	\$	43,975.00

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 324,993.00</b>
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	<b>541 COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
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<b>81</b>	SALARIES	\$ 142,049.00
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<b>82</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 97,652.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 239,701.00</b>
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	<b>543 VETERANS</b>	
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<b>83</b>	SALARIES	\$ 106,431.00
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<b>84</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 8,000.00
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<b>85</b>	BENEFITS	\$ 284,982.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 399,413.00</b>
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	<b>610 LIBRARIES</b>	
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<b>86</b>	HEAD LIBRARIAN	\$ 83,180.00
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<b>87</b>	SALARIES	\$ 181,527.00
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<b>88</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 106,875.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 371,582.00</b>
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	<b>630 RECREATION COMMISSION</b>	
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<b>89</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 27,675.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,675.00</b>
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	<b>650 PARK COMMISSION</b>	
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<b>90</b>	SALARY	\$ 55,955.00
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<b>91</b>	SALARY (MINUTES CLERK)	\$ 765.00
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<b>92</b>	SALARY (SEASONAL ASST.)	\$ 21,888.00
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<b>93</b>	EQUIPMENT (clothing allowance)	\$ 650.00
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<b>94</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 36,015.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 115,273.00</b>
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	<b>680 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION/SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
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<b>95</b>	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 2,800.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,800.00</b>
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	<b>691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	
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<b>96</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 295.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>
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	<b>699 ARTS COUNCIL</b>	
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<b>97</b>	EXPENSE	\$ 340.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 340.00</b>
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	<b>710/751 NOTES AND INTEREST</b>	
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	<b>LONG TERM</b>	
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<b>98</b>	School Renovation	\$ 102,000.00
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<b>99</b>	Police/Comm Ctr	\$ 398,500.00
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<b>100</b>	CPA Land Purchase Medeiros Farm	\$ 96,347.00
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<b>101</b>	WPAT/CWMP	\$ 20,227.00
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<b>102</b>	MULTI-PURPOSE LOAN of 2016	\$ 139,570.00
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<b>103</b>	WATERFRONT	\$ 86,130.00
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	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 842,774.00</b>
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	<b>752 SHORT TERM</b>	
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<b>104</b>	Interest, Short-term	
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<b>105</b>	Principle, short-term	
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<b>106</b>	borrowing costs		\$ 10,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
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	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 852,774.00</b>
	<b>900</b>	<b>BRISTOL CTY. RET. FUND/PENSION</b>	
<b>107</b>	EXPENSE		\$ 2,447,475.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 2,447,475.00</b>
	<b>913</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND</b>	
<b>108</b>	EXPENSE		\$ 20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
	<b>951</b>	<b>SOIL COMMISSION</b>	
<b>109</b>	EXPENSE		\$ 5,030.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,030.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Article 5</b>			<b>\$39,118,898.00</b>

**Article 6 VOTED:** That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth and/or the County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, bikeways, and waterways.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 7 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$7,826,981 to pay the expense of meeting the insurance needs of the Town of Swansea and its employees, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 11 in favor and 1 abstention.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 8 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$46,500 to meet the expense of the annual audit, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 9 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to meet the Town's expenses for Tax Title purposes, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 10 VOTED:** That the Town vote to delete the existing Revolving Fund Table in section 20-11 of the General Bylaws and replace it with a revised table, as printed in more detail in Article 10 of the warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 11 VOTED:** That the Town vote to set the maximum spending limits for FY2022 pursuant to section 20-8C of the General Bylaws and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Town's revolving funds as follows:

Social Day Care Program Revolving Fund:	\$158,000.00
Fire Alarm Inspections Revolving Fund:	\$35,000.00
Boat Ramp Revolving Fund:	\$12,000.00
Shellfish Revolving Fund:	\$40,000.00

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 12 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of meeting the permitting requirements for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, NPDES, so called, including but not limited to the requirements of meeting the Stormwater Management Program, and the requirements of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan, and to provide materials and equipment, and engineering and consulting services as required to meet such permitting, and further for the purpose of performing extraordinary maintenance and storm management improvements at detention ponds, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 10 in favor and 2 opposed.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 13 VOTED:** That the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to appropriate the following sums to operate the Solid Waste Enterprise:

Expenses	\$ 1,509,00.00
Salaries	\$ 9,250.00
Total	\$ 1,518,250.00

And further that the Town vote \$1,518,250 to be expended from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Receipts Account, including the transfer in the sum of \$58,920 to be transferred from the solid Waste Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 14 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend Chapter §222 of the General Bylaws, relating to solid waste, all as printed in more detail in Article 14 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 15 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, and the funding of reserves and all other necessary and property expenses for the year as follows:

For Appropriations Community Preservation Administrative

Expenses	\$	18,096.25
For Community Housing Reserve	\$	36,192.49
For Historic Resources Reserve	\$	36,192.49
For Payment of Debt Service on Medeiros Farm Open Space Purchase	\$	82,222.22
For the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 Annual Budgeted Reserve	\$	189,221.51

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 16 VOTED:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,500 from the Historic Preservation Reserves portion of the Community Preservation Fund to the Library Board of Trustees for the purpose of interior painting of the Public Library.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 17 VOTED:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserves portion of the Community Preservation Fund to the Library Board of Trustees for the purchase of a fire alarm system for the Public Library.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**



**Article 18 VOTED:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserves portion of the Community Preservation Fund to the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of a fire alarm system for the Town Hall.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 19 VOTED:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Open Space and Recreation portion of the Community Preservation Fund to the Highway Department for the purpose of constructing a canoe and kayak launch dock and related expenses for the Milford Pond area.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 20 VOTED:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Unreserved Funds portion of the Community Preservation Fund to the Highway Department for the purpose of constructing a canoe and kayak launch dock and related expenses for the Lewin Brook Pond area.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 21 VOTED:** That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, at a total cost of up to \$436,000, a certain 37.24 acres +/- of land for the purposes of creating and preserving any one or more of the following uses: passive recreation, active recreation and agriculture; to appropriate said amount pursuant to Chapter 44B through borrowing \$336,000 from future Community Preservation Annual Revenues and transferring \$100,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund; and to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer to take certain actions relative to said borrowing, to said purchase, and to the preservation of said premises; as printed in more detail in Article 21 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 22 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$148,000 to be expended by the Police Chief to meet the expense of purchasing three police cruisers with equipment, including radios, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 12 in favor and 1 abstention.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 23 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$55,000 to develop a Master Plan, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

Speaking on article: Gil Ameida, 140 Bushee Road  
Claire Place, 379 Seaview Avenue  
Richard Looker, A&F member  
Michele Paul, A&F member

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 11 in favor and 2 opposed.**

- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 24 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to additionally fund account #01-122-59-52101 (STM 11/18/19- Article 13) to continue work related to opening access to the waterways throughout the town, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 10 in favor and 3 opposed.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 25 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$145,000 for the purchase and equipping of a wheeled excavator and related equipment for the Swansea Highway Department, and that said sum be transferred from certified free cash.

Speaking on article: Joyce Moore, 27 Main Street  
Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator  
William Anderson, Highway Director  
Steve Kitchin, BOS member

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 6 in favor and 5 opposed.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 26 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$30,000 for the purchase and equipping of two scag mowers for the Swansea Highway Department and Swansea Parks Department, and that said sum be transferred from certified free cash.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 6 in favor and 5 opposed.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 27 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of a covered trailer to be used by the Town Clerk for storage of voting equipment, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

Speaking on article: Frank Bigos, 174 Hortonville Road  
Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 10 in favor and 3 opposed.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 28 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of a covered trailer to be used for the Swansea Parks Department, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 29 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$6,000 for installation of LED lighting at the Swansea Memorial Park, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 9 in favor and 3 opposed.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 30 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$22,000 to replace the outfield fence on Field #6 at the Swansea Memorial Park, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 31 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$50,000 to remove trees around the park and baseball fields at Swansea Memorial Park, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 32 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$225,000 to refurbish Fire Engine 3, and that said sum be transferred from certified free cash.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 7 in favor and 4 opposed.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 33 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate \$150,000 to conduct a feasibility and design study for a new Station 1 and additions to Fire Station 2 and Station 4, and that said sum be transferred from certified free cash.

**A&F Recommendation: does not recommend approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**8:29 PM:** A challenge was received from Christopher Howard, A&F member, as to the Moderator's decision. Mr. Burke stated he has received a challenge; seven other voters would need to stand up for the challenge; more than seven stood up. Mr. Burke stated this matter would go to a ballot vote. Mr. Burke called for his counters. Mr. Burke stated this will be a simple majority vote, not a 2/3's vote. Ballot #6 would be used. Mr. Burke explained that a "YES" vote was in favor of the article and a "NO" vote was opposed to the article. No other ballot # would be considered. Final ballot count: YES – 64 NO – 62.

**8:42 PM:** - **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 34 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$400,000 by direct taxation and to transfer a sum of \$163,000 from certified free cash for the continued funding of reserve accounts, by adding \$281,500 to the Stabilization Fund and by adding \$281,500 into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 8 in favor and 3 opposed.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 35 VOTED:** That the town vote to appropriate a sum of \$200,000 for the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 10 in favor and 1 abstention.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 36 VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of funding the Length of Service Awards Program for the Firefighters of Swansea, and that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

Speaking on article: Sarah Carlson, A&F member  
Steven Kitchin, BOS member

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 8 in favor and 3 opposed.**

- **Motion carried by a majority.**

**Article 37 VOTED:** That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for any or all of the property located at 1100 Bark Street, for a period of up to twenty-five years, and under such other terms as the Selectmen deem to be prudent, for the purpose of effectuating the creation and long-term maintenance of public ballfields thereon; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, if it deems it to be appropriate and necessary, to file with the General Court of the Commonwealth a Home Rule Petition to effectuate the adoption of certain legislation, and with such adoption subject to certain limitations; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other action with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as is needed in order to effectuate the execution of said lease notwithstanding Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; all as printed in more detail in Article 37 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 38 VOTED:** That the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 21, to place on the official ballot for the 2022 annual election the following question: "Shall the town vote to have its selectmen act as the sewer commissioners?"

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 39 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws Chapter 115 Animals, as printed on the Warrant.

**Motion to Amend the Warrant Article:** That the Town strike from the main motion, “\$10 for an impound fee together with the sum of \$20” from section 115-9C. A second was received. The motion carried unanimously; the amendment passed.

Speaking on article: Zachary Seabury, Board of Health Director  
Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator

**Voted:** That the Town vote the main motion, as amended to eliminate the impound fee, to amend the General Bylaws Chapter 115 Animals.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously; article passes.**

**Article 40 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend Chapter 20 of the General Bylaws by adding Article V Delinquent Tax List, as printed in more detail in Article 40 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burke stated the following articles 41 thru 46 are Zoning articles, which require a 2/3’s vote. Mr. Burke stated he will do a voice vote first, if he could not get a voice vote, the article will go to a ballot vote.

**Article 41 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Lot Irregularity by amending Subsection 5.2.C(1) of the Zoning Bylaw, all as printed in more detail in Article 41 of the Warrant.

Speaking on article: John Healey, 220 Ocean Grove Avenue  
John Hansen, Town Planner

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 42 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Hammerhead Lots by amending Subsection 5.2.B(2)(d) of the Zoning Bylaw and by adding a new Subsection 5.2.B(2)(p) to the Zoning Bylaws, as printed in more detail in Article 42 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 43 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Common Driveways by deleting and replacing the language of Section 4.0.G of the Zoning Bylaw in its entirety, and by amending the Table of Principal and Accessory Uses in Section 4.0 of the Zoning Bylaw, and by amending Subsection 4.1F of the Zoning Bylaw, and by amending Subsection 5.2.B(2)(h) of the Zoning Bylaw, all as printed in more detail in Article 43 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**  
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 44 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Construction on lots smaller than required by deleting Subsection 5.2.E.3 of the Zoning Bylaw in its entirety.

Speaking on article: Claire Place, 379 Seaview Avenue  
John Hansen, Town Planner

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 13 in favor and 1 abstention.**  
- **Motion carried by a 2/3’s Majority.**

**Article 45 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Siting of Accessory Buildings and Structures by deleting and replacing Subsection 5.2.D. of the Zoning Bylaw in its entirety as printed in more detail in Article 45 of the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 46 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Provisions for Non-Conforming Buildings and Structures by creating a new Subsection 3.2.A of the Zoning Bylaw and a new Subsection 3.2.B of the Zoning Bylaw, as printed in more detail in the Warrant.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried by a 2/3's Majority.**

**Article 47 VOTED:** That the Town vote to accept the action of the Board of Selectmen in laying out Winslow Way, as further depicted upon the plan attached to the Warrant and filed with the Town Clerk.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by 10 in favor and 1 abstention.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 48 VOTED:** That the Town vote to vote to accept the action of the Board of Selectmen in laying out Oxford Lane, as further depicted upon the plan attached to the Warrant and filed with the Town Clerk.

**A&F Recommendation: approval by a Unanimous Vote.**

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article 49 VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by creating a new **Article XX** entitled Marijuana Establishments Overlay District as printed on the warrant, and further to amend the zoning Map by creating a Marijuana Establishments Overlay District, comprised of those portions of the Business B District and the Manufacturing District consisting of Lots 23 and 24C of current Assessor's Map 74.

**A&F Recommendation: does not recommend approval by 1 in favor and 10 opposed.**

- **Article 49 is defeated; it did not get a 2/3's vote, Moderator declared.**

**Article 50 VOTED:** Motion made to postpone indefinitely – petitioner withdrew. Second received.

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Pelland, Town Clerk