

**Town of
Marblehead
Annual Town Meeting**

**Rescheduled from May 4, 2020 to June 29, 2020 Veterans Middle School PAC 7:00PM
Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and in accordance with Governor Bakers executive order the
location and time was changed to June 29, 2020 7:05 PM The Veteran's Middle School
Rear**

Parking Lot

**April 7, 2020 The Selectmen voted to reduce the quorum, The Court granted the reduction
from 300 to 30**

With a reduced quorum met the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Article 7 Revolving Fund

Voted: That the Town authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 to be expended in accordance with Chapter 63-9 of the town bylaws:

FUND	SPENDING LIMIT
Historical Commission Gift Shop Revolving Fund	\$ 15,000
Recreation and Parks Revolving Fund	\$ 800,000
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	\$ 250,000
Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	\$ 20,000
Commercial Waste Revolving Fund	\$ 550,000
Conservation Fines Revolving Fund	\$ 75,000
Sump Pump Improvement Revolving Fund	\$ 25,000
Special Education Revolving Fund	\$ 900,000
Storm Water By-Law Revolving Fund	\$ 10,000
Street Opening Revolving Fund	\$ 75,000
Vaccine Revolving Fund	\$ 8,000

Article 8 Purchase of Equipment of Several Departments

Voted: That the sum of \$68,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a Ford Pickup truck for the Harbormaster, and to meet this appropriation; \$68,000.00 is to be transferred from Harbor Receipts.

Article 9 Lease Purchase

Counted Vote In Favor 86 Against 1

Pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 21c to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease agreement for the lease and purchase of a Ford Interceptor for the Police Department for a period of three (3) years; Kodiak dump truck for the Tree Department for a period of five (5) years; Loader for the Waste Department for a period of seven (7) years; School bus for the School Department for a period of five (5) years; by in any event not in excess of the useful life of

the property to be procured on such term and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to administer and implement such agreement and to fund the first year of the lease with a \$100,596.00 appropriation, with \$27,696.00 transferred from the Waste Department revolving fund and \$72,900.00 to be raised by taxation for the payment required in the first fiscal year.

And further, that pursuant to Chapter 44 section 21c to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement for the lease and purchase of two transportation vans for a period of 3 years but in any event not in excess of the useful life of the property to be procured on such term and conditions as the School Committee deem in the best interest of the School Department; and to authorize the School committee to take all actions necessary to administer and implement such agreement and to fund the first year of the lease with \$30,000.00 which is set forth in the School Department Budget for FY2021.

Article 10 Capital Improvements to Public Buildings

Voted: that the sum of \$125,040.00 be appropriated, and to meet his appropriation; \$20,040.00 is to be transferred from Cemetery Sale of Lots and \$105,000.00 is to be raised by taxation. To include the following:

Building Department	Walls and Fences
Abbot Hall Geo-Thermal	Sidewalks
	Cemetery
	EZ screen soil screener
	Device Stand
	Placer Bars
	Fence – Overlook Road

Article 12 Water Department Construction

Counted Vote 87 in-favor Against 1 :

That the sum of \$800,549.00 is appropriated from water retained earnings to be expended by the Water and Sewer Commission for the construction, reconstruction and extending of water mains, replacement of water meters, appurtenances, engineering, consultants, surveys including revenue studies, and other general Water Department purposes, and to authorize the appropriate Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise any lands or easements necessary; to be expended by the Water and Sewer Commission.

Article 13 Sewer Department Construction

Voted: That the sum of \$937,726 is appropriated from sewer retained earnings to be expended by the Water and Sewer retained earnings to be expended by the Water and Sewer Commission for the construction or reconstruction of sewers for sanitary purposes and for sewage disposal, pump stations, original pumping station equipment, metering equipment, safety equipment, replacement of said equipment, safety equipment, replacement of said equipment, engineering, consultants and surveys including revenue studies, and other general Sewer Department purposes, and to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire by purchase , eminent domain or otherwise any lands or easements necessary.

Article 15: Storm Drainage Construction

Counted Vote 87 in-favor 1 against: That \$314,000.00 is appropriated from taxation for the construction, reconstruction, permitting, and maintenance of storm sewers for surface drainage purposes, including engineering services in connection therewith, and for general Drain Construction purposes, including the purchase or lease of equipment, and to authorize and further that the care, custody and control of the sewers for surface drainage be transferred to the Board of Selectmen, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, any land or easement necessary; all funds appropriated hereunder to be expended by the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

Article 16 Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District

Voted: To approve the gross operating and maintenance budget of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District and appropriate the sum of \$787,946.00 for the town's assessment of the same to be expended by the School Committee.

Article 17 Available Funds Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate**Voted:** That the sum of \$7,530,000.00 be appropriated for the use of the Assessors in making the Tax Rate.

From Free Cash	\$7,200,000.00
From Electric Surplus	<u>\$330,000.00</u>
	\$7,530,000.00

Article 18 Unpaid Accounts**Unanimously Voted:** That the Town Transfer the sum of \$3628.38 for unpaid bills from previous years as following Amounts:

Finance Expense	\$58.50
Public Building Expense	\$4.76
111F Injury Leave Fund	\$1,501.12
Health- Reimburse Medicare	\$244.20
93-95 Beacon St Peer Review Revolving Fund	\$1,819.80

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 1 Moderator**Voted:** That the sum of \$100.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Moderator as follows:

Item 1 Officials Expense \$100.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 2 3 4 5 6 Selectmen**Voted:** That the sum of \$469,353.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Selectmen as follows:

Item 2	Official Expense	\$0.00
Item 3	Salaries & Wages	\$349,903.00
Item 4	Expense	90,450.00
Item 5	Zoning Board Legal Services	27,000.00
Item 6	Out of State Travel	<u>2,000.00</u>
		\$469,353.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 7 8 9 Finance Committee**Voted:** That the sum of \$5,760.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Finance Committee as follows:

Item 7	Salaries and Wages	\$0.00
Item 8	Expense	\$5,585.00
Item 9	Local Travel	<u>\$175.00</u>
		\$5,760.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 10 Reserve Fund**Voted:** That the sum of \$144,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Reserve Fund.**Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 12 13 Finance Department****Voted:** That the sum of \$905,006.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Finance Department as follows:

Item 12	Salaries & Wages	\$650,396.00
Item 13	Expense	<u>264,610.00</u>
		\$905,006.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 17 18 19 20 Assessor**Voted:** That the sum of \$282,577.39 be and hereby is appropriated for the Assessor as follows:

Item 17	Officials Expense	\$ 300.00
Item 18	Salaries & Wages	218,092.39
Item 19	Expense	63,685.00

Item 20 Local Travel	<u>500.00</u>
	\$282,577.39

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 29 30 Town Counsel

Voted: That the sum of \$98,575.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Town Counsel as follows:

Item 29 Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,000.00
Item 30 Expense	<u>96,575.00</u>
	\$98,575.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 35 Parking Clerk

Voted: That the sum of \$12,650.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Parking Clerk Department as follows:

Item 35 Expense	\$12,650.00
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Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 39 40 Town Clerk

Voted: That the sum of \$205,788.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Town Clerk as follows:

Item 39 Salaries & Wages	\$195,651.00
Item 40 Expense	<u>10,137.00</u>
	\$205,788.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 43 44 Election and Registration

Voted: That the sum of \$57,837.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Election and Registration as follows:

Item 43 Salaries & Wages	\$32,462.00
Item 44 Expense	<u>25,375.00</u>
	\$57,837.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 50 Planning Board

Voted: That the sum of \$1,675.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Planning Board as follows:

Item 50 Expense	\$1,675.00
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Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 55 56 57 Public Buildings

Voted: That the sum of \$219,524.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Public Buildings as follows:

Item 55 Salaries & Wages	\$113,334.00
Item 56 Expense	105,790.00
Item 57 Local Travel	<u>400.00</u>
	\$219,524.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 59 Town Report

Voted: That the sum of \$4,300.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Town Report to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 60 Town Audit

Voted: That the sum of \$54,500.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Town Audit to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 62 63 64 Police Department

Voted: That the sum of \$4,277,144.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Police Department as follows:

Item 62 Salaries & Wages	\$4089,754.00
Item 63 Expense	182,390.00
Item 64 Indemnification of Officers	<u>5,000.00</u>

\$4,277,144.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 68 69 70 Fire Department

Voted: That the sum of \$4,191,616.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Fire Department as Follows:

Item 68 Salaries & Wages	\$3,990,113.00
Item 69 Expense	196,53.00
Item 70 Fire Alarm Expense	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$4,191,616.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 73 74 75 Building Inspection

Voted: That the sum of \$512,597.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Building Inspection as follows:

Item 73 Salaries & Wages	\$485,242.00
Item 74 Expense	21,355.00
Item 75 Local Travel	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$512,597.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 80 Sealer of Weights and Measures

Voted: That the sum of \$250.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures as follows:

Item 80 Expense	\$250.00
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Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 86 Animal Inspector

Voted: That the sum of \$2,400.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Animal Inspector as follows:

Item 86 Salaries	\$2,400.00
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Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 101 School Department

Voted: That the sum of \$40,521,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the School Department.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 105 106 Engineer

Voted: That the sum of \$170,472.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Engineer as follows:

Item 105 Salaries & Wages	\$168,827.00
Item 106 Expense	<u>10,645.00</u>
	\$179,472.00

To meet this appropriation \$9,000 is to be transferred from Wetland Filing Fees and \$169,548 is to be taken from Taxation.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 112 113 Highway

Voted: That the sum of \$1,043,867.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Highway as follows:

Item 112 Salaries & Wages	\$936,783.00
Item 113 Expense	<u>107,084.00</u>
	\$1,043,867.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 116 Maintain Streets & Sidewalks

Voted: That the sum of \$14,425.00 be and hereby is appropriated to maintain streets and sidewalks and said work to be done under the direction of the Director of Public Works and said sum of money to be expended by the Director of Public Works.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 117 Snow Removal

Voted: That the sum of \$100,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the use of the Director of Public Works to cover all expenses incidental to snow removal.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 118 Street Lighting

Voted: That the sum of \$128,820.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Street Lighting in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 126 127 129 Waste Collection

Voted: That the sum of \$2,355,898.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Waste Collection as follows:

Item 126 Salaries & Wages	\$ 379,796.00
Item 127 Expense	1,861,502.00
Item 129 Landfill Monitoring Expense	<u>114,600.00</u>
	\$2,355,898.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 132 133 Drains

Voted: That the sum of \$155,277.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Drains as follows:

Item 132 Salaries & Wages	\$149,627.00
Item 133 Expense	<u>5,650.00</u>
	\$155,277.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Items 141 142 143 Cemetery

Voted: That the sum of \$406,348.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Cemetery as follows:

Item 141 Officials Expense	\$ 300.00
Item 142 Salaries & Wages	379,822.00
Item 143 Expenses	<u>26,226.00</u>
	\$406,348.00

To meet this appropriation \$380,348.00 is to be raised by taxation and \$26,000.00 to be transferred from Cemetery Perpetual Care.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 148 149 Tree

Voted: That the sum of \$313,215.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Tree Department as follows:

Item 148 Salaries & Wages	\$256,637.00
Item 149 Expense	<u>56,578.00</u>
	\$313,215.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 153 154 155 157 158 Health Department

Voted: That the sum of \$200,471.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Health Department as follows:

Item 153 Officials Expense	\$ 400.00
Item 154 Salaries & Wages	176,284.00
Item 155 Expense	18,155.00
Item 157 Local Travel	1,632.00
Item 158 HAWC	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$200,471.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 162 Mental Health

Voted: That the sum of \$60,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Mental Health Department as follows:

Item 162 Contractual Services	\$60,000.00
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Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 164 165 Council on Aging

Voted: That the sum of \$286,372.94 be and hereby is appropriated for the Council on Aging as follows:

Item 164 Salaries & Wages	\$274,362.94
Item 165 Expense	<u>11,990.00</u>
	\$286,372.94

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 175 176 177 178 Veterans Benefits

Voted: That the sum of \$110,569.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Veterans Benefits as follows:

Item 175 Salaries & Wages	\$ 68,226.00
Item 176 Expense	1,243.00
Item 177 Local Travel	1,100.00
Item 178 Benefits	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$110,569.00

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 185 186 187 Library

Voted: That the sum of \$1,157,439.11 be and hereby is appropriated for the Abbot Public Library as follows:

Item 185 Salaries & Wages	\$ 900,080.11
Item 186 Expense	257,259.00
Item 187 Local Travel	<u>100.00</u>
	\$1,157,439.11

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 190 191 192 Park Department

Voted: That the sum of \$842,797.74 be and hereby is appropriated for the Park and Recreation as follows:

Item 190 Salaries & Wages	\$625,114.74
Item 191 Expense	171,590.00
Item 192 Facility Expense	<u>46,093.00</u>
	\$842,797.74

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 210 Memorial & Veterans Day

Voted: That the sum of \$6,500.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Memorial and Veterans Day said sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 214 215 Maturing Bonds and Interest

Voted: That the sum of \$7,508,959.99 be and hereby is appropriated for the Maturing Bonds and Interest as follows:

Item 214 Maturing Debt	\$4,640,012.00
Item 215 Interest	<u>2,868,947.99</u>
	\$7,508,959.99

To meet this appropriation \$247,880.00 is to be transferred from Bond Premium Reserved for Appropriation and \$7,261,079.99 to be raised by taxation.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments – Item 211 Utility Reserve

Voted: That the sum of \$100,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Utility Reserve, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 217 Contributory Retirement

Voted: That the sum of \$3,513,768.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Contributory Retirement Fund.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 218 Medicare

Voted: That the sum of \$720,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Medicare, to be expended by the Finance Director.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 219 Worker's Compensation

Voted: That the sum of \$397,169.00 be and hereby is appropriated. \$360,000.00 to be added to the Worker's Compensation Trust Fund and \$37,169.00 to be added to the 111F Trust Fund (and allowed to accumulate from year to year) to be expended by the Finance Director to pay expenses of Worker's Compensation and 111F Injury Claims.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 220 Training Expense

Voted: That the sum of \$15,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Training Expense, to be expended by the Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 221 Group Insurance

Voted: That the sum of \$13,812,644.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Group Insurance to be expended by the Finance Director.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 222 Other Insurance

Voted: That the sum of \$475,888.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Other Insurance, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 223 Salary Reserve

Voted: That the sum of \$110,770.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Salary Reserve, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 224 Non Contributory Retirement

Voted: That the sum of \$61,845.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Non Contributory Retirement, to be expended by the Finance Director/Town Accountant.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 225 Energy Reserve

Voted: That the sum of \$533,544.00 be and hereby is appropriated for Energy Reserve, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 226 Other Post Employment Benefits

Voted: That the sum of \$0.00 be and hereby is appropriated to be added to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund (and allowed to accumulate from year to year) to be expended by the Finance Director.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 227 228 230 Sewer Department

Voted: That the sum of \$5,037,280.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Sewer Department as follows:

Item 227 Salaries & Wages	\$ 858,027.00
Item 228 Expense	825,867.00
Item 230 South Essex Sewer District	<u>3,353,386.00</u>
	\$5,037,280.00

To meet this appropriation, \$5,037,280.00 is to be transferred from sewer receipts.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 231 232 235 Water Department

Voted: That the sum of \$4,635,366.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Water Department as follows:

Item 231 Salaries & Wages	\$ 855,186.00
Item 232 Expense	719,823.00
Item 235 Metropolitan Water	<u>3,060,357.00</u>
	\$4,635,366.00

To meet this appropriation \$4,635,366.00 is to be transferred from water receipts.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Item 236 Municipal Light Department

Voted: That the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, from electricity supplied to municipal buildings and electricity supplied for municipal power during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the

Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and said Municipal Light Board is hereby further authorized to pay from income of the plant for the fiscal year such amounts as may be expended for extensions, reconstruction enlargements, or additions and sell or trade apparatus that has worn out its usefulness and is unfit for requirements during the fiscal year.

Article 21 Expenses of Several Departments - Items 238 239 241 Harbor Department

Voted: That the sum of \$1,016,859.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the Harbor Department as follows:

Item 238	Salaries and Wages	\$408,803.00
Item 239	Expense	417,056.00
Item 241	Outlays	<u>190,000.00</u>
		\$1,016,859.00

To meet this appropriation, \$883,859.00 is to be transferred from harbor receipts and \$133,000.00 to be transferred from Harbor Retained Earnings.

Article 25 Pay Schedule and Reclassification (Administrative)

Voted: Indefinite Postponement

Article 26 Pay Schedule and Reclassification (Traffic Supervisors)

Voted: Indefinite Postponement

Article 27 Pay Schedule and Reclassification (Seasonal and Temporary)

Voted: Indefinite Postponement

Article 28 Compensation - Town Officers

Voted: That the yearly compensation of the Town Officer named in this article be as follows:

Town Clerk	\$82,755.92
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Said amount to be in full compensation for services as Town Clerk. All fees received by the Town Clerk in her official capacity to be accounted for to the Town Revenue Officer.

That the Town Clerk as elected and having served in that position or as a regular full-time employee for five consecutive years, and for each applicable additional five years on such basis, shall be paid longevity pay annually, in addition to her weekly salary.

Eligibility will be determined on November 30 each year and payment made to the official with the first regular payroll of December of that year. Only those in office on the determination date and qualified by their consecutive years of service, as described above, shall receive longevity pay for the calendar year.

Annual longevity Pay Schedule	Town Clerk
Not less than 5 years	\$300.00
Not less than 10 years	400.00
Not less than 15 years	500.00
Not less than 20 years	600.00
Not less than 25 years	700.00
30 years and over	800.00

Article 30 Affordable Housing /Tax Title Foreclosures

Voted: To appropriate, transfer or otherwise fund \$34,500.00 to be paid to the Affordable Housing Trust which is a 10% portion of the proceeds received from the sale of tax foreclosure properties.

Article 31 Release Funds from Transportation network

Voted: That the sum of \$6,199.60 is appropriated for improvements to the rail trail, to be transferred from the Transportation Network Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

At 8:18 PM the Moderator Dissolved the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

