

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Phillipston Memorial School
May 6, 2015
7:00pm

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees for the Fiscal Year 2014 and act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will set the salary and compensation of all elective Town Officers as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or act in relation thereto:

Assessors	8,939
Board of Health	3,471
Cemetery Commission	913
Constable	150
Moderator	350
Planning Board	6,242
School Committee	5,481
Selectmen	8,700
Tax Collector	24,420
Town Clerk	39,312

ARTICLE 4: To raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the Town charges for the twelve month period commencing July 1, 2015 or act in relation thereto.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Clerk Payroll	355
Expense	300

BOARD OF APPEALS

Clerk Payroll	770
Expenses	120

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Clerk/Asst Payroll	28,000
Expenses	14,900

BOARD OF HEALTH

Clerk Payroll	720
Expenses	5,030
Refuse Expense	30,000
Refuse Payroll	14,494
BOH Office Payroll	13,000
PMS Water Testing	4,000

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Admin Assist Expense	615
F/T Admin Assist Payroll	44,700

Clerk Payroll	2,600
Expenses	163,000
TH Secretary Payroll	6,800
Queen Lake Beach Payroll	761
Queen Lake Expense	1,380
Queen Lake Monitor	1,050
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	
Bldg Insp Expense	4,664
Bldg Insp Payroll	13,428
Clerk Payroll	2,046
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Expense	50
CEMETERY COMMISSION	
Expense	10,200
Clerk Payroll	720
Secretary	850
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Expense	5,370
Clerk Payroll	750
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Expense	500
DISPATCH SERVICES	
Payroll	54,107
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Payroll	4,219
Expense	1,905
EDUCATION	
Montachusett Tech	172,421
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Emergency Mgmt. Payroll	5,000
Expense	4,000
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Reserve Fund	50,000
Expenses	150
Clerk Payroll	750
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
F/T Fire Chief Payroll	52,000
Fire Dept Payroll	83,276
Fire Dept. Expense	68,200
Fire Prevention Payroll/Expense	1,500
Ambulance Expense	35,000

Ambulance Exp./Payroll	12,000
Ambulance Debt	21,800
HIGHWAY	
Highway Payroll	129,500
Snow & Ice	40,000
Highway Expenses	54,590
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Expense	300
Clerk Payroll	700
INSPECTOR OF BARNS AND ANIMALS	
Expense	100
Payroll	700
LIBRARY	
Library Payroll	13,650
Library Maint.	5,812
Circulation Materials	6,258
MODERATOR	
Expense	50
PLANNING BOARD	
Clerk Payroll	738
Secretary Payroll	1,872
Expense	750
Zoning Consultant	8,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Police Payroll	144,592
Chief Payroll	64,286
Department Expenses	54,182
RECREATION	
Expenses	5,358
TAX COLLECTOR	
Expense	13,600
Asst. Tax Collector Payroll	4,739
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Expense	4,800
Accountant Payroll	20,767
Sched A Assistance	630
TOWN CLERK	
Election & Regis	5,900
Expenses	4,000
Voter Registration	250
Asst. Town Clerk Payroll	4,060

TREASURER

Salary	20,360
Expense	5,665
Interest & Cert Notes	13,000
Group Health/Life	90,000
Medicare	12,000
Unemployment Comp.	12,000
Asst. Treasurer Payroll	3,167
Highway Garage Debt	42,382
Worc. Reg. Retirement	104,118
WPAT	7,697

TREE WARDEN

Payroll	1,522
Expense	200
Tree Maintenance Account	5,000

VETERANS SERVICES

Administration	5,500
Direct Benefits	10,500

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 268A, Section 21A of the General Laws, to approve the appointment of a member of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission as Clerk for their respective Boards, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015 in accordance with 44, Section 4, of the General Laws and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of Highway reimbursement funds allotted by Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for the Fiscal Year 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws, and Acts in amendment thereof, for a period of not more than two years from their dates of issue, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to utilize members of said Commission for work in the cemeteries and set their compensation at \$12.50 per hour, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to utilize members of said Board for work at the Transfer Station, and set their compensation at \$12.50 per hour, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following Revolving Accounts under Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the General Laws for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015:

Account	Revenue Source	Purpose	Authority to Spend	Spending Limit
BOH Agent Revolving Fees	Application fees for Septic & other permits	Administration & enforcement of Title V & other regulations	BOH or designee	\$8,000
BOH Revolving Recycle	Receipts from recyclables sold & dump permits	Refuse disposal equipment, supplies, tipping fees & labor	BOH or designee	\$4,000
Gas Inspector Revolving Fees	Receipts from fees for gas inspections	Paying Inspector	Gas Inspector	\$3,000
Wiring Inspector Revolving Fees	Receipts from fees for installing electrical wiring	Paying Inspector	Wiring Inspector	\$5,500
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fees	Receipts from fees for installing plumbing	Paying Inspector	Plumbing Inspector	\$4,500
Fire Dept. Revolving Burning Permit Fees	Receipts from the sale of burning permits	Replacing forest fire equipment	Fire Chief or designee	\$2,000
Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fees	Receipts from applications	Advertising and notice costs	ZBA Chairman	\$1,500
Planning Board Revolving Fees	Receipts from applications	Advertising & notice costs, other administration costs	Planning Board	\$6,000
Highway Dept. Scrap Metal	Receipts from scrap metal	Miscellaneous repairs and supplies	Highway Department	\$2,500

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000 into the Emergency Supplies Account, to be used to prepare for or implement relief efforts during a catastrophic event, natural disaster, pandemic, epidemic, mass immunization, or any other deemed emergency by the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, and Emergency Management Director, said funds shall be used for, but not limited to, the purchase of supplies prior to, during and after an event, to develop action plans, update and prepare emergency shelters and facilitate planning to protect and make available resources to the inhabitants of the Town of Phillipston during said events, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,546,129.00 to pay its share of the Narragansett Regional School District budget for FY 2016, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$94,262.00 for payment of long-term debt for the expansion and renovation of Narragansett Regional High and Middle Schools and the repair of the Narragansett Middle School roof, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000 for repairs and maintenance at Phillipston Memorial School, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to be used for the purpose of general repairs and maintenance on any Town owned buildings, to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Law Chapter 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$13,091.00 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources Reserve, for the purpose of funding the preservation of Town record books, including but not limited to eleven record books to be imaged, preserved and rebound, Town Records Vol. 7 1876-1917, Town Records 1917-1942, Town Records W. Precinct of Templeton 1774-1786, Town of Gerry 1786-1793. Town Records (Gerry)1794, Registered Voters 1885-1926, Registered Voters 1932-1948, Registered Voters 1949-1976, School Records 1847, Dist. 4, Rebellion Records, Selectmen's Book of Records of the Phillipston Library 1862-1926, Marriage Intentions 1905-1926, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Law Chapter 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources Reserve, for the purpose of funding the restoration of the scroll fresco located on the wall behind the pulpit in the sanctuary of the Congregational Church of Phillipston, and, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with said Congregational Church for such purposes and to accept a preservation restriction or other permanent interest in said historic building, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Law Chapter 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$3,085 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and \$7,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve for the purpose of funding the structural restoration, completed in November, 2014, of the Historical Society Museum building located at 80 State Road, Phillipston, Assessor's Map 33, Lot 13B, and, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the Historical Society for such purposes and to accept a preservation restriction or other permanent interest in said historic building, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Law Chapter 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve to the Board of Selectmen, via the Parks and Recreation Department, to be used as matching funds to help to complete the Phillipston Community Park to be located on Assessor's Map 24, Lot 2, 10.7 acres behind the Police Station, the funds used in part, for playground construction, grass, seeding, planting, benches, tables, paths as the community sees fit based on a public forum, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues the amounts recommended below by the Community Preservation Committee to be expended for the purposes of committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in FY2016, with each line being considered a separate appropriation.

Reserves:

From FY2016 estimated annual revenues for Historic Resources reserve..... \$ 8,450
From FY2016 estimated annual revenues for Community Housing Reserve.....\$ 8,450
From FY2016 estimated annual revenues for Open Space Reserve.....\$ 8,450
From FY2016 estimated annual revenues for Budgeted Reserve..... \$58,650

Appropriations:

From FY2016 Budgeted Reserve for committee administrative expenses.....\$ 500

, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$18,000.00 for the Assessor's Property Update Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,600.00 from the Assessor's Property Update Stabilization Fund to the Assessor's Triennial Recertification account to be expended for the purpose of funding the FY2016 portion of the Triennial Recertification, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000 to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,062 from the Capital Investment Fund for the FY2016 lease payment and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for a period in excess of three (3) years for a tanker truck for the Fire Department and any necessary equipment therefor; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$42,042 from the Capital Investment Fund for the FY2016 lease payment and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for a period in excess of three (3) years for a 10-Wheel Dump Truck with Sander for the Highway Department and any necessary equipment therefor; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Investment Fund for the purpose of purchasing and equipping to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing a park, to be dedicated and designated for park and recreation purposes, in perpetuity, on an approximately 9-acre portion of a 10.7-acre property owned by the Town and described as Assessors Map 24, Lot 2, said portion shown on a sketch plan, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, to be subsequently divided from the remaining land containing the buildings thereon, the final boundaries of said land to be surveyed and recorded; that said land be held by the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 3, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to recreation, to be managed and controlled by the Phillipston Parks and Recreation Committee ; and, as funding therefor, that the sum of \$15,000 be transferred from the Parks and Recreation Reserve Account and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$55,000 under the provisions of G.L. c.44, §8C or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for

grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, including the Massachusetts Landscape Partnership Program, and that the Phillipston Parks and Recreation Committee be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said design and construction, or act in relation thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$165,000.00 (one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars) for the purposes and as shown in the amounts below; and as funding therefor, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7, or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that the amounts appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, debt exclusion question pursuant to G.L. c.59, §21C (k):

- \$78,400.00 (seventy-eight thousand four hundred dollars) for 14 self-contained breathing apparatus, with mask and spare bottles, to be used by the Fire Department at a cost of \$5,600 (five thousand and six hundred dollars) for each unit;
- \$73,526.50 (seventy-three thousand five hundred twenty-six dollars and fifty cents) for 30 complete sets of structural firefighting protective clothing to be used by the Fire Department at a cost of \$2,300.00 (two thousand three hundred dollars) for each set;
- \$13,073.50 (thirteen thousand seventy-three dollars and fifty cents) for the replacement of fire hose in various sizes and lengths.

or act in relation thereto

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization account, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVII, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Section 7 by adding the underlined text and deleting the text shown in strikethrough as set forth below, or act in relation thereto.

XVII CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 7 – Trees, Shrubs, Plants and Flowers:

- a) All shrubs/trees must be kept trimmed by the lot owners to a height no higher than the headstone and approximately two feet in diameter. In the absence of a headstone, shrubs/trees must be kept trimmed to no higher than three feet tall and two feet in diameter.
- b) All plantings of any kind must be within one foot of the headstone and must be cleared of grass so it ~~does not become overgrown~~ the area does not become overgrown. For sites with markers only, temporary plants may be left in wood, metal, or clay pots; plastic and glass pots are not permitted. Pots may be placed after May 1st, but must be removed by October 15th.
- g) No fences or borders will may be erected around any lots ~~or~~ plots, or headstones without the ~~expressed~~ express written permission of the Cemetery Commission.