

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, October 16, 2017

Motions

Andrew Connor – Read motions for Article	1 - 3
Joel Breen – Read motions for Article	4 - 5
Carol Traynor – Read motions for Articles	6 - 7

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$500,000**, or any other amount, to pay costs of engineering and design of a new police station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, including contracts for periods in excess of three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that **\$500,000** is appropriated to pay costs of engineering and design of new police station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, §7(7) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Vote _____

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 1 of the April 24, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$ 20,000** and amend the following lines:

Line # 39, Police Department Salaries \$ 10,000

Line # 60 – Essex-North Shore Tuition \$ 10,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 1 of the April 24, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$ 20,000** and amend the following lines:

Line # 39, Police Department Salaries \$ 10,000

Line # 60, Essex-North Shore Tuition \$ 10,000

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Vote _____

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 3 of the April 24, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$ 4,000**, Water Department Salaries, and that this amount (**\$4,000**) be raised by departmental receipts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 3 of the April 24, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$ 4,000**, Water Department Salaries, and that this amount (**\$4,000**) be raised by departmental receipts.

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Vote _____

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 7 of the April 25, 2016 Special Town Meeting, Soundproofing Alternatives at Town Hall, a sum of money in the amount of **\$45,000** to be used for the purchase and installation of air conditioning units in Sargent’s Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Article 7 of the April 25, 2016 Special Town Meeting, Soundproofing Alternatives at Town Hall, a sum of money in the amount of **\$45,000** to be used for the purchase and installation of air conditioning units in Sargent’s Hall.

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Vote _____

Article 5: To see if the Town will amend the Town Personnel By-Law by replacing the existing Holiday, Bereavement and Health Insurance Policies with the text reprinted below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Holiday Policy

Full-time employees shall be granted leave with pay on the days designated by law for observance of the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Veterans' Day
Martin Luther King Day	Thanksgiving Day
President's Day	<u>½ Day before Thanksgiving Day</u>
Patriot's Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	<u>½ day before Christmas</u>
<u>½ Day before Independence Day</u>	Christmas
Independence Day	<u>Day after Christmas</u>
Labor Day	<u>½ Day – Day before New Year's</u>
Columbus Day	

Permanent Part Time Employees shall be granted leave with pay on a pro-rated basis for all holidays that fall on a day that said employee would have otherwise worked but for the holiday.

Bereavement Leave Policy

Employees shall be granted leave of absence with pay in the event of death in the immediate family. Such leave shall extend from the time the employee receives notification of the death to the first work day following the day of the funeral, or memorial service, not exceeding a period of five (5) days. *Immediate family shall* consist of father, mother, spouse or significant other, child, step-child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, grandparents, grandchildren or other relative living in the household.

Employees shall be granted a three (3) days leave of absence with pay in the event of the death of a ~~brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren~~, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece.

Health Insurance

The Town offers three separate health plans to full time and permanent part time employees, ~~HMO Blue, Blue Care Elect and BC/BS VIP 2000~~. The Town contributes ~~45% of the cost of the premium~~ 55% of the cost of the premium for the HMO products and 50% of the cost of the premium for the BCEP on behalf of the employees. Details and coverage options are available at the office of the Finance Director.

Motion: I move that the Town amend the Town Personnel By-Law by replacing the existing Holiday, Bereavement and Health Insurance Policies with the text printed above.

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Vote _____

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-law **ARTICLE 3 BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DISTRICTS**, Section 3.1 Prohibited Uses by the addition of a subsection 3.1.1. to read “The operation of all types of non-medical marijuana establishments as defined in GL c94G sec 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana related businesses within the Town of Merrimac”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-law **ARTICLE 3 BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DISTRICTS**, Section 3.1 Prohibited Uses by the addition of a subsection 3.1.1. to read “The operation of all types of non-medical marijuana establishments as defined in GL c94G sec 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana related businesses within the Town of Merrimac”.

Requires 2/3 Vote

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Vote _____

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article XII, Section 15, Regulation of Certain Types of Activities, Noise, subsections B and C, by deleting the language noted in strikethrough below and by adding the language noted in bold and underlined to Subsections B and C of the Bylaw:

- B. It shall be unlawful for any Corporation, Limited Liability Company, Sole Proprietor, or for any Entity for Commercial or for Profit to operate or cause to be operated any type of construction machinery powered by any internal combustion or diesel engine including but not limited to; heavy earthmoving equipment, materials handling equipment, logging and land clearing equipment, pumps, generators, and air compressors; during certain hours of the day as set forth in Section D of this By-Law, unless specifically authorized by **a license or permit issued by the appropriate licensing or permitting authority Planning Board, Building Inspector, Board of Selectmen and/or the Department of Public Works in accordance with the licensure or permitting requirements set forth by state law or the Town's Bylaws.**

- C. It shall be unlawful for any Corporation, Limited Liability Company, Sole Proprietor, or for any Entity for Commercial or for Profit to operate or cause to be operated any type of electrically powered equipment associated with construction activity including but not limited to; air-actuated nailing guns, circular saws, drills and the like, that are utilized for the purpose of building or assembling construction materials, during certain hours of the day, as set forth in Section D of this By-law, unless specifically authorized by **a permit or license issued by the appropriate licensing or permitting authority Planning Board, Building Inspector, Board of Selectmen and/or the Department of Public Works in accordance with the licensure or permitting requirements set forth by state law or the Town's Bylaws.**

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