# November 23, 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING



Monday, November 23, 2015 7:00 P.M. Swampscott High School Swampscott, Massachusetts

**Warrant Report** 

# The Town of Swampscott Town Warrant November 2015

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott

#### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town that a Special Town Meeting will be held on **Monday**, **November 23, 2015**, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Swampscott High School located at 200 Essex Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 7:00 P.M.

To the Town Meeting Members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Town of Swampscott that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street.

Moderator Joseph Markarian, Esquire, will preside.

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act on the reports of Town Officials, Boards and Committees.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Comment: reports.

This routine Article appears every year to allow Town groups to make

**ARTICLE 2**. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY16 budget voted under Article 25 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting warrant to increase Line No. 90, Reserve Fund, from \$175,000 to \$275,000 and reduce Line No. 98, Reg. Vocational School, from \$600,000 to \$500,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: The final assessment for the regional school was lower than originally budgeted. This article will transfer funds to the Reserve Fund for any unforeseen or extraordinary costs that may occur during FY16.

The Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY16 Budget voted under Article 25 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to increase Line No. 17, Technology Expenses, by raising and appropriating an additional \$90,000 for a necessary upgrade to the MUNIS system; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: This upgrade to the Town's MUNIS software system is required in order to improve the functionality of the system, which at present is unable to issue 2015 W-2s and 1099s, and is also not fully compliant with the Health Care Reform Act.

The Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding a Facilities Coordinator Position; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee

Comment: Funding for this article will allow the Town and School to hire a joint Facilities Coordinator this Fiscal Year.

The Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to reimburse the State Retirement Board for the overpayment of cost of living adjustments ("COLA") for Non-Contributory Retirees; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: This article will allow the Town to reimburse the State Retirement Board for an overpayment of cost of living adjustments ("COLA") for Non-Contributory Retirees, which has occurred over the past 20 years. This will be the first of three installments. The total amount due is \$113,422.67.

### The Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY16 Budget voted under Article 25 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to increase Line No. 90, Reserve Fund, by raising and appropriating an additional \$150,000; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: This article will increase the Reserve Fund another \$150,000 for any unforeseen or extraordinary costs that may occur during FY16.

The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to pay for a regionalization study; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: This will allow the Town to fund a study regarding regionalization options that may be available to the Town.

### The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

Chairman

Vice Chairman

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