ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Auditorium

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable, Bruce L. Holmquist on May 24, 2017.

Moderator James E. Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Annual Town Meeting with 87 qualified voters and 25 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:
The Opening Ceremonies began at 7:00 p.m. with Rev Carol Ashton of the First Church giving the invocation. The Boys Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors. The West Bridgewater Girls Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Brittany Churchill sang the Star Spangled Banner.

A moment of silence was held for deceased members of committees, employees and former officials.

Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

Consent Motion: Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are consent articles. Articles and Motions listed here in the event Consent article is not voted as a whole.

MOVE: That the Town consider Articles 1 - 10, as printed on the Warrant, as a single "consent" article with:
The upper limit on Article 3 established at $40,000;
The upper limit on Article 4 established at $28,000;
The upper limit on Article 5 established at $4,000;
The upper limit on Article 6 established at $12,000;
The upper limit on Article 7 established at $100,000;
The upper limit on Article 8 established at $18,500;
The upper limit on Article 9 established at $15,000; and,
The upper limit on Article 10 established at 400,000.

Moved by: Anthony Kinahan seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Denise Reyes asked a question about Art #10 concerning the revolving account for the golf course why the vote was needed if the money was a savings account. David Gagne said that the vote was needed just in case of an emergency need to spend money.
Neil Conley asked where the money in the revolving account comes from? David Gagne said that it comes from the Management Company the fee they pay to the Town every year.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $40,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $40,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Nutrition Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and
which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $28,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000, or take any action relative thereto.

**Consent-MOVE:**

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Transportation Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $4,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for general library expenses for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit in of $12,000, or take any action relative thereto.

**Consent-MOVE:**

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of general library expenses for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $12,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools’ Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a
revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $100,000, or take any action relative thereto.

**Consent-MOVE:**

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools’ Preschool Program to be used by the Preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Superintendent of Schools will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $100,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Article 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used to maintain the Town's Municipal Fire Alarm System on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $18,500, or take any action relative thereto.

**Consent-MOVE:**

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used to maintain the Town's Municipal Fire Alarm System on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $18,500 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Article 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to be administered by the Town Administrator’s Office, the retention of revenue generated by monies received by the Town as fees, charges and costs from certain property owners pursuant to an existing Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the City of Brockton; which fees, costs and charges are to be collected by the Town from the property owners and to be used to pay to the City of Brockton fees for the utilization of its sewer connection and to reimburse the Town for its expenses pursuant to the said Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $15,000, or to take any action relative thereto.
Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to establish a Revolving Fund to be administered by the Town Administrator’s Office, the retention of revenue generated by monies received by the Town as fees, charges and costs from certain property owners pursuant to an existing Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the City of Brockton; which fees, costs and charges are to be collected by the Town from the property owners and to be used to pay to the City of Brockton fees for the utilization of its sewer connection and to reimburse the Town for its expenses pursuant to the said Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and which shall have as an upper limit of $15,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 10: To see if the Town will to vote to set the upper limit on the expenditures generated from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town By-Laws at $400,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to set the upper limit on the expenditures generated from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town By-Laws at $400,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Moderator James E. Benson called for a motion to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. It was moved and seconded passed unanimously.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Moderator
Board of Selectmen
Town Clerk
Board of Health

Tree Warden
Board of Assessors
Water Commissioners

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees
Planning Board

School Committee

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Moderator $338
Tree Warden $0
Board of Selectmen $10,375  Board of Assessors $10,539
Town Clerk $67,531  Board of Health $2,577
Board of Water Commissioners $7,295

Moved by Anthony Kinahan and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Anthony Kinahan spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 12: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $32,172,289 for the maintenance and support of the several departments of the Town and other usual or necessary Town charges as herein specified and requested by the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for the purposes herein described and further that the sum of $29,521,005 be raised and appropriated and the sum of $2,651,284 be transferred as follows:

From Estimated Water Revenues to:  Water Department (4500) $1,901,284
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:  Fire Department (2200) 400,000
From Free Cash to Offset the Debt Exclusion Borrowing Costs for new Middle/High School:  TOTAL 350,000
TOTAL 2651,284

moved by: Meredith Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Meredith Anderson spoke to the motion.

There was a hold put on the Town Administrator's Budget.
Neil Conley asked why there was a jump in the appointed official line from $105,000 to $130,000. Anthony Kinahan explained that they did a comparison with other towns and felt it was a good negotiation. Eldon Moriera said that it will more than pay for itself because of the money David has saved the town. Neil felt that $25,000 was a big jump. Denise Reyes want to know how they came up with the scale and what the incremental increase would be by performance. Anthony Kinahan said it would be 3.5% next year and they did a comparison with surrounding towns and came up with the figure. Jeri Sceri of Fin Com, said that we need to give the town employees the tools they need to succeed which may include pay raises. We don't want to make mistakes by not paying enough. Meredith Anderson, Fin Com said she voted for it because he could get more money elsewhere.
There was a hold on the Assessor's Budget.
Denise Reyes wanted to know why the Appointed Official line doubled. Steve McCarthy of the Board of Assessors said they want to make the Assessor fulltime and there is a whole host of reasons. The Town has grown and the need is there. The Board wants to see John Donahue oversee Patriot which does the assessing and he can also do some of it himself. He is a certified Assessor. She wanted to know if he would be working in the office all the time or at home? Steve McCarthy said that most of the work would be done from the office. Maurice McCarthy of Fin Com, was convinced by the fact Corporations that apply for tax abatements could be fought in court with more staff time and maybe we could win some of the cases.

There was a hold on the Town Council Budget.
Neil Conley wanted to know about any lawsuits pending. David Gay, Town Council said there were three.

There was a hold on the Building Department Budget.
Denise Reyes asked why the Building Inspectors pay went up and why didn't we offer the one that left more money to stay if we had to hire for more money? Eldon Moriera said that the former Building Inspector never came to them to tell them he was leaving and we have to pay for good people. Denise thought it was more than the private sector.

There was a hold on the Education Budget.
Neil Conley wanted to know about school grants and if there was any money to fix school property? Molly Smith of School Committee said there is grants for Technology etc. Neil wanted to know how school choice was working? Molly said that they use school choice to offset some of the operating budget not just to enhance the budget many towns do not do that, just over a million dollars this year that they use to help operating Budget. Deborah Lancaster said that educational services are very important to a town. Our teachers are paid too little and we should consider this budget a bargain.

There was a hold on the Southeastern Regional Educational Budget.
Neil Conley complained about the cost of our students going there and the formula was unfair and needed to be changed. How many students next year? Meredith Anderson of the Fin Com said there is 51 West Bridgewater students going in FY18.

There was a hold on the Water Department Budget.
Neil Conley wanted to ask Rick Krugger, Water Commissioner, some questions. He asked if the money collected from the Water Dept. goes to Town or Water? Rick Krugger said the Water Dept. How was things being fixed? Rick Krugger said that everyone's rate was going to decrease giving everyone a break. They were paying off some short time debt. and building new wells. Neil asked if we still sold water to pool companies? Rick said yes and to bottled water companies but it has dropped off quite a bit.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which will grant a percentage increase to Real Estate Tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions and further to increase the Real Estate Tax Exemption to persons so qualified by 25% for FY 2018.

Moved by: Stephen McCarthy and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Steve McCarthy spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town’s share of the cost of work for State Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto. (Borrow $319,219 per allocation of Chapter 90 funds for West Bridgewater from the State’s Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for FY 2018 in anticipation of reimbursement from the state.)

MOVE: That the Town borrow $319,219, to be repaid in not more than one year, in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town’s share of the cost of work for state aid construction and maintenance as authorized as the Town’s apportionment of Chapter 90 Local Transportation and funding for Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with the figures released by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in accordance with Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008.

Moved by Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion.
James Benson the Moderator explained that is was not a 2/3 required vote.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by using the monies repaid to the Town by current outstanding loans that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the monies previously repaid through the loan program by the property owners be transferred and appropriated for the purpose of financing additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects concerning the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to reissue those funds for additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners in accordance with the agreements authorized under those statutes and at 2% interest per annum, of which the proceeds from such interest, as well as any amounts received from the homeowner for the repayment of such loans, shall be credited to the “reserve for appropriation – W.P.A.T. Loan Repayment Account”, and shall, with approval of Town Meeting, be used to fund the repayment of any loans granted by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust under this authorization.

Moved by Anthony Kinahan and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Anthony Kinahan spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt services, Community Preservation projects, Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing reserves, and other expenses in fiscal year 2018 with each item to be a separate appropriation or reserve:

Appropriations:
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses .......................... $ 10,622
Reserves:
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve: ........................ $ 0
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve: ........................ $24,245
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve... $ 0
From FY2017 estimated revenues for Undesignated Funds.... $ 8,234

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE:
That the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt services, Community Preservation projects, Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing reserves, and other expenses in fiscal year 2018 with each item to be a separate appropriation or reserve:

Appropriations:
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses ........................ $ 10,622

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From FY2017 estimated revenues for Undesignated Funds.... $ 8,234

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.
Neil Conley wanted to know how the Preservation Fund is going? Is the meal tax going to this fund? Meredith Anderson of the Fin Com, said no it does not go to Preservation Fund, it goes to the Town. Eldon Moriera said that the meal tax is going directly to offset the cost of the new high school.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Historical Resources portion of the FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue a sum, not to exceed $21,245, and from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $88,755, for a total sum not to exceed $110,000, to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent
for the restoration and preservation of historic Town-owned cemeteries, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the Open Space portion of the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue a sum not to exceed $21,245, and from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $88,755, for a total sum not to exceed $110,000, to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for the restoration and preservation of historic Town-owned cemeteries.

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: recommended by majority (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $13,100 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for repairs and/or additions at Friendship Park, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $13,100 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for repairs and/or additions at Friendship Park.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: recommended by majority (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to designate the 9/11 Memorial and beam from the World Trade Towers as an historic artifact pursuant to the definition of Historic Resources found in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 2 and that the Town residents approve the expenditure of monies from the local Community Preservation Fund for its installation, expansion, improvement and preservation.

Per Legal Counsel, no motion to be made.
David Gay pass without vote and brought up later.
Article 20:  To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Open Space portion of the FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues a sum not to exceed $21,245 and from the Fund Balance Reserve of the Open Space Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $38,755, for a total sum not to exceed $60,000 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for the installation of open space for the 9/11 Memorial in front of the Public Safety Building, or take any action relative thereto.

Per Legal Counsel, no motion to be made.
David Gay pass without vote and brought up later.

Article 21:  To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $15,000, to be expended by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE:    That the Town transfer and appropriate from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $15,000 to be expended by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22:  To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $10,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the preservation of the Assessor Valuation Books, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE:    That the Town transfer and appropriate from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed $10,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the preservation of the Assessor Valuation Books.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Paula Bunker asked questions about Art #19 and 20
David Gay says that the Historical Commission voted that the artifacts were not considered
historical so we can't act on the Articles.
David Gay said that the Community Preservation Committee has to present more details on the
artifacts because the Fire Dept sent volunteers to work on World Trade Center. So in order for
the Town to receive them they had to consider them historic. Paula Bunker asked why the
Historical Commission didn't consider them historic if 911 was part of history for everyone?

James Benson stepped down as Moderator and Anne Iannitelli, Town Clerk stepped up as
Moderator. This was done so that James Benson could answer the question because he is the
Chairman of the Historical Commission.

James Benson said they got the letter for support two weeks ago and they vote 6 against and 1
abstention, which was him because of his conflict as Moderator. They had to follow the rules as
to it being Historical to the Town and no evidence was given to them to prove it. They would
reconsider it at another time if the evidence is presented. Paula Bunker asked what the vote of the
Selectmen was for the Articles? Anthony Kinahan said it was a vote of 2-1 in favor. Anthony
was against because he didn't believe it was historical to the Town. He said he did not know the
information about the Fire Dept helping out at World Trade Center and that may have swayed
him to vote differently. He also thought that $60,000 was a lot for the park. Eldon Moreira said
that it should be brought back again maybe at a Special Town Meeting and with the required
evidence, the park is important for the Town. Paula asked what the vote of the Community
Preservation Committee was? Cheryl Cambria said it was unanimously for.

James Benson stepped back up as Moderator and Anne Iannitelli Stepped down.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available
funds or borrow a sum of money to fund Other Post Employment Benefits
(OPEB) Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with Chapter 32B, Section
20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of $100,000 to fund Other Post
Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund established in
accordance with Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General
Laws.

Moved by: John Duggan and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
John Duggan spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available
funds or borrow a sum of money as the Town's match for the WEB Task Force
Grant in FY 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.
MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of $10,000 as the Town’s match for the WEB Task Force Grant in FY2018.

Moved by: Vic Flaherty and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Vic Flaherty spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace the roof at Town Hall, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $95,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace the roof at Town Hall.

Moved by: Art Cabral and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Art Cabral spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to pay off and close out Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of February 25, 2016 for the replacement of the Spring Street School roof, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $330,000 to pay off and close out Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of February 25, 2016 for the replacement of the Spring Street School roof.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion
Neil Conley which roof 2016? Molly Smith said yes the Spring St School roof. Neil Conley asked what does the article mean? John Duggan said the project came under budget and the balance will pay off way ahead of schedule.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to pave the parking lots at Howard School and Spring Street School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $117,000 to be expended by the School Committee to pave the parking lots at Howard School and Spring Street School.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase new elementary furniture, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town transfer from free cash a sum of $100,000 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase new elementary furniture.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money, to be expended by the School Committee to purchase digital library resources, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $50,000 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase digital library resources.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (4-2)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2005 F-450, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $7,200 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2005 F-450.

Moved by: Chris Iannitelli and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Chris Iannitelli spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2006 F450, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of $8,500 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2006 F450.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase two new Freightliner 64,000 lb ten-wheel dump trucks, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $388,000 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase two new Freightliner 64,000 lb ten-wheel dump trucks.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion
Bill Lucini believes it is a misapplication and that town does not need such a big truck it is too much. Bill Lucini asked if it was a cookie cutter truck? Shawn Anderson said no. Bill Lucini said that he wouldn’t recommend it. Neil Conley asked why the town does not put these articles on power point? David Gagne said that Mallory and him are working on power points for town meeting going forward, but things still need to be worked out before going forward. Bill Lucini said that the Town needs an equipment committee to help the Town Departments. Jeri Screni said that she looked at the age of the trucks and feels that they need to be replaced.

Bill Lucini made a motion to table Article #32 and it was seconded.

2/3 Declared Vote By Moderator.
MOTION PASSED
Article #32 was tabled.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new F250 with plow, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $58,000 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new F250 with plow.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to install railings, sidewalks, front ramp and related items at the Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $45,000 to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to install railings, sidewalks, front ramp and related items at the Public Library.

Moved by: David Church and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
David Church spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $1,497,538 to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund.

Moved by: Eldon Moreira and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Eldon Moreira spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Municipal Building Needs Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of $50,000 to fund the Municipal Building Needs Fund.

Moved by: Art Cabral and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Art Cabral spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to payoff and close out Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of hydrants and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer $38,607.60 in unspent funds of Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of hydrants and related equipment and transfer from Water Surplus a sum of $9,393, to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners, to payoff and close out said Article.

Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Jeri Screeni called for a "Point of Order". She made a motion to take Art #32 off the table and it was seconded. Neil Conley questioned the legality of this? David Gay, Town Attorney said it was legal, she was asking to take off the table an article that was tabled.

**MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

Jeri Screeni challenge the vote along with eight other people.
James Benson called for a standing count.

**MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to make a payment toward the debt authorized by Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of water meters and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** That the Town transfer from Water Surplus a sum of $128,000 to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to make a payment toward the debt authorized by Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of water meters and related equipment.

Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to convert the Station 1 wells into automated submersible pumps, purchase any related equipment, and perform all related electronic, computer, instrumentation, piping and electrical work, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** That the Town transfer from Water Surplus a sum of $147,571 to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to convert the Station 1 wells into automated submersible pumps, purchase any related equipment, and perform all related electronic, computer, instrumentation, piping and electrical work.
Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded  
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)  
BOS: unanimously recommended  
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 40:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 138 Section 12 allowing the sale of liqueurs and cordials by a common victualler which holds a license under said section to sell wines and malt beverages, or to take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws allowing the sale of liqueurs and cordials by a common victualler which holds a license under said section to sell wines and malt beverages.

Moved by: Eldon Moreira and seconded  
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)  
BOS: unanimously recommended  
Eldon Moreira spoke to the motion  
Art Cabral asked if it was for all restaurants and will they have to apply for license? Anthony Kinahan said yes they will have to apply for this license, they will not automatically get the license.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 41:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 17 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS of the Town’s General By-Laws as follows:

**ARTICLE 17**

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Appointment.** The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint Animal Control Officers who shall hold office for one year or until their successors take office. The compensation to be paid Animal Control Officers shall be determined from time to time by the Chief of Police.

**Section 2. Duties.** The Animal Control Officers, under the general supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police, shall perform the following duties:

a. Enforce the provisions of this by-law and all other by-laws which may from time to time be adopted by the Town for the purpose of regulating animals.
b. Enforce the applicable provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws relating to the regulation of dogs.

c. Investigate complaints regarding dogs.

d. Apprehend dogs who are running at large or who are a public nuisance and keep them until the owner is found or until the dogs are otherwise disposed of.

e. Inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel.

f. Collect all delinquent payments of dog licenses and kennel licenses on July August first of each year. In this regard, the Town Clerk will submit a list of such unpaid licenses to the Animal Control Officer who will issue a noncriminal citation for nonpayment of the unpaid licenses to the dog owner with a demand fee of twenty five dollars ($25). If payment is not made within fifteen days of such demand, an additional charge of $25.00 will be assessed to the owner for each dog. Such charge shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions for the non-criminal disposition of violations contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws.

g. Perform such other duties which are the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer under this by-law and Chapter 140 of the General Laws.

Section 3. Regulation of Dogs. The provisions of this by-law relating to the regulation of dogs are adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 147A and 173 of the General Laws. The provisions of Chapter 140, Sections 136A through 174D, inclusive, except as modified herein, are incorporated into this by-law by reference.

Section 4. Definitions. The following words and phrases as used herein shall have the following meanings:

a. Owner. Any person, partnership, corporation, society or other legal entity owning, keeping, or harboring one or more dogs. A dog shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for seven (7) consecutive days or more.

b. Keeper. Any person, partnership, corporation, society, or other legal entity, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog.

c. Animal Control Officer. Any officer appointed under this by-law to enforce the laws relating to animals including, but not limited to MGL Ch 140 sections 136A to 174E, inclusive.

d. At Large. Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the control of a competent person.
e. **Commercial Kennel.** A pack or a collection of dogs on a single premises maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes, and including any shop where dogs are on sale.

f. **Private Kennel.** A pack or collection of more than three four dogs, three months old or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises and maintained exclusively as domestic pets and not maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes.

g. **Shelter.** A public animal control facility, or any other facility which is operated by any organization or individual for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse.

h. **Dangerous or Vicious Animal.** Any animal that has a documented record of, or is observed by an Animal Control Officer or any police officer in the act of (a) inflicting injury on a human being without provocation; or (b) has killed another animal without provocation; or (c) any animal harbored primarily, or in part, for the purpose of fighting another animal; or (d) any animal when unprovoked, chases any person upon the public ways or on any public or private property other than the animal's owner's own premises, in any menacing fashion, or in an apparent attitude of attack, or (e) any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack when unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or other animals; or (f) any non-domesticated or wild animal that is declared by an Animal Control Officer to be inherently dangerous, having the ability to inflict serious or life threatening injury to human beings or other domesticated animals.

**Section 5. Licensing of Dogs.**

a. **Any person owning, keeping or having custody of any dog six (6) months of age or older shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed annually during the licensing period.** The registering, numbering, describing, and licensing of a dog shall be in the office of the Town Clerk. The owner of any dog may add descriptive words, not over ten (10) in number, upon the license form to further describe the dog. The licensing period shall begin April first of each year and terminate thereafter on the thirty-first day of March, both dates inclusive. Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to license his or her dog by July 1st shall be liable for a demand fine of twenty five dollars ($25.00). Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to license his or her dog by August 1st shall be liable for an additional noncriminal fine citation of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) issued as mention in Section 2f of this bylaw.

b. **Dogs brought or shipped into the Commonwealth for commercial resale shall, as is required by Chapter 140, Section 158A-138A of the General Laws, be inoculated against distemper not more than thirty (30) nor less than seven (7) days before entry and shall be accompanied by an official health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian and a copy sent to the Commissioner of Agriculture.** If such certificate is unavailable in the
state of origin, then a similar examination and certificate shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the arrival of the dog in the Commonwealth.

c. The Town Clerk shall not grant a license for any dog unless the owner provides a veterinarian's certification that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies in accordance with Chapter 140, Section 145B of the General Laws, or a certificate of exemption. A certificate from a veterinarian will be required for a spayed female or neutered male being licensed for the first time. If a certificate cannot be obtained, a notarized statement by a registered veterinarian, describing the dog and stating that he has examined the dog and that it appears to have been, and in his opinion has been, spayed or neutered, will be accepted.

d. Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, a tag shall be issued, stamped with an identification number, year of issuance, and name of Town of West Bridgewater. All applications issued must have a description of the symptoms of rabies supplied by the Department of Public Health as required by Chapter 140, Section 145 of the General Laws. If a current tag is lost, a substitute tag can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

e. No person may use any license or tag for any dog other than the dog for which it was issued. Dogs must wear identification tags and collars at all times when off the premises of the owner.

f. License fees shall not be required for certified seeing-eye dogs, hearing dogs, governmental police dogs, or other certified dogs that are trained to assist the physically handicapped.

g. No license fee, or part thereof, shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying/neutering, or removal from the Town or other disposal of the dog.

h. The fee for dog licenses shall be fifteen dollars ($15.00) for altered males and spayed females and sixteen dollars ($16.00) for unaltered males and unspayed females.

Section 6. Licensing of Kennels.

a. Every person maintaining a kennel shall have a kennel license issued by the Town Clerk. The licensing period shall begin April first of each year and terminate thereafter on the thirty-first day of March, both dates inclusive. Any owner or keeper of less than four dogs three months old or over who does not maintain a kennel may elect to secure a kennel license in lieu of licensing such dogs under Section 5 hereof and during such time as he does not license such dogs there under shall have a kennel license and shall be subject to this section and other sections and statutes pertaining to kennels to the same extent as though he were maintaining a kennel. The Animal Control Officer shall inspect such kennel prior to the issuance of the license. Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to obtain a kennel license by July 1st shall be liable for a demand fine of twenty five dollars ($25.00). Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to obtain a kennel license by August 1st shall be liable for an additional noncriminal citation of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) issued as mention in Section 2f of this bylaw.
b. Animal Control Officer may inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel within the Town. If unsanitary or inhumane conditions are found, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the Animal Control Officer shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen the revocation or suspension of the kennel license.

c. The owner of a kennel shall submit to the Town Clerk a certification that all adult dogs on the premises have been properly inoculated.

d. The holder of a kennel license shall cause each dog kept therein to wear, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather, or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag upon which shall appear the number of such kennel license, the name of the Town of West Bridgewater, and the year of issue.

e. Upon the transfer of a dog from a kennel to an owner, the owner may use a certificate and tag from the kennel in lieu of a license for a period of two (2) weeks. The certificate shall contain the kennel number, date of purchase, and description of the dog. Upon the licensing of the dog, the Town Clerk will sign and return the certificate to the kennel.

f. If the license of any kennel is suspended or revoked, no fee can be recovered. Anyone maintaining a kennel after the license is revoked or during a suspension period shall be fined fifty dollars ($50.00).

g. Any person found guilty of cruelty to animals shall forfeit his license and will be ineligible for another license until two (2) years from the date of being found guilty. No fee can be recovered.

h. Kennel license fees shall not be required for domestic charitable corporations that are incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse and for the relief of suffering among animals.

i. The fee for a kennel license shall be forty-five sixty dollars ($45.00-60.00) if not more than four-five dogs are kept in the kennel, ninety one hundred and five dollars ($90.95) if more than four-five but not more than ten dogs are kept therein, and two hundred twenty-five forty dollars ($225.40) if more than ten dogs are kept therein.

j. Any person wishing to open or maintain a kennel can only do so with a special permit granted by the Board of Appeals as mention in the West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws section 4.4 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS 13a and 13b.

Section 7. Abatement of Noise Nuisance.

a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of a dog or other animal to disrupt another person's right to peace or privacy by making loud or continuous noise.
b. Upon a complaint received by the Police Department of barking, howling or other objectionable noise made by an animal that is creating a noise nuisance, an Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall investigate said complaint. If after the investigation it is found that an animal is creating a noise nuisance for not less than ten continuous minutes, where said noise is plainly audible at a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from the building or premises, the Animal Control Officer or police officer may issue a warning notice or a civil citation to the owner or keeper of the animal causing the noise nuisance.

c. If the owner or keeper of an animal that has been found to be creating a noise nuisance fails to immediately abate the nuisance, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall issue a civil citation in accordance with Article 46 of these by-laws.

d. The failure to permanently abate a noise nuisance, as described in subparagraphs b and c immediately above, may result in penalties and other actions as voted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with General Laws Chapter 140. Such actions may be an order to muzzle the animal, an order to banish it from the Town, or an order to destroy the animal.

e. Within ten (10) days after any such order, the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 8. Abatement of Noise at Kennel. Upon the petition of twenty-five (25) citizens filed with the Board stating that they are aggrieved or annoyed, to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs at a kennel because of the excessive barking or vicious disposition of said dogs or other conditions connected with such kennel constituting a public nuisance, the Board, within seven (7) days after the filing of such petition, shall give notice to all parties interested of a public hearing to be held within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice. Within seven (7) days after such public hearing, the Board shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating such kennel, or by dismissing the petition. Written notice of any such order shall be mailed forthwith to the Town Clerk and to the holder of such license.

Within ten (10) days after such order, the holder of such license may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 9. Vicious, or Other Dangerous Animals.
a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of an animal which is
dangerous or vicious to fail to safeguard humans or other animals from attack or threat of
attack from said animal.

b. Upon a complaint received by the Police Department of a vicious or
dangerous animal, an Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall investigate said
complaint. If after the investigation the animal is declared to be dangerous or vicious, the
owner or keeper may be issued a written notice to confine the animal so it is no longer a
threat to human beings or other animals. A violation of a failure to comply with such
confine order shall result in the owner or keeper being issued a civil citation in
accordance with Article 46 of these by-laws. If the owner or keeper fails to comply with
the notice or fails to remedy the situation, the Board of Selectmen, on complaint from an
Animal Control Officer or any police officer, shall hold a hearing to determine the fate of
said animal. Nothing in this section shall limit an Animal Control Officer or any police
officer from immediately destroying any vicious or dangerous animal in the process of, or
momentarily interrupted in, the attacking of any human being, domestic or farm animal.

c. Within ten (10) days after any such order, the owner or keeper of such dog
may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the
Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the
order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be
reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 10. Fines and Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of Section 7 and
Section 8 of this by-law pertaining to the abatement of noise nuisances shall be subject to
a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars ($50.00) and for
the second offense, and Fifty one-hundred dollars ($100.00) ($50.00) for the third
offense and every-fourth offense thereafter; and one hundred dollars ($100.00) for every
offense thereafter. Whoever violates any provision of Section 9 of this by-law pertaining
to vicious or other dangerous animals shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars
($100.00) for the first offense and two hundred dollars ($200.00) for the second offense
and every offense thereafter. The fines and penalties provided for in this Article shall be
assessed in accordance with the provisions for non-criminal disposition of Violations
contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws.
This by-law shall be enforced by an Animal Control Officer or by a police officer.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 17 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS of the
Town’s General By-Laws as printed on the Warrant.

Moved by: Anne Iannitelli and seconded
Fin Com: refer to voters (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Anne Iannitelli spoke to the motion.
Art Cabral asked if the only changes were the ones that showed as crossed out and put in again?
Anne Iannitelli said yes that she was bringing the By Law up to date with the State Law. She changed the dogs per household from 3 to 4 without a kennel license. Anne said that she also tried to clarify some of the charges and bring them in line with other By Laws in town, like adding in the part where anyone who wants a kennel must go before the ZBA as stated in the Zoning By Laws.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 42:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 18 **DOG LEASH** of the Town’s General By-Laws as follows:

**ARTICLE 18**

**DOG LEASH**

Section 1. No owner or keeper of a dog shall cause or permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large or be a public nuisance within the Town of West Bridgewater. No owner or keeper of a dog shall, except as otherwise provided herein, take or permit such dog to be taken from his premises unless the dog is restrained and controlled by means of a leash which is made of suitable material and is not more than six feet (6’) in length. A dog shall not be allowed to be on the private property of others without the express consent of the owner of such property.

Section 2. Any dog found to be at large in violation of this by-law shall be caught and confined by an Animal Control Officer, who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of such dog. The owner or keeper of said dog shall have seven (7) days from the receipt of notice thereof to reclaim said dog from the Animal Control Officer. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent on admission of ownership or the keeping of the dog, the assumption of responsibility thereof, and the payment of any fee or charges due for such confinement as provided by this by-law.

Section 3. The owner or keeper of any dog so confined by the Animal Control Officer under the provisions of this by-law shall be responsible for the cost of confinement of dog at a local shelter or kennel—a-fee of twenty dollars ($20.00) per day for each day of confinement and for the costs incurred by the Town for the care and maintenance of such dog.

Section 4. Any dog under the confinement of the Animal Control Officer that shall not have been claimed by the owner or keeper as provided for in this By-law shall be disposed of by the Animal Control Officers as provided for by General Laws Chapter 140, Section 151A.

Section 5. Owners or keepers found to be in violation of this by-laws shall be liable to a fine of twenty five dollars ($25.00) for the first violation, thirty dollars ($30.00) for the second violation, forty dollars ($40.00) for the third or subsequent violation, and fifty dollars ($50.00) for each violation resulting in personal injury or property damage. These fines shall be
assessed in accordance with the provisions for the non-criminal disposition of violations contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws. The enforcing persons for this by-law shall be an Animal Control Officer or a police officer.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 18 Dog Leash of the Town's General By-Laws as printed on the Warrant.

Moved by: Anne Iannitelli and seconded
Fin Com: refer to voters (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Anne Iannitelli spoke to the motion.
Art Cabral asked if the only changes were the ones that showed as crossed out and put in again? Anne Iannitelli said yes it was changing the citation charges to the ones the police actually charge.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Of Selectmen ask for special privilege to speak at the end of Meeting.
Eldon Moreira announced that the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Duggan was retiring and this would be his last Town Meeting. Eldon thanked John Duggan for his years of service to the Town and wished him Good Luck! John received a standing ovation from everyone there.
John Duggan spoke and thanked everyone. He has enjoyed working with the Town's people and his colleagues in the Town. This was his 25th Town Meeting with West Bridgewater.

Motion was made to dissolved and seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 9:20PM

A true copy, Attest: Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk