



# **NOVEMBER 2, 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7 PM**

Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA

# Town Meeting Report



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- Property tax bill impact of financial articles
- Finance Committee Report



Town of Littleton, Massachusetts  
**TOWN MEETING REPORT**

**VOTER INFORMATION**

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Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium  
Littleton Middle School  
55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA 01460**



# ORDER OF ARTICLES

**Financial Articles**

**Supermajority Articles** (*2/3rds vote*)

**Other Articles**

# Nov. 2, 2015 STM Articles



- ~~1. Bills of Prior Years~~
2. Establish LCTV PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
3. Amend FY 2016 Revolving Funds
4. FY 2016 Budget Amendments
5. Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement
6. Personnel By-law Amendments
7. Supplemental FY 2016 Capital Items
8. Nagog Hill Orchard Leases
9. Aid to Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund
10. Reduce Council on Aging Membership from 11 to 9
- ~~11. Discharges to Municipal Storm Drain System~~

# Articles withdrawn



- 1. *Bills of Prior Years*
  - None to be paid at this time
- 11. *Amend By-laws: Discharges to Municipal Storm Drain System*
  - Selectmen voted to withdraw Article 11, with intention to bring any needed Town By-law amendments to the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting

# Financial Articles



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# Fund Articles



- 2. Establish LCTV PEG Access & Cable Related Fund
  - Accepts state law to continue reserving all PEG (Public Education Government) funds for LCTV (Littleton Community Television)
  - \$200,000/year from Comcast, Verizon subscribers
  - Fund balance: \$437,000 by fiscal year's end
- 3. Amend FY 2016 Revolving Funds
  - Pay Boxborough for animal control services
  - Provide LCTV Services to Boxborough for fee
  - Conservation community garden lots

# Budget Article



## • 4. FY 2016 Budget Amendments

		FY 2016		FY 2016
	Line Item	Budget	Adjustment	Adjusted
197	LCTV Cable – Personal Services	\$88,998	+\$42,070	\$131,068
	LCTV Cable – Expenses	20,250	+6,600	26,850
	Transfer in from PEG access funds	-109,248	-48,670	-157,918
420	Highway – Personal Services	765,089	+15,846	780,935
	Highway - Expenses	376,867	+6,336	383,203
	Highway – Stormwater Expenses	0	+4,800	4,800
720	Short-term Debt - Expenses	<u>640,070</u>	<u>-4,800</u>	<u>635,270</u>
Total	Budgets	37,600,110	+70,852	37,670,962
	Transfers In	<u>-1,023,242</u>	<u>-48,670</u>	<u>-1,071,912</u>
TOTAL	Appropriated Budgets	\$36,576,868	\$22,182	\$36,599,050



# Personnel Articles



- 5. Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements
  - Funds Year 1 of new 3-year contract with Police union
  - 2% salary schedule adjustment for FY 2016
    - Schedule has not been updated since FY 2013
  - Dispatch, Highway, Fire union contracts— and non-union Schedule A – funded at 2% by May 2015 ATM
- 6. Personnel By-law Amendments
  - Applies 2% increase to all remaining schedules-- B, B1 (Other), B2 (Temporary/Seasonal), D (Fire On-Call)
  - May 2015 ATM had amended Park & Rec seasonal schedules C and C1

# Capital Article



- 7. Supplemental FY 2016 Capital Items from Available Funds
  - Fuel Facility Replacement - \$111,000, for total project cost of \$659,388.
  - Council on Aging Kitchen - \$38,425, for total project cost of \$178,925.
  - LCTV Capital Equipment - \$59,871 in PEG funds in support on launching Educational Channel.

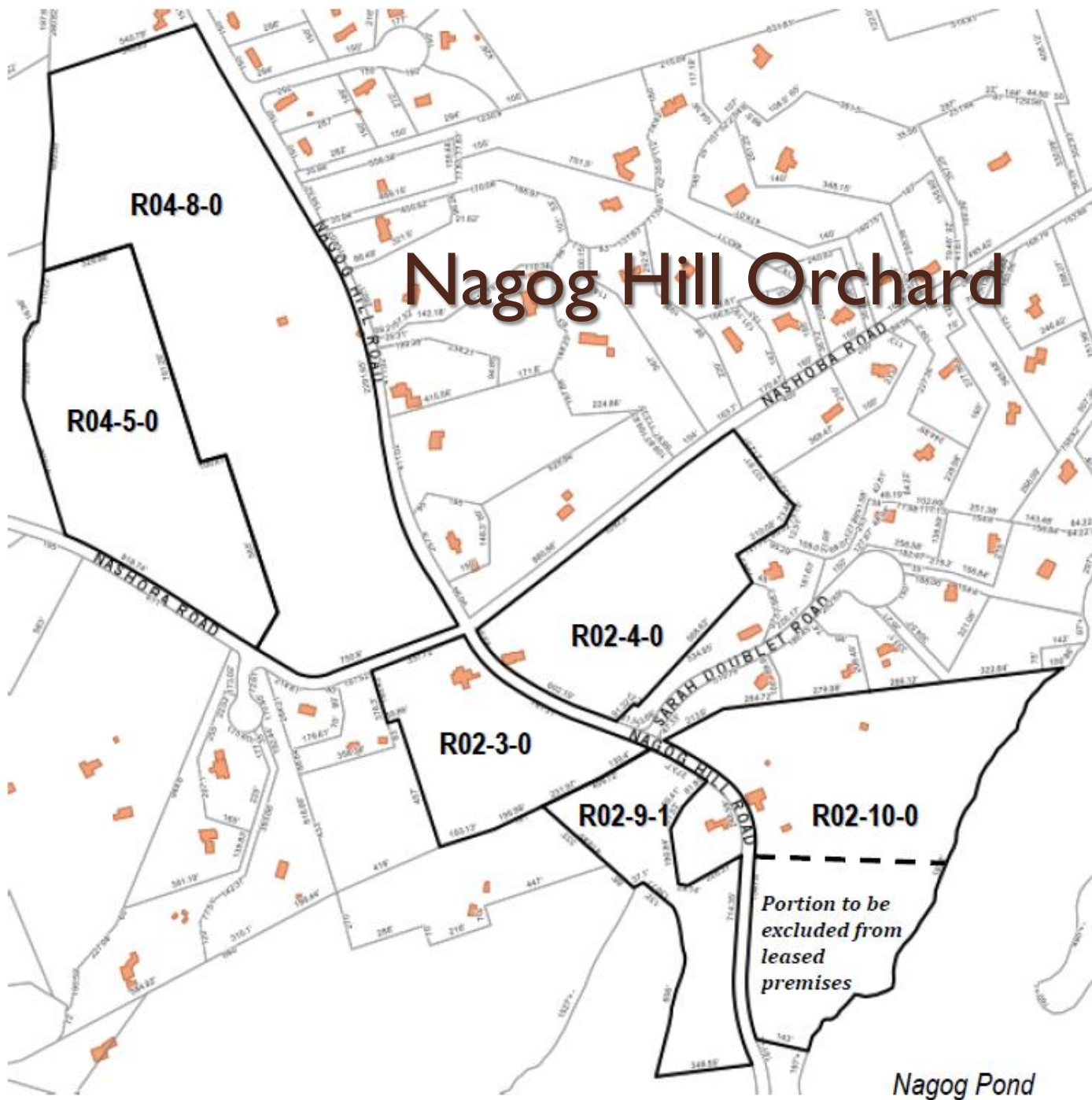
# Supermajority Article



- **8. Nagog Hill Orchard Leases (2/3rds vote)**

- Morrison/Nagog Hill orchard acquired by 12/13/1999 STM
- 5/8/2000 ATM authorized 10-year lease of 94.18 acres
- Current lease extension expires 7/1/2016
- Article 8 would authorize Board of Selectmen to invite proposals for lease/leases of up to 30 years.
- Selectmen have established working group (comprised of two Selectmen, three from Agricultural Commission, and two from Conservation) to explore best practices, potential leases, and policies for all Town-owned agricultural land.
- Agricultural Working Group will advise Selectmen on the lease proposal process, including award of leases; supports Article 8
- Selectmen, Conservation agreed to exclude a portion of Lot 107 abutting Nagog Pond

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**Exclude from  
leased  
premises**







# Other Articles



- 9. Aid to Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund
  - Requested by Council on Aging
  - To defray real estate taxes of elderly and disable persons of low income
  - Establishes taxation aid committee—Assessors chairman, Town Treasurer, three residents appointed by Selectmen
- 10. Amend By-laws: Reduce Council on Aging Membership from 11 to 9
  - Requested by Council on Aging, which currently has only 7 members