

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

• **SPECIAL**

TOWN MEETING

Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7 PM
Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA

Town Meeting Report



- Voter Information
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- Articles, motions, maps, recommendations
- Concise explanations in plain English
- Property tax bill impact of financial articles
- Finance Committee Report



Town of Littleton, Massachusetts
TOWN MEETING REPORT

VOTER INFORMATION

Please bring this with you to the
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Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium
Littleton Middle School
55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA 01460



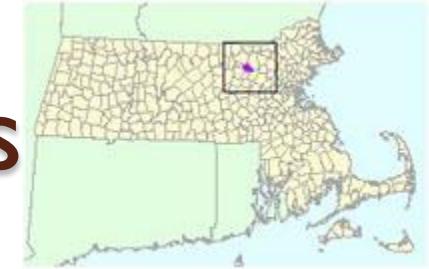
• ORDER OF ARTICLES

Financial Articles

Supermajority Articles (2/3rds vote)

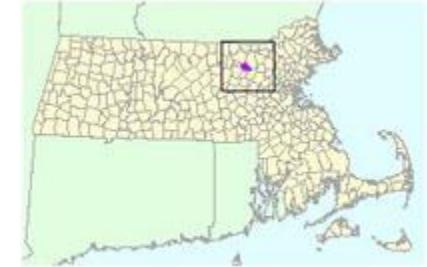
Other Articles

Nov. 2, 2015 STM Articles



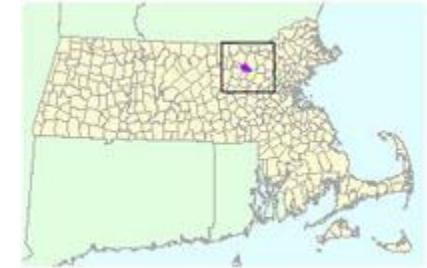
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2. Establish LCTV PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
3. Amend FY 2016 Revolving Funds
4. FY 2016 Budget Amendments
5. Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement
6. Personnel By-law Amendments
7. Supplemental FY 2016 Capital Items
8. Nagog Hill Orchard Leases
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Articles withdrawn



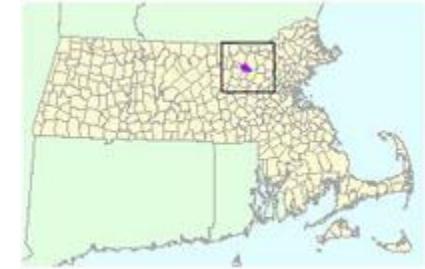
- 1. *Bills of Prior Years*
 - None to be paid at this time
- 11. *Amend By-laws: Discharges to Municipal Storm Drain System*
 - Selectmen voted to withdraw Article 11, with intention to bring any needed Town By-law amendments to the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting

Financial Articles



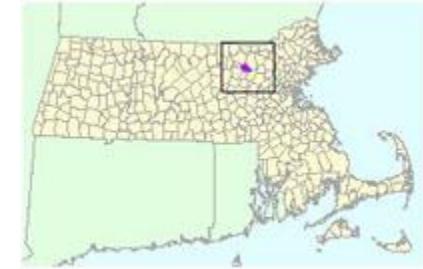
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Fund Articles



- 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

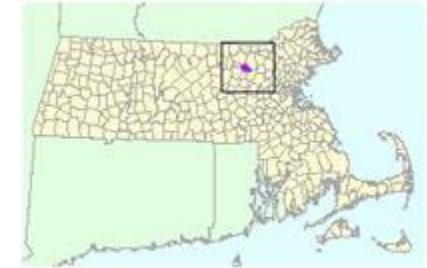
Budget Article



• 4. FY 2016 Budget Amendments

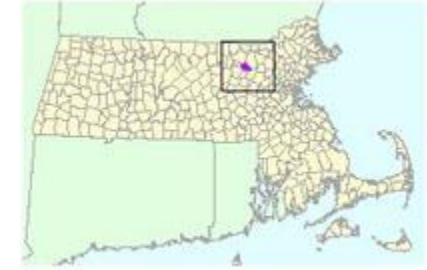
	Line Item	FY 2016	Budget	Adjustment	FY 2016
					Adjusted
197	LCTV Cable – Personal Services	\$88,998		+\$42,070	\$131,068
	LCTV Cable – Expenses	20,250		+6,600	26,850
	Transfer in from PEG access funds	-109,248		-48,670	-157,918
420	Highway – Personal Services	765,089		+15,846	780,935
	Highway - Expenses	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	-1,023,242		-48,670	-1,071,912
TOTAL	Appropriated Budgets	\$36,576,868		\$22,182	\$36,599,050

Personnel Articles



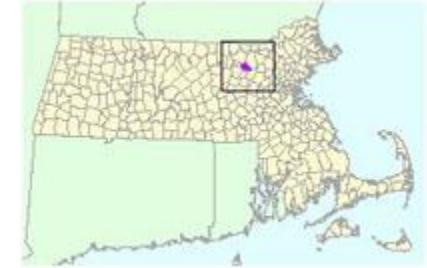
- 5. Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements
 - Funds Year 1 of new 3-year contract with Police union
 - 2% salary schedule adjustment for FY 2016
 - Schedule has not been updated since FY 2013
 - Dispatch, Highway, Fire union contracts— and non-union Schedule A – funded at 2% by May 2015 ATM
- 6. Personnel 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 CI

Capital Article



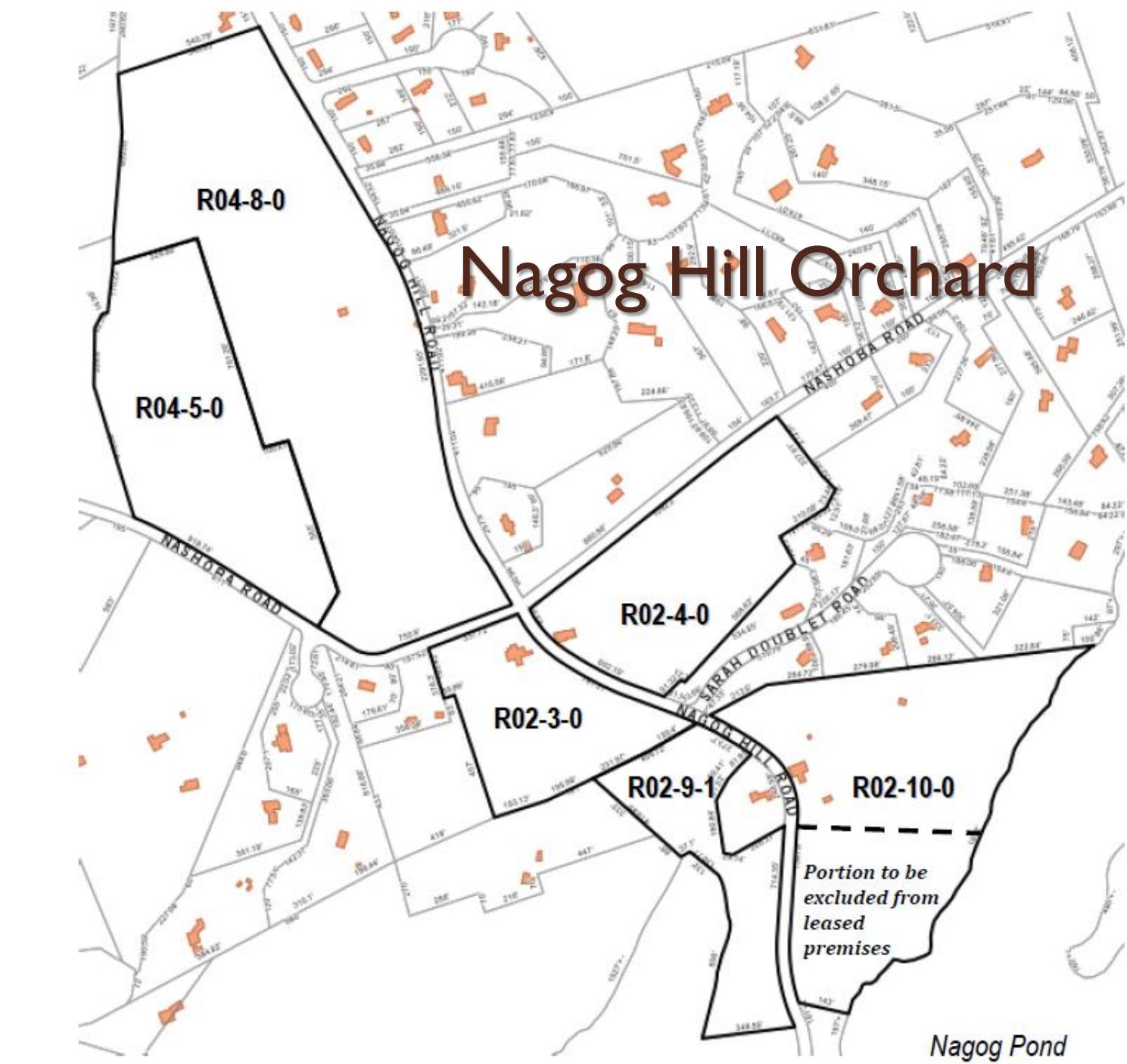
- 7. Supplemental FY 2016 Capital Items from Available Funds
 - Fuel Facility Replacement - \$111,000, for total project cost of \$659,388.
 - Council on Aging Kitchen - \$38,425, for total project cost of \$178,925.
 - LCTV Capital Equipment - \$59,871 in PEG funds in support on launching Educational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

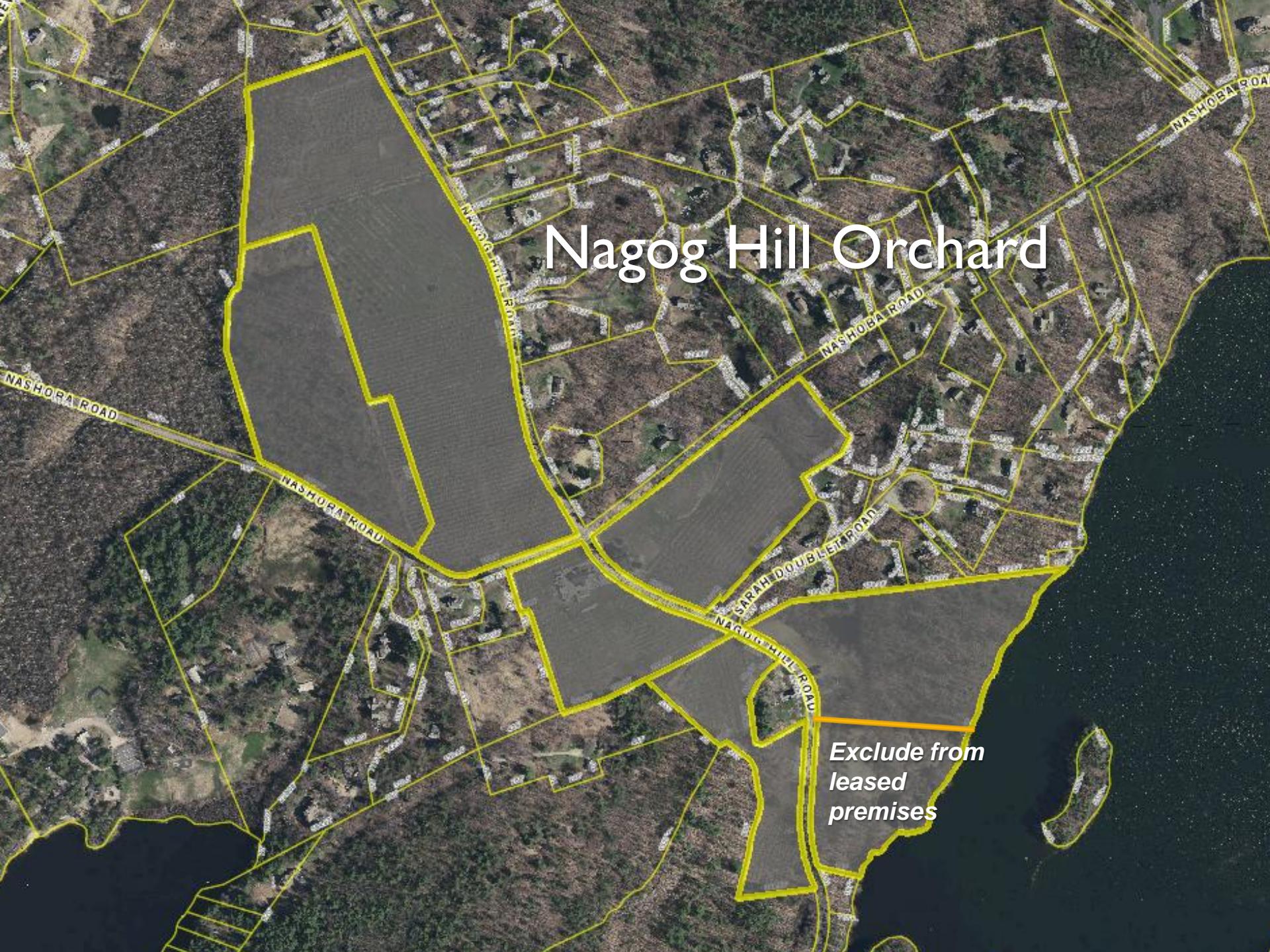
Supermajority Article



• 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



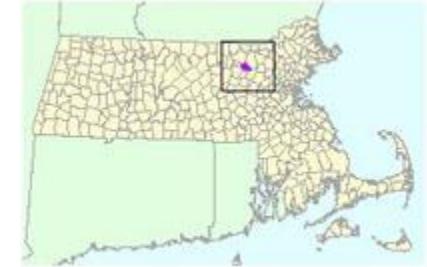


Nagog Hill Orchard

*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 disabled 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