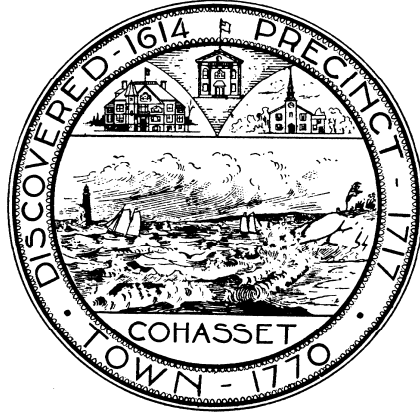


TOWN OF COHASSET

WARRANT



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

**COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL
SULLIVAN GYMNASIUM
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS**

TOWN OF COHASSET

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss

To the Constables of the Town of Cohasset, in the County of Norfolk.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

**MONDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008
AT 7:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL 2009 OPERATING BUDGET

To see what additional action the Town will vote to amend, modify, increase or decrease, or otherwise, to balance the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget as voted in Article 3 of the March 29, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, including proposed revised appropriations and any additional sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds or otherwise, for the payment of the salaries and compensation, expenses, equipment, and outlays, capital and otherwise, of the several Town departments, for the current fiscal year, or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests a series of supplemental or reduced appropriations for the Fiscal 2009 operating budget due to additional revenue received from the State and other sources after the budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Please refer to Appendix A of this report for a listing of the proposed appropriations.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting

ARTICLE 2: UNION CONTRACTS & OTHER SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum or sums of money, to be expended by the Town Manager, to fund the FY09 cost items of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town, represented by the Board of Selectmen, and the Fire Department employees represented by Local 2804, Cohasset Permanent Firefighters, the Police Department employees represented by the New England Police Benevolent Association, AFL-CIO, the civilian dispatch employees represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 25, the Library employees represented by SEIU Local 888, Clerical employees represented by SEIU Local 888, in accordance with Chapter 150E of the General laws, and to fund salary adjustments for non-union and employees with individual employment contracts, or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests funding for those Fiscal 2009 cost items contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and unions representing the library employees, clerical employees, and civilian dispatchers, and for a cost of living adjustment for non-union and contract employees. The funds necessary for these adjustments were set aside when the Fiscal 2009 balanced budget was presented to the annual town meeting. In light of the fact that settlements have not yet been reached with the three remaining unions, the special town meeting will also be requested to transfer the remainder of the collective bargaining set aside to the Town Manager's budget for future allocation by town meeting when those contracts are settled.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 7-0

ARTICLE 3: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, lease or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to fund various capital improvements, capital projects and/or capital equipment for the various departments, boards, commissions and agencies of the town, or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article proposes funding for various capital projects and equipment for Town departments. Please refer to Appendix B of this report for a complete list of requests. At the Special Town Meeting, the Capital Budget Committee will advise Town Meeting which specific capital requests are being recommended.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting

ARTICLE 4: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see what action the Town will take with respect to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009, and to see if the Town will vote to implement any such recommendation by appropriating a sum or sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the General Laws, and from any other source, by raising and appropriating, transferring from available funds, borrowing pursuant to any applicable statute or borrowing pursuant to any applicable statute for this purpose, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain, or alternatively to convey, sell or dispose of, such real property interests as may be required by the Community Preservation Act to implement any such expenditure of community preservation funds, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Under the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee recommends to Town Meeting how funds raised through the special voter-approved surcharge upon local taxation and state matching funds are to be spent in support of projects consistent with the Act. Please refer to Appendix C of this warrant to review the specific recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for this Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting

ARTICLE 5: RELEASE OF EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, convey, release or otherwise dispose of all or any portions of the following property and interests formerly held by the Town's Board of Water Commissioners for the purposes of conveying water throughout the Town, subject to Massachusetts G.L. 30B:

the 12-foot wide easement located off Nichols Road, granted by Charles O. Smith and Marjorie M. Smith to the Town pursuant to that certain grant of easement dated May 3, 1955 and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3365, Page 515, and

the 30-foot wide right of way located off 100 Pleasant Street, acquired by the Town pursuant to that certain instrument of taking dated August 18, 1886 and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 581, Page 360,

or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the WATER COMMISSIONERS

Informational Summary: Passage of this Article will allow the Water Department to abandon two easements for Water Department access on Nichols Road and Pleasant Street which are no longer needed. The easement on Nichols Road is no longer needed because the water main has already been relocated from private property to a roadway during the Little Harbor area water and sewer improvements program. The easement located off 100 Pleasant Street now is used for both a water main from the Bear Hill tank to Pleasant Street and for vehicular access from Pleasant Street to the tank. That easement is being moved because of the development for two house lots adjacent to the easement which would result in putting the easement very close to two front yards. The water main connecting the Bear Hill Tank to Pleasant Street will be relocated, at the developer's expense, to connect the Tank to Bancroft Road, which will improve the water flow in the Hillside Area. The vehicular access will be moved to an already existing Water Department easement from the tank which connects the tank to Reservoir Road above the top of Pleasant Street.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 6-0.

ARTICLE 6: CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS FOR OPEN SPACE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners to sell, grant or convey or otherwise dispose to the Trustees of Reservations or to a governmental body of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or a non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve our natural resources a conservation restriction on, easements over and other lesser interests in the parcels listed below and shown on that certain plan entitled "Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area, Cohasset, Massachusetts," dated September 22, 2008, and on file with the Board of Water Commissioners; to grant and reserve to National Grid (USA), Inc. easements for use of portions of such parcels for the purposes of maintaining poles, wires, conduits and other facilities and improvements necessary for the transmission of electricity and intelligence, as shown on that certain plan entitled "Compiled Plan of Land off King Street, Cohasset, MA," dated October 3, 2007 and on file with the Board of Water Commissioners; and further to petition the General Court for enactment of a Home Rule special act set forth below and to request the Town's representatives to the General Court to introduce a Special Act set forth below, and further to authorize the General Court, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners, to make constructive changes in language as may be necessary or advisable towards perfecting the intent of this legislation in order to secure passage.

AN ACT APPROVING THE TOWN OF COHASSET TO
GRANT, SELL, CONVEY OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN
LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF COHASSET ACQUIRED FOR CONSERVATION,
OPEN SPACE AND WATER PROTECTION PURPOSES

Section 1. Pursuant to Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Cohasset, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners, is hereby authorized to grant to the Trustees of Reservations or to a governmental body of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or a non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve our natural resources, a conservation restriction on, easements over and other lesser interests in the parcels listed below and shown on that certain plan entitled “Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area, Cohasset, Massachusetts,” dated September 22, 2008, and on file with the Board of Water Commissioners or any portions thereof, for conservation, open space and water protection purposes; to grant and reserve to National Grid (USA), Inc. easements for use of portions of such parcels for the purposes of maintaining poles, wires, conduits and other facilities and improvements necessary for the transmission of electricity and intelligence, as shown on that certain plan entitled “Compiled Plan of Land off King Street, Cohasset, MA,” dated October 3, 2007 and on file with the Board of Water Commissioners, or to take any other action related thereto.

<u>MAP</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
54	19	Off Riverview Drive	60	13	Off King Street
54	24	Off Riverview Drive	65	1	Off King Street
54	27	Off Riverview Drive	65	2	Off King Street
54	25	Off Riverview Drive	65	3	Off King Street
54	33	Off Riverview Drive	65	4	Off King Street
56	12	Off King Street	65	5	Off King Street
56	14	Off Doane Street	65	6	Off King Street
56	15	Off Doane Street	65	6B	Off King Street
56	16	Off Doane Street	65	7	Off King Street
56	16A	Off Doane Street	65	8	Off King Street
56	52	Off Doane Street	65	9	Off King Street
59	11	Off King Street	65	10	Off King Street
59	12	Off King Street	65	18	Off King Street
60	1	Off King Street	65	19	Off King Street
60	2	Off King Street	65	35	Off King Street
60	3	Off King Street	66	1	Off King Street
60	4	Off King Street	66	2	Off King Street
60	5	Off King Street	66	3	Off King Street
60	6	Off King Street	66	4	Off King Street
60	7	Off King Street	66	5	Off King Street
60	8	Off King Street	66	6	Off King Street
60	9	Off King Street	66	7	Off King Street
60	10	Off King Street	72	1	Off Howes Lane
60	11	Off King Street	72	2	Off Howes Lane
60	12	Off King Street	72	3	Off Howes Lane

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or to take any actions related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the WATER COMMISSIONERS

Informational Summary: Passage of this Article will start the process to place a Conservation Restriction on 313 acres of land, in the “Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area,” which is land owned by the Water

Commission and the Town located in the Lily Pond Watershed. This land acquisition program, and this final step of placing the Conservation Restriction, is a significant accomplishment of the Water Commission and the Town in their ongoing program for protection of the Town's public drinking water supply. Studies show that acquisition of watershed land, especially in large contiguous parcels such as been done here, is a proven means to protect drinking water quality from contamination and to reduce treatment plant costs. The Article will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature to pass a Special Act authorizing them to impose a Conservation Restriction on this land restricting its use to conservation, open space, and water protection purposes. Once the Special Act has been passed by the Legislature, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners will be able to grant the Conservation Restriction to the Trustees of Reservations. Of the total 313 acres, 191 acres have been acquired over the last five years by the Board of Water Commissioners for a total of about \$3,000,000 with funds from the Water Department, the Cohasset Community Preservation Fund, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Land Acquisition Grants, the Cohasset Conservation Commission, Trustees of Reservations, and private donations. The state grants require the placement of a Conservation Restriction as a condition of receiving the grants. The other 122 acres is land already owned by the Town or the Water Department in the area.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 7-0

ARTICLE 7: REINFORCEMENT TO CURRENT DESIGN STANDARDS OF JERUSALEM ROAD WALL AND ROADWAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum or sums of money, to be expended by the Town Manager, to reinforce and/or otherwise bring up to current design standards the roadway and deficient retaining wall system currently located on the easterly side of Jerusalem Road between Bow Street and Steep Rocks Way, so as to ensure sufficient stability to support the intended vehicle loads, to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, temporary and permanent real estate easements, leases or other interests in private ways and lands for the purpose of implementing said improvements, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or to take any action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for WATER COMMISSION AND SEWER COMMISSION

Informational Summary: The purpose of this article is to seek authority to bond \$270,000 to reinforce and otherwise improve an existing retaining wall along Jerusalem Road that has been found to be structurally deficient. During the Little Harbor Water and Sewer Construction project, after sewer installation was completed and during re-paving preparations, one section of the existing wall collapsed. The collapsed wall section was fully repaired by the sewer project to equal or better condition; however, during an independent engineering assessment of the existing wall as to how it was originally constructed, it was revealed that the wall was deficient in its design and construction and did not meet current design standards to suitably support the adjacent roadway traffic loading. Given this new insight into the existing wall, safety precautions were implemented to keep traffic loading away from the wall and the Water and Sewer Commissions felt that this pre-existing and newly discovered deficiency in this portion of the roadway should be immediately addressed to improve the physical integrity of this portion of Jerusalem Road. The requested appropriation will provide reinforcing of the wall and allow some offsetting of traffic to address these pre-existing deficiencies. The roadway guard rail system will also be improved to increase traffic safety. The proposed improvements will allow for vehicle loads such as large trucks and public safety equipment to be re-imposed on this section of roadway.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 6-1

ARTICLE 8: TOWN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

To see if the Town of Cohasset will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept grants, gifts, tax credits, and monies for the purposes of restoring and renovating the Cohasset Town Hall, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for the TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Informational Summary: The purpose of this article is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any gifts, grants, tax credits or other sources of money to offset the cost of the proposed restoration and renovation of Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by Vote of 5-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Disapproval by Vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 9: FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from a available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager with the approval of the Alternative Energy Committee, to continue to engage consulting services to assist the Committee to investigate alternative energy options for the Town, pursue grant funding, promote clean energy alternatives within the community, and related duties, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen for ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This article requests funding to allow the Alternative Energy Committee to continue to engage the services of a consultant to assist in the investigation of alternative energy options for the Town and related services.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
Advisory Committee: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting

ARTICLE 10: ZONING BYLAW RECONCILIATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Cohasset Zoning Bylaws, as follows:

That Section 7.1 in the column entitled “Number of Parking Spaces Required Per Unit” for Use “L” be amended in line 6 by changing the word “on” to “of” so that said Section 7.1, Use L as amended shall read as follows: “One space per unit unless the apartments are proposed within that portion of a building existing on 1/5/55 or unless a reduced number is specifically authorized within the final action of the special permit granting authority upon a finding that one space per unit is not necessary for public safety and convenience, that the creation of on-site parking spaces is incompatible with approved design guidelines or that adequate provision for parking has otherwise been proposed.”

That Section 17.3.2, second sub-section “f” reading as follows: “Any other information required by the Planning Board in the rules and regulations adopted by it with respect to such special permit process.” be amended to be re-labeled as sub-section “g”.

That Section 17.4.1, sub-section “g” reading as follows: “Buildings and uses accessory to the above, including, without limitation, parking garages that are accessory to dwelling units and cafeterias.” be amended to be re-labeled as sub-section “f”.

That Section 17.9.3, be amended in line 1 by changing “Rules are Regulations consistent ...” to read “Rules and Regulations consistent ...” so that Section 17.9.3 as amended shall read as follows: “The Planning Board shall adopt, and from time to time amend, Rules and Regulations consistent with the

provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 40A of General Laws and other applicable provisions of the General Laws and shall file a copy of said rules and regulations with the Town Clerk. Such rules and regulations shall, subject to provisions of this Section 17, prescribe as minimum the size, contents, form, style and number of plans and specifications, the Town boards or Departments from which the Planning Board will request written reports and the procedure for submission and approval of a Special Permit under the provisions of this section. The Planning Board shall also specify the fees to be paid in connection with application for a TOD Overlay Development, bonding requirements to satisfy conditions of approval, and reporting requirements to satisfy compliance with the affordability restrictions. Other specifications as deemed necessary by the Planning Board shall be included in the Rules and Regulations. Failure to adopt such Rules and Regulations shall not affect the validity of this Section 17.”

That Section 19.4.1.3.c, be amended by changing “S.P.G.A.” to read “SPGA” as is used throughout the rest of the document, so that Section 19.4.1.3.c as amended shall read as follows: “c) All signs shall comply with the requirements of the Town’s sign regulations unless relief is granted by the SPGA.”

That Section 19.7.2, line 3, be amended to correct the first quotation mark by changing ”Physically remove” to read “Physically remove”, so that Section 19.7.2 as amended shall read as follows: “ Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use, the owner shall physically remove the wind turbine(s) within 90 days from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of use. This period may be extended at the request of the owner and at the discretion of the SPGA. “Physically remove” shall include, but not be limited to:”

That Section 19.9.1.Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA), line 1, be amended by changing “Wind Turbine(s) is ...” to read “Wind Turbine(s) in ...”, so that Section 19.9.1.Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) as amended shall read as follows: “The SPGA for wind energy conversion facilities, also referred to as Wind Turbine(s) in this bylaw shall be the Planning Board.”
Or, act on anything related thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: This housekeeping article will correct typographical errors and/or grammatical errors that appeared in past zoning bylaw amendment articles in the: 04/01/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 17; 11/13/07 Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 4; and, 03/29/08 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 14 and, were thus included in the most current revision of the Cohasset Zoning Bylaws as revised through March 29, 2008.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 7-0
Planning Board: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting

ARTICLE 11: GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR GAS LINE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a permanent easement or lesser title interest in under that portion of Town-owned property, commonly known as Town Hall, identified as Parcel 89 on Assessor Map No. 27 and numbered 41 Highland Avenue, as shown on that certain plan entitled "Easement Drawing, 29 & 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA," a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Manager's Office, for the purposes of providing gas service to property owned by St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church located at 29 Highland Avenue, or to take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Informational Summary; The purpose of this article is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to National Grid to install a gas line from Highland Avenue along the Town Hall parking lot to service a residential property owned by St. Stephen’s Church.

Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval by Vote of 4-0
Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 12: JACOBS MEADOW CULVERT REPAIR AND UPGRADE

To see if the Town of Cohasset will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of reconstruction and upgrading the open culvert and tide gates at the Jacobs Meadow culvert at the American Legion Post, and that the town be authorized to accept grants, gifts, tax credits, and monies for that intended purpose, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain permanent easements or lesser title interests in all or any portions of the following parcels located off Summer Street and Elm Street for drainage purposes, or to take any other action related thereto.

<u>Map</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>
27	5	85 Elm Street	32	24	80 Summer Street
27	4	87 Elm Street	32	23	84 Summer Street
27	2	95 Elm Street	32	22	88 Summer Street
27	1	97 Elm Street			

Or take any other action related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Informational Summary: The purpose of this article is to seek the authority to bond \$450,000 to reconstruct and upgrade the open culvert and tide gates at the Jacobs Meadow culvert at the American Legion Post. The current culvert is in extreme disrepair and in danger of collapse. By undertaking this project, the culvert will be restored to proper condition and an automated sluice gate will be installed, both measures that will provide additional flushing of Jacobs Meadow during storm events.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
 Advisory Committee: Recommend Approval by Vote of 7-0

ARTICLE 13: CITIZENS' PETITION – TURF FIELD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the creation of new recreational opportunities by the construction of a synthetic turf field and track at the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex, or take any other action related thereto.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ellen Maher	63 Old Pasture Road	Glenn Pratt	482 King Street
Chris Haggerty	10 Sankey Road	George McGoldrick	744 Jerusalem Road
SallyAnn Chatterton	9 Red Gate Lane	Richard Evans	24 Lantern Lane
Wayne Sawchuk	432 Beechwood Street	Ralph Froio	327 Forest Ave.
Joseph Fitzgerald	516 Chief Justice Cush.	Gary Vanderweil	500 Jerusalem Road

Informational Summary (As submitted by the petitioners): The purpose of this article is to seek Town Meeting approval to borrow funds for a portion of the proposed synthetic turf field project at the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex. The amount borrowed will be repaid from offsets and revenue from the local youth programs. Additional funding will be provided by grants and private and corporate donations. If installed, a new turf field will triple the capacity of the current field. Alumni Field is used two to three times per week and is primarily for varsity games only. A new turf field can be used every day by multiple teams, school and recreation programs and clubs.

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation Deferred Until Town Meeting
 Advisory Committee: Recommend Disapproval by Vote of 9-0

APPENDIX A

**NOVEMBER 17, 2008 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ACTIONS REQUESTED UNDER ARTICLE 1**

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	BUDGET LINE	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	REVISED APPROPRIATION	CHANGE	EXPLANATION
A	Unemployment	Gen. Expenses	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$20,000	High Claims Experience to Date
B	Debt Service	Excluded Principal	\$1,885,920	\$1,609,820	(\$276,100)	School Bond Refinancing
C	Debt Service	Excluded Interest	\$1,114,548	\$884,461	(\$230,087)	School Bond Refinancing

Note: The excluded principal and interest line items are being reduced by a total of \$506,187 through refinancing and rolling into the loan a lump sum state school construction grant rather than receiving an annual payment of \$485,300 from the State. Thus, the net reduction in Fiscal 2009 excluded principal and interest totals \$20,887.

**APPENDIX B - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FY 2009 TO FY 2012**

<i>Department/Description</i>	<i>2009 Proposed</i>	<i>2010 Proposed</i>	<i>2011 Proposed</i>	<i>2012 Proposed</i>
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT				
Library				
Library Gutters and Downspouts	\$72,500			
Library East Parapet Wall Repair	\$11,000			
Library EPDM repairs		\$44,000		
Security System (cameras)			\$50,000	
Schools				
Trash Truck	\$45,000			
Osgood Pavement (new back turn around / walkway)	\$50,000			
Osgood Playground Replacement/Repair	\$75,000			
Middle High Science Classroom Exhaust Fans	\$25,000			
Osgood Kitchen Upgrade		\$40,000		
Osgood Emergency Generator		\$160,000		
High School Fitness Center Air Conditioning			\$22,000	
Alumni Field Bleachers		\$85,000		
Alumni Field Turf/Track Replacement				\$1,500,000
Town Hall				
Town Hall Chiller Replacement	\$45,000			
Town Hall Windows, Electrical, Restroom, Auditorium Upgrades		\$60,000		
Town Hall Sill Replacement		\$25,000		
Town Hall Security System (camera and burglar)			\$30,000	
Town Hall Basement Air Conditioning				\$15,000
Town Hall Emergency Generator				\$30,000
Police/Fire				
Emergency Generator	\$130,000			
Other				
Town Wide BAS (building automation) System	\$80,000			
Maintenance Vehicle (if new maintenance staff hired)	\$35,000			
Dark Fiber Install (schools, police, library, town hall)	\$30,000			
DPW Security System (camera and burglar)			\$30,000	
Sub-Total	\$598,500	\$414,000	\$132,000	\$1,545,000
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Lightkeepers Sewer Connection Project	\$50,000			
Border Street Culvert Replacement Project	\$450,000			
Flood Control Projects		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	
Sub-Total	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0

**APPENDIX B - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FY 2009 TO FY 2012**

<i>Department/Description</i>	<i>2009 Proposed</i>	<i>2010 Proposed</i>	<i>2011 Proposed</i>	<i>2012 Proposed</i>
PUBLIC WORKS				
1985 CAT 950 Loader (refurbishment)	\$30,000			
Bucket Truck (replacement)	\$70,000			
Tractor (replace 1989 Peterbilt)	\$120,000			
Mowing Machine	\$30,000			
Replace Sander	\$10,000			
Chevrolet C-30 (replace 1990)		\$45,000		
Loader/Backhoe (replace 1988 Ford)			\$90,000	
Replace 1986 Ford Dump Truck				\$85,000
Sub-Total	\$260,000	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$85,000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
Equipment Purchase & Replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Sub-Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
Technology Replacement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Transportation Busses / vans	\$80,000	\$45,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Sub-Total	\$180,000	\$145,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
LIBRARY				
Replace Public Computers (17)	\$19,552		\$28,200	
Replace 11 staff computers				\$18,700
Replace 6 children's room computers & 5 PAC's		\$18,700		
Finish Staff Work Room	\$5,000			
Replace Carpet	\$20,000			
Replace worn Upholstery		\$5,000		
Sub-Total	\$44,552	\$23,700	\$28,200	\$18,700

**APPENDIX B - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FY 2009 TO FY 2012**

<i>Department/Description</i>	<i>2009 Proposed</i>	<i>2010 Proposed</i>	<i>2011 Proposed</i>	<i>2012 Proposed</i>
<i>POLICE DEPARTMENT</i>				
Vehicle Replacement (2 marked)	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$29,000	\$60,000
Sever & Workstation Replacement	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Vehicle Replacement (unmarked)	\$38,000		\$20,000	
Special Vehicle (4X4)			\$30,000	
Mobile Radios				\$50,000
Portable Radios		\$90,000		
Dispatch/911 Consoles Replacement	\$150,000			
Police Repeater Update/Refurbish		\$30,000		
Firearms - Handguns			\$12,500	
Firearms - Long Guns			\$3,500	
New Police Station		\$4,500,000		
Sub-Total	\$255,000	\$4,683,000	\$100,000	\$115,000
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT</i>				
Command Vehicle Replacement	\$35,000			
Ambulance Replacement	\$165,000			
Engine Two Replacement	\$450,000			
Forest Fire Truck Replacement				\$150,000
Air Compressor/Self Contained Breathing App. Filling Station		\$50,000		
Special Hazards Equipment Trailer		\$25,000		
Jaws of Life - Gas Powered (replacement)	\$20,000			
Jaws of Life - Electric Powered (replacement)			\$23,000	
Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement (2)		\$27,000		
Desktop & Notebook Computr Replacement			\$10,000	
Heart Monitor/Defibrillator - 12 Lead (replacement)	\$25,000			\$28,000
Hose Replacement	\$15,000			
Second Fire Station Feasibility Study	\$25,000			
Sub-Total	\$735,000	\$102,000	\$33,000	\$178,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,583,052	\$7,422,700	\$2,573,200	\$2,121,700

APPENDIX C
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Preservation Committee has voted to recommend the following additional appropriations for Fiscal 2009:

Recommendation A:

That the Community Preservation Discretionary Sub Account will match dollar for dollar up to a maximum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) money raised from other sources with the intention that these funds be available in FY 2009 and thereafter, which funds are to be expended by the Town Manager, for the purposes of the construction a septic system which will serve the facilities at the Beechwood Ball Field. None of this appropriation may be spent until the Town Manager determines that all money necessary for completing this project has been raised.

Recommendation B:

That Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Sub Account and Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) be transferred from the Community preservation Fund Discretionary Account, for a total appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), with the intention that these funds be available in FY 2009 and thereafter, which funds are to be expended by the Town Manager, for the purposes of preparing a new and required Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Cohasset, which shall include the retention of qualified consultant() and expert(s) necessary for the completion of this task.

Recommendation C:

That Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Historical Resources Sub Account with the intention that these funds be available in Fiscal 2009 and thereafter, which funds are to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes of conducting the necessary engineering studies and preparing the engineering drawings for the restoration of the pond located on Cohasset Common.

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

Our Town Meeting is conducted in accordance with the Town Bylaws and traditions adopted in our Town Meetings over the years. Several matters of procedure are summarized below. Anyone with questions about procedure should see the Moderator, ideally prior to the start of the meeting.

- Discussion should be **courteous** and **respectful**, and should be confined to the subject under consideration. Sarcasm is generally not respectful, and the subject under consideration does not include the individuals involved in the debate. All questions should be directed to the Moderator, who will ask the appropriate person to respond. Under our Bylaws, no one may speak a second time on any subject for longer than five minutes, nor more than twice on any subject (except to correct an error or make an explanation), without permission of the Meeting.
- If you desire to speak, please rise and seek the attention of the Moderator. When recognized by the Moderator, please use a microphone and begin by stating your name and address.
- Persons who are not registered voters may be admitted to the meeting as **guests**. Guests must display the nametags provided and, except with the permission of the Moderator (denoted by a colored sticker on the nametag), must remain in the designated guest seating area. Guests may address the meeting with the permission of the Moderator.
- An **article** in the warrant describes the subject matter to be acted on by the Town Meeting. A **motion** is proposed action to be taken by the Meeting, and must be within the scope of the article (i.e., the motion must not go beyond the subject matter, dollar amounts, restrictiveness, etc., contemplated by the article). Articles will be acted on in the order in which they are published in the warrant unless the Meeting otherwise determines. On each article, the first main motion will be the Town Manager's (or citizen proponent's) proposed motion.
- All **motions** (including proposed amendments) should be **in writing** unless they are so brief and simple as to be easily understood orally. If you plan in advance to make a motion, please let the Moderator know before the meeting so any wording issues can be resolved smoothly.
- Votes will generally be taken first by voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the results or if seven voters stand to express doubt as to the result declared by the Moderator, a **hand count** will be taken. Voters wishing to participate in the hand count must be in designated seating areas.
- A **motion for the previous question**, if adopted, will be followed immediately by a vote on the pending question. The motion is not debatable and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption. The Moderator will not accept a motion for the previous question if both sides have not had a fair opportunity to be heard, and may allow voters who have sought recognition to speak to be heard prior to considering the motion. A person who **"moves the previous question"** may not accompany the motion with remarks on the.
- Only those who were on the winning side of a vote may move to reconsider that vote. A vote may not be reconsidered a second time or after a motion to reconsider it has failed. A vote adopted at one session of the town meeting may not be reconsidered at a later (adjourned) session of the meeting unless notice of the intended reconsideration is given at the session at which the vote was passed.
- A **quorum** for the transaction of business is **100**. Once a quorum is determined, the presence of a quorum is presumed unless a point of no quorum is raised and a count shows that a quorum is not present. A quorum is not required to adjourn or dissolve.

Daniel S. Evans, Moderator

Serve Your Community

Town Government needs citizens who are willing to give time in the service of their community. The Resource Bank was adopted by the Selectmen and Moderator as a means of compiling names of interested citizens to serve, on a voluntary basis, on boards and committees. This file is available for use by the public, as well as the Moderator and the Selectmen.

Resource Bank files are constantly being updated to include categories consistent with the changing needs of the Town. Please indicate your order of preference and return the form below to:

Town Government Resource Bank
c/o the Board of Selectmen
41 Highland Avenue

Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Background: _____

When are you available to serve? _____

LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE

- Advisory Committee
- Alternative Energy Committee
- Bylaw Committee
- Cable Advisory Committee
- Capital Budget Committee
- Cohasset Cultural Council
- Cohasset Common Historic District Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Council on Elder Affairs
- Board of Health
- Economic Development Committee
- Government Island Advisory Committee
- Harbor Committee
- Historical Commission
- Housing Partnership Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Stormwater Management Committee
- Town History Committee
- Water Resources Protection Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND OFFICE HOURS
COHASSET TOWN HALL, LIBRARY AND WATER DEPARTMENT**

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL PHONE NUMBERS

Town Hall Fax Number:	1-781-383-0228
Board of Assessors	1-781-383-4114
Board of Health	1-781-383-4116
Sewer Commission	1-781-383-4108
Board of Selectmen & Town Manager	1-781-383-4105
*Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer	1-781-383-4112
Conservation Commission	1-781-383-4119
Director of Finance/Town Accountant	1-781-383-4118
Recreation Commission	1-781-383-4109
Town Clerk	1-781-383-4100
Planning Board	1-781-383-3517
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	1-781-383-4102
Zoning Board of Appeals	1-781-383-4105

*Call for appointments on Monday and Friday

LIBRARY

Phone – 1-781-383-1348

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Monday & Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Until Memorial Day)

WATER DEPARTMENT

Phone – 1-781-383-0057

HOURS - Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm.

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