

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
May 6, 2013**

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long, called the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 to order at 7:37 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 38 members, plus the moderator present.

Joyce Rodenhiser and Edward S. W. Boesel were appointed and sworn as tellers.

The Colors were posted by the Lynn English ROTC, led by Robert Lockhart; Alona Peral; Jonathan Felix; and Connor McHale; who led the meeting in the salute to the flag.

Pastor Robert Leroe then led the members in prayer, followed by a moment of silence for George Moriello, American Legion member and long time town meeting member; Paul Downing, former town meeting member and former Prankers Pond warden; Fred Gill, former long time town meeting member; David Nagle, former selectman; Nancy Lemoine, educator and active church member who dedicated herself to the youth of Saugus; and Jean Sherman, former member of the school committee and local civic volunteer.

Town Clerk, Joanne Rappa, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Present /Absent
ALLAN, P.	p	FALASCA, T.	p	CHRISTOPHER, R	p
ATTUBATO, J	p	FOWLER, J.	p	MOSCHELLA, D.	a
BARTOLO, J.	p	GILLIS, J.	p	MOSES, J.	p
BILLINGLSEY, S.	p	GOODWIN, P.	p	PALCZYNSKI, J.	p
BOESEL, E.	p	GROARK, L.	p	PETKEWICH, P.	p
BROOKS, W.	p	HAWKES, T.	p	POLITANO, K.	p
CARLSON, E.	p	JOHNSON, P.	a	RING, D. S.	p
CICOLINI, J.	p	JONES, W.	a	RODENHISER, J.	p
CONNORS, A.	a	KRAMICH, W.	p	ROSSETTI, P.	p
COTTAM, D.	p	LEUCI, J.	p	SERINO, A.	a
D'ANNA, S.	p	LONG, R.	p	SPENCER, B.	p
DEVER, M.	p	LOPRESTI, A.	a	STEWART, W.	p
DEVLIN, F.	p	MALONE, B.	a	SULLIVAN, B.	p
DINARDO, A.	p	MALTAIS, S.	a	SWEEZEY, S.	p
DOCKERY, M.	p	MANOOGIAN, P.	p	VADALA, P.	p
DOHERTY, S.	p	MCCARTHY, S.	a	VECCHIO, M.	a
FAIELLA, E.	p	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	a	Quorum count=	39

39 members present, a quorum is met.

Town Moderator, Robert J. Long reviewed the Town By-laws governing Town Meeting and the Town Meeting Code of Conduct.

Article 1. Reports of Committees.

Robert Palleschi, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that FinCom has been very active this spring and they are on a good course to have budgets ready for members in a timely manner.

Joanne Vannah, Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee, gave her report and stated that there would be another public forum early in the fall, possibly September.

Peter Manoogian, Chairman of the Sidewalk Committee, affirmed that the committee continues to meet and work should begin shortly in the Lincoln Avenue area.

Mr. Manoogian moves to take Article 14 out of order.

Seconded at 8:14 p.m.

Yeas: 35 Nays: 1 at 8:14.5 p.m.

Article 14 is voted to be taken out of order.

Mr. Manoogian moves Article 14.

Seconded at 8:15 p.m.

Handouts are distributed.

Article as written:

Article 14. To see if the Saugus Town Meeting will vote at the 2013 Annual Town meeting to add a new bylaw regarding vandalism and the defacement of public and private property.

701.06 VANDALISM AND THE DEFAACEMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

SECTION 1 – Purpose and Intent

Vandalism and the existence of graffiti within the Town are considered a public and private nuisance. The purpose of this bylaw is to protect public and private property from acts of vandalism and defacement by prohibiting the application of graffiti on such property and by requiring property owners to remove publicly visible graffiti from their property within a reasonable period of time.

SECTION 2 – Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw, “graffiti” is intended to mean the intentional painting, marking, scratching, etching, coloring, tagging, or other defacement of any public or private property without the prior written consent of the owner of such property.

SECTION 3 – Prohibited Conduct

The application of graffiti to the real or personal property of another is prohibited and shall be prosecuted to the extent authorized by Massachusetts General Law CH. 266 Sections 126 – Natural Scenery Defacement, 126A- Defacement of Rear or Personal Property and 126B – Tagging.

SECTION 4 – Removal of Graffiti

Upon determining that graffiti exists on any private or other non-Town owned property and that such graffiti can be viewed from a public place within the Town, the Chief of Police or his designee may mail or deliver a notice to the owner of the property on which the graffiti exists advising the owner that the graffiti must be removed within fourteen days.

SECTION 5 – Enforcement

Failure to remove the graffiti within fourteen days of delivery of the notice may be deemed a violation of this section and shall be dealt with as a non-criminal offense in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, s. 21D and Section 106.00 of these bylaws.

Owners who repeatedly violate the provisions of Section 4 may be prosecuted under the provisions of Article 103.00 of these bylaws.
(Peter Manoogian)

Mr. Kramich moves to amend Article 14 by striking out “other non” in section 4 Line 1.

Seconded at 8:20 p.m.

Finance Committee Chairman, Robert Palleschi stated that FinCom voted to recommend Article 14.

Mr. Manoogian asked for support of the article. Police Chief Domenic DiMella, Mr. Stephen Sweezey, and Ellen Faiella spoke in favor of the Article.

Jeffrey Moses spoke on the article and Maureen Dever moved to refer the article back to the maker and

requests a roll call vote.

Seconded at 8:41 p.m.

A vote came on the Kramich Amendment.

Unanimous voice vote to amend Article 14 at 8:50 p.m.

Vote on Referral:

Town Meeting Member name	Yea/Nay	Town Meeting Member name	Yea/Nay	Town Meeting Member name	Yea/Nay
ALLAN, P.	n	FALASCA, T.	y	CHRISTOPHER, R	n
ATTUBATO, J	n	FOWLER, J.	n	MOSCHELLA, D.	a
BARTOLO, J.	n	GILLIS, J.	n	MOSES, J.	y
BILLINGLSEY, S.	n	GOODWIN, P.	n	PALCZYNSKI, J.	n
BOESEL, E.	n	GROARK, L.	n	PETKEWICH, P.	n
BROOKS, W.	n	HAWKES, T.	n	POLITANO, K.	n
CARLSON, E.	n	JOHNSON, P.	a	RING, D. S.	n
CICOLINI, J.	n	JONES, W.	a	RODENHISER, J.	n
CONNORS, A.	a	KRAMICH, W.	y	ROSSETTI, P.	n
COTTAM, D.	n	LEUCI, J.	n	SERINO, A.	a
D'ANNA, S.	n	LONG, R.		SPENCER, B.	n
DEVER, M.	y	LOPRESTI, A.	a	STEWART, W.	y
DEVLIN, F.	n	MALONE, B.	a	SULLIVAN, B.	n
DINARDO, A.	n	MALTAIS, S.	a	SWEEZEY, S.	n
DOCKERY, M.	y	MANOOGIAN, P.	n	VADALA, P.	p
DOHERTY, S.	n	MCCARTHY, S.	a	VECCHIO, M.	a
FAIELLA, E.	n	MCLAUGHLIN, P.	a		

Yeas: 6 Nays: 31 Abstain: 1

Referral is not ordered.

Article as voted:

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Yeas: 36 Nays: 2 at 8:56 p.m.

Article 14 passed as amended.

Ms. Groark moves, as a courtesy to the petitioner, to move Article 25.

Seconded at 8:57 p.m.

Article as written:

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote the following:

WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has erroneously transformed the Bill of Rights into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate the laws, and has compromised the integrity of our democracy by striking down legislation aimed at mitigating the disproportionate influence of money in policy making; and,

WHEREAS, the expenditure of unlimited money in elections threatens to overwhelm our individual voices in the democratic process and to further facilitate the undue influence of well financed special interest in government; and,

WHEREAS, corporations can and do make important contributions to our society using unique advantages that government has granted them, corporations are not themselves members of ‘We the People’ by whom and for whom our Constitution was established, and are subject to regulation as the people, through their elected representatives, may deem reasonable; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the Court’s decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and others will be felt at the local, state, and federal level as big campaign donors seek to dominate policy making; and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct clear threats to our democracy and our republican form of self-government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the citizens of Saugus, Massachusetts petition the U.S. Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would affirm that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and that, since money is not speech, Congress, and state and local governments may place limits on political contributions and expenditures from any source.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to every member of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation as well as the state representatives and state senator representing the Town of Saugus.

(Karen A. Cox)

Mr. Robert Cox, creator of the article, explained this nonbinding referendum.

Peter Vadala spoke on the article.

Article as voted:

Article 25. Voted the following:

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Yeas: 30 Nays: 7 at 9:03 p.m.

Article 25 passed as written.

Mr. Boesel moves to adjourn to May 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded at 9:04 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Rappa
Town Clerk