Article Four – Appropriation to Essex Tech

Main Motion Speaker: TBD

To see if the Town will amend the action taken under Article 7 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by reducing or increasing the Town’s share of the budget appropriated for the 2019 annual operating and debt service expenses of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested By: Town Manager
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0

Summary: The Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District Estimated FY2019 Budget was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in the amount of $189,000. This estimate is for the tuition and estimated transportation costs of 8 students. After the October 1st official enrollment is completed, the final budget figure will be available in mid-October. The final FY2019 Budget figure will be included in the motion of this article. This requires a simple majority vote.

MOTION:
I move to amend the action taken under Article 7 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the appropriation from $189,000 to $141,168 as set forth in Article Four of the warrant for this town meeting.

Article Five – Amend Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Appropriation

Main Motion Speaker: TBD

To see if the Town will amend the action taken under Article 6 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the budget appropriated for the 2019 annual operating and debt service expenses of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School from $520,000 to $514,022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested By: Town Manager
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0

Summary: The Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School FY19 Budget was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in the amount of $520,000 and the final FY19 Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School budget letter dated June 15, 2018 certifies the Town of Ipswich assessment as $514,022. This article reduces the Whittier Regional Voc. budget appropriated at the May Annual Town Meeting. This requires a simple majority vote.

MOTION:
I move to amend the action taken under Article 6 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the appropriation from $520,000 to $514,022 as set forth in Article Five of the warrant for this town meeting.

Article Six - Amendments to Chapter 172 of General Bylaws (Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Containers)

Main Motion Speaker: Lori LaFrance

To see if the Town will amend Chapter 172 of the General By-laws of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

(Note: strikethrough indicates deletions; bold italics indicates additions.)

SECTION 1: PLASTIC BAG RESTRICTION

1. By amending § 172-2 (Definitions) as follows:

   “1. “Thin film single use bags” shall mean bags with integral handles and a thickness of 3.0 mils or fewer that are intended to transport products purchased in a retail establishment. “Plastic Checkout Bag”, shall mean any checkout bag made of plastic that does not meet the definition of “Reusable Checkout Bag”, typically with plastic handles, and intended for transport of purchased products.

   2. “Biodegradable bag” shall mean a bag that:
      a. Contains no polymers derived from fossil fuels; and
      b. Is intended for single use and will decompose in a natural setting at a rate comparable to other biodegradable...
materials such as paper, leaves, and food waste.

32. “Reusable bag” shall mean a sewn bag with stitched handles that is specifically designed for multiple uses and is made of thick plastic, cloth, fabric or other durable material, either polyester, polypropylene, cotton or other natural fiber material.

43. “Retail establishments”…or personal items.”; and

2. By amending § 172-3 (Use Regulations) as follows:

A. Thin-film single use Plastic checkout bags shall not be distributed or sold from any retail establishment within the Town of Ipswich.

B. Customers are encouraged to take their own reusable or biodegradable shopping bags to stores. Retail establishments may provide reusable or biodegradable, thick plastic, paper, fabric, or other types of bags at no charge, or impose a fee for paper or other bags, as they so desire. Retail establishments are strongly encouraged to make reusable bags available for sale to customers at a reasonable price.

C. Thin-film Plastic bags used to contain dry cleaning, newspapers, produce, meat, bulk foods, wet items or similar merchandise, typically without handles, are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Requested By: Select Board
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 3-3-3 Split

Summary: These proposed amendments to the 2016 bylaw will expand the definition of plastic bag, remove the definition of biodegradable bag, and redefine reusable bag so as to eliminate any confusion for businesses. This article has no fiscal impact. The article requires a simple majority vote.

MOTION:
I move to amend Chapter 172 of the Ipswich General Bylaws as set forth in Article Six as set forth in the warrant of this town meeting.

Article Seven – Amend Capital Plan

To see if the Town will amend the 2019 Annual Capital Plan approved under Article 10 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the appropriation for – BUILDINGS: Town/School Facilities Assessment (RFP Preparation Only) $12,000 to BUILDINGS: Town/School Facilities Assessment $75,000

Requested By: Town Manager
Select Board Recommend: RATM
Finance Committee Recommend: 8-1

Summary: The Town has received a quote for a Town/School Facilities Assessment in the amount of $75,000. This requires a simple majority vote.

Amount of Funding Needed: $63,000

Recommended Funding Source: The savings from the decreases in raised and appropriated funds from both Vocational School budgets is $53,810. The Town budgeted $20,000 for Prior Year Unpaid bills and there were none. A portion of those funds are now available to use towards the Feasibility Study.

MOTION:
I move to amend the 2019 Annual Capital Plan approved under Article 10 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating an additional sum of $63,000 for the Town/School Facilities Assessment as set forth in Article Seven of the warrant for this town meeting.