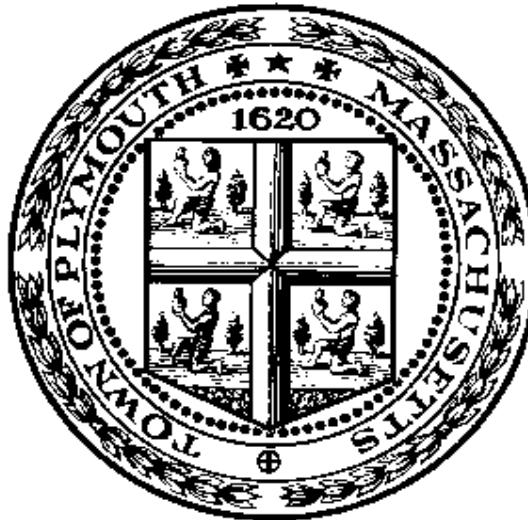


TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

SUPPLEMENT I

TO THE
REPORT
& RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
ADVISORY AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE



**Presented at the
December 6, 2017**

**SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING**

ARTICLE 1-A:

ARTICLE 1: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the construction and/or repair and/or purchase and/or lease and/or replacement of departmental buildings and/or equipment and/or capital facilities and/or for feasibility studies and other types of studies for the various departments of the Town substantially as follows:*

A. *Water Street Promenade Project/Northern Section or take any other action relative thereto.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$15,950,000 (7-6-0)

Upon reconsideration of this article, the Advisory & Finance Committee still recommends Town Meeting approve this article. As stated in the original recommendation:

- The project is worthy of the investment not only as a driver of economic development and as a boost to tourism, but a major improvement to the waterfront benefitting residents as well.
- Much of the work is for FEMA and ADA compliance which will need to be done in the near future. Delaying this work will make it more expensive later.
- If we do not move forward, parking along Water Street may be threatened by State mandates.

There was a lot of discussion about funding. Representative Muratore confirmed that the \$1.7M MassWorks grant was still on the table, but if Plymouth does not vote to approve this project at this Town Meeting the grant will be pulled and awarded to another municipality. The state will not wait for additional grants and donations to be received by the town to reach the 20% which was discussed at Fall Town Meeting and recommended by Advisory & Finance in the original recommendation for this Special Town Meeting. Also, potential Community Preservation funds can not be counted towards this percentage. Because of these updates, Advisory & Finance agreed to reduce the percentage to 10% so that the project may move forward upon Town Meeting approval. The town will still seek additional grants and donations and having the project approved helps the town with leverage when applying for grants.

This committee is in touch with the residents of this town. They hear the common pleas to not increase property taxes and are very sensitive to that request. However, the majority felt that this is a project that makes fiscal sense. Invest now to benefit in the future. Invest now before the cost of the required work increases. This is the time.

ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE - ROLL CALL VOTING CHART																		
ARTICLES		MEMBERS															VOTE TOTAL	
1-A	Promenade (Reconsideration)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Ch	Y	Y	N	Y	7 - 6 - 0
		Kevin Carty	Brian Dunn	Judith Fitzgerald	Harry Helm	Roz Jones	Ethan Kusmin	Mike Lincoln	Peter Mador	John Moody	Patrick O'Brien	Harry Salerno	Ashley Shaw	Sheila Sheridan	Marc Sirrico	Scott Stephenson		