

Voter Information Bulletin

Town of Douglas

May 2003

Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM
Douglas Middle / High School Auditorium

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* Items to be held over for June 23rd.

PLEASE NOTE: A second flyer with the FY04 budget recommendations and the Capital Plan will be mailed prior to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting currently scheduled for 7:00 pm on June 23rd at the Douglas Middle/High School Auditorium.

Article 1. Finance Committee Report:

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee as presented and printed in the Finance Committee's Annual Town Meeting recommendations, or to take any other action related thereto.

Article 2. FY04 Budget:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow such sums of money as are necessary to fund the annual operating budget of the Town for Fiscal Year 2004, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. Salaries of Elected Officials:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Chapter 41m Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Board of Assessors	2,900.00
Blackstone Valley Vocational School District Rep.	500.00
Collector	39,743.00
Moderator	250.00
Board of Selectmen	1,600.00
Clerk	39,743.00
Treasurer	41,522.00
Water/Sewer Commission	2,400.00

Article 4. FY04 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$284,000 from Transfer Station charges and fees and \$7,655 to be taken from Transfer Station reserved receipts to operate and maintain the Transfer Station, or take any other action thereto.

Article 5. FY04 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$ 451,235 to operate and maintain the Water/Sewer Department from the following sources: 1) to raise and appropriate \$420,435 from Water/Sewer user charges, 2) to transfer \$25,000 from Water Development Fees, and 3) to transfer \$5,000 from Sewer Development Fees; and further to see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$185,851 to pay Water/Sewer Debt and Interest from the following sources: 1) to transfer \$124,819 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Water Well Bond Charges and 2) to transfer \$61,032 from Water/Sewer Unreserved Fund Balance.

Article 6. Personnel Bylaw Classification & Update:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following personnel classification and compensation plans; or to take any other action relating thereto.

MANAGEMENT**Management Classification Plan**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>
M-1		M-4	Fire Chief
			System Manager Water & Sewer
M-2	Director Senior Center		Town Accountant
	Asst Assessor	M-5	Town Engineer
	Town Clerk		Hwy Superintendent
	Town Treasurer		
	Town Collector		
M-3	Building Commissioner		
	Library Director		
	Planning & Conservation Agent		

MANAGEMENT Compensation Plan - Proposed FY04**COLA Increase %****5.00%**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	\$31,228	\$31,931	\$32,650	\$33,384	\$34,136	\$34,903	\$35,690	\$36,492	\$37,313	\$38,152
2	\$39,035	\$39,914	\$40,811	\$41,730	\$42,669	\$43,630	\$44,610	\$45,615	\$46,640	\$47,690
3	\$48,795	\$49,893	\$51,015	\$52,163	\$53,336	\$54,536	\$55,763	\$57,018	\$58,301	\$59,613
4	\$56,113	\$57,376	\$58,668	\$59,988	\$61,337	\$62,717	\$64,128	\$65,571	\$67,047	\$68,555
5	\$60,323	\$61,679	\$63,067	\$64,487	\$65,937	\$67,421	\$68,937	\$70,489	\$72,075	\$73,696

OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**Office Adm. Classification Plan**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>
OA-1	Library Assistant	OA-3	Dispatcher
	Jr. Clerk Assesors		Asst Tax Collector
			Asst Town Clerk
OA-2	Principal Clerk:		Asst Treasurer
	Fire, Building, Assessors		Adm Sec/Comm Development
	Hwy Clerk	OA-4	Adm. Secretary/Dispatcher
	Adm. Sec Bd Selectmen		Adm. Supervisor/Bd Health
	Senior Clerk		Adm. Asst. to Exec Adm./Sclct.

OFFICE ADMINSTRATIVE Compensation Plan - Proposed FY 04**COLA Increase %****5.00%****Weekly Hrs****30****Annual Salary Factor****52.25**

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Hourly	\$10.66	\$10.90	\$11.15	\$11.40	\$11.66	\$11.92	\$12.18	\$12.46	\$12.75	\$13.03
Weekly	\$319.80	\$327.00	\$334.50	\$342.00	\$349.80	\$357.60	\$365.40	\$373.80	\$382.50	\$390.90
Annual	\$16,709.55	\$17,085.75	\$17,477.63	\$17,869.50	\$18,277.05	\$18,684.60	\$19,092.15	\$19,531.05	\$19,985.63	\$20,424.53
2 Hourly	\$12.80	\$13.08	\$13.38	\$13.68	\$13.99	\$14.30	\$14.62	\$14.95	\$15.29	\$15.63
Weekly	\$384.00	\$392.40	\$401.40	\$410.40	\$419.70	\$429.00	\$438.60	\$448.50	\$458.70	\$468.90
Annual	\$20,064.00	\$20,502.90	\$20,973.15	\$21,443.40	\$21,929.33	\$22,415.25	\$22,916.85	\$23,434.13	\$23,967.08	\$24,500.03
3 Hourly	\$14.08	\$14.39	\$14.72	\$15.05	\$15.38	\$15.73	\$16.09	\$16.45	\$16.81	\$17.20
Weekly	\$422.40	\$431.70	\$441.60	\$451.50	\$461.40	\$471.90	\$482.70	\$493.50	\$504.30	\$516.00
Annual	\$22,070.40	\$22,556.33	\$23,073.60	\$23,590.88	\$24,108.15	\$24,656.78	\$25,221.08	\$25,785.38	\$26,349.68	\$26,961.00
4 Hourly	\$16.18	\$16.55	\$16.93	\$17.29	\$17.69	\$18.09	\$18.50	\$18.92	\$19.34	\$19.78
Weekly	\$485.40	\$496.50	\$507.90	\$518.70	\$530.70	\$542.70	\$555.00	\$567.60	\$580.20	\$593.40

Annual

\$25,362.15	\$25,942.13	\$26,537.78	\$27,102.08	\$27,729.08	\$28,356.08	\$28,998.75	\$29,657.10	\$30,315.45	\$31,005.15
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PUBLIC WORKS POSITIONS**Public Works Classification Plan**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>
PM-1	Truck Driver/Laborer	PM-3	Municipal Facilities Maint. Mgr
PM-2	Ast Water/Sewer Operator	PM-4	Group Leader
	Hwy Laborer Operator	PM-5	Water Operator
			Chief Operator

PUBLIC WORKS Compensation Plan - Proposed FY 04

COLA % Increase

5.00%

Weekly Hrs

40

Annual Salary Factor

52.4

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Hourly	\$13.65	\$13.95	\$14.28	\$14.60	\$14.92	\$15.26	\$15.60	\$15.95	\$16.31	\$16.68
	Weekly	\$546.00	\$558.00	\$571.20	\$584.00	\$596.80	\$610.40	\$624.00	\$638.00	\$652.40	\$667.20
	Annual	\$28,610.40	\$29,239.20	\$29,930.88	\$30,601.60	\$31,272.32	\$31,984.96	\$32,697.60	\$33,431.20	\$34,185.76	\$34,961.28
2	Hourly	\$14.89	\$15.21	\$15.56	\$15.91	\$16.26	\$16.62	\$17.00	\$17.39	\$17.79	\$18.18
	Weekly	\$595.60	\$608.40	\$622.40	\$636.40	\$650.40	\$664.80	\$680.00	\$695.60	\$711.60	\$727.20
	Annual	\$31,209.44	\$31,880.16	\$32,613.76	\$33,347.36	\$34,080.96	\$34,835.52	\$35,632.00	\$36,449.44	\$37,287.84	\$38,105.28
3	Hourly	\$15.62	\$15.97	\$16.34	\$16.71	\$17.07	\$17.46	\$17.85	\$18.26	\$18.67	\$19.09
	Weekly	\$624.80	\$638.80	\$653.60	\$668.40	\$682.80	\$698.40	\$714.00	\$730.40	\$746.80	\$763.60
	Annual	\$32,739.52	\$33,473.12	\$34,248.64	\$35,024.16	\$35,778.72	\$36,596.16	\$37,413.60	\$38,272.96	\$39,132.32	\$40,012.64
4	Hourly	\$16.40	\$16.77	\$17.16	\$17.55	\$17.92	\$18.33	\$18.74	\$19.17	\$19.60	\$20.04
	Weekly	\$656.00	\$670.80	\$686.40	\$702.00	\$716.80	\$733.20	\$749.60	\$766.80	\$784.00	\$801.60
	Annual	\$34,374.40	\$35,149.92	\$35,967.36	\$36,784.80	\$37,560.32	\$38,419.68	\$39,279.04	\$40,180.32	\$41,081.60	\$42,003.84
5	Annual	\$37,677.94	\$38,525.76	\$39,392.33	\$40,278.74	\$41,184.99	\$42,112.19	\$43,059.24	\$44,028.34	\$45,018.38	\$46,031.58

FIRE POSITIONS**Fire Classification Plan**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>
F-1	Firefighter/EMT

FIRE Compensation Plan – Proposed FY04

COLA % Increase

5.00%

Weekly Hrs

40

Annual Salary Factor

52.4

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Hourly	\$14.82	\$15.15	\$15.49	\$15.84	\$16.19	\$16.56	\$16.94	\$17.33	\$17.70	\$18.10
	Weekly	\$592.80	\$606.00	\$619.60	\$633.60	\$647.60	\$662.40	\$677.60	\$693.20	\$708.00	\$724.00
	Annual	\$31,062.72	\$31,754.40	\$32,467.04	\$33,200.64	\$33,934.24	\$34,709.76	\$35,506.24	\$36,323.68	\$37,099.20	\$37,937.60

Part-Time Positions**Part-Time Classification Plan**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>
PT-1	Senior Center Clerk
	Transfer Station Employees
PT-2	Assistant Assessor
	Highway Clerk
PT-3	
PT-4	Senior Outreach Coordinator

Part-Time Compensation Plan - Proposed FY04

COLA % Increase

5.00%

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Hourly	\$10.66	\$11.19	\$11.75	\$12.34	\$12.96	\$13.61	\$14.29	\$15.00	\$15.75	\$16.54
2	Hourly	\$12.80	\$13.44	\$14.11	\$14.82	\$15.56	\$16.34	\$17.16	\$18.01	\$18.91	\$19.86
3	Hourly	\$14.08	\$14.78	\$15.52	\$16.30	\$17.12	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$20.80	\$21.84
4	Hourly	\$16.18	\$16.99	\$17.84	\$18.73	\$19.68	\$20.65	\$21.69	\$22.77	\$23.91	\$25.11

Public Safety

Public Safety Classification Plan

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Position</i>	
PS-1	vacant	PS-5 Part Time Reserve Officer Assistant Fire Chief
PS-2	Basic Call Fire Fighter Lt. Fire Fighter	Deputy Fire Chief
PS-3	Part Time Fire Clerk Part Time Dispatcher Captain Fire Fighter	PS-6 Part Time EMT (on call) PS-7 Part Time Nurse Full Time 9/11 Trainer
PS-4	Full Time Dispatcher	PS-8 Full Time Fire/EMT PS-9 Administrative/Secretary/Dispatcher

Public Safety Compensation Plan - Proposed FY04

COLA % Increase

5.00%

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1											
2		\$10.66	\$11.19	\$11.75	\$12.34	\$12.96	\$13.61	\$14.29	\$15.00	\$15.75	\$16.54
3		\$12.80	\$13.44	\$14.11	\$14.82	\$15.56	\$16.34	\$17.16	\$18.01	\$18.91	\$19.86
4		\$14.08	\$14.78	\$15.52	\$16.30	\$17.12	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$20.80	\$21.84
5		\$14.78	\$15.52	\$16.30	\$17.12	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$20.80	\$21.84	\$22.93
6		\$15.52	\$16.30	\$17.12	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$20.80	\$21.84	\$22.93	\$24.08
7		\$16.30	\$17.10	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.80	\$20.80	\$21.84	\$22.93	\$24.08	\$25.28
8		\$17.12	\$17.97	\$18.87	\$19.80	\$20.80	\$21.84	\$22.93	\$24.08	\$25.28	\$26.54
9		\$17.98	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$20.80	\$21.84	\$22.93	\$24.09	\$25.28	\$26.55	\$27.88

Article 7. Recurring Business:

A. Assessor's To Work Additional Hours: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint one or more of their members to work for compensation, in accordance with the provisions of the Town's Personnel Bylaw, and to establish such compensation to be paid said member for Fiscal Year 2004.

B. Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: To see if the Town will vote to reserve all receipts received by the Town from ambulance user charges, user billings, and ambulance donations and gifts to the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account, or take any other action related thereto.

C. Simon Fairfield Public Library: To see if the Town will vote to require that all funds received into the General Fund during the Fiscal Year 2004 from State Aid Grants for the Public Library be transferred to the Special Interest Bearing Account for the Simon Fairfield Public Library and further,

that all fines received during Fiscal Year 2003 by the Simon Fairfield Library be retained by the library for the purpose of purchasing books, films and other library supplies and materials, or take any other action related thereto.

D. State and Federal Grants: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept State or Federal grants they deem beneficial to the Town, provided that the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing prior to the Board's acceptance of any such grant, if said grant requires the Town to meet future conditions or requirements, or take any other action related thereto.

E. Separate Account Funds: To see if the Town will vote to continue the following separate account funds and to authorize the expenditure of funds from said funds for the below indicated purposes and not to exceed amounts, or to take other actions related thereto:

#	Department	Receipts	Expenditures
1	Animal Control pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, § 53E ½	All receipts received in connection with the operation of the Dog Control Program	The Animal Control Officer may expend a sum not to exceed Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty dollars (\$26,630) for the purpose of operating & maintaining the Animal Control Program including the operation & maintenance of a Town or regional animal kennel, if any provided.
2	Board of Health Sanitation Fee Account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 53E	All receipts from the various sanitation fees paid to the Town	The Board of Health may expend a sum not to exceed Sixty Thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of offsetting the cost of operating the Board of Health.

F. Acceptance of Chapter 90: To see if the Town will vote to authorize to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws (as pertaining to Highway Funds), for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, said funds may be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue, and expended under the direction of the Highway Superintendent.

G. Compensating Balance Agreements: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2003 pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 § 53F, or to take any other action related thereto.

Article 8. School Department-Medicaid:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a School Department Medicaid revolving fund in accordance with GL c.44, §53E-1/2 for use by the Douglas Public Schools; Medicaid reimbursements shall be credited to the fund; Expenditures for Medicaid related purposes from the fund may not exceed \$ 60,000; and the School Committee or its designees are authorized to expend from the fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. Adoption of Revised FY 04 – 09 Capital Improvement Plan:

To see if the Town will approve the Town of Douglas FY 04 – 09 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. E.O.A. Application:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an application designating the property of Pousley Hill Realty, LLC., located at 69 Cliff Street, Douglas, MA, as described on Assessor's Map 106-9.2, Lot 1, as an Economic Opportunity Area.

Article 11. Ranger T.I.F.:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Plan with Pousley Hill Realty, LLC., and Ranger, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of property located at 69 Cliff Street, Douglas, MA, on Assessor's Map 106-9.2, Lot 1, as described in a Certified Project Application prepared by Pousley Hill Realty, LLC., and Ranger, Inc. and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application and to implement the TAX Increment Financing Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or act thereon.

Article 12. Camar T.I.F.:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Plan with Camar Corporation, and Kim I. Bigelow and William Specker pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of property located at 120 Davis Street, Douglas, MA, on the Assessor's Map 191, Lot 3, as described in a Certified Project Application prepared by Camar Corporation and Kim I. Bigelow and William Specker and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or act thereon.

Article 13. Mass Electric Easement:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer custody from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen of an easement to service the new high school as depicted on a plan prepared by the Massachusetts Electric Company identified as HSK1747 on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to convey this easement to the Massachusetts Electric Company on such terms as the Board deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. Douglas Land Corp.:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen for public works purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for such consideration as the Selectmen may determine, which may be nominal consideration in consideration of settlement of litigation and release of certain claims against the Town, to release to Douglas Land Corporation all of the Town's right, title and interest in the following property:

Land with improvements thereon Davis Street in Douglas containing approximately 11.43 acres, being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land of Gordon L. and Jean C. Bliss to be conveyed to Robert Cahill et. al. in Douglas, Mass.," dated May 19, 1986, prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 735, Page 125, and described in the deed from Rantoul Development Corp. to the Town dated July 29, 1992, recorded with said Deeds in Book 144540, Page 17, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. Senior Work-off Program Increase:

To see if the Town will vote to take advantage of the amendment to G.L. c.59, §5K which now increases the maximum amount of the senior citizen work-off program from \$500 to \$750 per person by amending Article 2, section 9 by deleting the phrase “up to \$500 per fiscal year” and inserting the phrase “up to \$750 per fiscal year”, and further that the by-law be amended by deleting the phrase “with supporting documentation to establish an applicant’s eligibility”, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. Elderly-Clause 41C Exemption Options:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the eligibility factor adjustments set out in G.L. c.59, §5 (41C) as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Age: No change (currently age 70)

Income Limits: \$20,000 Single (currently \$13,000)
\$30,000 Married (currently \$15,000)

Each Co-owner – No change
\$13,000 Single (currently)
\$15,000 Married (currently)

Asset Limits: \$40,000 Single (currently \$28,000)
\$55,000 Married (currently \$30,000)

Each Co-owner – No change
\$28,000 single (currently)
\$30,000 Married (currently)

Asset Deductions: No change (currently up to 3 Family)

Exemption Amount: No change (currently \$500)

Article 17. Wetland Bylaw:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8, Wetlands Protection Bylaw, values are to be known collectively as the “wetlands values protected by this Bylaw” on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. Hobby/Kennel Bylaw Change:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Section 18 of the By-laws as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Delete subsection 2 in its entirety, but not including the sections titled “PENALTY” and “ENFORCING AGENT”, and add the following subsections:

2. A Hobby Kennel is one where four (4) to eight (8) dogs are housed for the primary purpose of pleasure (pets) or hunting, and where there is no boarding and no breeding for the purpose of selling pups.
3. Each Hobby Kennel license holder shall give the animal control officer and the police department an emergency number where the license holder can be reached.

4. Any complaints received of a kennel may be handled in accordance with G.L. c.140, §157, as amended.
5. It shall be a condition of each hobby kennel license that the Animal Control Officer shall be permitted to inspect all animals and the premises where animals are kept following reasonable notice to the licensee. If permission for inspection is refused, such refusal shall be grounds for revoking the license, with no fee refunded.

Article 19. Kennel License Bylaw Change:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Section 6 of the By-laws by increasing the fee for Hobby Kennel Licenses from \$50.00 to \$90.00 and the fee for Breeding Kennel Licenses from \$75.00 to \$120.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. Oak Street-Scenic Road:

To see if the Town will vote to designate Oak Street (between Northwest Main Street and the Sutton Town Line) as a scenic Road in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C and the Town of Douglas Scenic Road Bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. Tucker Landing:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public town ways Tucker Circle, Marilyn Drive and Sandra Circle as shown on the plan entitled “Layout Plan” in Douglas, MA, property owned by Heritage Park Development Corp, Auburn, MA, which plans are dated July 11, 2002, prepared by Guerriere & Hanlon, Inc., Whitinsville, MA, and laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Douglas, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. Gift of Land-Parcel 107-4:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift a parcel of land owned by Anne E. Schechter and David L. Vogel, identified on Assessors’ Maps as ID 107-4 on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. Accept G.L. Fire Department:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.148, §§26E, 26F 26G, 26H and 26I or take any other action relative thereto (Fire Prevention)

Chapter 148, § 26 E, addresses the installation of smoke and heat detectors in residential buildings. There is a section of state building code that requires this in new construction. This section, if adopted by our town, would allow for a local enforcement on existing buildings. This section should have been adopted in 1981 but was not.

Chapter 148, § 26 F, addresses the transference of property and having working detectors up to code at the time of the transfer. This practice is currently followed in Douglas.

However, if challenged, this practice of safety could not be enforced unless this section is adopted.

Chapter 148, § 26 G, addresses sprinkler and automatic suppression systems in buildings in excess of 7500 square feet. At present, we have not adopted this standard.

Chapter 148, § 26 H, addresses the suppression systems required in Rooming Houses and Lodging Houses. At present, we have no local rules.

Chapter 148, § 26 I, addresses the installation of sprinklers and suppression systems in buildings that are being remodeled or renovated.

Article 24. Bylaw Change Police-Department-Loitering:
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3, section 3 of the by-laws by deleting the figure "\$5.00" in the Penalty section and by inserting "\$25.00 for a first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense" or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. Bylaw Change Police-Department Obstructing Visibility:
To see if the Town will vote to Amend Article 3, section 5 of the by-laws by deleting the figure "\$5.00" in the Penalty section and by inserting "\$50.00 for a first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. Bylaw Change Police-Department Public Drinking:
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3, section 11 of the by-laws by amending the Penalty provision to read "\$50.00 for a first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense" or take any other action relative there.

Article 27. Police Department-Bylaw Deletion-Public Profanity:
To see if the town will vote to delete Article 3, section 8 from the by-laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. Bylaw Change Police Department-Inconsistency Penalty/Fines:
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3, section 16 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

- 1) change the title "(e) Penalty" to read:
"(e) Penalty Enforcement";
- 2) delete the first sentence of subsection (e);
- 3) insert a new heading after subsection (g) and before the word PENALTY as follows:
"(h) Penalty and Enforcing Agents".

Article 29. Bylaw Change Police Department-Conducting a Parade Without a Permit:
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4, section 2 by changing the penalty from \$10.00 to \$100.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. Planning Board & Engineering-G.L. 44, § 53E-1/2:

To see if the town will vote to authorize a Planning Board and Engineering revolving fund in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E-1/2. The purpose of this fund is to cover the cost of consulting fees and project reviews; funding will come from consulting and project review fees; and the funds may be expended without further appropriation by the Planning Board or Town Engineer for such consulting and project review costs. Expenditures from the fund may not exceed \$ **60,000**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 31. Conservation-G.L. 44, § 53E-1/2:
To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Conservation Revolving Fund in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E-1/2. The purpose of this fund is to cover the cost of consulting charges and project review costs; funding will come from application fees, consulting and project review fees; and the funds may be expended without further appropriation by the Conservation Agent for such consulting and project review costs. Expenditures from the fund may not exceed \$ **60,000**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 32. Z.B.A.-G.L. 44, § 53E-1/2:
To see if the town will vote to authorize a Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E-1/2. The purpose of this fund is to cover the cost of consulting fees and project reviews; funding will come from consulting and project review fees; and the funds may be expended without further appropriation by the Zoning Board of Appeals for such consulting and project review costs. Expenditures from the fund may not exceed \$ **60,000**; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 33. Bylaw Change Annual Town Meeting:
To see if the Town will vote to require the Annual Town Meeting to be electronically recorded for future broadcast on Douglas Cable Access, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 34. Capital Improvement Committee Bylaw Change:
To see if the Town will approve the reduction of committee members

From:
2. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) registered voters of the Town of Douglas, including up to 6 department heads or their representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one (1) year term, and 5 members-at-large, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years, with the initial appointment of one (1) member for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years, and two (2) members for three (3) years.

To:
2. The Committee shall consist of **nine (9)** registered voters of the Town of Douglas, including up to **five (5)** department heads or their representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one (1) year term, and **four (4)** members-at-large, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three (3) years, with the initial appointment of *one (1) member for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years and two (2) members for three (3) years.*



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