



Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>

Reminder, Please Register To Attend Mass Cultural Council's Power of Culture Tour

1 message

Walker, Anita (ART) <anita.walker@massmail.state.ma.us>
To: "Petrucelli, Ann (ART)" <ann.petrucelli@state.ma.us>

Wed, Nov 8, 2017 at 2:45 PM

From: Walker, Anita (ART)
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Petrucelli, Ann (ART)
Subject: Please Join Us: Mass Cultural Council's Power of Culture Tour

Dear Colleagues,

We've launched our Power of Culture 2017 Statewide Tour—regional gatherings at which we'll formally announce new grants for cultural organizations, schools & communities; share our new strategic plan and new look; and celebrate your work. After a great start in Provincetown, here is a schedule of upcoming events in hopes you can join us:

- **Friday, Nov. 17, 11:30 am**, The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN), 14 Summer Street, Natick, MA 01760, with Senator Karen Spilka of Ashland & Representative David Linsky of Natick.
- **Monday, Nov. 20, 10 am**, the Kennedy Building at Massachusetts College of Art & Design, 621 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, with Representative Jeffrey Sánchez of Boston.
Please note that this event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th. It has been rescheduled and relocated.
- **Monday, Nov. 27, 10 am**, Gloucester's Rocky Neck Art Colony, 6 Wonson Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, with Senator Bruce Tarr & Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester.

A fourth event will take place on Thursday, December 7 at 3pm in Western Massachusetts with Senators Adam Hinds of Pittsfield, Donald Humason of Westfield, Eric Lesser of Longmeadow, and Representative Aaron Vega of Holyoke. The exact location of the event is to be determined, and a separate invitation is forthcoming. Please save the date!

RSVP for events in Boston, Natick, and/or Gloucester here.

Sincerely,

Anita Walker
Executive Director
Mass Cultural Council

617.858.2728

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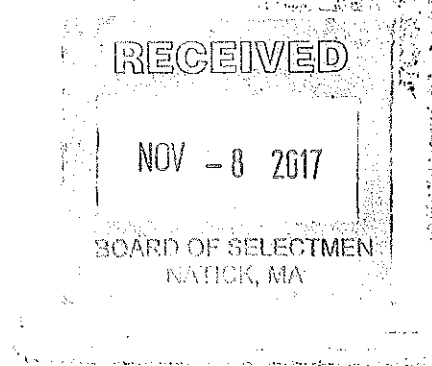
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Natick Retirement Board
FROM: *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director
RE: Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019
DATE: November 3, 2017



Required Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriation: **\$9,861,206**

This Commission is hereby furnishing you with the amount to be appropriated for your retirement system for Fiscal Year 2019 which commences July 1, 2018.

Attached please find summary information based on the present funding schedule for your system and the portion of the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation to be paid by each of the governmental units within your system. The allocation by governmental unit was determined by Segal Consulting as part of their January 1, 2017 actuarial valuation.

If your System has a valuation currently in progress, you may submit a revised funding schedule to PERAC upon its completion. The current schedule is/was due to be updated by Fiscal Year 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact PERAC's Actuary, Jim Lamenzo, at (617) 666-4446 Extension 921.

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Attachments

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Meeting
c/o Town Clerk

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Natick Retirement Board

Projected Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2019 - July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Aggregate amount of appropriation: **\$9,861,206**

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost of Benefits	Funding Schedule (Excluding ERI)	ERI	Total Appropriation	Pension Fund Allocation	Pension Reserve Fund Allocation	Transfer From PRF to PF
FY 2019	\$9,550,629	\$9,861,206	\$0	\$9,861,206	\$9,550,629	\$310,577	\$0
FY 2020	\$9,873,488	\$10,551,490	\$0	\$10,551,490	\$9,873,488	\$678,002	\$0
FY 2021	\$10,207,138	\$11,290,094	\$0	\$11,290,094	\$10,207,138	\$1,082,956	\$0
FY 2022	\$10,551,939	\$12,080,401	\$0	\$12,080,401	\$10,551,939	\$1,528,462	\$0
FY 2023	\$10,908,264	\$12,926,029	\$0	\$12,926,029	\$10,908,264	\$2,017,765	\$0

The Total Appropriation column shown above is in accordance with your current funding schedule and the scheduled payment date(s) in that schedule. Whenever payments are made after the scheduled date(s), the total appropriation should be revised to reflect interest at the rate assumed in the most recent actuarial valuation. Payments should be made before the end of the fiscal year.

For illustration, we have shown the amount to be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund to the Pension Fund to meet the estimated Cost of Benefits for each year. If there are sufficient assets in the Pension Fund to meet the Cost of Benefits, this transfer is optional.

SECTION 3: Supplemental Information for the Town of Natick Contributory Retirement System

EXHIBIT E

Department Results as of January 1, 2017

Category	Housing	Public Safety	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund	Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund	All Others	Total
1. Demographics						
Actives	12	157	26	3	446	644
Inactives	0	7	2	2	127	138
Retired	<u>4</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>397</u>
Total	16	299	43	6	815	1,179
2. Total normal cost	\$77,320	\$2,461,339	\$148,724	\$20,411	\$2,594,149	5,301,943
3. Administrative expenses	4,083	129,985	7,854	1,078	137,000	280,000
4. Expected employee contributions	<u>67,236</u>	<u>1,291,284</u>	<u>161,752</u>	<u>14,203</u>	<u>2,089,629</u>	<u>3,624,104</u>
5. Employer normal cost: (2) + (3) - (4)	\$14,167	\$1,300,040	-\$5,174	\$7,286	\$641,520	\$1,957,839
6. Employer normal cost as a percent of payroll	2.0%	9.9%	-0.3%	5.2%	2.9%	5.2%
7. Actuarial accrued liability	\$3,486,409	\$102,882,429	\$8,928,323	\$313,553	\$98,639,323	\$214,250,037
8. Actuarial value of assets	<u>2,168,697</u>	<u>63,997,304</u>	<u>5,553,802</u>	<u>274,227</u>	<u>61,357,909</u>	<u>133,351,938</u>
9. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability: (7) - (8)	\$1,317,712	\$38,885,126	\$3,374,521	\$39,326	\$37,281,414	\$80,898,100
10. Payroll	707,145	13,136,020	1,646,986	140,782	21,791,023	37,421,956
11. Fiscal year 2018 appropriation	137,570	4,858,178	292,980	17,572	3,909,780	9,216,080
12. Fiscal year 2019 appropriation	140,985	5,137,740	315,114	11,812	4,255,554	9,861,204
13. Fiscal year 2020 appropriation	150,854	5,497,384	337,172	12,639	4,553,442	10,551,491

Notes: Actuarial value of assets allocated in proportion to liabilities, except for Sassamon Trace Enterprise Fund where actuarial value of assets is estimated from prior valuation plus employer and employee contributions, less benefit payments.

Recommended contributions are assumed to be paid on July 1 and December 31.

Fiscal year 2018 appropriation based on the January 1, 2015 valuation report dated August 15, 2015.



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Dear Municipal Official,

We want to connect with you!

As we get ready for what promises to be an incredibly busy 2018 at the State House, we want to make sure that our Legislative Alerts are getting through to you and that they have what you're looking for. We're evaluating our Alerts this month to be ready with improvements next year and we would very much like to hear from you.

The power of local government comes from the voices of city and town officials from all parts of the Commonwealth. Budget bills and legislation can move quickly and our Alerts are the main tool we have to keep you informed and in contact with your local legislators on fast-moving events. A good connection between us and you and your legislators is vital. Your well-timed calls and letters make a difference!

When we send you an **Action Alert**, it is because you are a leading voice in your community, and we believe the information we are providing is immediate, timely and relevant for all cities and towns. **Please take a moment to open and read all of our Action Alerts when they arrive**, so that you can have the latest news on important and breaking issues that impact you.

Also, we would be grateful if you could take one minute to offer feedback on our Action Alert system. We have set up a special Alerts evaluation page on the MMA website:

www.mma.org/alerts

On this page, you can take a quick 3-question survey about how you want to connect with us and what topics are most valuable to you as a municipal official. Since we have found that some Alerts go to defunct email addresses or get caught up in local spam filters, we have a link for you to update your contact information. You'll also find great tips for receiving and using our Alerts.

If you have any questions about the survey or want to talk directly to someone on the MMA legislative staff, please call MMA Legislative Director John Robertson at 617-426-7272 at any time.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Geoff Beckwith
MMA Executive Director & CEO

Small Business Saturday: Thank You and Help Spread the Word to #ShopSmall

2 messages

Pam Woo <pwoo@wipp.org>

Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 1:37 PM

To: "selectmen@natickma.org" <selectmen@natickma.org>



Dear Board of Selectmen,

Thank you for your support of Small Business Saturday 2017. We value the proclamation you have issued recognizing Small Business Saturday in Natick and it will be listed shortly on www.ShopSmall.com to demonstrate your commitment to small businesses.

Small Business Saturday – taking place this year on November 25 – is really all about driving business to the small businesses in Natick that make your community unique. Over the past few years, social media has increasingly become a key element to the overall program, and **we hope that you will answer this call to action by spreading the word through your social channels.**

We hope you can join us in sharing some of your favorite places. Please also feel free to use or adapt the following language for posts on your own channels:

Social Media Content – “Get Ready” Theme:

- Get Ready Image #1
- Get Ready Image #2
- Nov 25 is the big day! Prepare your small business for #SmallBizSat with customized marketing materials at ShopSmall.com/YourDay. #ShopSmall
- Is your small business prepared for #SmallBizSat? Get customizable marketing materials at ShopSmall.com/YourDay. #ShopSmall

Social Media Content – “Save the Date” Theme:

- Save the Date Image
- #SmallBizSat is coming! Join us in supporting small businesses. #ShopSmall on Nov 25 and share your favorite places.

Social Media Content – “Support our Community” Theme:

- Support Image #1
- Support Image #2
- Nov 25 is #SmallBizSat! Join us and celebrate small businesses everywhere. #ShopSmall and support the places you love.
- #SmallBizSat is Nov 25! When we all #ShopSmall, we support the small businesses that unite our communities.

Hashtags:

- #ShopSmall
- #SmallBizSat

Handles:

- Twitter: #ShopSmall
- Instagram: @ShopSmall
- Facebook: @SmallBusinessSaturday

Finally, you can communicate your support for Small Business Saturday by sending this press release to your local media outlets. It includes a variety of small business facts and Small Business Saturday activities that you can highlight.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thanks for your support!

Best regards,

Pam

Pam Woo

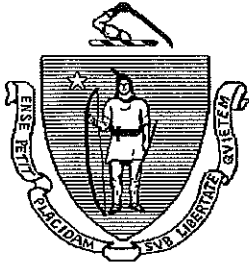
Small Business Saturday Coalition

Senior Director of Finance and Operations, Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-118

October 12, 2017

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.

On September 20, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy ("NSTAR Electric" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval, pursuant to Section 83A of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A ("Section 83A") and 220 CMR 21.00, of ten long-term contracts to purchase renewable energy and associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs"). Section 83A was added to An Act Relative to Green Communities by An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth, St. 2012, c. 209, § 36. Table 1 provides a summary of the proposed 20-year contracts, including the Company's allocated share of the renewable energy and RECs purchased under each contract, of which nine are for solar power and one is for wind power.

Section 83A requires each electric distribution company to jointly solicit proposals for long-term contracts of 10 to 20 years in duration from renewable energy developers at least twice during the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, and, if the proposals received are reasonable, to enter into cost-effective long-term contracts to facilitate the financing of renewable energy generation. St. 2012, c. 209, § 36; 220 CMR 21.00. A long-term contract must be approved by the Department before it can become effective. St. 2012, c. 209, § 36; 220 CMR 21.03(3). The Department must take into consideration both the potential costs and benefits of such contracts and shall approve a contract only upon a finding that it is a cost-effective mechanism for procuring low-cost renewable energy on a long-term basis taking into account the factors outlined in Section 83A. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A; 220 CMR 21.05.

Table 1

Project Name	Contract Counterparty	Location (State)	Commercial Operation Date	Capacity (MW)	Allocation of Energy and RECs
Candlewood Solar Project	Candlewood Solar LLC	Connecticut	September 30, 2019	20	44.34 %
Cassadaga Wind Project*	Cassadaga Wind, LLC	New York	December 31, 2020	126	18.84 %
Scituate Solar Project*	Scituate RI Solar, LLC	Rhode Island	December 31, 2019	10	22.17 %
Hope Farm Solar Project*	Hope Farm Solar, LLC	Rhode Island	December 31, 2019	10	22.17 %
Woods Hill Solar*	Woods Hill Solar, LLC	Connecticut	December 31, 2019	20	18.84 %
Sanford Airport Solar Project	Sanford Airport Solar, LLC	Maine	November 1, 2019	49.36	18.84 %
Chinook Solar Project	Chinook Solar, LLC	New Hampshire	November 1, 2019	30	18.84 %
Farmington Solar Project	Farmington Solar, LLC	Maine	November 1, 2019	49.36	18.84 %
Quinebaug Solar Project	Quinebaug Solar, LLC	Connecticut	November 1, 2019	49.36	18.84 %
Simsbury Solar Farm	DWW Solar II, LLC	Connecticut	December 31, 2018	26.4	44.34 %

* Under the terms of the contract for this project, each party retains the right to terminate the contract if the contract is not approved by each regulatory authority in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In accordance with Section 83A, the electric distribution companies and the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), in conjunction with stakeholders from Connecticut and Rhode Island, jointly developed a request for proposals ("RFP") for the procurement of renewable electric energy and RECs. The RFP is therefore referred to as the Three-State RFP. On October 26, 2015, the Department approved the method of soliciting and executing long-term contracts, as well as the timetable, contained in the Three-State RFP. Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy, D.P.U. 15-84 (2015). On November 12, 2015, the electric distribution companies, together with the DOER, jointly issued the RFP. The electric distribution companies state that the ten projects compare favorably on price and non-price factors to the range of renewable energy resources available and thus are low-cost, cost-effective contracts.

Pursuant to Section 83A and 220 CMR 21.07, the Company proposes to collect an annual remuneration equal to 2.75 percent of the annual payments under the contracts to compensate the Company for accepting the financial obligation of the long-term contracts. According to the Company, if its petition is approved, it estimates that the bill of an average NSTAR Electric residential customer (R-1 rate class) in the Company's Greater Boston Territory using 640 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month in the summer season would decrease by 14 cents, which is a 0.1 percent decrease relative to current rates, based on the current market environment.

Attorney General Maura Healey ("Attorney General"), through the Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, may intervene, appear and participate in Department proceedings on behalf of any group of consumers in connection with any matter involving rates of an electric company or gas company. On October 10, 2017, the Attorney General submitted a notice of intervention on behalf of the Company's ratepayers in this case. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing. The Attorney General has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered by the Company in its rates.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing on **Wednesday, November 29, 2017** at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may do so at the public hearing or may file written comments by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, November 29, 2017**. The public hearing will be followed by a procedural conference.

Persons interested in participating in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, November 27, 2017**. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). Receipt by the

Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Responses to petitions to intervene must be filed with the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017**. Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file such comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, November 27, 2017**.

The original of all documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. In addition, one (1) copy of all documents filed with the Department must be sent to Elizabeth Lydon, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One (1) copy of all documents filed with the Department must also be sent to: (1) Eversource's counsel, Danielle Winter, Esq., and Jessica Buno Ralston, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; (2) Elizabeth Mahony, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108; and (3) the service list.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the Hearing Officer, Elizabeth.Lydon@state.ma.us or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-118); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the Company's filing and the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Company's offices at 247 Station Avenue, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, and on the Company's website: www.eversource.com. Copies are also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>, by accessing the File Room link.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. In addition, to request materials in accessible formats for people with

disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Danielle Winter or Jessica Buno Ralston at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact the Department Hearing Officer assigned to this case, Elizabeth Lydon, at (617) 305-3500.

To: Natick Board of Selectmen

November 3, 2017

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Data obtained from MBTA website indicating the costs to commuters from each Zone to purchase Ticket to Boston and from Google Maps indicating the distance to drive between the train station of those nearby Towns to West Natick station.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NATICK, MA

Southboro - Zone 6

9.4 mile drive to West Natick station (Zone 4)

1 way \$10 Round Trip \$20

Savings for a Mo. Pass Charlie Ticket = \$55.00/mo., \$660.00/yr.

Mo. Pass in Tkt App \$308

Mo. Pass Charlie Ticket \$318

Ashland - Zone 6

5.8 mile drive to West Natick station (Zone 4)

Same fees as above

Same savings as above (Zone 4 vs. Zone 6 fares)

Framingham - Zone 5

1.5 mile drive to West Natick station (Zone 4)

1 way \$9.25 Round Trip \$18.50

Savings for a Mo. Pass Charlie Ticket = \$28.50/mo., \$342/yr.

Mo. Pass in Tkt App \$281.50

Mo. Pass Charlie Ticket \$291.50

The cost savings for a short drive between stations may be a major component to our commuter parking problems! West Natick and Natick Center trains run express to Boston, whereas Wellesley trains are all only local trains to Boston. Thus the main inflow of commuters from further west is Natick's problem.

If the pricing for the train ride within Southboro/Ashland/Framingham/W.Natick/Natick was more inline, not exceeding \$5.00 weekly, the inflow would most likely recede.

West Natick and Downtown Natick - Zone 4

1 way \$8.25 Round Trip \$16.50

Mo. Pass in Tkt App \$253.00

Mo. Pass Charlie Ticket \$263.00

Follow up to
my comment
at BOS mtg 10/30/17.
Jane Rhee

1 November 2017

Martha L. White

Town Administrator

Natick Town Hall, 2nd floor

13 East Central Street

Natick, MA 01760

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NATICK, MA

RE: Water costs and electrical issues at the Sassamon Trace golf course

Dear Martha,

We the members of the Sassamon Trace Golf Course Oversight Committee want to address and bring to your attention, the following issues that were discussed at our last monthly committee meeting on October 19, 2017.

As you are aware Town Meeting approved the capital expenditure to replace the irrigation pond liner at Sassamon Trace; that work was accomplished late 2016 and was completed during the spring of 2017.

Last year (2016) was the hottest year on record and a drought comparable to the mid 1960's enveloped most of Massachusetts. The Golf Course Superintendent, to save water and cost, eliminated irrigation of fairways over a four-month period during the peak of summer and was able to limit water use to 7.5 million gallons. Due to the nature of the drought, the "farmer's water supply" from Dowse Farm was severely limited and Town water was used in excess of previous years. Recall that this 'farmer's water supply' has save the Town over \$250,000 in water costs since its inception.

Subsequently we entered 2017 with a severe water table reduction that still, this late in 2017 is struggling to 'catch up'. The continuing effect of this drought was the requirement this spring to re-fill the new irrigation pond with mostly Town water totaling some 2.3 million gallons.

Adding to this situation the electric panel to the pump from Dowses Farmer's Pond was struck by lightning back in mid April and has proven to be nightmare trying to fix. The Golf Course Superintendent has solicited the services of several pump companies and various Town electricians to no avail. Every time the issue seems identified and fixed, the fuses quickly blow out again at a cost of some \$25 per fuse. This occurred some ten occasions now.

The Superintendent purchased a gas driven trash pump and pumped water by that method most of the summer (when the 'farmer's water supply' recharged to levels were such that pumping could occur). The staff would refill the gas tank on the pump 4 or 5 times per day, but with the original pump not functioning no overnight re-fill functions occurred thus losing some 12-14 hours of recharge daily.

A typical irrigation cycle in summer for the golf course and Dowses used up most of, if not all, water recharged the previous day, thus necessitating the use of Town water to supplement the 'farmer's water supply'.

Thru October 16, 2017 the golf course used 5.6 million gallons of water for irrigation in 2017 in addition to the initial pond re-fill. Dowses Farm used 570,000 gallons and the golf course 5,030,000 million gallons.

We on the committee are cognizant of the original Commonwealth of Massachusetts Terms and Conditions requirement that any municipal water used be billed at "normal business rate". This high rate charged to the golf course results in rather large expenditures for use of Town water. It is expected that the cost of water for fiscal 2018 will run some \$30,000 over projected budget due to this unusual alignment of events.

Is it possible that the Board of Selectmen could petition the Commonwealth for relief from the "normal business rate" of water charges, since the golf course is a Town owned facility, not a 'normal business' and the taxpayers of Natick are in essence paying the bill?

Long term an additional well in the general area of the test well (75 GPM) by the forth tee, might serve the best interests of the community.

Additionally, an electrical issue in the golf cart storage area, specifically at the charging stations connections has come to the attention of the committee. The physical condition of the wire and the various connections, deteriorated to the condition of exposed wires and water infiltrating the various junction boxes. This current situation is an unsafe working environment for the staff at the golf course and needs immediate resolution.

The next monthly meeting of the Golf Course Oversight Committee is scheduled for Thursday November 16, 2017 at the Sassamon Trace clubhouse, 8:00 AM.

Respectfully yours,

The Golf Course Oversight Committee

Bob Healey, chair, Kevin Chandley, vice-chair,

Arthur Fair, George Richards and Nick DiMasi

c.c. Jonathan Freedman, Chair - Board of Selectmen,

Jemma Lambert, Director of Community Services