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## **ARTICLE 18**

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote:

- (a) to appropriate the sum of \$10,000,000 to purchase the fee or lesser interest(s) in real estate for open space, water supply protection, recreation and/or general municipal purposes, said general municipal purposes not to include lands to be controlled or used by the Public Safety, Public Works, School, Sewer or Electric Departments, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto; provided that any such real estate shall be identified by assessors' map and lot number on a list of priority parcels on file with the Town Clerk and the Director of Planning and Development on or before March 31, 2000 or as amended thereafter by action of Town Meeting; and
- (b) to authorize the Town to sell, in accordance with applicable laws, portions of any properties acquired under this article not otherwise to be used for open space, water supply protection or recreation, the revenue there from to be deposited into the capital projects fund within which the proceeds of bonds issued hereunder shall have been placed, said revenues to be expended for the payment of debt service on the bonds issued hereunder;
- (c) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town of Ipswich, to effect said purchases or sales, or to take any other action thereon; provided, however, that any such purchase or sale which exceeds \$1,500,000 shall require a specific town meeting vote approving same;
- (d) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or grants available for these purchases, and to accept and expend any private grants or funds offered for these purchases;
- (e) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt and from time to time amend written policies establishing and directing the procedures to be followed for the nomination, acquisition, or disposal of parcels or interests in parcels purchased pursuant to the provisions of this Article; and
- (f) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 (3); said appropriation to be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k).

The questions to appear on the ballot shall read:

"(a) Shall the Town approve the appropriation voted under Article 18 of the Warrant of the April 3, 2000, Annual Town Meeting to purchase the fee or lesser interest(s) in real estate for open space, water supply protection, recreation and/or general municipal purposes, said general municipal purposes not to include lands to be controlled or used by the Public Safety, Public Works, School, Sewer or Electric Departments, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto; provided that any such real estate shall be identified by assessors' map and lot number on a list of priority parcels on file with the Town Clerk and the Director of Planning and Development on or before March 31, 2000 or as amended thereafter by action of Town Meeting?; and

(b) Shall the Town of Ipswich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amount required to pay for the bond or bonds issued to purchase the fee or lesser interest(s) in real estate for open space, water supply protection, recreation and/or general municipal purposes, said general municipal purposes not to include lands to be controlled or used by the Public Safety, Public Works, School, Sewer or Electric Departments, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto; provided that any such real estate shall be identified by assessors' map and lot number on a list of priority parcels on file with the Town Clerk and the Director of Planning and Development on or before March 31, 2000 or as amended thereafter by action of Town Meeting?

Yes / /No / /" Seconded.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. Finance Committee voted 8 to 1 in favor. On a hand count with 369 voting in favor and 149 voting against, the motion passed by the required 2/3's majority vote.

DATE ACTED ON: April 3, 2000

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY ATTEST

PAMELA Z. CARAKATSANE, CMMC/CMC

**TOWN CLERK**