

DOINGS AT THE MAY 5 , 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MTG

Registrars Karen Czerwinski, Beverly Rhodes and Gladys Nicholson were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Brian West @ 7:12pm @ Hopkins Academy. A total of 426 voters were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The 2015 Annual Report dedications were read. The Moderator explained the procedure for town meeting and that he would be using *Town Meeting Time*.

Motion was made and seconded that the Town take Articles 1, 2, 3, 10 and 23 out of order and that they be “Passed by Consent” in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this evening.

Article 1 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town authorize the Select Board to apply for and expend Massachusetts Small Cities Program grants or monies, or any Federal or State grants or monies, received as set forth in the appropriate application.

The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 2 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 Type money and such other funds as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for Chapter 90 Type money allocated to the Town by the State.

The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 3 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 10 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town transfer \$20,000.00 from Water Reserves to the Water Plant Filtration Stabilization fund, for the purpose of repairing and replacing water plant filtration membranes and associated expenses.

The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 23 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town accept the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2017 budget and to reserve for later appropriation the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues:

Open Space	\$30,000.00
Historic Resources	\$30,000.00
Housing	\$30,000.00

And appropriate \$10,000.00 from the FY 2017 Community Preservation estimated annual revenues for all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the year, and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as may be recommended by the Community Preservation Committee..

The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 4 Motion was made and seconded that the Town authorize revolving funds under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 as printed in the warrant.

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5 Moved that the Town authorize revolving funds under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 as printed in the warrant

The Moderator declared Article 5 passed unanimously.

Article 6 Motion was made and seconded that the Town will vote to amend the FY 2016 Select Board budget as follows:

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	FROM	TO
122 Salary – Chair	\$1,400	\$1,400
122 Salary – Members	\$4,800	\$4,800
122 Select Board Other Salaries	\$47,420	\$0
122 Select Board Salaries & Expenses	\$13,675	\$61,095

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Sewer Reserves **\$2,223.00**, transfer from Water Reserves **\$1,969.00**, transfer from Stabilization **\$36,853.00** to cover costs associated with the FY 2016 budget:

	FROM	TO
210 Police Salaries	\$878,986	\$903,986
222 Communication Salaries	229,304	232,104
422 Highway Construction Salaries	445,930	448,783
440 Wastewater Salaries	283,131	285,354
450 Water Salaries	358,342	360,311
Non union personnel longevity	0	6,,200

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8 Motion was made and seconded that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F½ to establish an Enterprise Fund for the Hadley Public Access Television Department to provide public, educational, and governmental television programming and services, and further vote to transfer \$ **135,604.00** from the Cable Access Receipts account to said fund effective July 1, 2016.

The Moderator declared Article 8 passed.

Article 9 Motion was made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 14,279,101,
and appropriate from Sewer Receipts \$ 1,149,020,
and appropriate from Water Receipts \$ 1,234,293,
and transfer from Sewer Reserve \$ 10,000,
and transfer from Water Reserve \$ 10,000,
and take from MSBA Debt Fund Reserve \$ 2,444,
and appropriate from Hadley Public Access Cable Franchise Receipts \$ 87,954,
and transfer from the November 2014 Premium Balance \$ 928,
for the maintenance and operation of the town in fiscal year 2017 as recommended by the Finance Committee, including debt and interest, and to fix the salary of all elected officials, including, if appropriate, Select Board, Town Clerk, Town Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Assessors, Town Constables, Board of Health, Elector under the Oliver Smith Will, Planning Board, and Park and Recreation Commission, and to provide a reserve fund.

The Moderator declared Article 9 as read by Finance Committee passes unanimously.

Article 11. Motion #1

Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$50,000.00** to pay costs of an owners project manager and architectural services for the Select Board including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The Moderator declared Motion 1 of Article 11 passed 390-6.

Article 11 Motion #2 PASSED OVER

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Article 12. Motion #1

PASSED OVER

Article 12. Motion #2

Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Water Reserves **\$25,000.00** for an upgrade to the Water Division SCADA system.

The moderator declared Motion 2 of Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 12. Motion # 3

Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Capital Stabilization account **\$25,800.00** for the following capital expenses:

Project	Expense	Department	Source of Funding
IT Upgrade	\$6,300	Public Safety	Capital Stabilization
Vehicles from UMass surplus	\$3,000	Police	Capital Stabilization
Vehicle Upgrades	\$16,500	Fire	Capital Stabilization
TOTAL:	\$25,800		

The moderator declared Motion 3 of Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 12. Motion #4

Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate \$150,000.00 to pay costs of purchasing a backhoe and associated equipment for the Department of Public Works and for any payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, transfer **\$25,000.00** from the Water Reserves and transfer **\$25,000.00** from Sewer Reserves and further that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow **\$100,000.00** and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

AMENDMENT was made and seconded that the Town appropriate \$150,000.00 to pay costs of purchasing a backhoe and associated equipment for the Department of Public Works and for any payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow **\$150,000.00** and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

The Moderator declared Motion 4 of Article 12 as amended passed 408-1.

Article 13 PASSED OVER

Article 14. Motion #1

Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$55,000.00** to pay costs of replacing the roof at the Public Safety Complex for the Police Department including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

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The Moderator declared Motion 1 of Article 14 passed unanimously

Article 14 Motion #2 PASSED OVER

Article 15. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$550,000.00** to pay costs of purchasing land in North Hadley for general government purposes including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

The Moderator declared Article 15 failed 400-1.

Article 16 Motion was made and seconded that the Town will vote to transfer and repurpose the following fund balances:

Highway Garage Insulation \$3,500

Highway Garage Exterior Window
Replacements \$3,500

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed.

Article 17. Motion was made and seconded that the Town authorize the use of the site of the current Hooker School located on the westerly half of the existing 2.763 acre lot owned by the Town of Hadley (Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 766 Page 411) for demolition of the existing structure and construction of a proposed new library building, contingent upon the receipt of a Library Construction Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and appropriation of local funding of the balance of project costs.

The Moderator declared Article 17 fails 139 yes, 206 no.

Article 18. PASSED OVER

Article 19. Motion was made and seconded that the Town authorize and approve an agreement for Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and any other enabling legislation, between the Town and Brightergy, or its successors, for solar facilities to be installed and operated in the Town of Hadley; and authorize the Select Board to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder.

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed unanimously.

Article 20 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Hadley relating to underage possession of alcohol as delineated in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 5, 2016 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 20 passed.

Article 21 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend Chapter 68, Section 68-2 of the Code of the Town of Hadley by deleting the phrase “A quorum of 100 voters shall be required for carrying on any business at an Annual and Special Town Meeting....” and replacing it with “A quorum of 50 voters shall be required for carrying on any business at an Annual and Special Town Meeting....”.

The Moderator declared Article 21 failed.

Article 22. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend Chapter 68, Section 68-3 of the Code of the Town of Hadley by deleting the sentence “The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other Town business shall be held on the first Thursday evening in May at 7:00 p.m.” and replacing it with “The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other Town business shall be held on the first Saturday in May at 10:00 a.m.”.

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The Moderator declared Article 22 failed.

Article 24. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$88,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Fund for recreational purposes to restore and rehabilitate the property known as Zatyрка Park (Assessors Map 11A, Lots 1 and 2 to be used by 12/31/17.

The Moderator declared Article 24 passed.

Article 25. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$20,000.00** from the George Edwards Fund to renovate the property known as Zatyрка Park (Assessors Map 11A, Lots 1 and 2).

The Moderator declared Article 25 passed.

Article 26. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$9,600.00** from Community Preservation Act Open Space Fund for recreational purposes to monitor water quality at Lake Warner and Mill River in order to improve and preserve recreational use of the waterways and associated properties, to be used over a (3) year time frame.

The Moderator declared Article 26 passed.

Article 27 PASSED OVER

Article 28 PASSED OVER

Article 29 Moved that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Code of the Town of Hadley as delineated in Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 5, 2016 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 29 failed. 102 yes, 215, no.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved @ 10:40pm.

ATTEST:

Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk
Hadley, MA