

**DOINGS AT THE NOV 14, 2020 SPECIAL FALL TOWN MTG**

Susan Glowatsky and Sloane Spanknebel were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Randy Izer @ 1:03pm @ the Public Safety Complex (fire bays). A total of 140 voters (of 4111) were checked off for this saturday meeting. David Nixon was acknowledged for the fifteen years he had served the Town as Town Administrator. This was David Nixon’s last town meeting. Select Board member, David Fill, gave an update on the state of the town saying Hadley is in “great shape”. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

At the Town of Hadley Annual Town Meeting that convened on November 14, 2020 at the Public Safety Complex with a quorum of 100 present and declared dissolved on November 14, 2020 by the Moderator, the following article was so voted:

**MOTION:** Motion was made and seconded that the Town take Articles 1, 3, 4, and 5 out of order and that they be “Passed by Consent” in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this morning and further allow all officers, department heads and agents of the Town to address Town Meeting on matters as may be informational.

**Article 1 Motion as shown in Consent agenda:** Moved that the Town transfer **\$979.00** from Water Reserves and **\$976.00** from Sewer Reserves and raise and appropriate **\$1,680.00** to pay for FY 2020 invoices received in FY 2021.

**Article 3 Motion as shown in Consent agenda:** Moved that the Town adjust the accounts as printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for November 14, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Article 4 Motion as shown in Consent agenda:** Moved that the Town amend Chapter 86, Section 86-9 of the Code of the Town of Hadley to establish the following revolving fund as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as delineated in Article 4 of the warrant of the Special Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

Description	Responsible Department	Purpose	Source of Funds	Annual Expenses Allowed
Inspections Permit Software Fees	Building Inspections	Payment of permit software fees for permits issued by the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Plumbing and Gas Inspector	Surcharge received per permit issued	\$10,000

Or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 5 Motion as shown in consent agenda :** Moved that the Town transfer **\$1,410.00** from Free Cash to fund the account listed in Article 5 of the warrant of the November 14, 2020 Special Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

Receiving Account	Account Number	Amount To Be Transferred	Source of Funds
CPA Zatyarka Park	21-650-5890-S65	\$1,410	Free Cash

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

**Article 2** Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the FY 2021 General Fund Budget in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant held on June 20, 2020 as follows: raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Article 2 Table A as presented at the November 14, 2020 Special Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

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Table A	FY 2020 Revenue	FY 2021 Revenue
Revenue:		
Rasie and Appropriate	\$ 17,493,494	\$ 15,978,244
Free Cash	\$ -	\$ 752,009
Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 530,000
interfund Enterprise Receipts	\$ 424,709	\$ 407,999
MSBA Debt Fund Reserve	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,444
November 2014 Premium Balance	\$ 928	\$ 928
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,921,575	\$ 17,671,624

Motion was made and seconded (Molly Keegan) to “friendly amendment” to reduce revenue taken from Stabilization (→375,000) and increase raise and appropriate (→16,133,244.00). After much discussion, James Maksimoski moved to the previous question. Motion was made and seconded to move the question. The Moderator declared motion to move passed 122-8. Motion was made and seconded to vote on amendment. The Moderator declared the amendment fails. Motion was made and seconded to vote on original article as written.

**The Moderator declared Article 2 passed 112-8.**

**Article 6** Motion was made and seconded that the Town reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41A from 8% to 4%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

**The Moderator declared Article 6 passed.**

**Article 7 Motion 1** Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer:

- 1. **\$25,000** from Water Reserves for Callahan Well #1 Reconditioning for the Department of Public Works; and
- 2. **\$18,000** from Hadley Media Reserves for equipment for Hadley Media.

**The Moderator declared all article 7.1 passed.**

**Article 7 Motion 2** Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$63,000.00** to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a cruiser 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(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**The Moderator declared Article 7.2 passed 126-4.**

**Article 7 Motion 3** Moved that the Town appropriate **\$21,250.00** to pay costs of purchasing ballistic vests 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(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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**Moderator declared Article 7.3 passed 129-1.**

**Article 7 Motion 4** Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$64,575.00** to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a vehicle for the Fire 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(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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**The Moderator declared Article 7.4 passed 126-4.**

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**Article 7 Motion 5** Motion was made seconded that the Town appropriate **\$35,000.00** to pay costs of purchasing extrication equipment and air bags for the Fire 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(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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**The Moderator declared Article 7.5 passed 127-3.**

**Article 7 Motion 6** Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$40,000.00** to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a mower for the Department of Public Works 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(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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The first count by the moderator was questioned by Michelle Morris Friedman and the votes were recounted.

**The Moderator declared Article 7.6 requiring a 2/3rds majority failed: 42 yes, 31, no.**

At 2:15pm Select Board member, John Waskiewicz, questioned the quorum. 140 voters were initially checked into the meeting. At the time in question, after a head count, there were only 90 voters present. The Select Board voted 3-2 to dissolve Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the Special Fall Town Meeting of November 14, 2020 was dissolved @2:30pm. Adjourned.

Articles not addressed:

- Article 8 CPA-Emergency rental assistance for Covid-19 (\$100,000.00)
- Article 9 CPA- Cemetery preservation (\$154,999.85)
- Article 10 Zoning Bylaw-new definitions
- Article 11 Zoning Bylaw-Allow transfer of \$\$\$ into Housing Trust Fund
- Article 12 General Bylaw-Stretch Energy Building Code-Green Communities

Attest:

Jessica Spanknebel  
Town Clerk  
Hadley, MA