

DOINGS AT THE JUNE 20, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MTG

Due to Covid-19 Hadley’s Annual Town Election was moved from May 7, 2020 to June 20, 2020. It was held on the athletic field of Hopkins Academy. Susan Glowatsky and Gage Spanknebel were checkers for this meeting. The Hadley Fire and Police Departments were there to assist votes and maintain social distancing. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Randall Izer @ 10:04am. A total of 127 voters were checked off for this meeting (out of 3963). Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The 2019 Annual Report dedications were read. David Nixon gave the State of the Town Report. The Moderator explained the procedure for town meeting and that he would be using *Town Meeting Time*.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded that the Town take Articles 1 – 7 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 the Town Meeting on matters as may be informational.

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, 2020 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 4 Motion as shown in Consent Agenda: Moved that the Town adjust the accounts as printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein.
The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 5 Motion as shown in Consent Agenda: Moved that the Town adjust the deadline to the article as printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein.
The Moderator declared all articles included in the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Article 6 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town transfer **\$26,000.00** from Water Reserves to the Water Plant Filtration Stabilization fund as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B, 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 7 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2021 budget and reserve for later appropriation the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues:

Open Space Preservation	\$43,380.00
Historic Preservation	\$96,572.00
Housing	\$43,380.00

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and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated FY2020 annual revenues for all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the year.

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

Article 8 Motion was made and seconded that \$17,831,935 be appropriated as recommended in individual General Fund budgets listed in the handout “Finance Committee Budget FY2021” and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Table A.1 as presented at the June 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

Table A	FY 2020 Revenue	FY 2021 Revenue
Revenue:		
Raise and Appropriate	\$ 17,493,494	\$ 16,655,795
Free Cash	\$ -	\$ 764,769
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	\$ 17,831,935

The Moderator declared Article 8 as ready by Finance Committee passed unanimously.

Article 9 Moved that \$931,709 recommended in the handout “Finance Committee Budget FY2021” be appropriated to the FY2021 Wastewater Division Enterprise Fund to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Table B.1, as presented at the June 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

TABLE B			
Wastewater Division Enterprise Fund		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Recommended
440	Wastewater Salaries	\$ 332,655	\$ 324,124
	Wastewater Expenses	\$ 476,650	\$ 468,800
	Wastewater Debt	\$ 130,555	\$ 128,785
	Wastewater Reserve	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	Total Division Expense	\$ 949,860	\$ 931,709
	Indirect Costs	\$ 209,481	\$ 172,975

And further, moved that \$1,123,362 recommended in the handout “Finance Committee Budget FY2021” be appropriated to the FY2021 Water Enterprise Fund to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Table B.1, as presented at the June 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

Table B			
Water Division Enterprise Fund		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Recommended
450	Water Salaries	\$ 379,440	\$ 430,023
	Water Expenses	\$ 510,369	\$ 497,174
	Water Debt	\$ 188,344	\$ 186,165
	Water Reserve	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	Total Division Expense	\$ 1,088,153	\$ 1,123,362
	Indirect Costs	\$ 193,205	\$ 224,929

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And further moved that the sum of \$ 68,822 as set forth in the “ FY’20 Finance Recommended” in the handout entitled “Finance Committee Budget FY2020 Annual Town Meeting 2019” as presented at Annual Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein,, up to and including line entitled “Total Budget Appropriation” be appropriated to the FY2020 Hadley Media Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.

Hadley Media Enterprise Fund			FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Recommended
599	Hadley Media Salaries		\$ 17,340	\$ 17,767
	Hadley Media Expenses		\$ 40,371	\$ 46,230
	Hadley Media Reserve		\$ 10,000	\$ 4,825
		Total Budget Appropriation	\$ 67,711	\$ 68,822
		Deductions from Gross Revenue	\$ 14,890	\$ 22,018
		Total Division Expense	\$ 82,601	\$ 90,840

Moderator declared Article 9 passed unanimously.

Article 10 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$15,000** to be used by the Board of Assessors in defending assessed values at the Appellate Tax Board.
The Moderator declared Article 10 passed unanimously.

Article 11 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend Section 86-9 of Chapter 86 of the Code to establish the revolving fund for the Council on Aging and amend existing revolving funds as printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein.
The Moderator declared Article 11 passed unanimously.

Article 12 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer funds as delineated in Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein (Unemployment & Stabilization Funds)
The Moderator declared Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 13 Motion A Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer:

1. **\$5,000** from Hadley Media Reserves to purchase audio-visual equipment for HadleyMedia;
2. **\$600** from Free Cash to install roadway signs promoting agriculture for the Agricultural Commission; and
3. **\$65,000** from Water Reserves to install fences at the water tanks for the Department of Public Works.

The Moderator declared Article 13, Motion A passed 115 – 1.

Article 13 Motion B Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$105,000.00** to pay costs of an emergency generator for the Public Safety Complex 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.

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 13, Motion B passed unanimously.

Article 14. Motion was made and seconded to take no action on Article 14.
The Moderator declared Article 14 to be passed over by unanimous vote.

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Article 15. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$110,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act open space/recreation set aside to the Hadley Parks and Recreation for a fitness park for Zatyarka Park. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

There was much discussion on this article

The Moderator declared Article 15 failed 26-90.

Article 16. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$6,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act open space/recreation set aside to the Hadley Department of Parks and Recreation for electrical service and picnic tables for the Hadley Elementary School pavilion. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed

Article 17 Motion was made and seconded that the Town Transfer **\$2,250.00** from the Community Preservation Act Historical set-aside to the Goodwin Library Board of Trustees for the public purposes of preservation and display in the new library of the round window and metal brackets of the Hooker Elementary School. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed.

Article 18 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$1,500.00** from the Community Preservation Act general fund to the Hadley Health Department for water testing for public safety, and all incidental and related expenses, said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 18 passed.

Article 19 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$25,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act Historic set aside to the Municipal Building Committee for an elevator design study for the Goodwin Memorial Library building, and all incidental and related expenses associated therewith. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed unanimously.

Article 20 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$226,093.00** from the Community Preservation Act general fund to the Hadley Select Board for the renovation of the Goodwin Memorial Library building into town offices. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 20 passed.

Article 21 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$4,200.00** from the Community Preservation Act Historical set aside to the Hadley Historical Commission for the preservation of two 1740 maps of the Town of Hadley Massachusetts. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval or unspent funds will automatically be returned to the appropriate Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 21 passed unanimously.

Article 22 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the zoning bylaws as delineated in Article 22 of the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein and to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive formatting changes if necessary for consistency purposes

The Moderator declared Article 22 passed unanimously.

Article 23 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the general bylaws as delineated in Article 23 of the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 20, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein, and that the Town Clerk may make formatting and numbering

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changes as necessary to preserve consistency of the general bylaws (Affordable Housing Trust Fund)

The Moderator declared Article 23 passed 114-2.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved @ 12:15pm.

ATTEST:

Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk
Hadley, MA