

DOINGS AT THE MAY 5, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MTG

Registrars Linda Klemyk, Mary Loy Laurenza and Laura Bladja were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Randy Izer @ 7:03pm @ Hopkins Academy. A total of 161 voters were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The 2022 Annual Report dedications were read. The Moderator explained the procedure for town meeting and that he would be using *Town Meeting Time*.

Article 1: Notice was given for ATE on May 17, 2022 8am – 9pm @ Hadley Senior Center

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded that the Town take Articles 2-5, 10, 12 & 13 out of order and that they be “Passed by Consent” and further allow all officers, department heads and agents of the Town to address Town Meeting on matters as may be informational.

Article 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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, 2022 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 5: Moved that the Town transfer **\$50,000.00** from Water Reserves to the Water Plant Filtration Stabilization fund as per the provisions of Massachusetts General Law 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 10: Move the Town vote to amend the vote under Article 5 of the October, 2021 Special Town Meeting, and Article 5 of the November, 2019 Special Town Meeting, by adjusting the following categorical capital expenditures authorized to be borrowed thereunder in the amounts as listed and further to see if the Town will vote to transfer balances from prior town meeting articles as printed in the warrant.

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

Article 12: Moved that the Town act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2023 budget and reserve for later appropriation the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues:

Open Space Preservation	\$50,000.00
Historic Preservation	\$50,000.00
Housing	\$50,000.00

and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** from the Community Preservation Fund estimated FY2021 annual revenues for all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the year, including any administrative expenses.

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

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Article 13 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Move the Town vote to extend the deadline for projects funded by the Community Preservation Act funds as listed, or take any action relative thereto.

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Deadline Extension
ATM 2020	Water testing	21-510-5309-210004	One Year
ATM 2020	Goodwin Memorial repairs	21-610-5825-210001	Two Years
ATM 2020	Goodwin Memorial study	21-610-5300-210006	One Year

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

Article 6: Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to transfer from available funds, as printed in the warrant \$22,571.43 to cover costs associated with the FY 2021 budget. Or take any action relative thereto.

Vendor	Charge	From
GPI	\$396.21	Water Reserves
MATTHEW BENDER	\$1649.91	Free Cash
MASS. MUNI. HUMAN RESOURCES INC.	\$45.00	Free Cash
KP LAW	\$20,480.31	Free Cash

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7: Motion was made and seconded that **\$19,421,603.00** be appropriated as set forth in the individual budget appropriations listed under the column FY’23 Finance Committee Budget as described in Table A.1 of the General Fund Budget in the Handout entitled Finance Committee Budget voted 4/14/2022 as presented at the Annual Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein and as funding therefore; to transfer from local revenue, funds raised via taxation, and any other available funds; to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the total sum of \$19,421,603.00, as estimated in Table A.1

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8 Motion was made and seconded that the sum of **\$ 888,070.00** as set forth in the column FY2023 Finance Committee Budget in the handout entitled “Finance Committee Budget Voted 4/14/22”, as presented at the Annual Town Meeting and incorporating up to and including the sum of lines entitled Total Division Expense and Indirect Costs be appropriated to the FY2023 Wastewater Division Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.

And further, move that the sum of **\$1,086,509.00** as set for the in the column FY2023 Finance Committee Budge in the handout entitled “Finance Committee Budget Voted 4/14/22”, as presented at the Annual Town Meeting and incorporating up to and including the sum of lines entitled Total Division Expense and Indirect Costs be appropriated to the FY2023 Water Division to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.

And further, move that the sum of **\$74,149.00**, as set for the in the column FY2023 Finance Committee Budge in the handout entitled “Finance Committee Budget Voted 4/14/22”, as presented at the Annual Town Meeting and incorporating up to and including the sum of lines entitled Total Division Expense and Indirect Costs be appropriated to the FY2023 Hadley Media Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation and to fund said appropriation by uses fees as shown in Table B.1

Moderator declared Article 8 passed unanimously.

Article 9A: Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$26,000** to purchase Propane Tanks for the Water Department and further appropriate **\$310,000** to paint the Mt. Warner/Holyoke Tanks 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, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, and /or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended or another authorization; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended; that the Water Commission, is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the purchase and project.

Moderator declared Article 9A passed unanimously.

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Article 9B: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$75,000** to replace the roofs on Pump Station #1, #5, #6, #7, #8 Mill Valley Rd Pump Station, and Appleby's Pump Station and further appropriate **\$30,000** for upgrading the Mission Communication system 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, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, and /or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended or any other authorization; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended; that the Sewer Commission , is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Moderator declared Article 9B passed 148-1.

Article 9C: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$85,000** to pay costs associated with the Engineering of Drainage Projects on French Street, Breckenridge Road and Huntington Road, and 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 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Moderator declared Article 9C passed unanimously.

Article 9D: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$45,000** to pay costs associated with the purchase of a new Mower for the Department of Public Works including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow with the approval of the Select Board \$45,000 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8 of the General Laws, and /or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended or another authorization; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended; that the Water and Sewer Commissions, are authorized to expend all funds available for the purchase and to take any other action necessary to carry out the purchase.

Moderator declared Article 9D passed unanimously.

Article 9E: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$400,000** to pay costs associated with the purchase of a new Plow Truck and Sander for the Department of Public Works including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow with the approval of the Select Board, \$400,000 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8 of the General Laws, and /or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, of the General Laws, as most recently amended; that the Water Commission, is authorized to expend all funds available for the purchase and to take any other action necessary to carry out the purchase.

Moderator declared Article 9E passed 114- 35.

Article 9F: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$255,000** to pay costs associated with the purchase of a new Pay Loader for the Department of Public Works including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow with the approval of the Select Board \$255,000 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8 of the General Laws, and /or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended; that the Water Commission , is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Moderator declared Article 9F failed 75-53.

9G: Motion was made and seconded the Town appropriate **\$98,622** to pay the cost of Carpeting Replacement in the Schools administrative offices, purchase of Projectors and Screens, upgrading WiFi at Hadley Elementary School and the upgrade of Network Switching and to meet this appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow with the approval of the Select Board

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\$98,622 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Moderator declared Article 9G passed 125-1.

Article 11 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to amend Section 86-9 of Chapter 86 of the Code of the Town of Hadley to establish Annual Expenses Allowed for existing revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Sealer of Weights and Measures	Select Board	Sealer of Weights and Measures services	Fees and fines for weights and measurers	From \$29,000 to \$40,000
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The Moderator declared Article 11 passed unanimously.

Article 14 Motion was made and seconded the Town to vote to transfer **\$100,000** from the Community Preservation Act Historic Fund to the First Congregational Church of Hadley for the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the church steeple, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a grant agreement with the First Congregational Church of Hadley setting forth the terms of said grant, including a provision requiring said funds to be expended within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval and any unspent funds will automatically be returned to the foregoing Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 14 passed.

Article 15 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to transfer **\$24,100** from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Fund to the Hadley Park and Recreation Commission for improving Zatyрка Park with playground equipment, benches, and a covered picnic table area and any and all expenses incidental thereto, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Hadley Park and Recreation Commission and the Town Administrator within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval and any unspent funds will automatically be returned to the foregoing Community Preservation Act fund by that date.

The Moderator declared Article 15 passed.

Article 16 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to appropriate **\$57,000** from the *CPA Open Space Fund* for the purpose of acquiring an agricultural preservation restriction (APR) on all or a portion of the parcel of the property known as the West Farm (Assessors Map 9, Parcel 60C), and to authorize the Select Board to acquire said APR by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and to be a co-holder of said APR, which funds, if not expended within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval, will automatically be returned to the foregoing CPA Fund.

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed unanimously.

Article 17 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to transfer **\$33,000** from the Transfer of Development Rights Fund for the purpose of acquiring an agricultural preservation restriction (APR) on all or a portion of the parcel of the property known as the West Farm (Assessors Map 9, Parcel 60C), and to authorize the Select Board to acquire said APR by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and to be a co-holder of said APR.

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed unanimously.

Article 18 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to transfer **\$18,000** from the Community Preservation Act Historic Set-Aside Fund to the Hadley Cemetery Committee, said funds to be in addition to the \$65,000 previously approved under Article 2 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting, for the purpose of replacing the stone fence at the historic Hockanum Cemetery, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into such agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate, provided that said funds, if not expended within two years from the date of Town Meeting approval, will revert back to the foregoing Community Preservation Act Fund.

The Moderator declared Article 18 passed.

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Article 19 Motion was made and seconded the Town amend the amend the Town of Hadley General By-laws Chapter 104 - Health and Sanitation by adding a new section 104-7, Plastic Reduction as delineated in Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 5, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed.

Article 20 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to rename Mountain Road from the Skinner State Park entrance southwesterly to the Hadley/South Hadley Town Line to Old Mountain Road.

The Moderator declared Article 20 passed unanimously.

Article 21 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Maegan's Way, as heretofore laid out by the Select Board and shown on a plan of land entitled "Hilltop Estates, Definitive Subdivision Plan' Plan of Land in Hadley, Massachusetts Prepared for Thomas F. Quinlan, Sr.," dated March 11, 2014, and recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 233, Page 122, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee in and to and/or permanent easements to use said roadway for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hadley and any and all drainage, access, utility and/or other easements incidental or related thereto.

The Moderator declared Article 21 passed.

Article 22 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Hadley Zoning Bylaws as follows: Special Permits Amend Section 6.2.1.2 [Board of Appeals] by deleting the current Section 6.2.1.2 AND Amend Section 6 by adding a new Section 6.5 AND Amend Section 1.2 [Definitions] by adding a new definition as delineated in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 5, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 22 passed unanimously.

Article 23 POSTPONED

Article 24 Motion was made and seconded the Town vote to Amend Section VII by creating a new subsection 7.10 Signs on Public Property as delineated in Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 5, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 24 passed unanimously.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved @ 9:37pm.

ATTEST:

Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk
Hadley, MA