

DOINGS AT THE OCT 5, 2017 SPECIAL FALL TOWN MTG

Registrars Karen Czerwinski, Gladys Nichols and Beverly Rhodes were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Brian West @ 7:10pm @ Hopkins Academy. A total of 139 voters (of 3919) were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded that the Town take Articles 2, 3 and 8 out of order and that they be “Passed by Consent” in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this evening.

Article 2 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town adjust the accounts printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 2 of the Special town Meeting warrant for October 5, 2017 and incorporated by reference herein

Article 3 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town adjust the accounts printed in the warrant as delineated in Article 3 of the Special town Meeting warrant for October 5, 2017 and incorporated by reference herein

Article 8 Motion as shown in Consent agenda: Moved that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N establishing a Veterans’ Tax Work Off Program

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

Article 1 Motion was made and seconded that the Town adjust the Fiscal Year 2018 budget as follows:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO
122 Select Board Salaries		
Chair	1,400	0
Members	4,800	0
Other Salaries	50,283	51,038
129 Town Administrator Expenses	2,400	1,900
135 Accountant Salary	10,592	10,751
131 Finance Committee Stipend		
Chair	200	0
Members	600	0
132 Reserve Fund	50,000	40,000
141 Assessors		
Chair	2,678	0
Members	4,284	0
Other Salaries	65,324	66,305
145 Treasurer		
Salary	59,167	60,055
Other Salary	45,393	46,074
Expenses	32,805	31,305
146 Tax Collector		
Salary	60,062	60,963
Other Salary	38,220	38,794
161 Town Clerk		
Salary	58,041	58,912
Other Salaries	15,003	15,229
163 Registrars	7,420	7,494
193 Property Insurance	103,400	104,400
198 North Hadley Village Hall	0	5,200
210 Police Salaries	1,000,263	1,000,708
220 Fire		
Salaries	291,249	373,481
Expenses	141,025	149,600
241 Building Inspector Salaries	89,304	90,548
241 Expenses	4,290	6,029
242 Gas Inspector	3,391	3,442
243 Plumbing Inspector	5,913	6,002
422 Highway Construction		
Salaries	460,530	461,395
Expenses	313,484	316,484
440 Sewer Salaries	309,046	309,612
450 Water Salaries	345,696	346,940
541 Council on Aging Salaries	84,077	75,340
599 Hadley Media		

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Salaries	55,000	17,255
Expenses	7,254	45,254
610 Library Salaries	132,690	134,681
630 Park Commission		
Salaries Chair	420	0
Salaries Members	630	0
Other Salaries	60,873	35,288
710 Long Term Debt Principal	1,121,380	1,111,380
750 Long Term Debt Interest	143,695	143,695
919 OPEB	207,403	257,403
TOTAL	\$17,900,338	\$17,988,233

And further that the Town amend the appropriation as follows:

Raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 14,878,553.00,
and appropriate from Sewer Receipts \$ 1,148,698.00,
and appropriate from Water Receipts \$ 1,288,742.00,
and transfer from Sewer Reserve \$ 10,000.00,
and transfer from Water Reserve \$ 20,746.00,
and take from MSBA Debt Fund Reserve \$ 2,444.00,
and appropriate from Hadley Public Access Cable Franchise Receipts \$ 62,509.00,
and transfer from Hadley Public Access Cable Franchise Reserves \$ 20,000.00,
and transfer from the November 2014 Premium Balance \$ 928.00,
and transfer from Free Cash \$ 555,613.00,
for the maintenance and operation of the town in fiscal year 2018 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 Select Board read an amended version of the budget, reinstating some departmental cuts as a result of unexpected certified free cash. After much discussion and finance committee recommendations the motion to amend failed (54 yes. 83 no). Motion was made and seconded to vote on the original budget as presented in the warrant and read by the Moderator.*

The Moderator declared Art 1 passed 127 yes, 7 no.

Article 4 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$225,902.00** into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer:

1. **\$70,000** from Sewer Impact Fees for a SCADA system in the Sewer Division;
2. **\$19,500** from Capital Stabilization for repairs to the Public Safety Complex sally port for the Police Department;
3. **\$45,000** from Capital Stabilization for a cruiser for the Police Department;
4. **\$7,500** from Capital Stabilization to purchase hand-held RADAR units for the Police Department;
5. **\$10,000** from Capital Stabilization to purchase training supplies, equipment, and ammunition for the Police Department;
6. **\$47,500** from Capital Stabilization to purchase an administrative vehicle for the Fire Department;
7. **\$80,000** from Capital Stabilization to purchase a Ford F-550 Truck for the Department of Public Works;
8. **\$19,400** from Capital Stabilization to purchase a vehicle lift for the Department of Public Works; and
9. **\$15,000** from Water Reserves and **\$15,000** from Sewer Reserves for a water and sewer rate study for the Department of Public Works.

The Moderator declared Article 5 passed unanimously

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Article 6 Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the vote regarding funding to construct new fire substation as presented in Article 6 at the Special Town Meeting held on October 22, 2016 by deleting the phrase “to be located on the Town-owned lot known as “North Hadley Village Ballfield””.

There was much support for this (the Fire Station as a whole) but concern was raised about voters being able to have a say in the future and now unknown location of the North Hadley Fire Station
The Moderator declared Article 6 passed.

Article 7 Motion was made and seconded that the Town withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments effective July 1, 2019; and that all obligations of the Town of Hadley to the council shall be met up to that date; and the share allocable to the Town before July 1, 2019 of the fiscal obligations of the council will remain a responsibility of the Town.

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed.

Article 9 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$160,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act General Funds and transfer **\$30,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Set Aside Funds for recreational purposes to restore and rehabilitate the property known as Zatyрка Park, located at 60-68 Huntington Road. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of the 2017 Special Town Meeting and on condition that other funding sources be expended first before Community Preservation Act funds are used.

The Moderator declared Article 9 passed unanimously.

Article 10 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$35,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act General Funds for recreational purposes to restore, rehabilitate, and construct an outdoor pavilion near the Elementary School playground area, located at 21 River Drive. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of the 2017 Special Town Meeting and on condition that other funding sources be expended first before Community Preservation Act funds are used.

The Moderator declared Article 10 passed.

Article 11 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$400,000.00** from the Community Preservation Act General Funds for recreational purposes to restore and rehabilitate the property known as Hopkins Academy Athletic Fields, located at 131 Russell Street. Said expenditure to be conducted within two years of the date of the 2017 Special Town Meeting and on condition that other funding sources be expended first before Community Preservation Act funds are used.

The Moderator declared Article 11 passed.

At 9:50pm the Moderator declared Town Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk
Hadley, MA