

DOINGS AT THE OCTOBER 25, 2012 SPECIAL FALL TOWN MEETING

Registrars Karen Czerwinski and Beverly Rhodes were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Gerald Devine @ 7:09pm. A total of 128 voters were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Moderator explained the procedure for town meeting and that he would be using *Town Meeting Time* for reference.

Article 1. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget by amending the vote on Article 6 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 2012 by amending the following line items:

	FROM	TO
122 Select Board Other Salaries:	\$40,458	\$42,519
131 Finance Committee Salaries:	\$800	Stipend \$800
132 Reserve Fund:	\$90,000	\$95,452
135 Town Accountant Salary:	\$63,348	\$66,490
Expenses:	\$24,476	\$27,976
141 Assessors Other Salaries:	\$59,685	\$60,940
Expenses:	\$11,660	\$11,592
145 Treasurer Salary:	\$54,956	\$56,053
Other Salaries:	\$30,000	\$30,600
146 Tax Collector Salary:	\$49,549	\$52,308
Other Salaries:	\$30,475	\$32,174
161 Town Clerk Salary:	\$46,260	\$48,800
Other Salaries:	\$11,730	\$12,758
171 Conservation Commission Expenses:	\$3,000	\$3,050
175 Planning Board Expenses:	\$9,480	\$12,958
193 Insurances Property Insurance:	\$108,092	\$115,916
210 Police Salaries:	\$839,799	\$832,390
Expenses:	\$150,729	\$164,479
220 Fire Salaries:	\$151,745	\$152,930
Expenses:	\$81,150	\$83,450
222 Communication Center Salaries:	\$206,291	\$206,436
241 Building Inspector Salaries:	\$84,361	\$86,118
243 Plumbing Inspector:	\$5,702	\$5,740
301 School Department	\$5,600,000	\$5,700,000
421 Highway Administration Salaries:	\$86,298	\$87,490
422 Highway Construction/Maint. Salaries:	\$233,879	\$261,748
Expenses:	\$106,706	\$119,156
429 Highway Machinery Expenses:	\$151,829	\$156,729
510 Board of Health Other Salaries:	\$27,735	\$9,385
Expenses:	\$2,010	\$14,928
541 Council on Aging Salaries:	\$64,475	\$66,582
543 Veterans Services Salaries:	\$1,200	\$0
Expenses:	\$10,500	Salaries & Expenses \$58,000
599 Cable TV/Public Access Salaries:	\$13,013	\$13,731
610 Public Library Salaries:	\$116,656	\$123,161
Expenses:	\$63,298	\$64,924
630 Park Commission Other Salaries:	\$35,384	\$33,463
Expenses:	\$3,665	\$7,165
911 Benefits Retirement:	\$718,973	\$705,973
915 Life Insurance:	\$5,035	\$2,535
440 Sewer Division Salaries:	\$260,940	\$256,457
Sewer Reserve:	\$0	\$10,000
Other Expenses:	\$400,850	\$406,650
450 Water Division Salaries:	\$299,874	\$299,186
Other Expenses:	\$354,561	\$358,611

And further that the Town amend the appropriation as follows:

Raise and appropriate \$_____12,224,844.00_____,
appropriate from Sewer Receipts \$_____786,146_____,
and transfer from Sewer Reserves \$_____10,000_____,
and appropriate from Water Receipts \$_____1,075,599_____,
and, transfer from Water Reserves \$_____10,000_____,
and transfer \$_____80,260_____ of Free Cash and an additional
\$_____100,000_____ of Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2012 and take for the maintenance
and operation of the town in Fiscal Year 2013 as recommended by the Finance Committee,
including debt and interest, or take any action relative thereto.

The Moderator declared Article 1, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed unanimously.

Article 2. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$244,000.00** to be placed in the Capital Stabilization Account.

The Moderator declared Article 2, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed. 114 yes 1 no.

Article 3. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$6,000.00** for expenses associated with an update to the 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The Moderator declared Article 3 passed by majority.

Article 4. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from the Capital Stabilization Account **\$30,000.00** for a facilities plan for Town-owned buildings.

The Moderator declared Article 4, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed. 69 yes, 25 no.

Article 5. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$75,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing a wheel chair van for the School 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(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 Article 5, requiring a 2/3rd vote, passed. 112 yes, 3 no.

Article 6. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Water Reserves **35,000.00** to purchase and install new remote read water meters.

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed by majority.

Article 7. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate up to the sum of **\$48,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing a tractor 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(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issues 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 Art.7, requiring a 2/3rd vote, passed. 114 yes, 1 no

Article 8. PASSED OVER

Article 9. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer a parcel of land within Selva's Swamp as delineated in Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 25, 2012, except that the word "Hampden" where it appears in the article shall be changed to "Hampshire", and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 9, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed. 114 yes 2 no.

Article 10. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$22,000.00** for unemployment expenses.

The Moderator declared Article 10 passed by majority.

Article 11. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$5,198.00** for the use of the 350th Hopkins Academy Anniversary Committee.

The Moderator declared Article 11 passed by majority.

Article 12. Motion was made and seconded that the Town rescind the excess borrowing authorization for the landfill capping and to rescind the borrowing authorization for the Route 9 water line project.

The Moderator declared Article 12 passed by majority.

Article 13. PASSED OVER

Article 14. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$30,000.00** from Community Preservation Act Open Space Reserve fund and **\$21,500.00** from Community Preservation Act General Fund for the preservation of open space, to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction on agricultural land, containing 70.5 acres, more or less, and located on Route 47 in the vicinity of the Sunderland border and currently owned by S and J Realty Trust, and further authorize the Select Board to acquire said restriction by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate.

The Moderator declared Article 14 passed unanimously.

Article 15. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Act General Fund **\$2,500.00** for the purpose of acquiring a display case to preserve the historical Native American artifacts to be donated to the Town of Hadley by the Beretska Family.

The Moderator declared Article 15 passed unanimously.

Article 16. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Community Preservation Act Historical Reserve **\$15,000.00** and **\$5,000.00** from Community Preservation Act General Fund to preserve and/or habilitate the historic Goodwin Memorial Library, including without limitation, installing a furnace in said Library and insulating the second floor ceiling. And further moved that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$10,000.00** to remove the chimney and associated roof repairs of the Goodwin Memorial Library.

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed unanimously.

Article 17. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Solar Bylaw section 28.5.2.1 by placing this sentence at the end of this section, “The Planning Board may waive any part of the Administrative Review it judges to be unnecessary to the review of a particular plan.”

The Moderator declared Article 17

Article 18. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Solar Bylaw Section 28.7.2.1 by replacing § 3.8.2 with §28.7.2.

AMENDMENT: Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion in Article 18 by replacing § 28.7.2 with § 28.3.

The Moderator declared the amendment passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 18 as amended.

The Moderator declared Article 18, as amended, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed unanimously.

Article 19. Motion was made and seconded that the Town adopt the Open Space Preservation Bylaw as delineated in Article 19 of the warrant of the Special Town Meeting held on October 25, 2012 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 19, requiring a 2/3rds vote failed. 54 yes 49 no.