

MINUTES– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/26/04

Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:09PM

Article 1 The Town voted by majority that the Annual Reports, as contained in the
 REPORTS Annual Town Report for the year 2003 be accepted as printed.

Article 2 A motion was made and seconded to amend Police Department budget
 BUDGET line item 57.2, Salaries, by increasing it by an additional \$8000.00 for the
 hiring of another full time Dispatcher.
 This motion carried by a majority vote.

The Town voted by majority that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2005 BUDGET Recommended of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.

**Fiscal 2005
 Revised
 Recommendations
 May 17, 2004**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1.0	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	21,806
	1.2 Clerical	0
	1.3 Expenses	<u>3,500</u>
	Total Accountant	25,306
	*1 \$3500 Art. 2 STM	
2.0	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	2,800
	2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	Total Advisory	3,000
3.0	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	2,873
	3.2 Expenses	<u>160</u>
	Total Appeals	3,033
4.0	Assessors, Board of	
	4.1 Salaries	12,512
	4.2 Clerical	12,554
	4.3 Expenses	2,500
	4.4 Data Processing	0
	4.5 Software Support Fees	4,000
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900
	4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
	4.8 Field Review	<u>2,000</u>
	Total Assessors	34,466
5.0	Building Department Expenses	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	410
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u>0</u>
	Total Building Dept.	410

6.0	County Retirement	196,273
7.0	Insurance/Employee Benefits	
	7.1 Property and Liability	77,857
	7.2 Employee Benefits	156,671
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
	7.4 Longevity	5,800
	Total Insurance	242,328
	*2 \$8,000 Art.2 STM	
8.0	Law and Claims	
	8.1 General	20,000
	Total Law	20,000
9.0	Moderator	
	9.1 Salary	0
	9.2 Expenses	100
	Total Moderator	100
10.0	Planning Board	
	10.2 Clerical	8,155
	10.3 Expenses	535
	Total Planning Board	8,690
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
	11.1 Salaries	761
	11.2 Election Expenses	3,700
	11.3 Street Lists	1,900
	Total Registrars	6,361
12.0	Selectman	
	12.1 Salaries	9,100
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	25,338
	12.3 Secretarial	0
	12.4 Expenses	1,600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	400
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	0
	12.7 Temporary Help	0
	Total Selectman	36,438
	*3 Secretarial is now 56.2	
13.0	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	23,987
	13.2 Clerical	7,282
	13.3 Expenses	2,100
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,175
	13.5 Tax Title Work	250
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Tax Collector	37,794
14.0	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	23,987
	14.2 Clerical	4,723
	14.3 Expenses	1,000
	14.4 Town Publications	0
	Total Town Clerk	29,710
15.0	Town Report	3,000

16.0	Treasurer	
	16.1 Salary	29,192
	16.2 Clerical	7,008
	16.3 Expenses	900
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	700
	16.7 Payroll Service	5,500
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	250
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Treasurer	46,150
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	8,246
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	701,772
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GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,000
21.0	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	585
	21.2 Expenses	80
	21.3 Maintenance	0
	Total Cemetery Commission	665
22.0	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	2,800
	22.2 Expenses	450
	Total Conservation Commission	3,250
23.0	Transfer Station	
	23.1 Operation	90,000
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	14,400
	Total Transfer Station	104,400
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	0
25.0	Insect Pest Control	0
26.0	Library	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	Total Library	102,670
27.0	Town Events	800
29.0	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,000
	29.3 Supplies	5,000
	29.4 Postage	9,778
	Total Office Equipment	22,278
30.0	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	500

30.2	Operating Expenses	3,650
30.3	Capital Improvements	0
30.4	Baseball	0
30.5	Softball	0
30.6	Girls Soccer	0
30.7	Boys Soccer	0
30.8	Basketball	0
30.9	Director's Salary	33,501
	Total Parks and Recreation	37,651
31.0	Public Grounds	25,559
32.0	Town House Maintenance	
32.1	Custodial	16,585
32.2	Maintenance and Repairs	6,000
32.3	Heat and Utilities	29,600
32.4	Payphone	0
	Total Town House Maintenance	52,185
33.0	Tree Warden	
33.1	Expenses	500
33.2	Planting Trees	0
	Total Tree Warden	500
34.0	Ambulance	12,452
35.0	Gasoline	25,000
36.0	Street Lighting	15,100
37.0	Council on Aging	
37.1	Director's Salary	31,638
37.2	Clerk	18,380
37.3	Expenses	0
37.4	Temporary Help	0
	Total Council on Aging	50,018
38.0	Senior Center	
38.1	Custodial	8,854
38.2	Utilities	10,139
38.3	Building Maintenance	6,000
38.4	Grounds Maintenance	0
	Total Senior Center	24,993
39.0	Historical Commission	200
Total General Town Services		479,721

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0	Superintendent's Salary	58,868
41.1	Paving	0
42.0	Highway Maintenance	74,861
43.0	General Highway Expense	83,387
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224

45.0	Street Sweeping and	
	Catch Basin Cleaning	23,000

46.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	46.1 Highway Engineering	0
	46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000
	46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600

TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		291,940
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	1,853
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	Total Animal Inspection	2,093

51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10
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52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	13,445
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300
	Total Dog Officer	13,745
	*4 \$5,173 Art.2 STM	

53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	868
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,000
	53.3 Operation	22,589
	Total Fire Department	24,457
	*5 \$2,000 Art.5 STM	

54.0	Forest Fires	1,333
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55.0	Forest Fire Warden	557
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56.0	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Agent Salary	3,673
	56.2 Clerk Salary	17,760
	56.3 Expenses	3,000
	Total Board of Health	24,433

565.5	Water District	
	565.1 Operations	6,889
	565.2 Testing	2,900
	Total Water District	9,789

57.0	Police	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	63,038
	57.2 Salaries	671,188
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	12,291
	57.4 Other Expenses	35,500
	57.5 New Cruisers	0
	57.6 Training	19,500
	57.7 Equipment	5,616
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,960
	57.9 Additional Officer	0
	*6 \$22,000 Art.6 STM	

58.0	Other Police Accounts	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	2,100
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	250
59.0	Parking Clerk	0
	Total Police	884,543
TOTAL PROTECTION		960,960
SCHOOLS		May 17, 2004
69.0	Regional School District	
	69.1 Assessment	5,539,683
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7616
	Total Regional School District	5,547,299
	*7 \$33,164 Art.7 STM	
SUB TOTAL		7,981,692
70.0	Local Government Debt	
	70.1 Principal	290,000
	70.2 Interest	29,850
	70.3 School Debt	56,173
	70.4 Green Meadow BAN	120,515
	70.5 Highway Loader	0
	Total Local Government Debt	496,538
GRAND TOTAL		8,478,230

Article 3 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
PREVIOUS
BILLS

Article 4 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
STABILIZATION
FUND

Article 5 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board
REVOLVING of Assessors, as described in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting
ACCOUNT Warrant.

Article 6 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board
REVOLVING of Health, as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
ACCOUNT

Article 7 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund through the
REVOLVING Board of Selectmen, for the Building Department as described in Article 7
ACCOUNT of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 8 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the
REVOLVING Library Trustees, as described in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting
ACCOUNT Warrant.
LIBRARY

Article 9 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 10 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Board of Health as described in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 11 REVOLVING ACCOUNT	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to establish a revolving fund for the Council on Aging, as described in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 12 HIGHWAYS STATE AID	The Town voted <u>unanimously</u> to accept any monies as made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.
Article 13 HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 14 HIGHWAY	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 15 CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESTRICTED FUND	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40.
Article 16 CONSERVATION FUND	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 17 GYM FLOOR	The Town voted <u>unanimously</u> to transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$45,000 to fund the replacement of the gym floor at Thornton W. Burgess School, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.
Article 18 LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> that in Fiscal Year 2005, if additional State aid for the Library is received, this money be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.
Article 19 NETWORK SERVER	A motion to raise and appropriate \$1600.00 for the purchase of a new network server for the Library, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote <u>failed</u> .
Article 20 ASSESSOR	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to increase the income and asset requirements for real estate tax exemptions as described in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 21 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a <u>declared 2/3</u> vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 22 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted <u>unanimously</u> to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 23 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as
ZONING described in Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
BYLAW

Article 24 The Town voted by majority to accept the recommendations of the
COMMUNITY Community Preservation Committee for the 3rd year's appropriation of
PRESERVATION \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted
COMMITTEE pursuant to Article 16 at the Special Town Meeting on October 21, 2002.

Article 25 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE

Article 26 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
RESERVE FUND

Article 27 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
STABILIZATION
FUND

Article 28 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
REDUCING
TAX RATE

A motion to adjourn and continue the Annual Town Meeting until May 17, 2004
at 7:00 pm. was made and seconded and passed by a majority vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

Moderator Richard Patullo called the reconvened Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:01PM on
May 17, 2004

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 4 passed by a majority vote.

Article 4 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to transfer \$ 170,000 from the
STABILIZATION Stabilization Fund, said funds to be made available in calculating the
FUND Fiscal year 2005 tax levy.

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 2 passed by a majority vote.

Article 2 The Town voted by a declared majority that the sums of money shown in
BUDGET the column entitled Fiscal 2005, Revised Recommendations dated
May 17, 2004 of the report entitled Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 of the
Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes
designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each
number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise
and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

A motion made for the reconsideration of Article 26 passed by a majority vote.

Article 26 The Town voted by a declared majority to raise and appropriate
RESERVE \$ 10,000 for the Reserve Fund.
FUND

A motion made to adjourn the meeting carried by a majority vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM