

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/25/05 - attendance 290
Moderator Richard Patullo called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

Article 1 The Town voted by majority that the Annual Reports, as contained in the
 REPORTS Annual Town Report for the year 2004, be accepted as printed.

Article 2 The Town voted by majority that the sums of money shown in the column
 BUDGET entitled “Fiscal 2006 Recommended Available Funds” of the
 Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee,
 with corrections and amendments as listed, 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 charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and then that the
 amounts be amended to reflect the amounts in the column entitled
 “Recommended Available Funds Plus Override”, subject to a positive
 Proposition 2 ½ override referendum vote.
 Corrections were made as follows:
 Line 7.2 - \$182,913, line 13.1 - \$24,587, line 14.1 - \$24,587,
 line 36 - \$8500
 A motion to move debate was made, carried and then amended to readdress
 line 38.2, Senior Center Utilities.
 A motion to amend line 7.3 to \$95,000 and to increase line 38.2 to \$5000
 was made and carried by a majority vote.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1.0	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	21,806
	1.2 Clerical	0
	1.3 Expenses	12,000
	Total Accountant	33,806
2.0	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	3,200
	2.2 Expenses	200
	Total Advisory	3,400
3.0	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	2,873
	3.2 Expenses	150
	Total Appeals	3,023
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 Revaluation Update	28,000
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	900
	4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
	4.8 Field Review	1,500
	Total Assessors	57,966
	*1 Includes transfer of \$50 from Reserve Fund	
5.0	Building Department Expenses	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	410
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	0
	Total Building Dept.	410
6.0	County Retirement	213,020
7.0	Insurance	
	7.1 Property and Liability	78,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	182,913
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	95,000
	7.4 Longevity	0
	Total Insurance	355,913

*2 Includes transfer of \$530 from Reserve Fund

*3 Includes transfer of \$3510.78 from Reserve Fund

*4 STM Oct 2004, Article 3

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	1,100
	11.3 Street Lists	0
	Total Registrars	1,861
	*5 Includes transfer of \$1,250.35 from Reserve Fund	
12.0	Selectman	
	12.1 Salaries	9,100
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	23,338
	12.3 Secretarial	0
	12.4 Expenses	1,600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	300
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	0
	12.7 Temporary Help	0
	Total Selectman	34,338
	*6 Includes transfer of \$620.38 from Reserve Fund	
	*7 Includes transfer of \$16.33 from Reserve Fund	
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2	
13.0	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	23,987
	13.2 Clerical	7,282
	13.3 Expenses	2,000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,975
	13.5 Tax Title Work	0
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Tax Collector	38,244
14.0	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	23,987
	14.2 Clerical	4,723
	14.3 Expenses	900
	14.4 Town Publications	0
	Total Town Clerk	29,610
15.0	Town Report	1,500
	*9 Includes transfer of \$1,730 from Reserve Fund	
16.0	Treasurer	
	16.1 Salary	29,192
	16.2 Clerical	7,008
	16.3 Expenses	600
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	2,500
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	700
	16.7 Payroll Service	7,100
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Treasurer	47,300
	*10 Includes \$1,500 transfer from Reserve Fund	
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	9,500
	*11 Includes transfer of \$1,400 from Reserve Fund	
18.0	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		859,148
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	1,800
	*12 Includes transfer of \$700 from Reserve Fund	

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	13,000
Total Transfer Station	103,000
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	0
*13 Includes transfer of \$1,600 from Reserve Fund	
27.0 Town Events	600
29.0 Office Equipment	
29.1 Acquisition	0
29.2 Maintenance	5,000
29.3 Supplies	2,000
29.4 Postage	8,000
Total Office Equipment	15,000
30.0 Parks and Recreation	
30.1 Salaries	0
30.2 Operating Expenses	0
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	0
Total Parks and Recreation	0
31.0 Public Grounds	26,000
32.0 Town House Maintenance	
32.1 Custodial	12,000
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,400
32.3 Heat and Utilities	28,000
Total Town House Maintenance	45,400
33.0 Tree Warden	
33.1 Expenses	500
33.2 Planting Trees	0
Total Tree Warden	500
*14 Includes transfer of \$225 from Reserve Fund	
34.0 Ambulance	12,577
35.0 Gasoline	30,000
36.0 Street Lighting	8,500
37.0 Council on Aging	
37.1 Director's Salary	0
37.2 Clerk	0
37.3 Expenses	0
37.4 Temporary Help	0
Total Council on Aging	0
38.0 Senior Center	
38.1 Custodial	
38.2 Utilities	5,000
38.3 Building Maintenance	
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	
Total Senior Center	5,000
*15 Includes transfer of \$2.69 by Advisory	

*16 Includes transfer of \$1,500 from Reserve Fund

39.0	Historical Commission	200
Total General Town Services		252,492
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	61,514
41.1	Paving	0
42.0	Highway Maintenance	63,090
43.0	General Highway Expense	37,088
44.0	Snow and Ice Removal	37,224
45.0	Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning	17,250
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	
46.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	46.1 Highway Engineering	0
	46.2 Road Machinery Maintenance	9,000
	46.3 Town Garage Maintenance	4,600
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		229,766
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	1,853
	50.2 Expenses	0
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	Total Animal Inspection	1,853
51.0	Civil Defense Supplies	10
52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	13,445
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	100
	Total Dog Officer	13,545
53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	890
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	100
	53.3 Operation	23,154
	Total Fire Department	24,144
54.0	Forest Fires	1,383
	*18 Includes transfer of \$497 from Reserve Fund	
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	571
56.0	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Salary	3,673
	56.2 Clerk Salary	17,760
	56.3 Expenses	500
	Total Board of Health	21,933
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	61,500
	57.2 General Salaries	559,575
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	8,500
	57.4 General Expenses	30,750
	57.5 New Cruisers	0.00
	57.6 Training	3,374
	57.7 Equipment	6,828
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,398
	57.9 Additional Officer	0.00
	*19 Includes transfer of \$3,867.47 from Reserve Fund	
	*20 STM Oct 2004, Article 4	
58.0	Other Police Accounts	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	910.00
	58.2 Towing Clerk	0.00
	58.3 WMLEC	250.00
59.0	Parking Clerk	
	Total Police	746,086
TOTAL PROTECTION		819,314

69.0 Regional School District	
69.1 Assessment	5,831,172
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616
Total Regional School District	5,838,788

SUB TOTAL	7,999,508
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70.0 Local Government Debt	
70.1 Principal	250,000
70.2 Interest	13,350
70.3 School Debt	53,072
70.4 Green Meadow BAN	295,000
70.5 Highway Truck	15,000
Total Local Government Debt	626,422

GRAND TOTAL	8,625,930
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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 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the Board of
REVOLVING Health, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
ACCOUNT

Article 10 The Town voted by majority to establish a revolving fund for the
REVOLVING Council on Aging, as described in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting
ACCOUNT Warrant.

Article 11 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to accept any monies as made
HIGHWAYS available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of
STATE AID Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, pursuant
to Massachusetts General Law and be allowed to borrow in anticipation
of reimbursement.

Article 12 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
HIGHWAY

Article 13 The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.
CONSERVATION
FUND

Article 14 The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote that \$171,000 be appropriated for

FIRE DEPARTMENT	the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$171,000 under G.L. c.44 § 7(9) or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.
Article 15 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	The Town voted by majority to transfer an amount not to exceed \$200,000 remaining from funds raised and appropriated for renovations at Green Meadows Elementary School for capital improvements at the Thornton W. Burgess School.
Article 16 ADDITIONAL STATE AID	The Town voted by majority that in Fiscal Year 2006, if additional state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.
Article 17 LIBRARY STUDY	The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to conduct a building feasibility study for a new or renovated library facility, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.
Article 18 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	The Town voted by majority to hear the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee. A motion was made and carried by majority vote to approve the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the appropriation of \$4000 to the Park and Recreation Committee for improvements to Memorial Park and for \$4750 to the Historical Committee for continued restoration of Old Cemetery on Chapin Road, as recommended by the Moderator.
Article 19 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	The Town voted by majority to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 4th year's appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted pursuant to at the Special Town Meeting on October 21, 2002.
Article 20 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as described in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 21 PURD SPECIAL PERMIT	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a Special Permit as described in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 22 PURD SPECIAL	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Planning Board to consider a Special Permit as described in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Article 23 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to take no action on this article.
Article 24 ZONING BYLAW	The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to take no action on this article.
Article 25 GENERAL BYLAW	The Town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

Article 26
GENERAL
BYLAW

The Town voted by majority to adopt a new General Bylaw, Chapter VIII, Section 8 Protection of Persons or Property, as described in Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant with amendments as listed.

A motion to strike the word "fire" in line one of paragraph six carried by a majority vote.

A motion to amend paragraph six by adding "and or sounding" after the word transmitting, carried by a majority vote.

Article 27
GENERAL
BYLAW

The Town voted by majority to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a new Chapter XIV "Stormwater Management" as described in Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 28
RECYCLING
FACILITY

The Town voted by majority to approve the contract as described in Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 29
RESERVE
FUND

The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$8610 for the Reserve Fund, subject to a proposition 2 ½ override.

Article 30
STABILIZATION
FUND

The town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

Article 31
REDUCING
TAX RATE

The town voted by majority to take no action on this article.

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried by a majority vote at 10:34PM.