

MINUTES – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/28/08

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:20PM - Attendance - 94

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2007, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. BUDGET

The Town voted to modify line item 30.2 to *increase* the amount from \$4203 to **\$11103**.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2009 Recommended Available Funds" 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 charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1.0 Accountant

1.1 Salary	24,960
1.2 Clerical	250
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	5,000
Total Accountant	30,210

2.0 Advisory Committee

2.1 Clerical	4,175
2.2 Expenses	200
Total Advisory	4,375

3.0 Appeals, Board of

3.1 Clerical	3,245
3.2 Expenses	200
Total Appeals	3,445

4.0 Assessors, Board of

4.1 Salaries	13,539
4.2 Clerical	20,037
4.3 Expenses	2,500
4.4 Data Processing	
4.5 Software Support	4,425
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2,000
4.7 Full List Measure	
4.8 Field Review	3,000
Total Assessors	45,501

5.0 Building Department Expenses

5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420
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5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	
Total Building Dept.	420
6.0 County Retirement	190,891
7.0 Insurance	
7.1 Property and Liability	84,000
7.2 Employee Benefits	160,000
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
7.4 Longevity	2,200
7.5 FICA	-
Total Insurance	248,200
8.0 Law and Claims	
8.1 General	22,000
Total Law	22,000
9.0 Moderator	
9.1 Salary	
9.2 Expenses	100
Total Moderator	100
10.0 Planning Board	
10.2 Clerical	9,618
10.3 Expenses	550
Total Planning Board	10,168
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
11.1 Salaries	800
11.2 Election Expenses	5,500
11.3 Street Lists	1,900
Total Registrars	8,200
12.0 Selectman	
12.1 Salaries	9,600
12.2 Administrative Asst.	34,784
12.3 Secretarial	
12.4 Expenses	1,600
12.5 Legal Advertising	400
12.6 Computer Study Committee	
12.7 Temporary Help	500
Total Selectman	46,884
13.0 Tax Collector	
13.1 Salary	27,453
13.2 Clerical	10,000
13.3 Expenses	2,000
13.4 Computer Maintenance	5,792
13.5 Tax Title Work	250

13.6 Tax Title Admin.	
Total Tax Collector	45,495
14.0 Town Clerk	
14.1 Salary	27,453
14.2 Clerical	6,750
14.3 Expenses	1,000
14.4 Town Publications	100
Total Town Clerk	35,303
15.0 Town Report	3,500
16.0 Treasurer	
16.1 Salary	31,199
16.2 Clerical	7,663
16.3 Expenses	900
16.4 Certifying Notes	100
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	10,000
16.6 Tax Title Expense	1,000
16.7 Payroll Service	6,000
16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	
Total Treasurer	56,962
* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers	
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	11,000
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	467
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	763,121
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GENERAL TOWN SERVICES	
20.0 Academy Hall Maintenance	2,500
21.0 Cemetery Commission	
21.1 Clerical	691
21.2 Expenses	100
21.3 Maintenance	9,769
Total Cemetery Commission	10,560
22.0 Conservation Commission	
22.1 Clerical	6,710
22.2 Expenses	400
Total Conservation Commission	7,110
23.0 Transfer Station	
23.1 Operation	-
23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19,900

Total Transfer Station	19,900
24.0 School Buildings Repairs	5,000
26.0 Library	
26.1 Salaries	
26.2 Expenses	
26.3 Books and Periodicals	
Total Library	80,318
* Includes salaries of \$65,474	
27.0 Town Events	800
29.0 Office Equipment	
29.1 Acquisition	2,500
29.2 Maintenance	7,000
29.3 Supplies	3,000
29.4 Postage	10,000
Total Office Equipment	22,500
30.0 Parks and Recreation	
30.1 Salaries	5,253
30.2 Operating Expenses	11,103
30.3 Capital Improvements	
30.4 Baseball	
30.5 Softball	
30.6 Girls Soccer	
30.7 Boys Soccer	
30.8 Basketball	
30.9 Director's Salary	
Total Parks and Recreation	16,356
* Park & Rec has been asked to meet w Advisory regarding spray park and other	
32.0 Town House Maintenance	
32.1 Custodial	17,000
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,500
32.3 Heat and Utilities	42,000
Total Town House Maintenance	67,500
34.0 Ambulance	
35.0 Gasoline	55,000
36.0 Street Lighting	19,100
37.0 Council on Aging	
37.1 Director's Salary	32,929
37.2 Clerk	9,692

37.3 Expenses	1,000
37.4 Temporary Help	-
37.5 Outreach Coordinator	2,500
Total Council on Aging	46,121

38.0 Senior Center	
38.1 Custodial	8,288
38.2 Utilities	13,500
38.3 Building Maintenance	8,500
38.4 Grounds Maintenance	
Total Senior Center	30,288

39.0 Historical Commission	250
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Total General Town Services	383,303
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

40.0 Superintendent's Salary	67,320
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41.0 Tree Warden	
41.1 Expenses	7,500
41.2 Tree Planting	
41.3 Insect Pest Control	

42.0 Public Grounds	23,626
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43.0 Highway Maintenance	82,760
43.1 Expenses	
43.2 Paving	

44.0 General Highway Expense	88,675
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45.0 Snow and Ice Removal	38,950
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46.0 Contract Services	
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46.1 Street Sweeping	36,500
46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	

47.0 Other Highway Accounts	
47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000
47.2 Highway Engineering	
47.3 Equipment Acquisition	

48.0 Building Expenses	
48.1 Utilities	11,500

TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	366,831
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

50.0	Animal Inspection	
50.1	Salary	1,948
50.2	Expenses	240
50.3	Rabies Management	
50.4	Wildlife Control	2,500
	Total Animal Inspection	4,688
51.0	Emergency Management	2,000
52.0	Dog Officer	
52.1	Animal Control Account	14,500
52.2	Dog Damage Fund	300
	Total Dog Officer	14,800
53.0	Fire Department	
53.1	Fire Chief Salary	990
53.2	Fire Chief Expenses	1,293
53.3	Operation	26,429
	Total Fire Department	28,712
54.0	Forest Fires	1,490
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	637
56.0	Health, Board of	
56.1	Salary	4,060
56.2	Clerk Salary	19,403
56.3	Expenses	1,000
	Total Board of Health	24,463
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	68,840
57.2	General Salaries	745,122
57.3	Maintenance of Cruisers	7,942
57.4	General Expenses	49,284
57.5	New Cruisers	30,000
57.6	Training	19,427
57.7	Equipment	5,276
57.8	Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	63,105
57.9	Additional Officer	

58.0 Other Police Accounts	
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	2,250
58.2 Towing Clerk	200
58.3 WMLEC	250
59.0 Parking Clerk	
Total Police	991,696

TOTAL PROTECTION	1,078,275
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SCHOOLS

69.0 Regional School District	
69.1 Assessment	6,090,969
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616
Total Regional School District	6,098,585

SUB TOTAL	8,690,115
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70.0 Local Government Debt	
70.1 Principal	
70.2 Interest	
70.3 School Debt	46,496
70.4 Green Meadow Bond	282,375
70.5 Highway Truck	17,000
70.6 Fire Truck	40,188
70.7 Infrastrusture Roads	340,000
Total Local Government Debt	726,059

GRAND TOTAL	9,416,174
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Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A unanimous Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$2500 for the fiscal year 2009.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2009.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, as described in Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2009

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2009

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2009.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9. REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector to establish a revolving fund, as described in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2009.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. ENTERPRISE FUND – TRANSFER STATION

The Town voted to transfer \$100,000, \$20,000 for salaries and \$80,000 for expenses, from the Transfer Station revolving account to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund and / of General Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to appropriate \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund the housing needs study as requested by the Hampden Housing Authority.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund the painting of Academy Hall as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to contribute to the purchase of a conservation restriction, acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, on Pine Mountain as proposed by the Minnechaug Land Trust with \$30,000 payable in FY 2009 and \$30,000 payable in FY 2010.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

Requires Majority Vote

Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 2nd year's appropriation of \$50,000 for the purchase price of conservation restrictions on the so-called Kibbe Farm parcel on South Road, as initially approved pursuant to Article 12 at the April 30, 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 13. CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 14. HIGHWAY STATE AID

The Town voted to accept of monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15. GENERAL BYLAW-STORMWATER

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter XIV (A) Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management as described in Warrant Article 15.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16. LIBRARY-ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2009, if State Aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 18. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for the FY2009 revaluation.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 19. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to accept MA General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 (54), with Chapter 150 to exempt personal property accounts under \$5,000 in value.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 20. DARE PROGRAM

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$5000** to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 21. GENERAL BYLAW – Protection of Persons or Property

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town with the changes as described in Warrant Article 21.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 22. GENERAL BYLAW

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding the section as described in Warrant Article 22, said section to be inserted as Chapter VIII, Section 10 in the General Bylaws.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 23. GENERAL BYLAW – Protection of Persons or Property

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting the new Section 9 in Chapter VIII as described in Warrant Article 23.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 24. GENERAL BYLAW

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter VIII, Section 6 by adding the section as described in Warrant Article 24.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 25. REZONING – CHAPDELAINE PROPERTY

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 25.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 26. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 27. STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 27.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 28. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 28.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM