

**MINUTES - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 4/27/09**

MODERATOR RICHARD PATULLO OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:17PM - ATTENDANCE - 209  
 7:17 PM A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO CONDUCT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CARRIED.  
 THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:21PM.

**Article 1. TOWN REPORTS**

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2008, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 2. BUDGET**

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled “Fiscal 2010 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, 2010.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

		Fiscal 2010 Draft
		Recommendations
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
1.0	<b>Accountant</b>	
	1.1 Salary	25,584
	1.2 Clerical	150
	1.3 Expenses (Audit)	<u>16,800</u>
	<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>42,534</b>
2.0	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	
	2.1 Clerical	4,175
	2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>4,375</b>
3.0	<b>Appeals, Board of</b>	
	3.1 Clerical	3,245
	3.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>3,445</b>
4.0	<b>Assessors, Board of</b>	
	4.1 Salaries	13,877
	4.2 Clerical	21,348
	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	<u>3,000</u>
	<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>47,150</b>
5.0	<b>Building Department Expenses</b>	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u></u>
	<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	

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		420
6.0	<b>County Retirement</b>	<b>189,827</b>
7.0	<b>Insurance</b>	
	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	<hr/>
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>248,200</b>
8.0	<b>Law and Claims</b>	
	8.1 General	<hr/> 20,000
	<b>Total Law</b>	<b>20,000</b>
9.0	<b>Moderator</b>	
	9.1 Salary	
	9.2 Expenses	<hr/> 100
	<b>Total Moderator</b>	<b>100</b>
10.0	<b>Planning Board</b>	
	10.2 Clerical	9,851
	10.3 Expenses	<hr/> 550
	<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>10,401</b>
11.0	<b>Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	1,500
	11.3 Street Lists	<hr/> 2,100
	<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>4,400</b>
12.0	<b>Selectman</b>	
	12.1 Salaries	9,600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	36,024
	12.3 Secretarial	
	12.4 Expenses	1,600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	500
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	
	12.7 Temporary Help	<hr/> 500
	<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>48,224</b>
13.0	<b>Tax Collector</b>	
	13.1 Salary	28,139
	13.2 Clerical	10,250
	13.3 Expenses	2,000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	2,500
	13.5 Tax Title Work	2,500
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	<hr/>
	<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>45,389</b>
14.0	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
	14.1 Salary	28,139

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	14.2 Clerical	7,347
	14.3 Expenses	711
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>36,297</b>
15.0	<b>Town Report</b>	<b>3,500</b>
16.0	<b>Treasurer</b>	
	16.1 Salary	31,979
	16.2 Clerical	7,855
	16.3 Expenses	900
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	-
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	1,000
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,000
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	
	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>47,934</b>
	* Includes \$7,500 normally paid via transfers	
17.0	<b>Veterans' Benefits</b>	<b>15,000</b>
18.0	<b>Greater Springfield</b>	
	<b>Senior Services</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>767,546</b>
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		
20.0	<b>Academy Hall Maintenance</b>	<b>2,500</b>
21.0	<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
	21.1 Clerical	1,200
	21.2 Expenses	100
	21.3 Maintenance	9,769
	<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>11,069</b>
22.0	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	
	22.1 Clerical	6,878
	22.2 Expenses	400
	<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>7,278</b>
23.0	<b>Transfer Station</b>	
	23.1 Operation	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19,900
	<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>19,900</b>
24.0	<b>School Buildings Repairs</b>	<b>5,000</b>
26.0	<b>Library</b>	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>81,351</b>
	* Includes salaries of \$65,474	
27.0	<b>Town Events</b>	<b>800</b>

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29.0	<b>Office Equipment</b>	
	29.1 Acquisition	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,000
	29.3 Supplies	3,000
	29.4 Postage	<u>15,000</u>
	<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>27,500</b>
30.0	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
	30.1 Salaries	11,046
	30.2 Operating Expenses	1,204
	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	
	30.9 Spray park	<u>7,615</u>
	<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>19,865</b>
32.0	<b>Town House Maintenance</b>	
	32.1 Custodial	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	<u>42,000</u>
	<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>69,500</b>
34.0	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>0</b>
35.0	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>55,000</b>
36.0	<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>19,100</b>
37.0	<b>Council on Aging</b>	
	37.1 Director's Salary	33,929
	37.2 Clerk	9,644
	37.3 Expenses	1,000
	37.4 Temporary Help	
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	<u>2,350</u>
	<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>46,923</b>
38.0	<b>Senior Center</b>	
	38.1 Custodial	8,496
	38.2 Utilities	13,500
	38.3 Building Maintenance	8,500
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	<u></u>
	<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>30,496</b>
39.0	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>250</b>
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	<b>Total General Town Services</b>	<b>396,532</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
40.0	<b>Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>69,562</b>
41.0	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
	41.1 Expenses	7,500

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	41.2 Tree Planting	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
42.0	<b>Public Grounds</b>	<b>24,962</b>
43.0	<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>82,760</b>
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	
44.0	<b>General Highway Expense</b>	<b>90,790</b>
45.0	<b>Snow and Ice Removal</b>	<b>38,950</b>
46.0	<b>Contract Services</b>	
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	46.1 Street Sweeping	36,500
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	
47.0	<b>Other Highway Accounts</b>	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000
	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition	
48.0	<b>Building Expenses</b>	
	48.1 Utilities	11,500

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**TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** **372,524**

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**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

50.0	<b>Animal Inspection</b>	
	50.1 Salary	1,997
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	
	50.4 Wildlife Control	<u>2,500</u>
	<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>4,737</b>
51.0	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>6,000</b>
51.5	<b>Traffic Control</b>	<b>4,960</b>
52.0	<b>Dog Officer</b>	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	14,500
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	<u>300</u>
	<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>14,800</b>
53.0	<b>Fire Department</b>	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	1,015
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,293
	53.3 Operation	<u>26,445</u>
	<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>28,753</b>
54.0	<b>Forest Fires</b>	<b>1,490</b>
55.0	<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>653</b>
56.0	<b>Health, Board of</b>	
	56.1 Salary	4,162
	56.2 Clerk Salary	20,048
	56.3 Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>25,210</b>

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56.5	<b>Water District</b>	
	565.1 Operations	6,889
	565.2 Testing	<u>2,900</u>
	<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>9,789</b>
57.0	<b>Police</b>	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	70,906
	57.2 General Salaries	761,468
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7,960
	57.4 General Expenses	49,284
	57.5 New Cruisers	24,350
	57.6 Training	19,427
	57.7 Equipment	5,276
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	64,751
	57.9 Additional Officer	
58.0	<b>Other Police Accounts</b>	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	1,000
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	500
59.0	<b>Parking Clerk</b>	
	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>1,005,022</b>
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>		<b>1,101,414</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
69.0	<b>Regional School District</b>	
	69.1 Assessment	6,215,013
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	<u>7,616</u>
	<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>6,222,629</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>8,860,645</b>
70.0	<b>Local Government Debt</b>	
	70.1 Principal	
	70.2 Interest	
	70.3 School Debt	44,779
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	274,975
	70.5 Highway Truck	12,400
	70.6 Fire Truck	37,094
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	<u>460,000</u>
	<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>829,248</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>9,689,893</b>

**Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS**

The town voted that the Town raise and appropriate **\$700.00** to pay an invoice from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission incurred in FY 05.

A unanimous vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS**

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The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its various departments, to establish the revolving funds as listed in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer, for the departments, sources of receipts, and purposes of payments as printed in Article 4 of the Warrant, with the funds in the respective revolving funds not to exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2010.

Board of Assessors:	<u>\$2,500</u>
Board of Health:	<u>\$40,000</u>
Building Department:	<u>\$50,000</u>
Library Trustees:	<u>\$6,000</u>
Council on Aging:	<u>\$30,000</u>
Tax Collector:	<u>\$2,500</u>
Fire Department:	<u>\$5,000</u>
Composting Bins:	<u>\$1,060</u>

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

The Town voted, with respect to each revolving fund established by the preceding vote, to receive from each of those boards, departments and offices having charge of a revolving fund, a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009 through December 31, 2008 and also showing an amount of the increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving funds during Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009 through December 31, 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 5. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION**

The Town voted to appropriate the following amounts for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

\$20,000 for salaries

\$80,000 for expenses

\$100,000 Total

And that \$100,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts \$100,000

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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

The Town voted to appropriate \$8,000 for the Cemetery Commission for a fence, to appropriate

\$30,000 for a conservation restriction for the Sterling property on Chapin Rd., and to appropriate \$250 for payment of the annual membership fee to the CPA Coalition.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 7. 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 8. HIGHWAY STATE AID**

The Town voted to accept 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 unanimous vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 9. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2010, if State Aid is received for the Library, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 10. BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

A unanimous vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 11. DARE PROGRAM**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$2500** to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

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**Article 12. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

The Town voted to raise and appropriated **\$10,000** to fund the School Resource Officer for FY09 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 13. REZONING – WILBRAHAM ROAD**

The Town voted to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Hampden as described in Warrant Article 13.

A 2/3<sup>RD</sup> Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 14. REZONING – HAMPDEN NURSERIES**

The Town voted to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Hampden as described in Warrant Article 14.

A 2/3<sup>RD</sup> Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 15. GENERAL BYLAW – SCENIC BYLAW**

The Town defeated a motion to amend the General Bylaw by adding Chapter XVI, Scenic Roads, as described in Warrant Article 15.

This article failed to get a Majority Vote.

**Article 16. GENERAL BYLAW – SCENIC ROAD DESIGNATION**

The Town made no motion to amend the Town's General Bylaws by adding Chapter XVI (1.8) Designated Scenic Roads in the Town of Hampden.

**Article 17. ROAD HAZARDS**

The town voted to amend the Town's General Bylaws by inserting the provision as stated in Warrant Article 17.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 18. RESERVE FUND**

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

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 19. STABILIZATION FUND**

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 19.

A 2/3<sup>RD</sup> Vote was declared by the Moderator.

**Article 20. REDUCING TAX RATE**

The Town voted to take no action on Warrant Article 20.

A 2/3<sup>RD</sup> Vote was declared by the Moderator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.