

MINUTES – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 27, 2015  
 Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden  
 Moderator Robert L Howarth opened the meeting at 7:11pm – Attendance 194

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2014, 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 2016 Draft Recommendations” 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, 2016.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

		Fiscal 2016 Draft Recommendations
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Accountant</b>	
	1.1 Salary	29,668
	1.2 Clerical	300
	1.3 Expenses (Audit)	14,000
	1.4 Computer Upgrade	<u>5,000</u>
	<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>48,968</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	
	2.1 Clerical	4,300
	2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Appeals, Board of</b>	
	3.1 Clerical	3,567
	3.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>3,767</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Assessors, Board of</b>	
	4.1 Salaries	14,880
	4.2 Assistant Assessor	0
	4.2.1 Principal Assessor	39,088
	4.2 Clerical	12,053

	4.3 Expenses	3,500
	4.4 Data Processing	0
	4.5 Software Support	7,025
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	1,650
	4.7 Full List Measure	0
	4.8 Field Review	0
	<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>78,196</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Building Department Expenses</b>	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	2,000
	5.2 Inspector and Expenses	45,910
	<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<b>47,910</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>County Retirement</b>	<b>340,279</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	
	7.1 Property and Liability	94,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	210,000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
	7.4 Longevity	1,300
	7.5 FICA	0
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>307,300</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Law and Claims</b>	
	8.1 General	25,000
	<b>Total Law</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	
	9.1 Salary	
	9.2 Expenses	100
	<b>Total Moderator</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>	
	10.2 Clerical*	14,164
	10.3 Expenses	1,100
	10.4 Software support	0
	<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>15,264</b>
	* includes special permits & hearings	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	3,750
	11.3 Street Lists	2,000

<b>12.0</b>	<b>Total Registrars Selectmen</b>	<b>6,550</b>
	12.1 Salaries	9,600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	41,929
	12.3 Secretarial	0
	12.4 Expenses	2,000
	12.5 Legal Advertising	1,600
	12.6 Mapping Maintenance	1,800
	12.7 Temporary Help	500
	<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>57,429</b>
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Tax Collector</b>	
	13.1 Salary	32,632
	13.2 Clerical	17,131
	13.3 Expenses	2,000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	3,500
	13.5 Tax Title Work	2,500
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
	<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>57,763</b>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
	14.1 Salary	32,632
	14.2 Clerical	12,848
	14.3 Expenses	1,000
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>46,580</b>
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Town Report</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>16.0</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	
	16.1 Salary	37,085
	16.2 Clerical	9,109
	16.3 Expenses	1,100
	16.4 Certifying Notes	0
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	0
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	11,500
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,500
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	

		100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	16.10 Records Mgt	1,000
	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>66,394</b>
17.0	<b>Veterans' Benefits</b>	<b>20,000</b>
18.0	<b>Greater Springfield</b>	
	<b>Senior Services</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>1,129,350</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	14,000
	21.2 Expenses	600
	21.3 Maintenance	15,000
	21.4 Computer Maintenance	550
	<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>30,150</b>
22.0	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	
	22.1 Clerical	7,305
	22.2 Expenses	400
	<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>7,705</b>
23.0	<b>Transfer Station</b>	
	23.1 Operation	0
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	25,000
	<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>25,000</b>
24.0	<b>School Buildings Repairs</b>	<b>10,000</b>
26.0	<b>Library</b>	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Library Materials	
	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>121,775</b>
27.0	<b>Town Events</b>	<b>1,200</b>
29.0	<b>Office Equipment</b>	
	29.1 Acquisition	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,300
	29.3 Supplies	3,000
	29.4 Postage	17,000

	<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>29,800</b>
<b>30.0</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
	30.1 Salaries	32,725
	30.2 Operating Expenses	4,200
	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
	30.9 Spray park	<u>10,000</u>
	<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>46,925</b>
<b>32.0</b>	<b>Town House Maintenance</b>	
	32.1 Custodial	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	9,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	<u>45,000</u>
	<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>73,500</b>
<b>34.0</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>35.0</b>	<b>Gasoline</b>	
	35.1 Fuel	65,000
	36.1 Gasoline Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
	<b>Total Gasoline</b>	<b>75,000</b>
<b>36.0</b>	<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>37.0</b>	<b>Council on Aging</b>	
	37.1 Director's Salary	44,066
	37.2 Clerk	16,435
	37.3 Expenses	3,000
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	17,833
	37.6 Receptionist	<u>8,236</u>
	<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>89,570</b>
<b>38.0</b>	<b>Senior Center</b>	
	38.1 Custodial	11,119
	38.2 Utilities	20,034
	38.3 Building Maintenance	14,280
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	<u>0</u>

	<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>45,433</b>
<b>39.0</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>250</b>
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	<b>Total General Town Services</b>	<b>579,808</b>
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	<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>40.0</b>	<b>Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>84,684</b>
<b>41.0</b>	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
	41.1 Expenses	12,580
	41.1.2 Salary	5,300
	41.2 Tree Planting	0
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	0
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	<b>Total Tree Warden</b>	<b>17,880</b>
<b>42.0</b>	<b>Public Grounds</b>	<b>39,222</b>
<b>43.0</b>	<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	
	43.0 Expenses	153,354
	43.1 Paving	50,000
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	<b>Total Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>203,354</b>
<b>44.0</b>	<b>General Highway Expense</b>	<b>110,520</b>
<b>45.0</b>	<b>Snow and Ice Removal</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>46.0</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	
	46.0 Contract Services	0
	46.1 Street Sweeping	52,160
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	0
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	<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>52,160</b>
<b>47.0</b>	<b>Other Highway Accounts</b>	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	18,000
	47.2 Highway Engineering	0
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition	0
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	<b>Total Other Highway Accounts</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>48.0</b>	<b>Building Expenses</b>	
	48.1 Utilities	13,330
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	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>619,150</b>
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	<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>	
<b>50.0</b>	<b>Animal Inspection</b>	
	50.1 Salary	2,150
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	50.4 Wildlife Control	
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		2,500
	<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>4,890</b>
51.0	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>8,000</b>
51.5	<b>Traffic Control</b>	<b>10,000</b>
52.0	<b>Dog Officer</b>	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	10,000
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	700
	<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>10,700</b>
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	0
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,500
	53.3 Operation	36,182
	53.4 Equipment	16,500
	53.5 Training Stipend	33,000
	53.6 Radio Service Agreement	4,480
	<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>91,662</b>
54.0	<b>Forest Fires</b>	<b>1,800</b>
55.0	<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>0</b>
56.0	<b>Health, Board of</b>	
	56.1 Salary	4,709
	56.2 Clerk Salary	26,919
	56.3 Expenses	1,000
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>32,628</b>
56.5	<b>Water District</b>	
	565.1 Operations	8,000
	565.2 Testing	2,000
	<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>10,000</b>
57.0	<b>Police</b>	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	81,424
	57.2 General Salaries	968,933
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	11,845
	57.4 General Expenses	63,682
	57.5 New Cruisers	36,000
	57.6 Training	26,615
	57.7 Equipment	

		5,000
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	66,708
	57.9 Building Maintenance & Exp	40,000
<b>58.0</b>	<b>Other Police Accounts</b>	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	1,138
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	750
<b>59.0</b>	<b>Parking Clerk</b>	0
	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>1,302,195</b>
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>		<b>1,471,875</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
<b>69.0</b>	<b>Regional School District</b>	
	69.1 Assessment	7,158,179
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	0
	<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>7,158,179</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>10,958,362</b>
<b>70.0</b>	<b>Local Government Debt</b>	
	70.1 Principal: Airpacks	44,000
	70.2 Interest	0
	70.3 School Debt	0
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	226,800
	70.5 Highway Truck	50,000
	70.6 Fire Truck	43,260
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	400,000
	70.8 Minnechaug BAN	535,263
	<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>1,299,323</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>12,257,685</b>

### Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

### Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

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 town departments, sources of receipts, and purposes of payment 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 2016:

Board of Assessors	\$2,500
Board of Health	\$40,000
Building Department	\$90,000
Library Trustees	\$6,000
Council on Aging	\$30,000
Tax Collector	\$2,500
Fire Department	\$10,000
Cemetery Commission	\$24,000

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 5. REVOLVING FUND REPORTS

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 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 through December 31, 2015 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 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 through December 31, 2015.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

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

\$25,000 for salaries

\$50,000 for expenses

\$75,000 Total

And that \$75,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts: \$75,000

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the surveying of property lines and installation and repair to a fence on the south side of the Old Cemetery located on Chapin Road.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to complete the purchase and installation of a replacement playscape located at Memorial Park.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purchase and installation of guardrails on the access road to Memorial Park.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$1,922 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purchase and installation of a display case in the Hampden Public Library.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the expenses associated with reactivating the water well at Green Meadows School and installing a water line to the Community Garden.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$300 from the Community Preservation Fund for payment of annual dues to the Community Preservation Coalition .

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 8. 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 9. HIGHWAY STATE AID

The Town voted to accept \$255,986 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provision 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 10. HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT

The Town voted to allow the Treasurer to borrow \$200,000 to replace the 1989 Mack dump truck.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 11. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that, in Fiscal Year 2016, 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 12. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$17,500** into the Assessor's Stabilization Fund, to provide for Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 13. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund \$16,500 for all FY2016 Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 14. ZONING BYLAWS – Banquet Facility

The Town voted to add to the Zoning Bylaw in Section 2, with appropriate numbering, the following definition of banquet facility: "An establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises. Banquet Facility may not have normal business hours", and further, to amend Section 4.0 (Retail and Service Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations by adding #4.32 Banquet Facility with the following Use Designations for Zoning Districts:

R-6, R-4, MD – N (Use Prohibited)

B, C, LI – SPB (Use Allowed by Special Permit by the Planning Board)

FPW – N (Use Prohibited)

GR – SPB-PA (Use Allowed by Special Permit with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board)

N-PER – N (Use Prohibited)

WSP – See Notes A and C

Standards and Conditions: See Note A and Definitions

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15. ZONING BYLAWS – Restaurant

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 2, definition 2.109, Restaurant from “an establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises” to “an establishment whose principal business is the selling of ready-to-consume food to the customer for consumption either on or off premises with regular business hours”.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16. ZONING BYLAWS – Special Permits

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 10.72.3a by deleting from that Section the requirement to send a copy of the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals so that, as amended Section 10.72.3a would read as follows: “The SPGA/SPRA shall within ten (10) days of receiving a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval/Site Plan Review application, transmit one copy each to: the Building Inspector, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Highway Department, Historical Committee, Fire Department, Police Department, and Planning Board, who shall review the application and submit their recommendations and comments to the SPGA/SPRA concerning”.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17. ZONING BYLAWS – Buffer Strip

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, definition of 2.16 Buffer Strip from: “A portion of land set aside to separate the remainder of other districts from residential districts. Buffer strips shall be landscaped or left natural as required by the Planning Board and may not be used for parking areas, circulation of traffic, or for accessory buildings” to:

“2.16 Buffer Strip - A portion of land set aside to separate the remainder of other districts from residential districts”.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 18. ZONING BYLAWS – Golf Recreational District

The Town voted to amend Section 6.72 of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting subsection 4(d) “Payment” which requires an application to be accompanied by a payment based on the amount of acreage covered by a preliminary or definitive plan.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 19. ZONING BYLAWS – Illumination Standards of Signs

The Town **failed** to get sufficient votes needed to amend Section 7.613(3) of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting the bracketed language shown below and by adding the new underlined language shown below:

“Illumination Standards: No sign shall incorporate, or be lighted by, flashing or blinking lights, or be designed to attract attention by a change in intensity or by repeated motion. Any illumination provided for signs shall be white light only [and shall be indirect illumination only]. The light source shall be shaded from view of the premises. The illumination of lighting shall meet the approval of the Planning Board in each application.” **Motion Failed**

Article 20. ZONING BYLAWS – Add Veterinary Clinic and Veterinary Hospital

The Town voted to amend the zoning bylaws of the town as follows:

- 1) by adding the following definitions with appropriate numbering to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaws:

“Veterinary Clinic: A facility for the treatment of injuries and illnesses of animals that operates with posted business hours and not open 24 hours/day; except for emergency situations.”

“Veterinary Hospital: A facility for the treatment of injuries and illnesses of animals that operates 24 hours/day, seven days/week.”

2 ) And to amend Section 3.0 (Agricultural Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations by adding “Principal Uses Veterinary Hospital and Veterinary Clinic” with the following Use Designations for Zoning Districts.

R-6, R-4, MD – N (Use Prohibited)  
B, C, - P (Use Permitted)  
LI, FPW, GR, N-PER – N (Use Prohibited)  
WSP – See Notes A and C

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

#### Article 21. ZONING BYLAWS – Add Solar Section

The Town voted to amend the zoning bylaw by adding the Definition 2.118 Solar Energy Systems(s) to Section 2, by adding Solar Energy system(s) as use 6.25 with the use designations in the Table of Uses “Accessory Uses” in Section 6.0 and by adding Section 7.16 Solar Energy System, all as printed in the warrant for this meeting and as reflected below:

**Definition for 2.118 Solar Energy Systems:** Any solar collector or other solar energy device, including appurtenances, mounted on a building or on the ground, the primary purpose of which is to provide for the collection, storage, conversion and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling, water heating or generation of electricity; and to add to Section 6.0 (Accessory Uses) of the Table of Use Regulations 6.25 Solar Energy Systems the following:

**Table of Use Regulations 6.25 Solar Energy System(s)**

R-6, R-4, MD, B, C, LI, GR, N-PER

P – Permitted Use Zones

Standards and Conditions: See Notes A and C

Special Permit Required for Systems Larger than 3,501 sq. ft.

FPW, WSP

N – Use Prohibited

**Zoning Bylaw for Section 7.16 Solar Energy System(s)**

Solar Energy System(s) are permitted as an accessory use to the principal use subject to the following requirements. Solar Energy Systems with solar energy collector panels occupying a total footprint of more than 3,500 square feet of land area shall require special permit approval from the Planning Board and the Planning Board may impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, protect the public health, safety and welfare and/or otherwise serve the purpose of this section. For the purpose of this regulation, such footprint shall be measured as the total area of the vertical projection on the ground of all panels in the installation’s most horizontal tilt position including all spaces between the panels.

The Solar Energy System(s) shall be designed for the primary purpose of supplying electrical or thermal power for the principal use and/or accessory use of the property on which the system is located, although this provision shall not prohibit a net metered solar energy system to be installed for the purpose of generating electricity on-site that is interconnected with the electric grid and which allows the on-site consumer to feed surplus electricity into the electrical grid with the approval of the local utility company. Solar Energy System may only be constructed or materially modified after the issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector.

The Solar Energy System may be integrated into or attached to the principal structure and/or accessory building or mounted on the ground in accordance with the requirements of this bylaw and all other applicable building and electrical codes.

Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems shall conform to height regulations specified for the applicable principal or accessory building type in the underlying zoning district or to such other height as is determined by the Building Inspector to be essential for proper system operation provided that such height will not present any undue hardships on abutting properties. A structural engineering report may be required by the Building Inspector documenting the structural integrity of the structure and its ability to support the proposed roof-mounted solar facility.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be considered structures which must comply with the following standards:

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems must comply with all minimum setback requirements for the Zoning District where it is to be installed except that the rear yard setback for such Systems can be reduced by one-half of the required setback in the Zones.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be installed as close to the ground as practicable and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be designed and located to minimize adverse visual impacts on surrounding properties and, if necessary, the Building Inspector may require that the property owner make reasonable efforts to screen the system from the view of streets and abutting property.

Cessation of Use & Obsolescence: Upon Building Inspector's notice to Planning Board of cessation of Use of a Solar Energy System, said Solar Energy System shall be deemed in Decommission. At that time, said Solar Energy System shall be dismantled and removed from property, including but not limited to all unused parts thereof, accessory facilities and structures which have not been used shall be dismantled and removed at owner's expense.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

## **Article 22. ZONING BYLAW – Add Wind Energy Conversion System(s)**

The Town voted to amend the zoning bylaw by adding to Section 2, a definition of Wind Energy Conversion System(s), by adding Wind Energy conversion System(s) as Section 6.26 in the Table of Uses "Accessory Uses" in Section 6.0 and by adding Section 7.17 Wind Energy Conversion Systems, all as printed in the warrant for this meeting and as shown below.

### **Definition for 2.138 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)**

Any wind energy collecting device or system, the primary purpose of which is to provide for the collection, conversion, storage and/or distribution of wind energy for generation of electricity, water pumping or operating mechanical devices.

### **Table of Use Regulations 6.26 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)**

R-6, R-4, MD, B, C, LI, FPW, GR, N-PER, WSP,  
SPB-PA – Permitted Use Zones

Standards and Conditions: See Notes A and C

### **Zoning Bylaw for Section 7.17 Wind Energy Conversion System(s)**

Wind energy conversion system for the on-site use of and/or credit distribution of excess electricity to an electric utility, designed pursuant to applicable Town, State and Federal codes, regulations and statutes. Height limitations shall not apply to wind energy conversion systems if such systems are in no way used for living purposes.

### **Cessation of Use & Obsolescence**

Upon Building Inspector's notice to the Planning Board of Cessation of Use of a Wind Energy System, said Wind Energy System shall be deemed in Decommission. At that time, said Wind Energy System shall be dismantled and removed from property, including but not limited to, all unused parts thereof, accessory facilities and structures which have not been used shall be dismantled and removed at owner's expense.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

## **Article 23. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF LAND FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to execute a lease for 12+/- acres of land constituting the capped landfill and other land areas at the Transfer Station at Cross Road owned by the town to a commercial solar developer for the installation and operation of solar photovoltaic facilities for electric generation, for periods up to 30 years upon such other terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an alternative energy power purchase and/or net metering credit

purchase agreement in connection with such installation for a term or terms up to thirty years, on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary or appropriate to administer and implement such agreements.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 24. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION

The Town voted pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate an agreement for the taxation of real and personal property with a lessee/operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed at the property described in the preceding article upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 25. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$11,763.90** to fund the School Resource Officer for FY2015 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 26. FIRE HOUSE ROOF AND APPURTENANCES

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$15,000** to repair/replace the Fire House roof and appurtenances.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 27. MATERIAL RECYCLING FACILITY (MRF)

The Town voted to approve a contract for five years between and among the Town of Hampden, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Recycle America Alliance, LLC for a term ending June 30, 2020.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 28. COMMON CORE STANDARDS

The Town voted not to support the Federal government's Common Core Standards Initiative for K-12 education funded by your local tax dollars.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 29. POLICE STATION DELAY

A motion that the Town postpone (or delay) its commitment to the construction of the Hampden Police Station, due to current discussions regarding possible changes to the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School failed to get sufficient votes. **Motion Failed**

Article 30. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$5000** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 31. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to take no action on this article...

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 32. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action on this article...

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.