

Minutes Special Town Meeting – October 21, 2002

Moderator, Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:15

Voters in attendance 293

STORM WATER PHASE II Article 1. The Town voted by majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$23,500 to create and submit a Storm Water Phase II runoff compliance plan for the Town of Hampden, as required by the EPA and DEP or, at the discretion of the Selectmen, to seek a waiver of the need to file a compliance plan.

ANIMAL CONTROL Article 2. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$3101 to line item 52.1 for the increased operating expenses of the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Program.

SALARY Article 3. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for eligible employees for a 2 ½% increase retroactive from July 1, 2002.

to line item 2.1 Clerk Advisory Committee \$125

to line item 4.2 Secretary to the Assessor \$714

to line item 12.2 Admin Assist to Board of Selectmen \$762

to line item 12.3 Sec to Board of Health/Selectmen \$406

to line item 21.1 Cemetery Clerk \$16

to line item 30.1 Park and Recreation Clerical \$136

to line item 30.9 Park and Recreation Director \$762

to line item 38.1 Senior Center Custodian \$261

to line item 57.2 Secretary to Police Chief \$457

TREASURER Article 4. The Town of Hampden voted by a declared 2/3 vote to raise and appropriate \$2539 to increase line item 16.1 Treasurer.

LIBRARY SALARY Article 5. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$2172 to increase the Library budget, item 26, for the purpose of funding a 2 ½ cost of living increase for eligible employees retroactive from July 1, 2002, and to comply with M.G.L. c. 78S 19B.

LIBRARY Article 6. The Town voted by majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds, \$5945 to increase the Library budget, item 26, for the purpose of funding a young adult librarian position, and to comply with M.G.L.c. 78 S 19B.

COA Article 7. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$7200 for line item 37.2 Council on Aging Clerk.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Article 8. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$20,572 for line item 7.2 Employee Benefits, for payment of accrued separation benefits.

POLICE QUINN BILL Article 9. The Town voted by majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$12,703 for line item 57.8 Quinn Bill.

POLICE GENERAL FUND Article 10. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$1068 for line item 57.4 General Expenses to pay for medical evaluations, postage and other evaluation expenses incurred with the search for the new Police Chief.

LEGAL ADVERTISING Article 11. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$313 for line item 12.5 Legal advertising.

HAMPDEN LAND PROJECT Article 12. The Town of Hampden voted by a declared 2/3 vote to borrow \$600,000 for the purpose of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreational purposes, a certain parcel of land on Minnechaug Mountain consisting of 166 acres, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Hampden in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation and passive recreational purposes, and to meet said appropriation with funds transferred and/or borrowed in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 293, the Community Preservation Act, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Hampden any and all applications deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) or any other applications for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition; and further that the Town shall be under no obligation to expend any funds pursuant to this article unless and until private, non-governmental funds have been raised to cover the difference between the total purchase price for the land described herein and funds being provided by grants and Community Preservation Act funds; and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B or Chapter 293, Section 10 of the Acts of 1998, as amended, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Hampden to effect said purchase; said conservation restriction may be granted to a qualified holder or any other organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction.

SOUTH RIDGE ROAD Article 13. The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, to accept a deed for or by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take in fee simple for highway purposes, the following street as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto: South Ridge Road.

HAMPDEN HEIGHTS Article 14. The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed for or, by virtue of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, to take in fee simple for highway purposes as recommended by the Planning Board, including easements relating thereto, the following land to be added to the land referred to as Roadway Parcel A which was described in Article 1 of the warrant for the special town meeting on November 13, 2000.

GREEN MEADOWS SCHOOL Article 15. The Town voted by majority to rescind the action of Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting on April 29, 2002 the effect of which would be to reinstate the vote as passed with respect to Article 1 at the March 11, 2002 Special Town Meeting at which the Town approved the \$9,975,000 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District on January 22, 2002 and March 5, 2002 subject to the terms of the vote authorizing such indebtedness, for the cost of constructing additions to and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Green Meadows Elementary School, including the original equipping and furnishing thereof.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE Article 16. The Town voted by majority to approve the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to expend \$20,000 per year set aside for open space annually from the Community Preservation Fund for a period not to exceed 5 years to be applied to the purchase of 166 acres of land more or less described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds on the west side of Minnechaug Mountain and assessors map #12 parcel 193 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 5568 page 542.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE Article 17. The Town voted by majority to approve the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to expend \$5000 from the historic resources portion of Community Preservation Funds for the purposes of gravestone conservation and restoration at Old Cemetery, Chapin Road.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried by a declared majority vote.
The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM