

Special Town Meeting October 27, 2003

Moderator Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:03PM

Voters in attendance

Article 1. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$20,000 for the Reserve account.

Article 2. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds the following sums of money.

1.3 Accountant Expenses (for annual audit) - \$3,500

7.1 Insurance Property & liability -\$8,000

52.1 Animal Control Account - \$5,173

Article 3. A motion was made and passed by majority vote to defer discussion and vote on Article 3 until all other articles had been voted on.

Article 4. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$4,500 for a Capital Asset Inventory audit.

Article 5. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$2,000 for Fire Truck Tank repair/replacement.

Article 6. The Town voted by a declared majority to take no action on Article 6.

Article 7. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$33,124 for line item 69.0 Regional School District.

Article 8. The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote that the Town borrow \$300,000 or a sum of money equal to the amount needed to purchase the property that is contingent on the full reimbursement from the grant monies applied for purpose of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreational purposes, a certain parcel of land consisting of 82.6 acres, more or less, with frontage on Sessions Drive, Hampden, Massachusetts, now owned by NAMYL LLC as described in a deed dated August 18, 1997 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9966, Pages 98 and 99; 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 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 Board of Selectmen or Conservation Commission 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 a grant has been approved to cover the total purchase price for the land described herein; and the Board of

Selectmen or 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 may be necessary 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.

Article 9. The Town voted by a declared majority to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53D which authorize a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, for the Park & Recreation Department's self supporting programs.

Article 10. The Town voted by a declared majority to amend the General Bylaw of the Town of Hampden by adding, after Chapter XI, Chapter XII, Private Roads Maintenance: Temporary Repairs on Private Ways, as described in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 27,2003.

Article 11. The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into reciprocal agreements with other communities to provide mutual aid services in case of emergency.

Article 12. The Town voted by a declared majority to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into reciprocal agreements with other communities to provide public health services in case of emergency.

Article 13. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer \$6,990 from the historical resource portion of Community Preservation Act funds, \$4,990 of which to be used for gravestone preservation and \$2,000 for the repair of the holding tomb at Old Cemetery on Chapin Road.

Article 3. The Town voted by a declared majority to transfer \$59,794 to the Stabilization Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.