

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- MAY 3, 2013-PROCEEDINGS

The Moderator Jay R. Byer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Moderator dispensed with the reading of the warrant, he noted that the warrant had been duly posted and properly served. Non Residents were allowed into the meeting:

Robert Mangiaratti-Town Counsel
Mike Gleason-Milford Daily News
Jean Berthold-Principal Assessor
Michelle Sanford-Town Crier
Kurtis Johnson- Bus. Mgr. Blackstone Valley Tech.
Dr. Joseph Maruszczak-MURSD Superintendent
Tim Deschamps- Central Mass. Mosquito Control
Michael Peterson-BVT School Committee Member
Ken Elstein- Hampshire Council of Governments
Christopher Russo- School Comm. Member

The dedication of the Town Report was read by Selectman Chairman, Michael Ammendolia. Selectman Ammendolia also read the Senior Citizenship of the year award.

ARTICLE 2 Voted that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting shall be OUT OF ORDER unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, another line item, another article or some combination that will be reduced by the same amount.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3 Voted to fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town for FY14 as follows:
Moderator \$0
Board of Selectmen, Chairman \$0
Board of Selectmen, Member \$0
Board of Assessors \$0 each member
Town Clerk \$43,005.
Highway Surveyor \$73,260.
Board of Health, Chairman \$0
Board of Health, Member \$0
Planning Board, Chairman \$0
Planning Board, Member \$0
Park Commissioners -0-
Tree Warden \$10.91per hour
Water Commissioners -0-
Taft Library Trustees -0-
Mendon-Upton Regional Library Dist. Trustee -0-
Mendon-Upton School Comm. Mem. -0-
Blackstone Valley School Com. Mem. -0-
Housing Authority Member -0-
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate and transfer \$20,000 from Overlay Surplus, \$42,000 from FY13 Finance Committee Reserve for General Expenses, and \$4673 from the 2009 State Aid Account to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, with the exception of the following line item 301B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,041,504 to line item 301B.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5 Voted that the Town vote on Articles 5 through 12, in one motion using the “Consent Calendar.”
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5 Voted to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department may provide and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 type money allocated the Town.

ARTICLE 6 Voted to raise and appropriate \$9,200 to fund the FY 14 portion of the Update Valuation Account.

ARTICLE 7 Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund the FY14 portion of the Cyclical Inspection Account.

ARTICLE 8 Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the

Taft Public Library in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to replace items lost or damaged by those who borrow materials and to purchase new materials. Receipts to this fund shall be monies paid by borrowers for lost or damaged materials and for overdue fines. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than six thousand dollars per year.

ARTICLE 9 Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Planning Board in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Planning Board for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Planning Board for processing the requests of said applicants. The Planning Board Chair, with the approval of the Planning Board, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than thirty thousand dollars per year.

ARTICLE 10 Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Highway Department in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold all monies related to recycling materials including, but not limited to, metal, tires, light bulbs, batteries, etc. collected at the recycling center located at the Highway Department to maintain and improve the recycling facility. The Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.

ARTICLE 11 Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Conservation Commission in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Conservation Commission for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Planning Board for processing the requests of said applicants. The Conservation Commission Chair, with approval of the Conservation Commission, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.

ARTICLE 12 Voted to approve the Mendon Land Use Committee’s Five Year Land Use Plan, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk’s office and the Taft Public Library.

ARTICLE 13 Voted to transfer \$26,570.52 from the Ambulance Reserve Account to fund the FY14 Ambulance lease payment.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14 Voted to raise and appropriate \$2500 for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15 Voted to raise and appropriate \$16,000 to fund the FY 14 cost of the temporary Police trailers or the costs associated with moving to, or using other suitable accommodations to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16 Voted to transfer \$96,704 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the open space portion of the FY 14 Fino Land Debt.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to purchase and install a camera surveillance system to protect the recreation complex at Memorial Park.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Account to renew one more year to the position of the part-time Affordable Housing Coordinator.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account

for the purpose of making the walkway between the Town Beach parking lot off Taft Avenue and the Memorial Field parking lot off Millville Road to be handicapped-accessible.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20 Voted to amend Article 20 by striking the words “through the Hampshire Council of Governments” in Paragraph 4.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20 (BOS) Voted to approve the following Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Market:, Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Mendon in Worcester County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and

Whereas, Mendon’s residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Mendon grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may appoint a representative for a committee to oversee such joint action.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21 Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,000 to fund the Town Coordinator’s/Town Administrator's compensation and benefits for fiscal year 2014 contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2½ referendum question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22 Defeated a motion to raise and appropriate \$38,200 for the purpose of paying for the Mosquito Control Project and subject to such appropriation of \$38,200 for fiscal year 2014 to become a member in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project for a minimum three-year period, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 252, Section 5A; provided that such appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot vote in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21 C.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23 Defeated a motion to appropriate 157,000 by borrowing to purchase a Multi Purpose Trackless vehicle for the Highway Department provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k). **2/3 vote needed**

HAND COUNT

YES 31

NO 19

ARTICLE 24 Vote to accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 25 Voted to accept Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989 commencing with Fiscal Year 2014.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26 Voted to accept as a gift the conveyance of a certain parcel of land containing 157,157 square feet situated to the north of Puffer Drive in Mendon, Massachusetts and which is shown as “Open Space” on a plan entitled “Lot Layout Sheet Definitive Subdivision Plan Cook’s Crossing Off Hartford Avenue East in Mendon, Massachusetts” by Outback Engineering and dated June 8, 2009. Said parcel of land is also shown as Parcel #12-210-15 on the Mendon Assessors’ Map.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27 Voted to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 7:00am on
(Moderator) May 14, 2013 in the Miscoe Hill School gymnasium, for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election and further that this Annual Town Meeting warrant will be dissolved immediately upon the closing of the polls on that date.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

The warrant was dissolved at 10:33PM. The teller for the meeting were Kathryn Rich, Nancy Fleury, Laura Taylor, Jennifer Taylor and Patricia Ghelli. The officer for the meeting was Dave Kurczy. There were 78 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret Bonderenko
Town Clerk