

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 6, 2011-PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Jay Byer at 7:00pm. The Moderator noted that the warrant had been duly posted and properly served.

Non residents were allowed into the meeting:

- Mike Zarella- Fire Dept. employee
- Ben Handfield-Fire Dept. employee
- Chris Kupstas-Treasurer/Collector
- Mark Poirier- Deputy Fire Chief
- Devon Gokey-student
- Jon O’Brien-student
- Matt O’Brien-student
- Robert Mangiaratti-Town Counsel
- Julie Balise-Milford Daily News
- Wayne Beitler-the Trustees of Perservations
- Carrie Grimshaw-Library Director
- Jean Berthold-Assistant Assessor
- Gail Wellman-Building/Planning Admin.
- Caterina Manser-School Staff
- Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick-BVT
- Michelle Sanford-Town Crier

The Moderator reviewed the rules of the meeting. The Moderator introduced the Elected Officials of the Town. The Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Lawney Tinio read the Dedication of the Town Report and the Senior Citizen of the year Proclamation. The Chariman of the Finance Committee read the Finance Committee report.

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, or the line item, or article that will be reduced by the same amount.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3 To fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town for FY 2012 as follows:

Moderator	\$0
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$0
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$0
Board of Assessors	\$0 each member
Town Clerk	\$42,595.
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 to raise and appropriate and transfer \$45,000 from Overlay Surplus 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 items; 210A1, 210A2, 210A3, 210A4, 210A5, 210B, 210C, 210D, 424B, 450B, 510E, 914B and 916B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210A1-Police Department-Chief Salary-voted to raise and appropriate \$100,764 for line item 210A1.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210A2-Police Department-Salaries- voted to raise and appropriate \$615,176 for line item 210A2.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210A3-Police Department-Overtime Wages- voted to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for line item 210A3.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210A4-Police Department-Clerk Salary- voted to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for line item 210A4.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210A5-Police Department-Quinn Bill Wages-voted to raise and appropriate \$146,750 for line Item 210A5.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210B-Police Department-Expenses –voted to raise and appropriate \$132,500 for line item 210B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210C-Police Department-New Equipment- voted to raise and appropriate \$0 for lien item 210C.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 210D-Police Department-Cruiser Replacement-voted to raise and appropriate \$36,000for line Item 210D.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 424B-Street Lights-Expense-voted to raise and appropriate \$19,500 for Line item 424B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 450B-Water Department-Expenses- voted to raise and appropriate \$145,020 for line item 450B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 510E-Board of Health-Hazardous Waste Day-voted to raise and appropriate \$0 for line item 510E.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 914B- Health Insurance-Expense- voted to raise and appropriate \$543,000 for line item 914B.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 916B-Medicare- Expense- voted to raise and appropriate \$45,510 for line item 916B.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

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| ARTICLE 5 | Voted that the Town vote on Articles 5 through 8, 10, 12, and 14 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 FY12 portion of the Update Valuation Account. |
| ARTICLE 7 | Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund the FY12 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 ½. 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 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 ½. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold fees paid by patrons of the recycling center located at the Highway Barn to maintain and improve the facility. The Highway Surveyor, with the 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 12 Voted to transfer \$32,268.05 from the Ambulance Reserve Account to fund the FY12 Ambulance lease payment.

ARTICLE 14 Voted to transfer \$95,657 from the Community Preservation Funds Account to fund a portion of the FY12 Fino Land debt.

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 ½. 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13 Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from available sources for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15 Defeated a motion to vote on Article 23 before Article 15.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15 Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 from Free Cash to repair the roof on the Inman Hill building.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16 Voted to Passover this article.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer \$20,000 from Stabilization to fund Storm Water compliance. 2/3 vote needed.
2/3 vote declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer \$5,362.20 from Repair/Renovate Town Hall to the Capital Expenditure account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer \$40,000 from Capital Expenditure Account to purchase air purification units for the Highway Barn. 2/3 vote needed

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20 Voted to Passover this article.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21 Voted to appropriate \$60,000 by borrowing to purchase a Pumper/Tanker vehicle for the Fire 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

2/3 vote declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 22 Voted that the Town hereby approves a \$4,028,682 borrowing authorized by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of renovations to the Miscoe Hill Middle School located at 148 North Avenue, Mendon, Massachusetts including replacement of the roof, boiler and windows, and the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said sum to be expended at the direction of the District School Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) forty-seven and twenty-one one hundredths percent (47.21%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23 Voted to raise and appropriate \$929,979 for the purpose of funding the operational budgets of the Town of Mendon and the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2011; 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 (m).

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24 Voted to transfer \$593,000 from the Nolet Land Purchase Account into the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 25 Voted that the Town of Mendon will appropriate/transfer, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, The Community Preservation Act, \$365,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account, for the purposes, by negotiated purchase or otherwise, all or a portion of a certain property known as the Nolet property consisting of a total of 27 +/- acres, as described on a Plan of Land made by Guerriere & Halnon Inc. and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 864, Plan 114; that said land be conveyed to said Town of Mendon under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Mendon, and the Conservation Commission shall be authorized, acting on behalf of the Town of Mendon, to file on any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and Town of Mendon and its Conservation Commission shall be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of Mendon to affect said purchase, including holding a perpetual conservation restriction and/or the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184, as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Mendon to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to The Trustees of Reservations or any other organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26 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 ½. 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 Conservation Commission for processing the requests of said applicants. The Conservation Commission Chair, with the 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27 Voted to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 7:00 am on May 17, 2011 in the Miscoe Hill 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 meeting was adjourned until May 17, 2011 at 7:00am. There were 193 voters in attendance. The tellers for the meeting were Kathryn Rich, Nancy Fleury, Patricia Ghelli, Ruth O'Grady and Ann Vandersluis. The officer on duty was Brian Massey.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret Bonderenko
Town Clerk

