

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 19, 2013-Proceedings

The Moderator Jay Byer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Miscoe Hill School Auditorium. The Moderator noted that the warrant had been duly posted and properly served.

Non Residents were allowed to enter the meeting:

- Peter MacEachern
- Wendy Noyes
- Josh Swerling-Bohler Engineering
- Philip Lombardo-Cumberland Farms
- Jean Berthold-Principal Assessor
- Michelle Sanford-Town Crier
- John Hickey
- Conor Sweet- Boy Scout
- Tommy Cavanaugh-Boy Scout
- Cole LaBonne-Boy Scout
- Austin LaBastie-Boy Scout
- Jonathan Rivernider-Boy Scout
- Zachary Rivernider-Boy Scout
- Shawn Clifton-Boy Scout
- Tom Drier-Boy Scout
- Sebatian Vazquez- Boy Scout

The Moderator went over the rules and procedures for the meeting. The Boy Scouts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by the Moderator Jay Byer to have Kevin Rudden appointed as temporary moderator if necessary for Articles 1, 2 and/or 3 on the warrant, as these articles may cause a conflict of interest for the Moderator.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Motion made by the Finance Committee to handle Article 33 out of order and after Article 36.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1 Voted to rescind the vote on Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2013 and fix the salaries and compensation of the elected officials of the Town as follows:

- Town Clerk, \$44,700.21 per annum
- Tree Warden \$11.35 per hour
- Highway Surveyor, \$76,191.12 per annum
- Board of Health – Chairman, \$225 per annum
- Board of Health – Member 2, \$175 per annum
- Board of Health – Member 3, \$175 per annum
- Planning Board – Chairman, \$225 per annum
- Planning Board – Member 1, \$175 per annum
- Planning Board – Member 2, \$175 per annum
- Planning Board – Member 3, \$175 per annum
- Planning Board – Member 4, \$175 per annum
- Selectman – Chairman, \$2,200 per annum
- Selectman – Member 2, \$2,000 per annum
- Selectman – Member 3, \$2,000 per annum
- Board of Assessors – Member 1, \$2,600 per annum
- Board of Assessors – Member 2, \$2,600 per annum
- Board of Assessors – Member 3, \$2,600 per annum
- Moderator, \$100 per annum

2/3 Vote Declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 2 Voted to raise & appropriate \$1,151.20 and transfer \$59,207.40 from Finance Committee Reserve for Salary Negotiations (Line Item 131D) to fund the following amounts to following line items:

- \$100 to Moderator Salaries (Line Item 114A)
- \$6,200 to Selectmen Salaries (Line Item 122A)
- 2,201.39 to Town Accountant Salaries (Line Item 135A)
- \$7800 to Assessors Salaries (Line Item 141A1)
- \$2,580.44 to Principal Assessor Salary (Line Item 141A2)
- \$1,557.10 to Town Collector / Treasurer Salaries (Line Item 145A1)
- \$2,029.97 to Town Treasurer / Collector Salary (Line Item 145A2)
- \$1,695.43 to Town Clerk Salary (Line Item 161A)
- \$369.90 to Conservation Salaries (Line Item 171A)
- \$925 to Planning Board Salaries (Line Item 175A)
- \$82.40 to Zoning Board Salaries (Line Item 176A)
- \$703.30 to Town Hall Services Salaries (Line Item 199A1)
- \$4,877.02 to Public Safety Director Salary (Line Item 200A)
- \$11,049 to Fire Department Full Time Wages (Line Item 220A2)
- \$226.20 to Building Inspector Salaries (Line Item 241A1)
- \$128.24 to Tree Warden Salaries (Line Item 294A)
- \$7,588 to Highway Construction and Maintenance Salaries (Line Item 422A1)
- \$2,931.12 to Highway Surveyor Salary (Line Item 422A2)
- \$575 to Board of Health Salaries (Line Item 510A)
- \$516.86 to Council on Aging Salaries (Line Item 541A1)
- \$1,662.09 to Council on Aging Director Salary (Line Item 541A2)
- \$2,236.66 to Library Salaries (Line Item 610A1)
- \$2,046.24 to Library Director Salary (Line Item 610A2)
- \$277.24 to Parks and Recreation Department Park Director Salary (Line Item 630A2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3	Voted to raise & appropriate \$4,245.00 to fund Town Collector/Treasurer Salaries (Line Item 145A1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 4	Voted to raise & appropriate \$12,000 to pay for the cost of a search agency and the associated advertising costs for the position of a Town Coordinator. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 5	Voted to Passover this article. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 6	Voted to transfer \$200 from Finance Committee Salaries (Line Item 131A) to Finance Committee Expenses (Line Item 131B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 7	Voted to transfer \$1,200 from Free Cash to Town Accountant Expenses (Line Item 135B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 8	Voted to raise & appropriate \$4,200 to fund Tax Title Foreclosure (Line Item 145D). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 9	Voted to raise & appropriate \$300 to fund Elections and Registrations Expenses (Line Item 162B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 10	Voted to raise & appropriate \$225 to fund Conservation Expenses (Line Item 171B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 11	Voted to raise & appropriate \$555 to fund Conservation Salaries (Line Item 171A). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 12	Voted to raise & appropriate \$4,398.02 to fund bills of a prior year (Line Item 196B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 13	Voted to raise & appropriate \$1,303.34 and transfer \$210.24 from Finance Committee Reserve for Salary Negotiations to fund Town Hall Salaries (Line Item 199A1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 14 (Fin Com)	Voted to transfer \$45,308 from Mendon-Upton Regional School District Operational Expenses (Line Item 301B) to fund Town Hall Services Town Coordinator Salary (Line Item 199A2). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 15	Voted to raise & appropriate \$3,220 to fund Town Hall Expenses (Line Item 199B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 16	Voted to raise & appropriate \$300 to fund to Town Hall Computer Expenses (Line Item 199E1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 17	Voted to raise & appropriate \$22,266 and transfer \$15,597.36 from Finance Committee Reserve for Salary Negotiations (Line Item 131D) to fund Police Department Salaries (Line Item 210A1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 18	Vote to raise & appropriate \$15,306 and transfer \$9,694 from Dispatching Salaries (Line Item 299A1) to fund Police Department Clerk Salary (Line Item 210A3). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 19	Voted to raise & appropriate \$2,937 to fund Police Department Quinn Bill Wages (Line Item 210A4). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 20	Voted to raise & appropriate \$1,500 to fund Gas Inspector Account Wages (Line Item 242A). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 21	Voted to raise & appropriate \$1,500 to fund Plumbing Inspector Account Wages (Line Item 243A). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 22	Voted to raise & appropriate \$288.90 to fund an FY 2013 deficit in Dispatch Salaries (Line Item 299A1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 23	Voted to raise & appropriate \$15,000 to fund Highway Construction and Maintenance Salaries (Line Item 422A1). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 24	Voted to raise & appropriate \$6,000 to fund Highway Construction and Maintenance Expenses (Line Item 422B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 25	Vote to raise & appropriate \$200 to fund Council on Aging Expenses (Line Item 541B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26	Voted to raise & appropriate \$22,000 to fund the FY 2013 Snow and Ice Removal deficit. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 27	Voted to raise & appropriate \$18,025 to fund the FY 14 interest on the bond used to fund the new library. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 28	Voted to raise & appropriate \$2,326.91 to fund Unemployment Insurance (Line Item 913B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 29	Voted to raise & appropriate \$3,000 and transfer \$8,000 from Mendon-Upton Regional Operational Assessment (Line Item 300B) to fund Health Insurance Expenses (Line Item 914B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 30	Voted to raise & appropriate \$60 to fund Police and Fire Accident Insurance Expenses (Line Item 919B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 31	Voted to raise & appropriate \$1,474 to fund Property and Casualty Insurance Expenses (Line Item 945B). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 32	Voted to raise & appropriate \$19,734.72 and transfer \$265.28 from Free Cash to fund Fincom Reserve for General Expenses (Line Item 131C). UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 34	Voted to raise & appropriate \$40,000 to fund the Capital Expenditure Account. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 35	Voted to transfer \$5,704.53 from the Ambulance Reserve Account to fund the FY14 Ambulance lease payment. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 36	Voted to Passover this article. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 33	Voted to Passover this article. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 37	Defeated the motion to authorize a change in the use of a portion of the Town’s land located on North Avenue shown as Lot 3 on Assessors Map 8 to being available for disposition; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to John Fino, of Fino Realty Trust an easement and grant of restriction on a portion of said Town land containing approximately 8,450 square feet identified as approximately shown on a plan entitled “Land in Well Radius Boundary” prepared by Bohler Engineering dated 10/1/13 to create a Public Water Supply Zone I Restriction for the benefit of the adjacent land shown as Lots 1 and 7 on Assessors Map 8 upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the Selectmen; for not less than the fair market value of the Town’s interest in such land as determined by an appraiser selected by the Board of Selectmen, the cost of such appraisal to be borne by Cumberland Farms, Inc. MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 38	Voted to amend Article 19 of the May 3, 2013 Annual Town Meeting warrant to include "and for the purpose of paving handicapped parking spaces in the ball field parking lots." UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 39	Voted to transfer from Community Preservation Open Space Account \$8,000 to fund the Department of Conservation and Recreation Trails Grant for the Mendon Town Forest contingent on the award of the grant. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 40	Voted to Passover this article. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 41	Voted to set aside for later spending from the FY14 Community Preservation Revenues \$48,028.60 (10%) for Open Space; \$48,028.60 (10%) for Historic Preservation; \$48,028.60 (10%) for Affordable Housing, \$24,014.30 (5%) for administration and \$312,185.90 (65%) to Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
ARTICLE 42	Voted to appropriate under the authority of Chapter 44B, The Community Preservation Act, \$580,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account, for the purpose of purchasing for conservation and passive recreation purposes, known as the Gannett property consisting of 97+/- acres in Mendon on the John and Ute Gannett properties, which are shown on the Tax Assessor’s Maps as Map 16, Parcel 48, and described in a deed recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 43281, Page 253; and Map 16, Parcel 79, and described in a deed recorded Book 45531, Page 299; and Map 21, Parcel 17, Book 48980, Page 89. Also a 5 acre parcel recorded at the Worcester County Registry as Deed Book 1089 page 128 N/F Sarah F Towne a/k/a Sarah Hogarth, which is not reflected on the Tax Assessor's Map, that said land be conveyed to said the 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 and the Board of Selectmen be authorized to file on behalf of Mendon any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town of Mendon and the Conservation Commission 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 granting 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 Mendon to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to The Metacomet Land Trust or any other organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction. This vote is contingent on the \$315,630 partial reimbursement of the LAND Grant to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and the positive vote to appropriate.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 43 Voted to transfer \$5,000 from Stabilization to fund the Mendon Green Community energy efficiency projects and to reimburse Stabilization \$5,000 upon receipt of the final disbursement of Green Communities Grant funds received from the State.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

The warrant was dissolved at 9:37PM. The tellers for the meeting were Kathryn Rich and Nancy Fleury. The officer on duty was Matthew Hoar. There were 91 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret Bonderenکو
Town Clerk

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public places in said Town, 14 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28th day of October in the year of our lord two thousand thirteen.

Selectmen of Mendon

A True copy. Attest:

Constable

Worcester, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon by posting up attested copies of the same at:

Town Hall; _____; _____

_____ days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

_____, Constable