

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order in Bromfield's Cronin Auditorium at 7:10 p.m. by Moderator, David Westerling. The call of the meeting and the return of service were found to be in order by Town Clerk Janet A. Vellante.

The meeting voted to allow the following non-voters to speak to the meeting if necessary:

Timothy Bragan	Town Administrator
Edward Denmark	Police Chief
Mark Force	School Facilities Director
Thomas Jefferson	Superintendent of Schools
Lorraine Leonard	Finance Director
Mark Lanza	Town Counsel
Robert Mignard	Fire Chief
Richard Nota	DPW Director

ARTICLE 1: OMNIBUS BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the ensuing fiscal year which is contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-Half Levy Limit Override referendum ballot question (Question #1) at the Special Town Election to be held on June 11, 2008 or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The following motion was made by Debbie Ricci, 19 East Bare Hill Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,943,498 to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal year 2009 with \$19,932,644 to come from taxation and revenues and transferring \$10,854 from the Wetlands Fund contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-Half Levy Limit Override referendum ballot question at the Special Town Election to be held on June 11, 2008 or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Wade Holtzman, 104 Bolton Road, and seconded,

Voted majority no (28 yes) to amend Article 1 as follows:

Remove \$145,000 from the School Budget.

Remove \$3,000 from the Finance Department to adjust for change in personnel, additional hours.

Remove \$12,500 from the Library to reduce summer hours during slow periods.

Remove \$10,000 from the DPW to not re-hire one position in November.
Remove \$22,800 from the DPW to not re-hire one position in FY09.
Remove \$6,700 from the Library.

On a motion by BJ Pessia, 122 West Bare Hill Road, and seconded,

Voted majority no to amend Article 1 as follows:

to reduce line 31, Local Schools, by \$12,000 to \$11,202,886 and to increase line 42, Total Council on Aging, by \$12,000 to \$88,879. The \$12,000 would be added to the personnel line in the Council on Aging budget, so that the Director's position can be a funded full-time position.

Voted majority yes that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,943,498 to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal year 2009 with \$19,932,644 to come from taxation and revenues and transferring \$10,854 from the Wetlands Fund contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-Half Levy Limit Override referendum ballot question at the Special Town Election to be held on June 11, 2008.

ARTICLE 2: BOILER REPLACEMENT – BROMFIELD SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of money to be expended on replacing a boiler at the Bromfield School, said funds to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the School Committee, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Board of Selectmen) (2/3 vote required)

On a motion by Virginia Justicz, 20 Woodside Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted greater than 2/3rds yes (8 no) that the Town vote to transfer from stabilization up to \$140,000 to be expended on repairing or replacing a boiler at the Bromfield School, said funds to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the School Committee, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 3: INSTALLATION OF CEILING FANS – HES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of money to be expended on installing ceiling fans at Harvard Elementary School, said funds to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the School Committee, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Board of Selectmen) (2/3 vote required)

On a motion by Stuart Sklar, 39 Scott Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted greater than 2/3rds yes (5 no) that the Town vote to transfer from stabilization the sum of \$8,000 to be expended on installing ceiling fans at Harvard Elementary School, said funds to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the School Committee, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 4: ELECTRICAL UPGRADE – TRANSFER STATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of money to be expended on upgrading the electrical service at the recycling center, said funds to be expended by the DPW Superintendent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

(2/3 vote required)

On a motion by Peter E. Warren, 52 Lancaster County Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town take no action on Article 4.

ARTICLE 5: HEATING SYSTEM – DPW BARN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization a sum of money to be expended on replacing the DPW heating system, said funds to be expended by the DPW Superintendent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2009 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

(2/3 vote required)

On a motion by Peter E. Warren, 52 Lancaster County Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town take no action on Article 5.

ARTICLE 6: 4TH OF JULY REVOLVING ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving account, as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to be used to fund the activities of the Fourth of July Committee with the revenue or expenditures of this account not to exceed \$25,000 in any given fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

On a motion by Lucy Wallace, 18 Orchard Hill, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted majority yes (2 no) that the Town vote to re-authorize a revolving account, as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to be used to fund the activities of the Fourth of July Committee with the revenue or expenditures of this account not to exceed \$25,000 in any given fiscal year.

Checkers for the meeting were Sandy Lefkovitz, Gail Conlin, Audrey Ball, and Fran Maiore. They checked in 242 voters out of a total of 3987 registered voters (3747 active voters).

Tellers for the meeting were: Connie Grabowy, Oleh Dutkewych, Peter Jackson, and Christopher Schnier.

The meeting was dissolved at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Vellante
Town Clerk