

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order in Cronin Auditorium in the Bromfield School at 7:30 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.

ARTICLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to or to make adjustments to certain line items of Article 6 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of March 27, 2004, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Sharon McCarthy, 90 East Bare Hill Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted majority yes (4 no), that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to be added to certain line items of Article 6 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of March 27, 2004 as follows:

line # 33 Local Schools	\$75,000
line # 45 Veterans' Services	\$10,000

ARTICLE 2: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RECRUITMENT & NON-RECURRING SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, to be expended by the School Committee, for expenses related to the recruitment of a superintendent of schools and for other non-recurring school expenditures, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2005, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Sharon McCarthy, 90 East Bare Hill Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted majority yes (8 no), that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 in one-time municipal relief aid, to be expended by the School Committee for expenses related to the recruitment of a superintendent of schools and for other non-recurring school expenditures, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2005, being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 3: BEEDE WASTE OIL SUPERFUND SITE

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote taken under Article 14 of the Warrant for the April 6, 2002 Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating or transferring from available funds, the additional sum of \$8,339 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund the Town's share of the costs of cleaning up the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site in Plaistow, New Hampshire, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Scott Kimball, 350 Ayer Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town amend its vote taken under Article 14 of the Warrant for the April 6, 2002 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating from one-time municipal relief aid, the additional sum of \$8,339 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund the Town's share of the costs of cleaning up the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site in Plaistow, New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 4: ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the Town's contribution towards a Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2005, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Randy Dean, 48 Madigan Lane, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town appropriate from one-time municipal relief aid, the sum of \$6,949, to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the Town's contribution towards a Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2005, being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of money to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(2/3 vote required)

On a motion by Tod Rodger, 16 Deerfoot Trail, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$259,319 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 6: PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A BLIND PERSON

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause Thirty-seventh A to provide an abatement in the amount of \$500 of the actual taxes due of a blind person, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

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

Voted unanimously yes that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause Thirty-seventh A to provide an abatement in the amount of \$500 of the actual taxes due of a blind person.

ARTICLE 7: ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 138, SECTION 12B

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12B to prohibit live nudity at a premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Bill Marinelli, 50 Stow Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12B to prohibit live nudity at a premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.

Checkers for the meeting were Elizabeth Ashe and Robin Yates. They checked in 65 voters out of a total of 3995 registered voters (3807 active voters).

The meeting was dissolved at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Vellante
Town Clerk