

Office of the Town Clerk  
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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Simon Winchester with the Pledge of Allegiance and a dedication to the Mahican Tribe, the pathfinders of our community. There were 58 registered voters present along with Town Counsel Brian Maser.

A motion was made and passed to move Article 21 to be discussed first.

Article 21: The Town voted by majority to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000, or any other sum for the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$100,000, or any other sum from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Amended Article 21: The Town voted by majority to appropriate \$100,000 for the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

A motion was made and passed to move Article 15 to be discussed next.

Article 15: The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate or otherwise transfer from available funds for Educational purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
SCHOOL COMM. MEMBERS SALARIES	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,299.00)
SCHOOL OPERATIONS	\$1,553,966.00	\$1,652,728.00	\$ 98,762.00
	<b>\$1,555,266.00</b>	<b>\$1,652,729.00</b>	<b>\$ 97,463.00</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimously does not support

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

Article 1. The Town voted by majority to table Article 1.

Article 2. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for General Government Administration purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERK. REG. PLAN. COMMISS.	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	0

FEDERAL CENSUS WORKER SALARIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 0	(\$600.00)
LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (7,500.00)
MODERATOR SALARY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0
MODERATOR EXPENSE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$ 54,699.75	\$ 55,056.00	\$ 356.25
SELECT BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 6,805.00	\$ 6,805.00	0
EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
TECHNOLOGY SALARY	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 2,386.80	\$ (423.20)
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	\$ 31,488.00	\$ 36,364.00	\$ 4,876.00
TOWN MANAGER SALARY	\$ 70,146.34	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 4,853.66
TOWN MANAGER EXPENSE	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 6,005.00	\$ 2,480.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$ 27,093.00	\$ 30,356.00	\$ 3,263.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$ 9,324.00	\$ 9,101.00	\$ (223.00)
	<b>\$ 234,991.09</b>	<b>\$ 242,073.80</b>	<b>\$ 7,082.71</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee: Unanimous

Article 3: The Town voted unanimously to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00, or any other sum for a Records Storage Facility remediation including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$25,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

Amended Article 3: The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$25,000 for a Records Storage Facility remediation including all incidental and related expenses and to meet that appropriation transfer \$25,000 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

Article 4: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds, for General Government Finance purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
ASSESSOR SALARIES	\$ 50,165.65	\$ 51,031.29	\$ 865.64
ASSESSOR EXPENSES	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,855.00	\$ 105.00
ASSESSOR TRI RECERT.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 160.00
AUDIT	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0	\$ (3,500.00)
FINANCE COMMITTEE SALARIES	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (\$900.00)
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 0
RESERVE FUND	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 0
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 0

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$ 41,224.60	\$ 41,770.06	\$ 545.46
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSES	\$ 5,437.00	\$ 5,112.00	\$ (325.00)
TREASURER'S TAX LIEN	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 22,100.00	\$ 4,600.00
	<b>\$ 175,762.25</b>	<b>\$ 172,313.35</b>	<b>\$ ( 3,448.90)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 5: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Employee Benefits and Insurance the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIRE.	\$ 74,738.00	\$ 95,173.00	\$ 20,435.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	\$ 58,016.00	\$ 58,016.00	0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 126,056.00	\$ 123,082.09	\$ (2,973.91))
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 11,778.92	\$ 2,598.92
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,800.00	400.00
	<b>\$ 274,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 294,850.01</b>	<b>\$ 20,460.01</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 6: The Town voted by majority to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for the Highway Department the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
HIGHWAY CONSERVATION CONSULTANT FEE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. SALARIES	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 102.00
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. EXPENSE	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
HIGHWAY MOWING/CEM MAINT.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE SALARIES	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	0
HIGHWAY TREE ACCOUNT	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES SALARIES	\$ 236,880.48	\$ 241,618.09	\$ 4,737.61
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES EXPENSES	\$ 58,420.00	\$ 59,791.28	\$ 1,371.28
	<b>\$ 577,080.48</b>	<b>\$ 591,291.37</b>	<b>\$ 14,210.89</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Amended Article 6: The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for the Highway Department the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>FY20 APPROP</b>	<b>FY21 REQUEST</b>	<b>INCR/(DECR)</b>
HIGHWAY CONSERVATION CONSULTANT FEE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. SALARIES	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 102.00
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. EXPENSE	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
HIGHWAY MOWING/CEM MAINT.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE SALARIES	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	0
HIGHWAY TREE ACCOUNT	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES SALARIES	\$ 236,880.48	\$ 241,618.09	\$ 4,737.61
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES EXPENSES	\$ 58,420.00	\$ 59,791.28	\$ 1,371.28
	<b>\$ 577,080.48</b>	<b>\$ 591,291.37</b>	<b>\$ 14,210.89</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 7: The Town voted by majority to appropriate \$15,000 for Machinery Maintenance and to meet that appropriation transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 8: The Town voted unanimously to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 projects approved by the Mass Highway Department for Fiscal Year 2021.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: N/A

Article 9: The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$58,532.25 for the Public Safety Officer Salary for Fiscal Year 2021 and to meet that appropriation raise \$29,266.13, and transfer \$29,266.13 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 10: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Public Safety purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expense/accounts.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>FY20 APPROP</b>	<b>FY21 REQUEST</b>	<b>INCR/(DECR)</b>
BC SHERIFF CONTROL (911)	\$ 10,024.00	\$ 10,225.00	\$ 201.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REVOLVING	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	0
SO. BERK. REG. EMER. PLAN. COMM.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
FIRE AMBULANCE EQUIP.	\$ 21,744.00	\$ 22,178.88	\$ 434.88
FIRE AMBULANCE TRAINING	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 0

FIRE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 110.00
FIRE DEPT/AMBUL. MAINT.	\$ 35,446.00	\$ 35,446.00	\$ 0
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/ROUTE 8	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 0
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/ROUTE 57	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 0
FIRE/EMS COMPENSATION	\$ 29,454.00	\$ 30,042.00	\$ 588.00
POLICE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 54,700.54	\$ 56,945.57	\$ 2,245.03
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSES	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 15,650.00	\$ (1,000.00)
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 0
	<b>\$ 204,828.54</b>	<b>\$ 207,407.45</b>	<b>\$ 2,578.91</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 11: The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$12,000.00 for the ALS Intercept Service (Advanced Life Support), and to meet that appropriation transfer \$6,000.00 from Free Cash and raise \$6,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 12: The Town voted unanimously to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Community Benefits purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021, expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>FY20 APPROP</b>	<b>FY21 REQUEST</b>	<b>INCR/(DECR)</b>
BRIEN MENTAL HEALTH	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM (CHP)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 4,930.68	\$ 96.68
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
BERKSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 2,000.00	(1,180.00)
VETERANS SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 3,888.24	\$ 3,787.68	\$ (100.56)
	<b>\$ 15,352.24</b>	<b>\$ 14,168.36</b>	<b>\$ (1,183.88)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Amended Article 12: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Community Benefits purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021, expenses/accounts.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>FY20 APPROP</b>	<b>FY21 REQUEST</b>	<b>INCR/(DECR)</b>
BRIEN MENTAL HEALTH	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM (CHP)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 4,930.68	\$ 96.68
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
BERKSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 2,000.00	( 1,180.00)

VETERANS SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 3,888.24	\$ 3,787.68	\$ (100.56)
	<b>\$ 15,352.24</b>	<b>\$ 14,168.36</b>	<b>\$ (1,183.88)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 13: The town voted unanimously to appropriate \$52,000.00 for Veterans Benefits for Fiscal Year 2021 and to meet that appropriation raise \$26,000.00 and transfer \$26,000.00 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 14: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Health and Sanitation purposes the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER SALARIES	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,872.72	\$ 36.72
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 0
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	\$ 510.00	\$ 520.20	\$ 10.20
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SALARY	\$ 17,784.00	\$ 18,140.00	\$ 356.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL EXPENSES	\$ 42,216.00	\$ 42,216.00	\$ 0
	<b>\$ 67,013.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,415.92</b>	<b>\$ 402.92</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

(Article 15 moved before Article 1)

Article 16: The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$18,009.72 for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows : \$13,766.72 for salaries and \$4,243.00 for expenses which may include, but are not limited to the Massachusetts Catalog System and e-books, and all incidental and related expenses, and to meet the appropriation to raise \$15,906.42 and transfer \$1,967.96 from Library Grants.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 17: The Town voted by majority to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Boards and Committees the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
CEMETERY COMMITTEE SALARY	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00

CEMETERY COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	(500.00)
CONSERVATION COMM. SALARY	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,795.15	\$ 35.15
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00	0
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	0
CULTURAL COUNCIL/TOWN	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.00
PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	0
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	(3,500.00)
ZONING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0
ZONING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
	<b>\$ 21,732.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,466.15</b>	<b>\$ (3,265.85)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous except for Recreation yes - 0, No -3

Amended Article 17: The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Boards and Committees the following sums for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
CEMETERY COMMITTEE SALARY	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
CEMETERY COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	(500.00)
CONSERVATION COMM. SALARY	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,795.15	\$ 35.15
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00	0
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	0
CULTURAL COUNCIL/TOWN	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.00
PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	0
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	(3,500.00)
ZONING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0
ZONING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
	<b>\$ 21,732.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,466.15</b>	<b>\$ (3,265.85)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous except for Recreation yes - 0, No -3

Article 18: The town voted unanimously to appropriate \$15,500.00 for the Yanner Park Committee Expenses and to meet that appropriation transfer \$15,500.00 from the Yanner Park Stabilization Account.

Requires a 2/3 vote

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 19: The Town voted by majority to appropriate \$10,000 for the Yanner Park Stabilization Account, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous  
 Finance Committee Vote: Yes-0, No-2, Abstain-1

Article 20: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for General Government Buildings and Operations and Maintenance the following sum for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
CUST TOWN BUILDING SALARIES	\$ 12,618.00	\$ 12,875.20	\$ 257.20
OPER/ MAINT ALL TOWN PROPERTIES SALARIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0
OPER/MAINT BUILDINGS EXPENSES	\$ 57,750.00	\$ 53,750.00	\$ (4,000.00)
REPAIR & MAINT OF TOWN PROPERTIES EXPENSES	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (15,000.)
VEHICLE FUEL ACCOUNT	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 0
	<b>\$ 132,068.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,325.20</b>	<b>\$(18,742.80)</b>

Select Board Vote: Unanimous  
 Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

(Article 21 moved before Article 1)

Article 22: The Town voted unanimously to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 and 108A of Chapter 41 General Laws, as amended for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	7,201.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,000.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 per year
School Committee Chairman.....	.50 per year
School Committee Member.....	.50 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	15.30 per hour

Select Board Vote: Unanimous  
 Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 23: The Town voted unanimously pursuant to the provisions of Section 53 ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 spending limits for the revolving funds appearing in the General Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk as follows:

a) Board of Health – Town Sanitary Inspector.....	\$ 7,500.00
b) Building Dept. – Town Plumbing Inspector.....	2,500.00
c) Building Dept. – Town Building Inspector.....	4,500.00
d) Building Dept. – Town Wiring Inspector.....	2,500.00
e) Building Dept. – Town Gas Inspector.....	2,500.00
f) Dog Licensing Fees – Town Clerk.....	2,500.00



g) Transfer Station Sticker – Board of Selectmen.....	65,000.00
h) Legal Ad Fees – Town Accountant.....	2,000.00

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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Dolores Harasyko  
True Copy Attest: Town Clerk