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RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 12, 2001

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 9:57am and adjourned at 9:59am. There were 18 voters present along with Town Council Jerome J. Scully.

- Article 1. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$55,000 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the overrun expenses for this fiscal year winter.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 12, 2001

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00am and was adjourned at 11:35am. There were 27 voters present along with Town Council Jerome J. Scully.

- Article 1. The Town voted unanimously to accept the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,584 for Highways & Bridges Maintenance.
- Article 3. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,000 for Snow and Ice Removal to keep roads open in the winter.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34, 000 for Machinery and Maintenance.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,565 for a Communication System for Emergencies and Town Crew Communication.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate from Chapter 127 the sum of \$88,839 for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.

- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Tree Account. (Formerly the Dutch Elm and Gypsy Moth account).
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$666,245 for School Operations.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,934 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for School Committee Salaries.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for Solid Waste Disposal. Lengthy discussion followed on the possibility of dump stickers, fees, ways to defer the rising cost of Solid Waste Disposal.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,465 for the Treasurer.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for Payroll Software.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for an Audit.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,100 for the Tax Collector.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 20. The Town voted 15 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention to amend the Article to read "To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$250,000 to the Stabilization account or take any other action thereto.
- Article 20.
as amended The Town voted 22 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$250,000 to the Stabilization account.

- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,320 for Street Lights.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,005 for the Protection of Persons and Property.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425 for Emergency Management.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$825 for Trailer & Electric Improvements for the Civil Defense portable equipment.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Fire House Rental. (Route 8)
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Fire House Rental. (Route 57)
- Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Forest Fires.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,543 for Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,792 for New Equipment for the Fire Department and Ambulance.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,296 for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 32. The Town voted by a majority of 22 to one to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, and Section 108A of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended:

Moderator.....	\$0 to 52.50 per year
Town Clerk.....	5,625.00 per year
Treasurer.....	5,000.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,800.00 per year
Assessors.....	1,897.00 per year
Auditor.....	5.00 per hour

School Committee Chairmen.....	500.00 per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	8.50 per hour

- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,880 for the Insurance Premiums and Bonds for Town Officers.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,763 for the Berkshire County Retirement Fund.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,062 for Town Employee Benefits.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the Town's Share Group Insurance.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Unemployment Insurance.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 for Town Share Medicare.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,600 for General Government.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Town Clerk.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the Moderator.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,701 for the Town Secretary.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Buildings (Town Hall, Community Center, Library, Town Garage, Town Hall Annex).
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,864 for the Custodian of Town Buildings.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,891 for the Library, and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,579 and transfer \$300 from Dog Tax Returns, transfer \$1,875 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$118.75 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, transfer \$18.25 from Non-Resident Library Grant to the Library.

Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (salary) for Information Systems Support for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Library, and Board of Assessors.

Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Repair of Cemeteries.

Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Yanner Park.

Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$355 for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.

Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money for the following accounts:

Finance Committee.....	\$ 400
Board of Health.....	2,800
Building Inspector.....	3,400
Council on Aging.....	3,830
Planning Board.....	450
Conservation Commission.....	1,500
Recreation Commission.....	3,500

Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandated Triennial Recertification.

Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,444 for the Board of Assessors Annual Operating Expense.

Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the various departments as follows:

Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$2,800
Veteran's Service District.....	2,183
Veteran's Burial.....	2,000
Inspector of Animals.....	100
Dog Officer.....	3,700
Children's Health Program.....	1,000
Memorial Day Parade.....	1,500
Mental Health Services of the Berkshires....	100
Goodwill Gifts.....	500

Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. Town Sanitary Inspector \$5,000
- b. Town Plumbing Inspector 2,500
- c. Town Building Inspector 2,500
- d. Town Wiring Inspector 2,500
- e. Town Gas Inspector 2,500
- f. Town Dog Officer 2,500

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500), which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53 E ½ of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2002 Tax Rate.

Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to accept Prock Hill as a public way.

Article 57. Other Business: The Selectboard has been asked to look into the possibility of paying a stipend to the Boards and Commissions that are not currently being paid and to come back to next years Town Meeting with an answer.

True Copy Attest:


Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk