

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 12, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. There were 47 registered voters present along with Town Council Jerome Scully. Moderator Barbara Cormier opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Article 1. The Town voted unanimously to accept the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Moderator \$300: \$150 for Salaries and \$150 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Administrative costs for a Grant Writer.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$28,917: \$22,517 for Salaries and \$6,400 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$17,030 for the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 7 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$46,508 or any other sum: \$26,233 or any other sum for Salaries and \$27,275 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Amended
Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$46,508: \$26,233 for Salaries and \$27,275 for Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$9,200 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$21,170: \$14,270 for Salaries and \$6,900 for Expenses.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 11. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,850: \$5,150 for Salaries and \$7,700 for Expenses.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Computer Technical Support for Town Office Computers.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$17,722: \$10,861 for Salaries and \$6,861 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk

- Archive Project \$3,300 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,500 for Salaries, and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$900: \$500 for Salaries, and \$400 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board \$300: \$50 for Salaries, and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$146,438: \$101,438 for Salaries, and \$45,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 21. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$182,710: \$92,710 for Salaries, and \$90,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$50,313: \$6,161 for Salaries, and \$44,152 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted by majority to amend Article 23 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$4,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Amended
- Article 23. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$4,000 for Expenses.
- Article 24. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Yanner Park \$5,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$4,000 for Expenses.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to accept any monies for Chapter 90 that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 26. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$906,890 for School Operations.
- Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$54,260 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Library Account \$10,900: \$8,800 for Salaries and \$2,100 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$7,100, transfer \$1,802.80 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,742.95 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$226.30 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$27.95 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,181 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Veteran's Death Benefits.

- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,815 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and Cemeteries \$7,803; \$5,253 for Salaries and \$2,550 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$41,551: \$27,361 for Salaries and \$14,190 for Expenses.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$6,782 for Expenses.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$33,228: \$6,900 for Salaries and \$26,328 for Expenses.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$14,299 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,256 for Expenses.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$1.00.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$900 for Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,200: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 for Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$2,800: \$800 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 52. 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:

- Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association.....\$ 2,940
- Community Health Program..... 1,000
- Brien Mental Health Serv. of the Berkshires..... 103
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$93,920 for the Stabilization Account.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$47,280: \$46,280 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense accounts of:
 - Memorial Day Parade.....\$ 1,500
 - Council on Aging..... 3,000
 - Elderly Transportation.....2,417
 - Sandisfield Cultural Council..... 250
 - Recreation Commission..... 5,000
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 58 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any other sums, as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts:
 - Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....\$ 40,391
 - Town Employee Benefits..... 26,210
 - Unemployment Insurance..... 450
 - Town's Share Group Insurance..... 43,884
 - Town's Share Medicare..... 5,963
 - Ins. & Prens. & Bonds for Town Officers..... 47,500
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- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$512 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 61. The Town voted unanimously 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..... \$ 150.00 per year
 - Town Clerk..... 6,148.00 per year

Treasurer.....	\$ 5,643.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,150.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,377.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,141.00 per year
Auditor.....	5.00 per hour
School Committee Chairman.....	500.00 per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	12.00 per hour

Article 62.

The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 62 to read: To see if the Town will vote authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

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| a. | Town Sanitary Inspector | \$ 7,500 |
| 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. | Dog Licensing Fees | 2,500 |
| g. | Dump Sticker Fees | 10,000 |
| h. | Legal Ad Fees | 2,000 |

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000), 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 Federal Laws, provided however, that said Expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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| h. | Legal Ad Fees | 2,000 |

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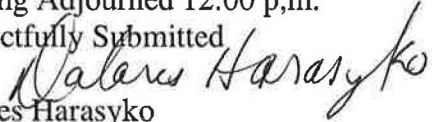
Section 53 E ½ of the Federal Laws, provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2008 Tax Rate.

Article 64. The Town voted by majority to approve the following proposed bylaw:
The Moderator shall decide all votes. If a two-thirds, four fifths, or nine-tenths vote is required, he/she may declare and record the vote as meeting the requirement, providing however, that if a vote so declared is immediately questioned by three or more voters , he/she shall verify the vote by polling the voters.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Dolores Harasyko
Town Clerk