

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 2000

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:05am and was adjourned at 10:53am. There were 23 voters present along with Town Council Attorney 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 \$104,584 for Highways & Bridges Maintenance.
- Article 3. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,700 for repairs to Prock Hill Road.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,734 for Snow and Ice Removal to keep roads open in the winter.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$37,000 and to meet that appropriation transfer \$23,000 from Machinery Earnings and \$14,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase a 2000 F350 truck for the Highway Department.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000 for Machinery and Maintenance.
- Article 7. 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 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,760 for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance.
- Article 9. 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:
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| Dutch Elm Disease..... | \$600 |
| Gypsy Moth..... | \$400 |

- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$647,117 for School Operations.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,371 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for School Committee Salaries.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,850 for Solid Waste Disposal.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for Interest for State Highway Chapter Funding.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,310 for the Treasurer.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,100 for the Tax Collector.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Street Lights.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,110 for the Protection of Persons and Property.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425 for Emergency Management.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Fire House Rental. (Route 8)
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Fire House Rental. (Route 57)
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Forest Fires.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,407 for Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance.
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,300 for New Equipment for the Fire Department and Ambulance.

Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members.

Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200 for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.

Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended:

Moderator.....	\$ 52.50 per year
Town Clerk.....	5,460.00 per year
Treasurer.....	4,400.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00 per year
Selectmen.....	3,600.00 per year
Assessors.....	1,683.00 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.....	8.50 per hour

Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,800 for the Insurance Premiums and Bonds for Town Officers.

Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,860 for the Berkshire County Retirement Fund.

Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,140 for Town Employee Benefits.

Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,156 for the Town's Share Group Insurance.

Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Unemployment Insurance.

Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,420 for General Government.

Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Town Clerk.

- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,120 for a Fireproof File Cabinet for the Town Clerk.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the Moderator.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,504 for the Town Secretary.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,361 for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Buildings (Town Hall, Community Center, Library, Town Garage, Town Hall Annex).
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,264 for the Custodian of Town Buildings.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$8,823 for the Library, and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,685.36 and transfer \$124 from Dog Tax Returns, transfer \$1,865.64 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$124.84 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, transfer \$23.16 from Non-Resident Library Grant to the Library.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,850 to Paint the Inside of the Library.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Information Systems Support for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Library, and Board of Assessors.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Emergency Repair of 2 Marble Obelisks in North Beech Plain Cemetery.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$346 for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money for the following accounts:

Finance Committee.....	\$ 400
Board of Health.....	2,825
Building Inspector.....	3,400
Council on Aging.....	3,830

Planning Board.....	450
Conservation Commission.....	1,500
Recreation Commission.....	2,500

- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandated Triennial Recertification.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,120 for a Fireproof File Cabinet for the Board of Assessors.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,858 for the Board of Assessors Annual Operating Expense.
- Article 51. 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.....	1,430
Inspector of Animal.....	100
Dog Officer.....	3,700
Children's Health Program.....	1,000
Memorial Day Parade	1,500
Mental Health Services of the Berkshires.....	100

- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec. 53 E½ as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Sanitary Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$5,000 and that the receipts of the Town Sanitary Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec. 53 E½ as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Plumbing Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Plumbing Inspector be designated to this account.

- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec. 53 E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Building Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Building Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44 Sec. 53 E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Wiring Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Wiring Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44 Sec. 53 E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Gas Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Gas Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of real estate situated on Dodd Road (Map 414 Parcel 79), consisting of approximately 5.24 acres of land and recently conveyed to the Town by Irene B. Henry, to the highest bidder at a purchase price of no less than \$5,500.00.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 147A empowering the Town to enact by-laws relective to regulation of dogs and entitling the town to retain all license fees and fines rather than turning over such license fees and fines to the County.
- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F empowering any municipal board or officer to issue a license, permit, certificatè or to render a service and fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations

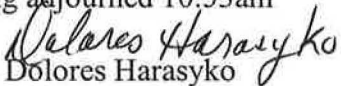
wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing town.

Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law 44, Sec. 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 to fund the expenses for the licensing of dogs and related expenses in Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and the receipts from dog fees be designated to this account.

Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$30,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2001 Tax Rate.

Article 62. No business transacted under this Article.

Meeting adjourned 10:53am

Attest: 
Dolores Harasyko
Town Clerk