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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 14, 2005

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40p.m. There were 71 voters present along with Town Council Jerome Scully. Moderator Susan Tarasuk 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 \$400: \$53 for Salaries and \$347 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$27,990: \$21,590 for Salaries and \$6,400 for Expenses.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,416 for the Board of Selectmen's Secretary Salary.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$29,163: \$20,893 for Salaries and \$8,270 for Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$18,320: \$13,310 for Salaries and \$5,010 for Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 10. The Town by majority in favor to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Treasurer Audit Expense.

- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,650: \$5,000 for Salaries and \$7,650 for Expenses.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Computer Technical Support for Town office computers.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$17,095: \$9,063 for Salaries and \$8,032 for Expenses.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$600: \$200 for Salaries and \$400 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board \$350: \$100 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$140,311: \$95,311 for Salaries and \$45,000 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted by majority in favor to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$163,192: \$78,192 for Salaries and \$85,000 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$50,133: \$5,819 for Salaries and \$44,314 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Yanner Park \$5,000; \$1,000 for Salaries and \$4,000 for Expenses.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate from Chapter 90 the sum of \$203,869 for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.

- Article 24. The Town voted by a 2/3 vote in favor to appropriate \$200,000 for a Salt Shed, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$200,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 25. The Town voted by a 2/3 vote in favor to appropriate \$66,000 for a New 550 Dump Truck with a four seasons body, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$66,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 26. The Town voted by majority in favor to raise and appropriate \$800,311 for School Operations.
- Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 27 to read: To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the School Budget of \$86,000 and raise and appropriate \$13,592.30 as Sandisfield's portion and to approve the Excess & Deficiency Fund of \$43,000 for Arbitration Expenses and Design Fees.
- Article 27.  
Amended. The Town voted unanimously to amend the School Budget of \$86,000 and to raise and appropriate \$13,592.30 as Sandisfield's portion and to approve the Excess & Deficiency Fund of \$43,000 for Arbitration Expenses and Design Fees.
- Article 28. The Town voted by majority in favor to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$61,334.30 for Dept Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to Amend Article 30 to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 for the Farmington River Regional School District Ski Program at Otis Ridge.
- Article 30.  
Amended The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$600 for the Farmington River Regional School District Ski Program at Otis Ridge.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$9,730: \$7,520 for Salaries and \$2,100 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,930, transfer \$872.57 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,617.43 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer

- \$217.49 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$92.51 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,005.16 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1 for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,308 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance \$7,650: \$5,150 for Salaries and \$2,500 for Expenses.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$15,750 for Cemetery Survey, Marking, and Improvements.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to Amend Article 37 to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$29,377: \$15,600 for Salaries and \$13,777 for Expenses.
- Article 37.  
Amended The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$29,377: \$15,600 for Salaries and \$13,777 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$3,875.19 for Expenses.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$32,306: \$6,620 for Salaries and \$25,686 for Expenses.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$517 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$13,950 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,000 for the Repair of Engine 3.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,177 for Expenses.

- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Fire House Rental Expenses (Route 8).
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Fire House Rental Expenses (Route 57).
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted by majority in favor to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to Amend Article 49 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$1.
- Article 49.  
Amended The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$1.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$600 for Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$900 for Expenses.
- Article 52. The Town voted by majority in favor to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,000: \$800 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 for Expenses.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$2,800: \$800 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 56. 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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| Visiting Nurse Association               | \$ 2,800 |
| Children's Health Program                | 1,000    |
| Mental Health Services of the Berkshires | 103      |
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to pass over Article 57.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$62,625 for the Stabilization Fund.

- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Properties \$45,500: \$44,500 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense account of:
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| Memorial Day Parade          | \$1,500 |
| Council on Aging             | 2,500   |
| Elderly Transportation       | 4,749   |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council | 250     |
| Recreation Committee         | 5,000   |
- Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts;
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| Berkshire County Retirement Fund     | \$35,398 |
| Town Employee Benefits               | 22,500   |
| Unemployment Insurance               | 400      |
| Town's Share Group Insurance         | 35,350   |
| Town's Share Medicare                | 5,460    |
| Ins. Prem. & Bonds for Town Officers | 53,130   |
- Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$487 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
- Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 65. 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:
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| Moderator                | \$ 0 to 53.00 per year |
| Town Clerk               | 5,795.00.per year      |
| Treasurer                | 5,263.00 per year      |
| Tax Collector            | 5,000.00 per year      |
| Selectmen                | 5,068.00 per year      |
| Assessor                 | 1,997.00 per year      |
| Auditor                  | 5.00 per hour          |
| School Committee Chair   | 500.00 per year        |
| School Committee Members | 400.00 per year        |
| Library Trustee          | 25.00 per year         |

Constables 10.00 per hour

Article 66. 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. Dog Licensing Fees 2,500
- g. Dump Sticker Fees 7,500
- h. Legal Ad Fees 2,000

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (27,000), 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 General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2006 Tax Rate.

Article 68. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an Inter-municipal Mutual Aid agreement with other Berkshire County towns for shared Board of Health services.

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to approve the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the Town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility for ten years. The Town will receive \$15.67 per ton of recyclables plus a share of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables for the contract.

True copy attest:

