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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Jean Atwater William with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 56 registered voters present along with Town Council Jonathan Silverstein. The Finance Committee approved all the articles.

- 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 by majority to raise and appropriate for the Town Administrator \$39,700: \$37,000 for Salaries and \$2,700 for Expenses.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$21,255: \$12,000 for Salaries and \$9,255 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Legal Services \$10,000 for Expenses.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Accountant \$13,232: \$11,232 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$32,002 for salary of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$350 for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$53,977: \$40,235 for Salaries and \$13,742 for Expenses.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$29,831: \$18,130 for Salaries and \$11,701 for Expenses.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.

- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$26,133: \$17,000 for Salaries and \$9,133 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,400 for Info System Technical Support for Town Office Computers.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$30,008: \$20,529 for Salaries and \$9,479 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,700 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,519: \$1,519 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$2.00: \$1.00 for Salaries and \$1.00 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$2,250 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Pre Construction Engineering Fees for Town Projects \$12,500 for Expenses.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$232,086: \$168,286 for Salaries, and \$63,800 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$174,175: \$33,581 for Salaries, and \$140,594 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery and Maintenance \$94,110: \$9,110 for Salaries, and \$85,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 for Expenses.

- Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 that has been approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,429,822 for School Operations.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$32,636 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$13,920: \$11,145 for Salaries and \$2,775 for Expenses and to meet that appropriation raise \$12,018.10 and transfer \$1,660.70 from the Library Incentive Grant, \$220.42 from the Municipal Equalization Grant and \$20.78 from the Non-Resident Grant.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$900 for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,585 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Veterans' Benefits.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,883 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and Cemeteries \$10,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$9,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$59,491: \$43,591 for Salaries and \$15,900 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$9,264 for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$32,285 for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$40,136: \$10,546 for Salaries and \$29,590 for Expenses.

- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Forest fire Salaries.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$18,529 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$8,000 for Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,250 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,370 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,285 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,396 for Salaries.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,800 for Expenses.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,300: \$1,800 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 for Expenses.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$3,000: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 54. 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:

Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$ 3,087
Community Health Program.....	1,000
Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires.....	406

- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$63,926 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$72,000: \$71,500 for Expenses and \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Repair of Town Buildings \$7,500 for Expenses.
- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Gas and Diesel Fuel Account \$48,000.
- 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 accounts of:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,150
Elderly Transportation.....	2,466
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Committee.....	6,000
Website.....	2,700
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	800
Historical Commission.....	5,750
Cemetery Committee.....	3,000

- 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:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 70,231
Town Employee Benefits.....	34,180
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	34,692
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Insurance & Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	58,016
Unemployment Fund.....	2,500

- Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$677 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
- Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 65. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 66. 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.....	7,060.00 per year
Treasurer.....	10,773.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	10,000.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,000.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 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.....	14.83 per hour

Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

a. Town Sanitary Inspector Fees.....	\$ 7,500
b. Town Plumbing Inspector Fees.....	2,500
c. Town Building Inspector Fees.....	4,500
d. Town Wiring Inspector Fees.....	2,500
e. Town Gas Inspector Fees.....	2,500
f. Dog Licensing Fees.....	2,500
g. Dump Sticker Fees.....	25,000
h. Legal Ad Fees.....	2,000

Which specified revolving funds shall each 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 as specified above, with such funds to be expended by the Town Treasurer to the limits set forth therein for purposes of paying costs associated with the particular programs supported by the specified fees; provided however, that consistent with law expenditures from any revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts maintained in such funds.

Article 68. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 to pay the last of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$19,800 for Technology Upgrades and to meet that appropriation transfer \$19,800 from the Stabilization Account.

Article 70. The Town voted unanimously to delete the existing Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) adopted on November 9, 1963, as it may have thereafter from time to time been amended, in its entirety and replace it with the new Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) dated May, 2016, as proposed by the Planning Board, all as set forth in a document with the same name on file and available for public review in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website and made available at the Annual Town Meeting.

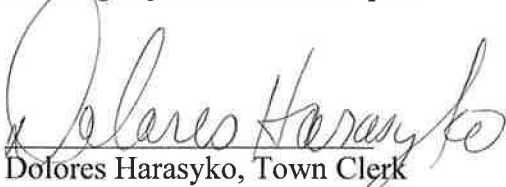
Summary from the Planning Board: The primary purpose of this warrant article is to reorganize the zoning bylaws in a logical and orderly manner making it easier to read and understand without making a large number of changes that alter the substance of the zoning bylaws. A secondary purpose of this warrant article is to clarify the permitting processes and the administration of the zoning bylaws.

To help explain the changes the Planning Board has prepared an annotated version of the proposed zoning bylaws which identifies and explains each of the proposed changes between the existing bylaw and the proposed bylaw. A copy of the Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) dated May 2016 as proposed by the Planning Board and the annotated version of the Same are both on File in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Article 73. The Town voted by majority pursuant to the provisions of G. L. c.41, section 55, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant, who shall perform the duties and possess the powers of Town Accountants as defined in G.L. c.41, sections 50 to 53, inclusive.

Note for the record: there was a typographical error in the numbering of the articles between articles 70 to 73. Article 73 should have been number 71.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk

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