

Office of the Town Clerk
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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator John Skrip, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our Veteran's. There were 61 registered voters present along with Town Council Jeremia Pollard. The Finance Committee approved all articles. The results are as follows:

- 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 \$1.00 for Administrative Costs for a Grant Writer.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$29,727: \$23,524 for Salaries and \$6,203 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$19,630 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 raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$46,693: \$36,793 for Salaries and \$9,900 for Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,900 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 \$18,912: \$12,412 for Salaries and \$6,500 for Expenses.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for a Town Audit.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$11,839: \$5,573 for Salaries and \$6,266 for Expenses.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$750 for Computer Technical Support for the Town Office Computers.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$21,118: \$13,474 for Salaries and \$7,644 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,700 for Salaries, and \$1,000 for Expenses.

- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of property located at 95 South Main St., map and parcel 204-57.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$45,000 for the cost of removal of the buildings located at 93 and 95 South Main St., and to meet that appropriation transfer \$45,000 from Free Cash.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$600 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,060: \$1,460 for Salaries, and \$600 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$300: \$50 for Salaries, and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$180,935: \$108,435 for Salaries, and \$72,500 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$262,086: \$99,192 for Salaries, and \$162,894 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$61,904: \$7,904 for Salaries, and \$54,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$4,000 for Expenses.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 25 to read: To see if the Town will vote 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.
- Amended
Article 25: 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 26. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 26 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,178,438 or any other sum for School Operations.
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Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,178,438 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 \$62,354 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$12,459: \$9,859 for Salaries and \$2,600 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$9,540, transfer \$1,500 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,251.04 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer

- \$152 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$15.96 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,896 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for Veterans' Benefits.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,752 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 34. The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and Cemeteries \$11,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$10,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$45,780: \$29,650 for Salaries and \$16,130 for Expenses.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$7,483.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$34,893: \$7,249 for Salaries and \$27,644 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Fire Department Computer Training.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$15,014 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,522 for Expenses.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,149.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,250 for Expenses.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.

- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,700: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 for Expenses.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$4,310: \$2,917 for Salaries and \$1,393 for Expenses.
- 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:
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| Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc..... | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 108 |
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$91,521 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Properties \$53,108: \$52,108 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate to following sums of money for the expense accounts of:
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| Memorial Day Parade..... | \$ 1,500 |
| Council on Aging..... | 3,000 |
| Elderly Transportation..... | 2,417 |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council..... | 250 |
| Recreation Commission..... | 5,000 |
| Technology Committee..... | 1,950 |
| 250 th Anniversary Committee..... | 3,000 |
- Article 59. 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..... | \$ 50,436 |
| Town Employee Benefits..... | 29,524 |
| Unemployment Insurance..... | 500 |
| Town's Share Group Insurance..... | 41,500 |
| Town's Share Medicare..... | 6,700 |
| Insurance Premiums and Bonds for Town Officers..... | 48,450 |
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$524 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
- Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.
- Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 63. 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, Massachusetts General Laws as amended:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	6,652.00 per year
Treasurer.....	6,304.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,573.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,249.00 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.....	13.14 per hour

Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

a. Town Sanitary Inspector	\$ 7,500
b. Town Plumbing Inspector	2,500
c. Town Building Inspector	4,500
d. Town Wiring Inspector	2,500
e. Town Gas Inspector	2,500
f. Dog Licensing Fees	2,500
g. Dump Sticker Fees	17,500
h. Legal Ad Fees	2,000

Which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500), 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 Massachusetts General Laws, provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

Article 65. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 65 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800 or any other sum for the creation of a Town web site.

Amended

Article 65. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$800 for the creation of a Town web site.

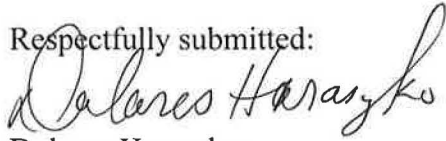
Article 66. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into immediate discussions with other Western Massachusetts municipalities with the intent of entering an inter-municipal agreement, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open access, financially self-sustaining communication system for the provision of broadband service,

including high-speed Internet access, telephone and cable television to the residents, businesses and institutions of these municipalities.

Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2011 Tax Rate.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dolores Harasyko". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dolores Harasyko
Town Clerk