

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 17, 2003

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00am and was adjourned at 12:35pm. There were 71 voters present along with Town Council Jerome 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 for the Moderator \$400: \$53 for Salaries and \$347 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for General Government \$25,000: \$18,600 for Salaries and \$6,400 for Expenses.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,130 for the Board of Selectmen's Secretary Salary.
- Article 5. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 6. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessor's \$27,513: \$19,848 for Salaries and \$7,665 for Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$17,660: \$12,650 for Salaries and \$5,010 for Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 10. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Treasurer Audit Consultation for GASB34.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,050: \$5,000 for Salaries and \$7,050 for Expenses.

- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Computer Technical Support for the town office computers \$1,500 for Salaries.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$15,000: \$9,912 for Salaries and \$5,088 for Expenses.
- Article 14. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,000: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$500 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$450: \$50 for Salaries and \$400 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$117,154: \$75,654 for Salaries and \$41,500 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$131,514: \$61,099 for Salaries and \$70,415 for Expenses.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$39,000: \$5,466 for Salaries and \$33,534 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 20. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for a new backhoe/loader, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$20,000 for Machinery Earnings account and \$65,000 from the Stabilization account.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Yanner Park \$5,000: \$2,500 for Salaries and \$2,500 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate from Chapter 90 the sum of \$173,716.45 for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$714,129 for School Operations.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$70,465.63 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.

- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$9,100: \$7,200 for Salaries and \$1,900 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,929, transfer \$211.01 from Dog Licensing Fees (CTY), transfer \$311.05 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,483.14 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$153.50 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$12.30 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,311.88 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,066 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 30. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance \$7,000 for Salaries.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$23,852: \$13,338 for Salaries and \$10,514 for Expenses.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$3,416.37 for Expenses.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,735 for Upgrade of Fire Tone Communications.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$30,510: \$5,276 for Salaries and \$25,234 for Expenses.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$13,175 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,000 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 8)
- Article 39. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 57)

- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$4,183: \$3,933 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$600 for Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$500 for Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$200 for Salaries.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,000: \$800 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$55,000 for Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$2,800: \$800 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 49. 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.. | 100 |
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for Interest and Loans.
- Article 51. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$39,425 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$36,000 for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property Expense.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 54. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense account of:
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| Memorial Day Parade..... | \$ 1,500 |
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Council on Aging.....	2,500
Elderly Transportation.....	4,749
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Committee.....	3,500

Article 55. 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.....	\$28,465
Town Employee Benefits.....	15,300
Unemployment Insurance.....	400
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	21,988
Town's Share Medicare.....	4,000
Ins. Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	40,910

Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$464 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to fix the salaries 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.....	\$ 0 to 52.50	per year
Town Clerk.....	5,625.00	per year
Treasurer.....	5,000.00	per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00	per year
Selectmen.....	4,800.00	per year
Assessors.....	1,897.00	per year
Auditor.....	5.00	per hour
School Committee Chair.....	500.00	per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00	per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00	per year
Constable.....	8.50	per year

Article 59. 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
which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of
seventeen thousand five hundred dollars(17,500) 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 General Laws, provided however that said
expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the
receipts for such funds.

Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from
Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Rate.

Article 61. Motion was made, seconded and passed by majority to not
read this article Citizen's Petition #1. Article 61 was
defeated by majority.

Article 62. The Town defeated by majority Citizen's Petition #2 to
direct the Selectmen to form an ad hoc committee to
investigate the feasibility of establishing a Town Manager
for the Town of Sandisfield. The committee should have
5 members and be requested to provide a preliminary
report at the next Town Meeting. Members of the
committee should include: 1 representative from the
Finance Committee, 1 representative from the Board
of Selectmen, 1 representative from the Treasurers Office,
1 representative from the Fire Department and 1
representative from the Council on Aging.

Article 63. Other Business: Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko extended
a her appreciation and thanks to Elaine Ziegler, Assistant
Town Clerk for all her continued help and hard work on
the Annual Town Report. Elaine received a round of
applause from the audience.

Bob Donaldson announced that there were new
exemption numbers that may benefit the seniors and
advised that the seniors should look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm

True copy attest: *Dolores Harasyko*
Town Clerk
June 11, 2003