

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. There were 66 registered voters present along with Town Council Jeremiah Pollard. Moderator Barbara Cormier opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of Armed Forces Day.

- Article 1. The Town voted unanimously to accept the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. The Town voted by majority 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 \$5,000 for Administrative Costs for a Grant Writer.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$29,592: \$23,192 for Salaries and \$6,400 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,625 for an Office Copier.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$17,434 for the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$45,554: \$36,454 for Salaries and \$9,100 for Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,900 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,800 for a Fire Proof File Cabinet for the Assessors Office.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for GIS Software Upgrades for the Assessors Office.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$18,510: \$12,760 for Salaries and \$5,750 for Expenses.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for a Town Audit.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$13,125: \$5,305 for Salaries and \$7,820 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Computer Technical Support for Town Office Computers.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$19,704: \$13,466 for Salaries and \$6,238 for Expenses.

- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$1,200 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$1,100: \$500 for Salaries and \$600 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board \$300: \$50 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges Maintenance \$153,585: \$103,585 for Salaries and \$50,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$210,710: \$97,816 for Salaries and \$112,894 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$60,345: \$6,345 for Salaries and \$54,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$4,000 for Expenses.
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to accept any monies for Chapter 90 that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 27. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$1,021,507 for School Operations.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$71,053 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$11,742: \$9,842 for Salaries and \$1,900 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise and appropriate \$3,934.93, transfer \$1,900 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,786.25 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$218.60 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$30.08 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,167 for the Veteran's Service District.
- 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 \$10,442 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 34. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town properties and cemeteries \$11,803: \$9,253 for Salaries and \$2,550 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$45,182: \$28,182 for Salaries and \$17,000 for Expenses.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$7,053 for Expenses.

- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$34,751: \$7,107 for Salaries and \$27,644 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$15,014 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,419 for Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted by 2/3 vote to appropriate \$300,000 for a New Fire Truck and to meet that appropriation transfer \$100,000 from the Stabilization Account and \$200,000 from Free Cash.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector Salary \$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 by majority to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,200: \$1,000 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 \$2,800: \$800 for Salaries and \$2,000 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 Association..... | \$ 2,940 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brein Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 108 |
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$91,521 for the Stabilization Account.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$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 the following sums of money for the expense accounts of:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 1,500
Council on Aging.....	3,000
Elderly Transportation.....	2,417
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	5,000
Technology Committee.....	500

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:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$45,950
Town Employee Benefits.....	26,227
Unemployment Insurance.....	475
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	36,900
Town's Share Medicare.....	6,262
Insurance Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers.....	47,500

Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$523 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 62. 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.....	6,332.00 per year
Treasurer.....	6,000.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,305.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,205.00 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.....	12.50 per hour

Article 63. 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	15,000
h. Legal Ad Fees	2,000

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000), which shall be under the control of 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 Federal Laws, provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

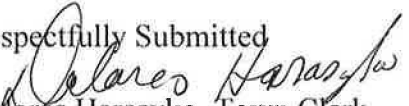
Amended

Article 64. The Town failed by majority to amend Article 64 to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the FY2009 Tax Rate.

Article 64. The Town voted by majority to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2009 Tax Rate.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk