

**Office of the Town Clerk  
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**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Moderator John Skrip, Jr. with a moment of silence for loved ones that have passed away and for our armed forces and veterans followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 88 registered voters along with Town Council Kate McCormick. The Finance Committee supported all articles except for article #4. They were not unanimously in favor of this article.

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 by majority to raise and appropriate for the Town Administrator \$45,700: \$43,000 for Salaries and \$2,700 for Expenses.

Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$34,369: \$26,614 for Salaries and \$7,755 for Expenses.

Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$22,726 for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Finance Committee Expenses.

At this time a motion was made by Roberta Myers to address Article 73. Motion passed

Article 73. The Town voted unanimously to support Citizens' Petition #1: Resolution to Ban Gas Pipeline Expansion in Sandisfield.

Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$55,599: \$40,557 for Salaries and \$15,042 for Expenses.

Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.

- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$27,331.63: \$16,962 for Salaries and \$10,368.63 for Expenses.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Treasurer's Tax lien Expense.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$15,400: \$6,031 for Salaries and \$9,369 for Expenses.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Computer Technical Support for the Town Office Computers.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$29,679: \$17,485 for Salaries and \$12,194 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,700 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$3,140: \$1,519 for Salaries and \$1,621 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$300: \$50 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$4,550: \$2,000 for Salaries and \$2,550 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$780 for the Town Internet Access.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges Maintenance \$201,264: \$121,264 for Salaries and \$80,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$270,869: \$107,975 for Salaries and \$162,894 for Expenses and Equipment.

- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$88,557: \$8,557 for Salaries and \$80,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 for Expenses.
- Article 26. 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 27. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$120,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014 Snow and Ice Overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$53,000 from Free Cash.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$67,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014 Snow and Ice Overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$67,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,384,968 for School Operations.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$42,993 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$13,282: \$10,707 for Salaries and \$2,575 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$11,930.08, transfer \$1,189.54 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$135.80 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$26.58 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$900 for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,321.31 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Veteran's Benefits.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,416 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.

- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and Cemeteries \$9,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$8,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$58,781: \$41,881 for Salaries and \$16,900 for Expenses.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$43,950 for a new fully equipped all wheel drive police utility vehicle and to meet that appropriation transfer \$43,950 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,732 for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$33,935 for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$41,499: \$9,843 for Salaries and \$31,656 for Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$18,166 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$6,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$5,000 for Expenses.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,370 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,750 for Street Light Expenses.

- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,349.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,900 for Expenses.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,300: \$1,800 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 for Expenses.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$5,359: \$3,035 for Salaries and \$2,324 for Expenses.
- Article 57. 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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| Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association.....          | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program.....                       | 1,000    |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 405.44   |
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$975 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$52,026 for the Stabilization fund.
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$30,900 for the Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$30,900 from Free Cash.
- Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$66,000: \$65,000 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense accounts of:
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| Memorial Day Parade..... | \$2,000 |
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Council on Aging.....	\$ 3,500
Elderly Transportation.....	2,417
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Website.....	200
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	1,000
Historical Commission.....	5,000

Article 64. 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.....	\$ 58,350
Town Employee Benefits.....	32,479
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	37,479
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers....	50,850

Article 65. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$644.37 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 66. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 68. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for Master Plan Consultant's Fee.

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, Section 108A of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	6,921.00 per year
Treasurer.....	10,562.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	6,031.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 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
Constable.....	14.25 per hour

Article 70. 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..... 25,000
- h. Legal Ad Fees..... 2,000

Which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars (49,000), 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 Federal Laws, provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

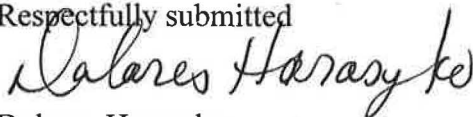
Article 71. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to Pay the second of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 72. The town voted unanimously to transfer the care, custody, control and management of the parcel of land located at 2 Hammertown Road, Assessor's Map and Parcel #202-0-11, consisting of 25,263 square feet of open space, to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of sale or lease, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease said parcel of land owned by the Town upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Board to enter into any agreements in connection with the above purpose, and to act fully thereon.

Article 73. The Town voted unanimously to adopt Citizen's Petition #1, "Resolution to Ban Gas Pipeline Expansion in Sandisfield"

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



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