

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 18, 2002

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:02am and was adjourned at 11:24am. There were 40 registered voters present along with Town Council Representative Hugh Cowhig.

- 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 Highways & Bridges \$114,244: \$72,759 for Salaries and \$41,485 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate for Snow & Ice Removal \$129,068: \$58,968 for Salaries and \$70,100 for Expenses.
- Article 4. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$34,000: \$5,377 for Salaries and \$28,623 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$19,000 for a New Wood Chipper and to meet that appropriation transfer \$19,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate from Chapter 235 the sum of \$86,881 for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance \$7,000 for Salaries.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$685,989 for School Operations.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,584 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.

- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for School Committee Salaries.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for Solid Waste Disposal Expenses.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Dump Site Improvement Expenses.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer \$19,660: \$12,650 for Salaries and \$7,010 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,900: \$5,000 for Salaries and \$7,900 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 18. The Town voted in favor of with 1 abstention to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,800 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Protection of Persons and Property \$23,082: \$12,818 for Salaries and \$10,264 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$500 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 8)
- Article 23. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 57)
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 25. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance Account \$30,510: \$7,276 for Salaries and \$23,234 for Expenses.
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,175 for New Equipment for the Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.

Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members Expenses.

Article 28. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.

Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,296 for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center Expenses.

Article 30. 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	\$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 Chairman	500.00 per year
School Committee Member	400.00 per year
Library Trustee	25.00 per year
Constables	8.50 per hour

Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,574 for Insurance Premiums and Bonds Expense for Town Officers.

Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,495 for the Berkshire County Retirement Fund.

Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for Town Employee Benefits.

Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,988 for the Town's Share Group Insurance.

Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Unemployment Insurance.

Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400 for Town Share Medicare.

Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for General Government \$25,000: \$18,600 for Salaries and

- \$6,400 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$15,133: \$10,298 for Salaries and \$4,835 for Expenses.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Moderator \$400: \$53 for Salaries and \$347 for Expenses.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,033 for the Board of Selectmen's Secretary Salary.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Buildings Expenses. Town Hall, Community Center, Library, Town Garage, Town Hall Annex.
- Article 42. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to Replace the Town Hall Fuel Storage Tank.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,066 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$9,241: \$7,366 for Salaries and \$1,875 for Expenses, and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,929 and transfer \$447.95 from Dog Tax Returns, transfer \$1,726.26 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$121.65 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, transfer \$16.14 from Non-Resident Library Grant to the Library.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,516 for Library Repairs - alarm system, railings, and walkway.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Information Systems Support Salaries for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Library, and Board of Assessors.
- Article 47. The Town voted in favor of with 3 opposed to raise and appropriate for the Yanner Park \$5,000: \$2,500 for Salaries and \$2,500 for Expenses.

- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$464 for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission Expenses.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense accounts:
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| Finance Committee            | \$ 400 |
| Council on Aging             | 3,830  |
| Recreation Committee         | 3,500  |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council | 250    |
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$2,800: \$800 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$4,183: \$3,933 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$450 for Expenses.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$1,500: \$1,000 for Salaries, and \$500 for Expenses.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandated Triennial Recertification Expenses.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$27,513: \$19,848 for Salaries and \$7,665 for Expenses.
- Article 56. The Town voted 19 in favor with 1 opposed to appropriate for the Replacement of the DOS Assessing System the sum of \$12,000 and to meet that appropriation Expense transfer \$12,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 57. The Town voted in favor of with 1 opposed 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 |
| Veteran's Service District               | 2,920    |
| Veteran's Burial                         | 1        |
| Children's Health Program                | 1,000    |
| Memorial Day Parade                      | 1,500    |
| Mental Health Services of the Berkshires | 100      |

Goodwill Gifts 300

Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals Salary \$100.

Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,700: \$600 for Salaries and \$3,100 for Expenses.

Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

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| 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. | Town Dog Officer        | 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 61. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2003 Tax Rate.

Article 62. Other Business: Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko publicly thanked Elaine Ziegler for her continued devotion to the preparation of the Annual Town Report. It is a long and difficult job and she does an exceptional job.

There are only two corrections that need to be addressed. On page 26 & 27 at the top of the page the numbers 1 & 2 should be switched and on page 69 under the District Department of Veterans' Services under the column "Town" the third line down should show 1,500.

True copy Attest:

  
Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk

June 4, 2002