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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Moderator Jean Atwater Williams with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 83 registered voters present along with Town Council Brian Maser. The Finance Committee approved all articles except Article 76. They made no recommendation regarding Article 76.

- 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 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$150 for Salaries and \$150 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Town Administrator \$75,000 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$73,000 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 4. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$20,255 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$12,000 for Salaries and \$8,255 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Legal Services \$10,000 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 6. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Town Accountant \$13,457 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$11,457 for Salaries and \$2,000 for Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$32,882 for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$176,000 for the Highway Department for the purchase and equipping of a new or used truck and to meet that appropriation transfer \$176,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$52,846 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$39,871 for Salaries and \$12,975 for Expenses.

- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Recertification Expense.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office \$42,486 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$26,136 for Salaries and \$16,350 for Expenses.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$28,315 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$18,186 for Salaries and \$10,129 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,700 for Salaries, and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,519 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,519 for Salaries, and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$2.00 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1.00 for Salaries, and \$1.00 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Website Administrator \$2,950 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$2,700 for Salaries, and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Federal Census Workers Salary \$2,500 for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Pre Construction Engineering Fees for Town Projects \$1.00 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$232,086 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$168,286 for Salaries, and \$63,800 for Expenses and Equipment.

Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$175,000 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$34,000 for Salaries, and \$141,000 for Expenses and Equipment.

Amended

Article 24. The Town failed by majority to amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$94,110 any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$9,110 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$85,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment on the condition that on or before August 1, 2017 electronic information gathering devices shall be installed on all DPW equipment and paid for out of this account.

Article 24. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$94,110 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$9,110 for Salaries, and \$85,000 for Expenses and Equipment.

Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 27. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,408,361 for School Operations for Fiscal Year 2018.

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 \$26,598 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 30. The Town voted unanimously on the establishment of a Stabilization Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, section 16G 1/2, as recently amended, for Farmington River Regional School District operating and capital expenses.

Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$14,153.16 or for Fiscal Year 2018: \$11,253.16 for Salaries and \$2,900 for Expenses and to meet that appropriation raise \$12,279.80 and transfer \$1,660.72 from the Library Incentive Grant, \$191.96 from the Municipal Equalization Grant and \$20.68 from the Non-Resident Grant.

Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,100 for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.

- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,748 for the Veteran's Service District for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$43,500 for Veterans' Benefits for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$12,121 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and cemeteries \$8,500 for Expenses and Equipment for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$59,113 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$45,463 for Salaries and \$13,650 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$9,542 for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 39. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$32,931 for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary for Fiscal Year 2018
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$42,650 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$12,468 for Salaries and \$30,182 for Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$20,900 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$4,000 for expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,315 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,610 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,498 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,285 for Street Light Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,396 for Salaries for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,800 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control Officer \$3,300 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,800 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$3,000: \$1,900 for Salaries and \$1,100 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- 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 for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:
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| Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association..... | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 450 |
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$57,290 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$72,500 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$72,000 for Expenses and \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Repair of Town Buildings \$7,000 for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 57. The Town failed by 2/3 vote to appropriate \$200,000 to purchase 19.63 acres of land, map and parcel 201-0-6 and to meet that appropriation transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Article 57. Motion failed to reconsider Article 57 to be funded from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 57. Motion withdrawn to reconsider Article 57.
- Article 57. Motion failed to reconsider Article 57.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Gas And Diesel Fuel Account \$48,960 for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 59. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$500 for Employee Appreciation Account for Fiscal Year 2018.

Amended

- Article 60. The Town failed by majority to amend Article 60 read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or any other sums, for expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,150
Elderly Transportation.....	2,466
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Historical Commission.....	5,250
Cemetery Committee.....	5,000

- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,150
Elderly Transportation.....	2,466
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Historical Commission.....	250
Cemetery Committee.....	5,000

- Article 61. The Town voted by majority to amend Article 61 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any other sums, as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 80,030
Town Employee Benefits.....	40,276
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	82,593

Town's Share Medicare.....	8,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	58,016
Unemployment Insurance	2,500

Amended

Article 61. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate the sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 80,030
Town Employee Benefits.....	40,276
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	82,593
Town's Share Medicare.....	8,000
Ins. Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers.....	58,016
Unemployment Insurance.....	2,500

Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$694 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 63. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$500 for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Finance Committee \$1,850 for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,500 for salaries and \$350 for Expenses.

Article 65. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 66. The Town voted by 2/3 to establish a Stabilization Account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B as most recently amended, for the purpose of funding of costs for items as identified by the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 67. 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 for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	7,201.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,000.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 per year
School Committee Chairman.....	500.00 per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	15.00 per hour

Article 68. The Town voted by majority pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.44, section 53E1/2, as most recently amended, to (1) authorize the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2018, and to set fiscal year spending limits, and further, (2) amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Chapter IV, Section 6.

- A. There are hereby established in the Town of Sandisfield, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, sec. 53 ½, the following Revolving Funds, from which the specified department head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from without appropriation in accordance with the limitations set forth in this bylaw.

- B. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.

- C. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

- D. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting or any increase therein as may later be authorized by the Board of Selectmen and finance Committee in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, sec 53E ½.

- E. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the General Fund

- F. Authorized Revolving Funds

Board of Health	Sanitary Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Plumbing Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Building Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Wiring Inspector	Permits & inspections

Building Dept.	Gas Inspector	Permits & inspections
Dog Licensing	Town Clerk	Fees & charges from dog licensing fees
Transfer Station Stickers	Board of Selectmen	Fees & charges from transfer station sticker fees
Legal Ad Fees	Town Accountant	Fees & charges related to hearings

G. Procedures and Reports, Except as provided in M.G.L. c. 44, section 53 E1/2 and this bylaw, all applicable state and local laws and regulations that govern the receipt, custody, expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of revolving funds established and authorized by this by-law.

H. And further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

- 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

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$21,002.74 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with the Unemployment Fund.

Article 70. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$18,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 3 of the Special Town meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with the Town Administrator Salary Account.

Article 71. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$4,977.50 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 4 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting for costs associated with the Treasurer's Salary Account..

- Article 72. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$6,912 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 5 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting for costs associated with Employee Benefits.
- Article 73. The Town voted unanimously to establish a Stabilization Account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5B, as most recently amended, for the purpose of Maintenance and Interest of Yanner Park.
- Article 74. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$13,815.93 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 6 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting to the Yanner Park Special Revenue Fund Account.
- Article 75. The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$16,000 from Free Cash to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with Police Department Software.
- Article 76. The Town voted by 2/3 to appropriate \$40,000 to purchase and equip a New Police Cruiser and to meet that appropriation transfer \$40,000 from the Stabilization Account.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

True Copy Attest: Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk

