

TOWN OF HOLLISTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2013

The Annual Holliston Town Meeting commencing on May 6, 2013 was held at the High School Auditorium and was brought to order by Moderator, Kevin Clancy at 7:32 PM, with a quorum of 152 and growing.

Prior to the start of regular business, the Moderator read the warrant and went over the preliminary rules for Town Meeting then read the following Motion as required by the Town By-Laws.

PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1

MOTION: Moved that the following non-resident and non-voting Town Officials, consultants to committees and petitioners be allowed to speak during the course of this Annual Town Meeting:

Ann McCobb	Health Director/Agent
Leslie McDonnell	Library Director
Mary Bousquet	Treasurer/Collector
David Nalchajian	Town Accountant
Kathryn Peirce	Principal Assessor
Peter Tartakoff	Building Inspector
Brad Jackson	Superintendent of Schools
Sara Ahern	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Tom Smith	Highway Superintendent
Karen Sherman	Town Planner
Kirsteen Leveillee	Business Mgr., Keefe Technical School
John Moore	Police Chief
Brenda Farrell	Housing Authority Director
Cheryl Rudolph	Animal Control Officer
Ronald Sharpin	Water Superintendent
Charles Corman	Technology Director
Charles Katuska	Conservation Agent

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Our By-laws require that the Town Meeting vote to allow non-residents and non-voters to address the Town Meeting

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen.

MOTION: MOTION: Moved that the Annual Report of the Town for the 12 month period ending June 30, 2012, be accepted.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 1 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Moved that the Annual Report of the Finance Committee be received and laid on the table and that motions offered in the report be accepted as motions before this meeting as the articles and the budget are taken up.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St. and Chairperson of the Finance Committee, gave a presentation updating Town Meeting on the finances of the town. Robert Norton, 95 Marshall St., asked if there were going to be 7 members on the committee, because one member was absent for every vote. Mr. Szajda responded that most of the votes were taken on one night and that member was absent for the one meeting. Parashar Patel, 3 Metcalf Dr., asked if the Benefits Study had been released to the public. Mr. Szajda said that some parts have been released and they were holding back the collective bargaining pieces during negotiations.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 2 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, to sell property acquired through foreclosure of tax titles by the Town and other real estate, after first giving notice of the time and place of the sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient place in the Town, by publishing such notice of such sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town and by posting such notice on a Holliston Cable Access Television (HCAT) bulletin board and on the Town's website at least fourteen (14) days before the sale. The Treasurer shall also give notice of such sale to the Executive Director of the Holliston Housing Authority, *and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Trust* and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Committee or its subsequent equivalent by first class letter at least forty-five (45) days before the sale. The Treasurer may hold a public auction and may reject any bid which s/he deems inadequate, and any such advertisement, notice or indication that

real property is to be offered for sale by the Town of Holliston, or any department, commission, or other subdivision of the Town shall include the following statement: “Buyers should be aware that the Town of Holliston does not guarantee this property to be in conformity with existing zoning bylaws.”

Whenever the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of real estate, other than that acquired through tax title foreclosure, by the Town of Holliston exceed five hundred dollars, the same shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness incurred in acquiring such real estate or shall be added to the sinking fund, if any, from which said indebtedness is payable, or if no such indebtedness is outstanding will be applied to the Town’s Capital Expenditure Fund as established by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1993. The proceeds of a sale in excess of five hundred dollars of any park land by the Town shall be used only by the Town for acquisition of land for park purposes or for capital improvements to park land; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., made a motion to amend the article to include the words *and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Trust*, inserted after Holliston Housing Committee. The Amendment was seconded and unanimously voted in favor of.

VOTE: Passed by majority voice vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion, and amended above in italics.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 29, Job Classification Plan, by reflecting those revisions, deletions and/or additions to be effective as of July 1, 2013; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

SECTION 29, JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN (Full-time Permanent Positions)

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>GRADE</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	
<i>GRADE</i>			
Assistant Cataloger, Library	8	Laborer	5
Administrative Aide	2	Librarian, Asst. Director	11
Building Inspector, Assistant	11	Librarian, Children’s	10
Clerk, Principal	8	Mechanic	10
Clerk, Assistant	5	Mechanic, Head	13
Clerk, Senior	8	Mechanic, Assistant	8
Crew Chief, Highway	10	Operator, Heavy Equipment	9
Custodian	7	Operator, Equipment	8
Dispatcher, Days	7	Operator, Water Systems	9

Dispatcher, Nights	8	Outreach Coordinator	6
Dispatcher, Head	11	Program Coordinator	6
Foreman, Highway	13	Reference Librarian	9
Foreman, Tree	10	Senior Center Director, Assistant	10
Foreman, Water	11	Town Clerk, Assistant	11
Head of Circulation, Library	8	Treasurer/Collector, Assistant	11

MOTION: Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by majority voice vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, to reflect the rates listed below, and the inclusion of any new rates resulting from reevaluation or new or revised positions to be effective as of July 1, 2013; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

SECTION 30, JOB COMPENSATION PLAN, PART I, SCHEDULE B, HOURLY RATES

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP	MAXIMUM
14	25.22	26.98	28.11	29.28	30.50	31.18
13	23.79	25.46	26.52	27.63	28.78	29.42
12	22.44	24.01	25.01	26.06	27.14	27.73
11	21.18	22.66	23.61	24.59	25.62	26.16
10	19.96	21.36	22.25	23.18	24.14	24.69
9	18.84	20.16	21.00	21.87	22.78	23.30
8	17.78	19.03	19.82	20.65	21.51	21.97
7	16.77	17.95	18.70	19.48	20.29	20.72
6	15.81	16.92	17.62	18.36	19.12	19.56
5	14.91	15.96	16.62	17.32	18.04	18.45
4	14.20	15.20	15.83	16.49	17.18	17.56
3	13.54	14.49	15.09	15.72	16.37	16.74
2	12.90	13.80	14.37	14.97	15.60	15.95
1	12.28	13.13	13.68	14.25	14.85	15.18

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, by implementing the rates shown in the Article effective July 1, 2013.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 5 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid bills from prior years; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,548 for bills from prior fiscal years.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voted by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 6 as stated in the Motion.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's fiscal year 2013 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 16 of the Warrant for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting and under Article 2 of the Warrant for the October 31, 2012 Fall Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Indefinitely Postpone Article 7 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1986 Ford 350 skid unit brush truck.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 8 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 9 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, as amended, to reauthorize the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2014:

1. an ambulance fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for ambulance services and from which account expenditures for labor, materials, supplies and equipment associated with the provision of ambulance services in the Town may be made in an amount not to exceed \$368,702;
2. a Council on Aging fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for the use of the Senior Center and from which account expenditures for Senior Center expenses may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
3. a Composting Kit revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from the sale of composting kits and from which account expenditures for purchasing composting kits may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;

4. a Response and Recovery fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees and reimbursements for response to natural and man-made emergencies and from which account expenditures for planning, response, recovery and mitigation efforts by Town departments may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
5. an abutter's list fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for abutter's lists and from which fund expenditures for preparing and issuing abutter's lists, including technologies, may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
6. a Building Inspection revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees received by the Building Inspection department for plumbing, gas and wiring permits and from which account expenditures reasonably related to inspectional services for plumbing, gas and wiring may be made in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;
7. a Town Hall revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees for rental of the Town Hall facility and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Town Hall for purposes of rental may be made in an amount not to exceed \$25,000;
8. a Senior Center Van Services revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees, reimbursements and contracted receipts for use of the Senior Center van and transportation program and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Senior Center van service and transportation program may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
9. an Agricultural Commission programs revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment for all programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission and from which account expenditures reasonably related to the programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
10. a Sealer of Weights and Measures revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for Sealer of Weights and Measures services and from which account expenditures related to the services of the Sealer of Weights and Measures may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
11. a fluorescent bulb recycling revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from recycling fluorescent bulbs and from which account expenditures for recycling fluorescent bulbs may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;

12. a banner revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for banners over Washington Street and from which account expenditures for placing the banners may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
13. an accident fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for motor vehicle accident investigations and from which account expenditures for investigating motor vehicle accidents may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
14. an inoculation revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for reimbursement for inoculations and from which account expenditures for inoculations may be made in an amount not to exceed \$20,000;
15. a passport revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for processing of passport applications and from which account expenditures for processing of passport applications may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
16. a cost of prosecution account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for court imposed penalties and from which account expenditures for the costs of prosecution may be made in an amount not to exceed \$30,000;
17. a Senior Center Nutrition revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for nutrition programs at the Senior Center and from which account expenditures for nutrition programs at the Senior Center may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;

provided that expenditures from said accounts shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and expenditures in excess of the amounts stated shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee; or take any action relative thereto.

**(Board of
Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town authorize the revolving accounts as described in Article 10 for fiscal year 2014.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 10 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant an increase of twenty percent (20%) to all exemptions from property taxes excluding those granted under clause 18 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the

Massachusetts General Laws for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town authorize the revolving account, as described in Article 11, for fiscal year 2013.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 11 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41A, which regulates tax deferral for homeowners 65 years or older, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, thereby amending said clause 41A; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of clause 41A of section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, amending the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% for tax deferrals for homeowners 65 years or older, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 12 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, amending the income requirements under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41C, or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, amending the income requirements under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41C, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept Article 13 as stated in the motion

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute a fee for curbside rubbish collection and disposal services; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute a fee for curbside rubbish collection and disposal services in an amount not to exceed \$80 per user for the period ending June 30, 2014, with waivers for: (1) those households where a property owners is 65 years or older; (2) those households on income assistance; and (3) users that submit evidence that they have engaged a private trash hauler.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Marcia Holman, 51 Carl Rd., asked if we were lowering the rate because our overall trash fees went down due to increased recycling. She also wanted to know that if we kept the higher fee, could the excess funds be used to supplement other budgets. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., said that many years ago this fee was instituted as temporary and the Selectmen are trying to honor what was said and lower it to eventually do away with the fee.

John Beck, 69 Wingate Rd., made a motion to amend the article changing from the proposed \$80.00 to \$125.00. The motion was seconded and the following discussion ensued: John Beck, asked the Selectmen to explain their reasons to vote against the voice of the people, if the people want to increase the fee. Jay Leary said that he would not be in favor of augmenting another budget by increasing the trash fee. Mark Schultz, 21 Wedgewood Dr., spoke in opposition of raising the trash fee, because the Selectmen and Finance Committee are doing the right thing. Barbara Gardner, 114 Jennings Rd., doesn't think Town Meeting is the proper venue to discuss this issue, and proposes a public hearing for this in the future. J. Michael Norton, 95 Marshall St., is in favor of doing away with the "fee" because fees are not tax deductible and taxes are, so make it a tax. Tom Jones, 60 Kim Pl., recommends we look at the fee structure on independent boards with the goal of doing away with all fees across town departments and add them to the tax base. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., stated that residents should go to the individual boards and committee who are implementing the fees and discuss them at their meetings. A motion to move the question was made by the floor and seconded, the motion passed by voice call vote.

Vote to Amend: Defeated by voice vote

VOTE: Passed by voice call vote to accept Article 14 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 15. To see what money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to meet expenses and outlays to Town departments, salaries of Town Officers, sundry and miscellaneous but regular expenditures, for a Reserve Fund,

Conservation Fund, Stabilization Fund, and to appoint trustees or caretakers or authorize the Selectmen to appoint caretakers of the cemeteries of the Town not otherwise provided for, for the ensuing year; or take any action relative thereto. (**Omnibus Budget**)

MOTION: The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on the amounts appearing in the recommended column of the Omnibus Budget.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: The Moderator read the omnibus line by line and each budget was seconded, discussed if needed and voted on:

Board of Selectmen 01122	
51000 Personnel Services	\$179,335
52000 Purchased Services	59,250
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,650
57000 Other Expenses	178,000
TOTAL	\$418,235

Finance Committee 01131	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 1,472
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	50
TOTAL	\$ 1,522

Town Accountant 01134	
51000 Personnel Services	77,171
52000 Purchased Services	2,775
54000 Supplies & Materials	450
TOTAL	\$80,396

Board of Assessors 01137	
51000 Personnel Services	\$173,459
52000 Purchased Services	10,131
54000 Supplies & Materials	800
TOTAL	\$184,390

Treasurer/Collector 01138	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 247,475
52000 Purchased Services	45,600
54000 Supplies & Materials	4,323
TOTAL	\$ 297,398

Other Financial Administration 01149	
57810 Reserve for Transfers	\$ 212,675
TOTAL	\$212,675

Technology 01154	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 79,495
52000 Purchased Services	5,152
54000 Supplies & Materials	300
58000 Capital	8,106
TOTAL	\$ 93,053

Town Clerk	01161	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 122,373
52000 Purchased Services		6,287
54000 Supplies & Materials		2,403
TOTAL		\$ 131,063

Elections	01162	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 5,444
52000 Purchased Services		2,296
54000 Supplies & Materials		2,255
TOTAL		\$ 9,995

Conservation Commission	01171	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 40,316
52000 Purchased Services		2,700
54000 Supplies & Materials		500
TOTAL		\$ 43,516

Planning Board	01172	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 66,854
52000 Purchased Services		4,500
54000 Supplies & Materials		545
TOTAL		\$ 71,899

Zoning Board of Appeals	01173	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 10,388
52000 Purchased Services		200
54000 Supplies & Materials		150
TOTAL		\$ 10,738

Public Buildings	01192	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services		176,578
53000 Repair & Maintenance		37,000
54000 Supplies & Materials		1,000
TOTAL		\$ 214,578

Employee Benefits	01194	
51750 Insurance		\$4,150,197
51780 Benefits		1,809,529
TOTAL		\$5,959,726

Police Department	01210	
51000 Personnel Services		\$2,227,116
52000 Purchased Services		98,314
53000 Repairs & Maintenance		19,090
54000 Supplies & Materials		10,835
TOTAL		\$2,355,355

Auxiliary Police	01211	
52000 Purchased Services		\$ 5,390
53000 Repairs & Maintenance		190
54000 Supplies & Materials		7,071
TOTAL		\$ 12,651

Fire Department	01220	
51000 Personnel Services		\$697,030
52000 Purchased Services		47,389
53000 Repair & Maintenance		18,800
54000 Supplies & Materials		12,250
58000 Capital		12,500
TOTAL		\$787,969

Building Inspection	01251	
51000 Personnel Services		\$122,192
52000 Purchased Services		4,250
54000 Supplies & Materials		800
TOTAL		\$127,242

Sealer of Weights & Measures	01254	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 1,000
52000 Purchased Services		0
54000 Supplies & Materials		0
TOTAL		\$ 1,000

Emergency Management	01291	
52000 Purchased Services		\$ 10,000
54000 Supplies & Materials		64
57000 Other Expense		300
TOTAL		\$ 10,364

Animal Control	01292	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services		38,359
54000 Supplies & Materials		0
TOTAL		\$ 38,359

Schools	01300	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 23,291,274
52000 Purchased Services		2,196,794
53000 Repair & Maintenance		949,702
54000 Supplies & Materials		508,095
55000 Fuels		104,000
56000 Intergovernmental		2,004,747
57000 Other Expenses		346,711
58000 Capital Outlay		155,073
TOTAL		\$ 29,556,396

Keefe Technical School:	01371	
57000 Intergovernmental		\$ 617,396
TOTAL		\$ 617,396

Highway Department	01420	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 697,455
52000 Purchased Services		69,874
53000 Repair & Maintenance		27,664
54000 Supplies & Materials		65,953
58000 Capital		352,973
TOTAL		\$ 1,213,919

Snow & Ice Removal	01423	
51000 Personnel Services		\$ 50,000
52000 Purchased Services		106,215
54000 Supplies & Materials		93,785
TOTAL		\$ 250,000

Street Lighting	01424	
52120 Street Lighting		\$ 66,990
TOTAL		\$ 66,990

Solid Waste	01433	
52120 Solid Waste		\$ 1,055,320
TOTAL		\$ 1,055,320

Wastewater Treatment	01440	
52000 Purchased Services		\$ 67,200

53000 Repair & Maintenance	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 68,700
Other Public Works 01499	
54000 Motor Vehicle Fuels	\$ 144,232
TOTAL	\$ 144,232
Board of Health 01512	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 113,339
52000 Purchased Services	11,145
54000 Supplies & Materials	600
TOTAL	\$ 125,084
Council on Aging 01541	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 118,402
52000 Purchased Services	37,966
53000 Repair & Maintenance	4,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	9,800
TOTAL	\$ 170,168
Youth Services 01542	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 111,267
52000 Purchased Services	3,127
54000 Supplies & Materials	300
57000 Other Expenses	0
TOTAL	\$ 114,694
Veterans' Services: 01543	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
56000 Intergovernmental	19,988
57000 Benefits	10,000
TOTAL	\$ 29,988
Library 01610	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 288,962
52000 Purchased Services	70,206
53000 Repair & Maintenance	9,507
54000 Supplies & Materials	74,033
TOTAL	\$ 442,708
Park Commission 01650	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 91,262
TOTAL	\$ 91,262
Debt Service 01710	
52000 Purchased Services	\$ 3,146
57600 Debt Service	\$ 5,620,750
TOTAL	\$ 5,623,896
Ambulance 26231	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 260,249
52000 Purchased Services	95,025
53000 Repair & Maintenance	13,750
54000 Supplies & Materials	21,300
58000 Capital	2,100
TOTAL	\$ 392,424
Water Department 60150	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 802,516
52000 Purchased Services	377,550
53000 Repair & Maintenance	75,000

54000 Supplies & Materials	226,850
56000 Intergovernmental	3,600
57000 Debt Service	1,019,714
58000 Capital	2,500
TOTAL	\$2,507,730

DISCUSSION: J. Michael Norton, 95 Marshall St., asked if the Fire Department Budget reflected the new Brush Truck in Capital Outlay. Ken Szajda, Chairman of the Finance Comm., answered that the Capital Outlay is not for that purpose and that the truck will be coming out of a Capital Expenditure budget later in the Warrant.

Lisa Galeaz Weber, 6 Kingsbury Dr., informed Town Meeting that the School Committee unanimously agrees with the budget set forth by the Finance Committee. She commented on some of the changes in the School's budget. Nancy Baron, 154 Norfolk St., praised the Theatre Department and Mr. Hickey. Mark Schultz, 21 Wedgewood Dr., commented that by cutting a quarter of someone's salary you are essentially cutting it completely because it is difficult for a person to afford to live off ¾ of their salary. To retain a quality professional you need to pay for them. He believes that the amount of money required to keep Mr. Hickey's position at full time is very small compared to the overall budget. What price can we put on developing the talents of our children? Promoting the Arts Programs is just as important as the Athletic Programs. He strongly urges the School Committee to keep Mr. Hickey's position at full time. Marcia Holman, 51 Carl Rd., thinks we should take Mr. Hickey's name out of this discussion and refer to the position, to make this less personal. Cutting the position to ¾ time will make it very difficult for the school to find a replacement drama teacher. The drama, music and arts programs are also great places for special needs children to grow and participate. She also asked if it was possible to amend the School Budget by the ¼% of the Drama Teacher's salary. Ken Szajda, Chair of the Finance Committee, answered that by increasing the budget there was not a guarantee that the position would be saved. Appropriating funds within the School's budget was at the discretion of the School Committee. Michelle Zeamer, 583 Winter St., stated that if an amendment is made, Town Meeting needs to know where the appropriation is coming from, because we were presented with a balanced budget. Brad Jackson, Supt. of Schools, said that in response to Sandy Hook Elementary School he had a buzzer system installed into the schools. Dan Alfred, 315 High St., stated that the school salaries received a 3.5% increase and all other Town Depts. received a 1% increase. If the Town keeps moving in this direction, there won't be money left to fund other departments. Mark Shultz, made a motion to raise and appropriate \$19,835 for Personal Services of the School Budget. Seconded. Michelle Zeamer warned that the \$60,000 in reserve funds are intended to supplement budgets in the fall. Several more people spoke in favor of increasing the School Budget to accommodate the Drama Dept. Motion was made to move the question, motion passed by voice vote.

Motion to Amend the School Committee budget by increasing Personal Services by \$19,835.

SECONDED

Vote on Amendment passed by hand count 159 Yes 73 No

Vote on the Amended Motion for the School Committee Budget of \$29,556,396: passed by voice call vote.

VOTE: As read each article was voted on and passed by at least majority voice vote to accept the Motions in Article 15 as read.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and new vehicles and equipment, for the School, Police, Fire, Highway and Water departments and the Senior Center, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell used equipment toward part of the purchase price; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a dump truck with plow, appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a new roof for the senior center, and appropriate \$48,500 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a forest fire truck.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a motion to amend the article to include \$49,000 for a Water Department vehicle from Water Surplus. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., asked why the Water Dept. needed this now and not in the Fall? Jared Adams responded that the new wells will be operating in the fall and it will be needed to transport chemicals sooner rather than later.

AMENDED MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a dump truck with plow, appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a new roof for the senior center, ~~and~~ appropriate \$48,500 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a fully equipped forest fire truck, *and appropriate \$49,000 for a Water Department vehicle subject to funding from Water Surplus.*

SECONDED

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice vote to amend Article 16.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept Article 16 as stated in the amended motion.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2014 community preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community

preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year; or take any action relative thereto. (**Community Preservation Committee**)

MOTION: To appropriate \$100,000 for FY 2013 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve to assist in the purchase of 23.8 acres owned by Northeastern University located off of Meadowbrook Lane to be preserved for open space conservation purposes. The land acquisition must be completed within one year of the May, 2013 Town Meeting.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Frank Chamberlain, 333 Hollis St., made a presentation of what the Community Preservation Committee has been working on for the last year. Ann Marie Pilch, 107 Juniper Rd., gave a presentation on the open space located off Meadowbrook Lane, that will be referred to as Holliston's Warren Woods. She encouraged everyone to come back tomorrow night to pass Article 24, which is a second part of this acquisition. Of the \$260,000, \$10,000 will be used for fees and \$250,000 for the purchase. A private donor has pledged a \$150,000 donation after the conservation restriction is in place.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: Dan Alfred, 315 High Street, made a motion to reconsider the School Committee's budget under article 15.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: The Moderator declared that his request is within the 30 minute time frame. Gary Zegel, 511 Washington St., doesn't agree that we should reconsider the vote, because Town Meeting already made the decision. Mark Shultz, 21 Wedgewood Dr., agrees that Mr. Alfred is within his rights to reconsider the vote, and agrees that people should stay until the end of Town Meeting to avoid reconsideration. However, he feels that the people overwhelmingly made their decision and that the Article didn't just pass by a few votes. Ira Kitrell, 19 High Rock Rd., spoke against reconsideration, and feels the vote should remain. Dan Alfred said this is not about a particular program at the school, it is about fiscal responsibility and the town should vote with the Finance Committee's recommendation, because they have considered all the budgets. A motion to move the question was made and seconded, the motion was defeated. Several more people spoke against reconsideration. Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee Member, commented that many other Town Departments are understaffed and underpaid; we should not be debating over one person's 1/4 salary. This should be about the town as a whole, not just one department. Dan Alfred agreed with Ms. Zeamer, that the Finance Committee has set aside \$60,000 for all town departments. As an example, the Senior Center is looking to add services for \$18,000. Senior Citizens make up 25% of the Town's population, the Senior Center has a \$170,000 budget

vs. the School's \$29 Million dollar budget. He is not against the schools but feels that the School Dept. gets more than it's fair share. He feels that this is an opportunity for the other departments in town to get the funding that they deserve as well. A motion was made and seconded to move the question voted 149 vs. 8 in favor.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider was defeated by voice call vote.

ARTICLE 17 CONT.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the first motion in Article 17.

MOTION: To appropriate up to \$13,000 for FY 2013 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve to support the repair and preservation of the Civil War Soldier's Monument and Civil War Veteran's grave markers located in town-owned cemeteries, with all work to be completed within two years of the May, 2013 Town Meeting. This appropriation is contingent upon the Town's applying for a grant of up to \$5,000 in matching funds from the Massachusetts Sesquicentennial Commission of the American Civil War.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Frank Chamberlain, 333 Hollis St., explained that this is the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. The State is offering a matching grant program that will provide for cleaning and repointing of the Civil War Monument and restoration of up to 68 grave markers in town owned cemeteries.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the second motion in Article 17.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting to May 7, 2013

The second night of the Holliston Annual Town meeting, May 7, 2013 was brought to order by Moderator Kevin Clancy at 7:30 pm with a quorum of 103 and growing.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 18, as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Expenditure Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for the Capital Expenditure Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 19, as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth to provide for a separate Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and a funding schedule for the fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to indefinitely postpone Article 20.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of conducting impact analyses relative to the proposed casino development in the Town of Milford; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the town transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the stabilization Fund for the purpose stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: J. Michael Norton, 95 Marshall St., would like someone to explain how these funds will be used. Jay Marsden, 32 Wendy Lane, said that together with Hopkinton, Medway and Ashland we are taking pro-active steps to have funds available, if needed, to do studies to counter the studies done by the Casino proponents. There may be reimbursement money available to us from the State and some studies may not cost the town anything. Having us set aside this money now, gives us access to funds if and when we need it. Bob Norton, 95 Marshall St., asked why we are not having Milford pay these expenses if they come up. Jay Marsden said that we may want our own studies done to ensure that they are being done in our best interest. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., stated that the law includes timelines for surrounding towns to act and this will provide us with adequate representation. Kip Fenton, 655 Marshall St., wants to know who will decide how this money is spent and how this figure was determined? Jay Marsden responded that one member of each of the four Town's Board of Selectmen will be on this committee and an inter-municipal agreement was signed to share all expenses. As for the dollar amount we have been approached by law firms and organizations that have given an estimate of what a process like this has cost in the past, but the figures are still unknown. Ken Rockett, 21 Hampshire St., introduced himself as a founding member of *Casino Free Milford*, and gave an explanation of what his organization is trying to accomplish. John Losch, 2345 Washington St., talked about when there was a proposal for an airport in Milford and Holliston, and how concerned citizens from all surrounding towns worked together and contacted their local legislators. With enough people calling and writing to their legislators, their voice and opinion will be heard.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 21 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from fiscal year 2012 Highway Department encumbrance a sum of money for the purpose of road and sidewalk repairs during fiscal year 2014; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$272,335 from the Fiscal Year 2012 Highway Department Encumbrance Account for road repairs.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 22 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of completing a traffic study and

analysis, with preliminary design of improvements, for downtown Holliston; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen and Planning Board**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 23 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring that parcel of property shown as Lot 125 of Block 1 on Assessors' Map 14, located off of Meadowbrook Lane; or take any action relative thereto. (**Open Space Committee**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$260,000 from the Open Space Fund for the purpose of acquiring that parcel of property shown as Lot 125 of Block 1 on Assessors' Map 14, located off of Meadowbrook Lane, including costs associated with the acquisition, provided that a conservation restriction shall be placed on the property.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 24 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a portion of Lot 48 of Block 2 on Assessors' Map 8, comprising approximately 981 square feet and shown as Parcel 1 on a plan entitled "Sketch Holliston, Massachusetts" dated March 12, 2013, to the owners of Lot 7.F of Block 2 on Assessors Map 8; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a portion of Lot 48 of Block 2 on Assessors' Map 8, comprising approximately 981 square feet and shown as Parcel 1 on a plan entitled "Sketch Holliston, Massachusetts" dated March 12, 2013, to the owners of Lot 7.F of Block 2 on Assessors Map 8.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Parashar Patel, 3 Metcalf Dr., asked who owns the property. Jay Marsden, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, answered that the property owner came to the Town for help in clearing their title because prior to their ownership, about 980 sq. ft. of the driveway was built on town property.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 25 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend ARTICLE XVIII of the Town of Holliston General By-laws by inserting a new Section 7 as follows:

Section 7. Discharge of Liquid, Solid, or Debris onto a Roadway.

No person shall pipe or otherwise deposit in or upon any public way, or way to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, any liquid, solid, or debris which may freeze or create a hazardous condition between November 1 and March 31. This bylaw pertains mainly to the discharge of sump pumps onto a public street. This is not allowed and is punishable by a \$50.00 per day fine. The Highway Department or the Police Department are the enforcement agencies of this bylaw.

If said person, who is discharging liquid into the street (i.e. sump pump), has and is taking active measures to prevent said discharge, as confirmed by a qualified official (Highway Superintendent, plumber, etc.), then that person shall receive a verbal warning for said violation.;

or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Town of Holliston General By-laws as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Robert Norton, 95 Marshall St., made a motion to include commercial and residential snow plowing. Seconded. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Circle, said that this is a public safety issue and that the Highway Dept. has been called on several occasions to specific areas of town to sand the ice created by these sump pumps. John Losch, 2345 Washington St., made a motion to indefinitely postpone the Article. He commented that the water will run into the street by his house whether he runs his pump or not. The road should be altered to accommodate the water rather than tell people they can not protect their property with pumping. The Moderator noted that we are addressing the motion to amend and will address Mr. Losch's motion after we finish this motion. Michelle Zeamer, 583 Winter St., brought to our attention that the Highway Dept. would be an enforcement agency and they would have to enforce themselves, and we should vote against the amendment. Jay Leary, said this is from people deliberately putting water into the road, not the natural flow of water.

The Motion to amend Article 26 to insert the language “including through public or private snow plowing” after the word licensees, was defeated by voice vote.

Carl Damigella, 448 Underwood St., stated that Mr. Losch’s property and several other parcels in town are on State owned roads and this by-law would not apply to them. He is in favor of Indefinite Postponement.

VOTE: Passed by voice call vote to Indefinitely Postpone Article 26.

ARTICLE 27. To see of the Town will vote to amend the Town of Holliston Zoning By-Laws at Section VII Site Plan Review by adding the following title and text (Note: Bold italicized text is new. Strikethrough text is to be modified.):

Section VII Site Plan Review

6. Authority of the Board.

In the event the application is not revised as requested by the Planning Board to meet the General Conditions in VII(5), the Planning Board may deny the application. The decision shall be in writing and shall clearly state the reasons for denial.

7. Filing of Decision and Appeal. *The decision of the Planning Board shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The appeal of any decision of the Planning Board hereunder shall be made in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 40A, s. 17.*

~~7.~~ 8. Enforcement

or take any action relative thereto. (**Planning Board**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Town of Holliston Zoning By-laws as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: The Moderator read the following letter sent to him from the Planning Board:



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TOWN OF HOLLISTON
PLANNING BOARD
783 Washington Street
Holliston, MA 01746
(508) 429-0635

April 30, 2013

Kevin Clancy, Town Moderator
c/o Liz Greensdale, Town Clerk
783 Washington Street
Holliston, MA 01746

Re: Article 27 - Site Plan Review

Dear Mr. Clancy:

The Planning Board is pleased to sponsor this article which is a proposed amendment to Zoning By-Laws Section VII - Site Plan Review. The amendment's purpose is two-fold: 1. To clarify that the Board has the authority to deny an application and, 2. To clarify that any appeal shall be taken in accordance with MGL, c.40A, s. 17. I would respectfully report that the Planning Board held a public hearing as required by MGL, c.40A, s. 5 on April 11, 2013. After the close of the hearing, the members voted unanimously to recommend support of the proposed article as written.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, Board members will be present at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,


Parashar Patel
Chairman

Cc: Liz Greensdale, Town Clerk

Parashar Patel, 3 Metcalf Dr., said that the purpose of this by-law is to clean up some technical issues.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 27 as stated in the motion.

Prior to Article 28, the Moderator made a motion to allow John Nichols, owner of the property in question at 855 Washington Street. That motion was passed unanimously.

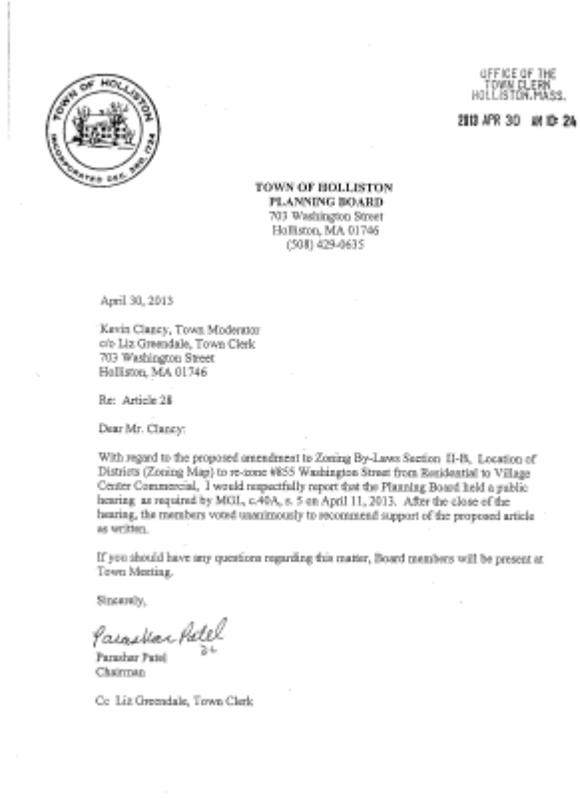
ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II-B Location of the Districts (Zoning Map) of the Town of Holliston Zoning By-Laws by changing the district designation from Residential (R-1) to Village Commercial (VC) of the following parcel: Lot 51 of Block 3 on Assessors' Map 8E and owned by 855 Washington Street Realty Trust as shown as Lot 2 on the attached Plan number 1319 of 1965 dated and recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds on October 18, 1965; or take any action relative thereto. **(By Petition)**

MOTION: The Town will vote to amend Section II-B Location of the Districts (Zoning Map) of the Town of Holliston Zoning By-Laws by changing the district designation from Residential (R-1) to Village Commercial (VC) of the following parcel: Lot 51 of Block 3 on Assessors' Map 8E and owned by 855 Washington Street Realty

Trust as shown as Lot 2 on the attached Plan number 1319 of 1965 dated and recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds on October 18, 1965.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: The Moderator read the following letter sent to him from the Planning Board:



Carol Kosicki, 970 Washington St., Wants to know what the impact would be going from R-1 to VC and would there be adequate parking. John Nichols, the petitioner, said that VC would allow the 3 family non-conforming units to be a conforming use, and there is room in the back to improve the parking. Ken Szajda, Fiske St., asked if the tax classification would change. Peter Barbieri, 47 Juniper Rd., said the the tax classification would not change significantly.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 28 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to request that the Town and its departments develop and implement a management plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the Winthrop Canal and other tributaries of the lake and appropriate funds to achieve this on a yearly basis. Years of neglect have left debris in the canal including downed trees and extensive silt built up, creating a man made wetland with poor drainage that is

adversely affecting flood storage throughout the Lake Winthrop watershed. Lack of maintenance of the canal and its tributaries combined with beaver infestations have made the problem critical. **(By Petition)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town will vote to request that the Town and its departments develop and implement a management plan *by the date of the next Annual Town Meeting*, for the upkeep and maintenance of the Winthrop Canal and other tributaries of the lake.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Janice Miller, 208 Winthrop St., is representing the Lake Winthrop Watershed Association and other concerned citizens. She made a presentation, showing the flow of the canal being significantly compromised, due to neglect. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., met with some neighbors who expressed their concerns. He said that he was able to come to an agreement with the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department that would resume regular maintenance of the canal.

Mr. Leary made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone Article 29.

SECONDED

John Thomas, 7 Norfolk Ln., said Lake Winthrop is one of our most valuable resources in town and a very complicated watershed. He encourages Town Meeting to approve this Article and not indefinitely postpone the article. Matt Simkins, 32 Arch St, spoke of the need for this to be addressed now and not to postpone this for a year.

Vote on the Motion to Indefinitely Postpone was defeated by voice call vote.

Jay Marsden 32 Wendy Lane, spoke in favor of the Article.

John Beck, 69 Wingate Rd., made a motion to amend Article 29 inserting the language “by the date of the next Annual Town Meeting” (noted above in Italics).

SECONDED.

John Thomas, feels that the date of the next annual town meeting is too long to wait. Jay Marsden said that the Board of Selectmen are already working on this plan. Mark Shultz, 21 Wdgewood Dr., wants to know where the money will come from to support this plan. Mr. Marsden responded that this is a multi level plan. A motion was made to move the question, that passed unanimously.

Vote on the proposed amendment by Mr. Beck, was passed unanimously.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 29 as stated in the motion amended above in italics.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

True Record, ATTEST:

Elizabeth T. Greendale, Town Clerk