

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (FY09)
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Moderator Michael F. Hayes. Town Clerk Pamela Martin read the warrant and the meeting voted as follows:

Article 1

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$35,839.75 from lines noted in Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, to budget appropriations of Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting as outlined below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Transfer From

Transfer To

Line 117 – Norfolk County VHS	Line 156 – Veterans' Benefits	\$28,000.00
Line 32, Treasurer Salary	Line 120 – School; Non-Mandated Busing	\$ 2,080.00
Line 32, Treasurer Salary	Line 36 – Treasurer; Benefits Clerk	\$ 5,759.75

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: The Veterans' Benefits shortfall is due to an increased number of soldiers and sailors in need of assistance; additional busing was necessary due to plethora of snowfall this winter; additional salary is due to increase of hours for Assistant Treasurer

Article 2

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, this article as amended, to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Line 241 Budget Reserve (Sewer Enterprise) of Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual town Meeting, to pay costs for engineering, design, and borrowing costs associated with a project to reline Reinforced Concrete Pipe in the Whitman Wastewater System, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Public Works Commissioners
Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This will fund the design and preparatory work for the relining of sewer pipes for which funding is requested in Article 35 of the FY 2010 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Article 3

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$35,253.00 from Line 241 Budget Reserve (Sewer Enterprise) of Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual town Meeting to pay for additional work required to renovate and update wastewater pumping stations, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Commissioners
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This request is due to a change order the Public Works Commissioners voted which exceeded the appropriation for the project

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Article 4

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$453,000.00 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to Line Item #194, DPW - Water Purchase, of Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Commissioners
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This appropriation is necessary due to a water rate increase voted by the City of Brockton that was not included in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

Article 5

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$63,667.42 from Line 117 Norfolk County Agricultural High School to the following budget lines of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town, or take any other action relative thereto:

Line 94 Chief Salary	\$11,584.04
Line 96 Fire Chief College Incentive	\$12,083.38
Line 97 Fire All Other Services	\$25,000.00
Line 99 Fire Expense	\$15,000.00

Proposed by the Chief of the Fire-Rescue & Emergency Services Department
Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: Lines 94 and 95 are short due to funds paid to the former chief on his retirement; line 97 is necessary due to hiring a fire fighter prior to another's July 1 retirement in order to enroll the new hire in the Fire Academy; Line 99 is due to unanticipated expenses

Article 6

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$5,417.75 from Fiscal Year 2008 encumbrances and \$3,170.33 from the Reserve for Appropriation Motor Vehicle Fine Account to be applied to the first of three payments for the lease/purchase and equipping of a new 2009 cruiser, to replace a cruiser totaled in an accident, such funds to be applied after making a down-payment of \$3,568.00 from insurance proceeds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

*Note: This appropriation will enable us to replace a totaled cruiser and maintain our cruiser management timetable of cycling patrol vehicles out in three year cycles, avoiding the extraordinary maintenance costs that come with aging fleets. **Requires 2/3 vote.***

Article 7

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$147.00, from Line 89, Police All Other Services of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting to pay a prior fiscal year unpaid medical bills resulting from "on-duty injuries sustained by members of the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This expenditure must be voted separately because it is a fiscal year 2008 bill and requires a 9/10ths vote of town meeting.

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Article 8

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$6,397.40 from Line 89, Police – All Other Services, to Line Item #85, Police – Expense, of Article 2 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of paying for medical bills incurred but not budgeted as a result of “on duty injuries” sustained by members of the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This transfer is necessary as we do not typically budget for line-of-duty injuries in the expense line for the Police Department.

Article 9

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$8,626.00 from Line 89, Police – All Other Services of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting to fund the first year of a three year contract with the Chief of Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This will increase base pay (\$5,547.00), holiday pay, specialty pay (\$236.00-Keeper of the Jail), and College Incentive (\$2,843.00 - Quinn bill) for the current fiscal year. The police chief has agreed to a wage freeze for fiscal year 2010.

Article 10

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Line 46 – Law Department of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and \$ 11,941.43 from Line 23 Annual Audit of said Town Meeting to pay the balance of costs due in connection with the demolition of the Holt School building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Note: This represents final costs for disposal of hazardous materials from the demolition of the Holt Building.

The Special Town Meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK – WHITMAN

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