

DOINGS AT THE OCTOBER 22, 2015 SPECIAL FALL TOWN MEETING

Registrars Karen Czerwinski, Gladys Nichols and Beverly Rhodes were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Brian West @ 7:10pm @ Hopkins Academy. A total of 121 voters were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Moderator explained the procedure for town meeting and that he would be using *Town Meeting Time* for reference.

Article 1 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$39,206.00** for the following budget adjustments in FY 2015:

	FROM	TO
196 Town Hall Expenses	\$65,826	\$74,685
210 Police Salaries	790,502	812,866
222 Communication Expense	44,880	48,880
423 Snow and Ice	168,222	169,378
425 Street Lights	18,000	19,616
750 Debt Interest	112,548	113,759

The Moderator declared Article 1 passed unanimously.

Article 2. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget by amending the vote on Article 5 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 2015 by amending the following line items:

	FROM		TO
122 Select Board Other salaries	\$45,449		\$47,420
135 Town Accountant Salaries	69,184		0
Town Accountant Expenses	26,425	Town Accountant Salaries & Expenses	95,609
141 Assessors Other Salaries	63,408		64,359
145 Treasurer Other Salaries	37,070		37,626
146 Tax Collector Salary	58,300		59,174
Other Salaries	35,828		37,655
161 Town Clerk Salary	54,408		57,183
Other Salaries	13,836		14,781
193 Insurance	113,000		103,400
196 Town Hall expenses	67,150		71,150
210 Police Salaries	872,353		878,986
220 Fire Salaries	223,924		229,304
222 Communication Salaries	224,101		224,212
241 Building Inspector Salaries	86,787		89,080
242 Gas Inspector Salary	3,292		3,341
243 Plumbing Inspector Salary	5,740		5,826
422 Highway Construction Salaries	442,386		445,930
440 Wastewater Salaries	282,700		283,131
440 Wastewater Debt Principal & Interest	140,302		141,884
450 Water Salaries	356,440		358,342
541 Council on Aging Salaries	71,879		75,451
610 Public Library Salaries	122,729		127,946
630 Park Commission Other Salaries	49,887		52,202
710 Long-Term Debt Principal	759,507		767,597
750 Long-Term Debt Interest	113,990		116,090
912 Workers Comp	50,000		65,594
919 OPEB	0		245,000

\$15,914,790

\$16,222,988

And further that the Town amend the appropriation as follows:

Raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **13,466,525** _____,
 and appropriate from Sewer Receipts \$ **803,020** _____,
 and appropriate from Water Receipts \$ **1,182,690** _____,
 and transfer from Water Reserves \$ **31,128** _____,
 and transfer from Sewer Reserves \$ **232,376** _____,
 and take from MSBA Debt Fund Reserve \$ **2,444** _____,
 and transfer from the November 2014 Premium Balance \$ **928** _____,
 and transfer from Free Cash \$ **503,877** _____,

for the maintenance and operation of the town in fiscal year 2016 as recommended by the Finance Committee, including debt and interest, and to fix the salary of all elected officials, including, if appropriate, Select Board, Town Clerk, Town Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Assessors, Town Constables, Board of Health, Elector under the Oliver Smith Will, Planning Board, and Park and Recreation Commission, and to provide a reserve fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Moderator declared Article 2 passed unanimously.

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Art 3. Motion was made and seconded that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ (inserted by Chapter 352 of the Acts of 2014) for the purpose of establishing a separate revenue account (a receipts reserved for appropriation account) to be known as the “PEG Access and Cable Related Fund”, into which shall be deposited cable television license proceeds, which funds may be appropriated by Town Meeting for cable-related purposes in accordance with law, including, but not limited to: (1) support of public, educational, or government (“PEG”) access cable television services; (2) monitoring compliance of the cable operator with the cable television license(s); or (3) preparing for the renewal of the cable license(s).

The Moderator declared Article 3 passed unanimously

Art 4. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Free Cash **\$242,986.00** to be placed in the Capital Stabilization Account.

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed unanimously.

Art 5. Motion #1. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer **\$211,620** from the Capital Stabilization Account, transfer **\$55,000** from Sewer Reserves, transfer **\$207,000** from Sewer Impact fees, and transfer **\$50,000** from Water Reserves, for the following capital projects:

Capital Purchase -----	Department -----	Cost -----	Funding Source -----
Ford F550	DPW Highway	\$85,000	Capital Stab.
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Pick Up Truck	DPW Sewer	55,000	Sewer Reserves
Clarifier Rehabilitation	DPW Sewer	207,000	Sewer Impact Fees
Light Truck	DPW Water	50,000	Water Reserves
Telephone System	Police	10,000	Capital Stab.
Rifles	Police	8,000	Capital Stab.
Ballistic Helmets & Gear	Police	11,120	Capital Stab.
Radar Units	Police	1,500	Capital Stab.
Air Packs	Fire	5,500	Capital Stab.
Roof Snow Guard	Library	5,500	Capital Stab.

The Moderator declared Article 5, Motion #1 passed unanimously

Motion #2. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$140,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing a school bus for the School Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

The Moderator declared Article 5, Motion #2 passed unanimously

Motion #3. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$200,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing an International 7600 truck for the Department of Public Works, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

The Moderator declared Article 5, Motion #3 passed unanimously.

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Motion 4. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$155,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe for the Department of Public Works, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called.

The Moderator declared Article 5, Motion #4 passed unanimously.

Motion 5. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$25,900.00** for the purpose of remodeling a server room at the Public Safety Complex for the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The Moderator declared Article 5, Motion #5 passed unanimously.

Article 6. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate \$377,628.00 to pay costs of engineering, permitting, construction and all other costs associated with the replacement of water lines on Route 9 by the Water Division, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow **\$377,628.00** and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 Section 8 (5), and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c. 78, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c. 78; that the Water Commission, is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed unanimously

Art 7. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the vote taken at the May 7, 2015 Annual Town Meeting on Article 8 concerning a sewer line replacement on Laurana Lane by deleting the sum of \$275,000 and substituting the sum of \$248,690.

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed unanimously.

Art 8. Motion was made and seconded that the Town authorize the School Department to expend \$95,993.00 from insurance proceeds to repair damage and associated costs at the Hopkins Academy library.

The Moderator declared Article 8. Passed unanimously.

Art 9. Motion was made and seconded that the Town accept Laurel Drive as a public way as delineated in Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 22, 2015 and incorporated by reference herein

The Moderator declared Article 9 passed unanimously.

Art 10. Motion was made and seconded that the Town accept Hawley Road as a public way as delineated in Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 22, 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 10 passed 105-3.

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Art 11. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the vote taken on Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 2015 by inserting and authorizing the following revolving fund for the Park and Recreation Commission under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½:

Revolving Fund	Authorized the Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2016 Spending Limit	Surplus Cap
Park and Recreation	Park and Recreation Commission	Program Fees	Salaries and expenses associated with Park and Recreation programs	\$50,000	\$20,000

The Moderator declared Article 11 passed unanimously.

Art 12. Motion was made and seconded to **TAKE NO ACTION**
The Moderator declared the motion passed unanimously.

Art 13. Motion was made and seconded to **TAKE NO ACTION**
The Moderator declared the motion passed unanimously

Art 14. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from Capital Stabilization **\$1,800.00** to survey and appraise the property known as Zatyarka Park.

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed 112-9.

Art 15. Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer from the Russell School Stabilization Account **\$100,124.00** to repair and renovate **Town buildings** and associated facilities.

The Moderator declared Article 15 passed 112- 9.

Article 16. Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$1,650.00** from Community Preservation Act historic set aside funds for the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the historic Goodwin Memorial Library, specifically, to fund a brick walkway, such funds to be granted to the Trustees of the Goodwin Memorial Library pursuant to a grant agreement entered into with the Select Board.

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed 111 -1.

Article 17. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend Section III USE REGULATIONS of the Hadley Zoning Bylaw by entirely deleting Note 6 wherever it appears in this section.

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed unanimously
The Planning Board gave an oral report unanimously supporting this article.

***Note 6:** In all zoning districts a group of adjacent stores, shops and similar retail commercial establishments with a combined total footprint of all buildings in the group exceeding 60,000 square feet is prohibited.

Article 18. Motion was made and seconded that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Code of the Town of Hadley relating to Dimensional and Density Regulations as delineated in Article 18 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 22, 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 18 passed 120- 1.
The Planning Board gave an oral report unanimously supporting this article

Attest:

**Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk**

