

## MINUTES -- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING -- 4/28/03

Moderator, Richard Patullo opened the meeting at 7:20. Attendance 193

- Article 1  
REPORTS
- The Town voted by a declared majority that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2002 be accepted as printed.
- Article 2  
BUDGET
- The Town voted by majority that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2004 Recommended of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee, with the exception of an additional \$9,000 for line 23.1, Transfer Station Operations, be granted and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, subject to a positive Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote.
- Article 3  
STABILIZATION  
FUND
- The Town voted by a declared 2/3 vote to transfer \$ 0 (zero dollars) from the Stabilization Fund, said funds to be made available in calculating the Fiscal year 2004 tax levy.
- Article 4  
PREVIOUS  
BILLS
- The Town voted by a declared majority to take no action on this article.
- Article 5  
REVOLVING  
ACCOUNT  
ASSESSOR
- The Town voted by majority to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from fees collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$750 for the fiscal year 2004.
- Article 6  
REVOLVING  
ACCOUNT  
B.O.H.
- The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending fees paid for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payment from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said funds not to exceed \$21,000 for the fiscal year 2004. A majority vote was declared.
- Article 7  
REVOLVING
- The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department,

ACCOUNT BUILDING	<p>from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants, said fund not to exceed \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2004.</p> <p>A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.</p>
Article 8 REVOLVING ACCOUNT LIBRARY	<p>The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fines paid for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library Trustees to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials, said fund not to exceed \$4,500 for the fiscal year 2004.</p>
Article 9 REVOLVING ACCOUNT B.O.H.	<p>The Town voted by a <u>declared majority</u> to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund for the operation of the Transfer Station, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from the sale of recyclable materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees of the Board of Health, said fund not to exceed \$6,500 for the fiscal year 2004.</p>
Article 10 REVOLVING ACCOUNT B.O.H	<p>The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from the sale of trash bags, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, and to defray the cost of disposal of non-recyclable and recyclable materials, said fund not to exceed \$90,000 for the fiscal year 2004. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.</p>
Article 11 REVOLVING ACCOUNT COA	<p>The Town voted by majority to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from classes, programs and other fees, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Council on Aging to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed \$20,000 for the fiscal year 2004.</p>

Article 12 HIGHWAYS STATE AID	The Town voted to accept any monies as made available through Chapter 90 funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement. The vote was <u>unanimous</u> .
Article 13 CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESTRICTED FUND	The Town voted to approve the Conservation Commission's use and expenditure of fees received from the filing of Notices of Intent in order to defray its expenses as allowed under Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 amending Chapter 131, Section 40. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 14 CONSERVATION FUND	The Town voted by a <u>declared majority</u> to take no action on this article.
Article 15 LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID	The Town voted that in Fiscal year 2004, if additional state aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 16 HIGHWAY VEHICLE	The Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or authorize the Town Treasurer, to borrow, under MGL Chapter 44 \$86,500 for the purchase of a Highway Department Dump Truck, and to the extent such funds are raised through borrowing, subject to exclusion of the bonded indebtedness from Proposition 2 ½, so called. A <u>2/3 vote</u> was declared.
Article 17 POLICE VEHICLE	The Town voted to take no action on this article. A majority vote was declared.
Article 18 HIGH SPEED COPY MACHINE	The Town voted to transfer from available unappropriated funds \$3,800 for the purchase of a high-speed copy machine for the Town House. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 19 ASSESSOR	The Town voted to increase the amount of the exemption granted to eligible applicants for a tax exemption by 50% for \$500 to \$750 as authorized by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C (as amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002) effective FY 2004. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 20 PAY PHONE SERVICE	By a vote of <u>59 to 31</u> , the Town voted to transfer from available unappropriated funds \$1,000 to pay for the line rate for the Custom pay Phone Service at the Town House on Main Street, Hampden.

Article 21 DOG VIOLATIONS	The Town voted by <u>majority</u> to amend the General Bylaws of the Town, as described in article 21, after a motion was made and passed by majority to amend section 21.1d to read, in part, "or to bark between ten (10) pm and six (6) am"
Article 22 MUNICIPAL FEES AND CHARGES	The town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F which concerns the establishment of fees for licenses, permits or certificates by municipal boards or officers. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 23 GENERAL BY-LAW	The Town voted to amend the General By-laws by adding the section as described in Article 23. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 24 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	The Town voted to amend the General By-law by adding the section as described in Article 24. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 25 ZONING BY-LAW	The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-law as described in Article 25. A <u>2/3</u> vote was declared.
Article 26 ZONING BY-LAW	The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-law as described in Article 26. A <u>2/3</u> vote was declared.
Article 27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	The Town voted by a declared <u>majority</u> to hear the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee
Article 28 RESEVE FUND	The Town voted to raise and appropriate or transfer \$0 (zero)for the Reserve Fund. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.
Article 29 STABILIZATION FUND	The Town voted to take no action on this article A <u>2/3</u> vote was declared.
Article 30 REDUCING TAX RATE	The Town voted to take no action on this article. A <u>majority</u> vote was declared.

At 10:40 pm a motion to continue the ATM to June 2, 2003 carried by a declared majority.

**Moderator Richard Patullo reconvened the meeting at 7:05pm on June 2, 2003.**

**Attendance 155**

Article 3  
STABILIZATION  
FUND

The Town voted to reconsider the motion on Article 3.  
A majority vote was declared.

The Town voted to transfer \$100,000 from the Stabilization Fund, said funds to be made available in calculating the Fiscal Year 2004 tax levy. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 2  
BUDGET

A motion to table discussion was passed by a declared 2/3 vote.

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled Fiscal 2004 Recommended Revised 6/2/03 and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes. Each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charge for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. A majority vote was declared.

Article 16  
HIGHWAY  
VEHICLE

A motion to table discussion was passed by a declared 2/3 vote.

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow under MGL Chapter 44, \$86,400 for the purchase of a Highway Department Dump Truck and also voted to transfer from available funds \$15,000 of the insurance proceeds to be set aside for the initial payment of said purchase. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 27  
COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the Community Preservation Committee Recommendations of the 2nd years appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of Minnechaug Mountain as initially voted on October 21, 2002 and all other monies collected through C.P.A. (including state matching funds) be rolled over for distribution at future town meetings. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.