MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2015
THORNTON W. BURGESS SCHOOL WILBRAHAM ROAD HAMPDEN

Moderator Robert L Howarth opened the meeting at 7:02pm. Attendance 68

Article 1. Bennett Road Eminent Domain Article
The town voted to take no action on Article one.
   A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. Tree Removal
The town voted to transfer $20,000 from unappropriated available funds to Tree Warden
Expenses for the removal of dead and dangerous town trees.
   A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3. Dump Truck Body
The town voted to transfer $22,626 from unappropriated available funds to Highway
Equipment Acquisition funds to purchase a stainless steel dump body and replacement of
hydraulic lines and fittings for the Highway Department.
   A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. Land Donation
The motion failed to accept conveyance to the Town, for no monetary consideration, the fee
simple interest, free of liens and encumbrances, approximately 20 acres of land on Minnechaug
Mountain, described in the warrant as Mountain Road, owned by John J. Brennan, William A.
Hayes, the Estate of Hazel Hayes and the Estate of Patricia Brennan or their heirs, successors
and assigns, for conservation purposes in accordance with the purposes set forth in General
Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, with the Conservation Commission to have administrative control
or care and custody of the land.
   Vote count by the Moderator: in favor 27, opposed 33. Motion failed.

Article 5. Community Preservation Commission
The Town voted to accept the recommendations made by the Community Preservation
Commission to appropriate $27,050 from the Community Preservation Fund for repairs and
rehabilitation of the foundation, sills and joists of Academy Hall together with any necessarily
incidental expenses.
   A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. Reserve Fund
The Town voted to transfer $20,000 from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve
Fund. A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. Reducing Tax Rate
The town voted to transfer $304,000 from unappropriated available funds to reduce the FY 16
Tax Rate. A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. General Stabilization Account
The town vote to transfer $121,445 from unappropriated available funds into the General
Stabilization Account.
   A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm