MINUTES – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 28, 2014 THORNTON W BURGESS MIDDLE SCHOOL, WILBRAHAM ROAD HAMPDEN MA MODERATOR ROBERT L HOWARTH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:08PM-ATTENDANCE 184

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2013, be accepted as printed.

Advisory - favorable

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. BUDGET

A motion was made from the floor to increase Library line item 26.0 by \$119,167 to a new total of \$128,383 to accommodate a Young Librarian.

Advisory - negative The motion failed.

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2015 Draft Recommendations" of the Supplementary Report 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 charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

		Fiscal 2015
GENERAL (GOVERNMENT	
1.0	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	28,944
	1.2 Clerical	300
	1.3 Expenses (Audit)	5,000
	Total Accountant	34,244
2.0	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	4,300
	2.2 Expenses	200
	Total Advisory	4,500
3.0	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	3,567
	3.2 Expenses	200
	Total Appeals	3,767
4.0	Assessors, Board of	
	4.1 Salaries	14,880
	4.2 Assistant Assessor	34,909
	4.2.1 Principal Assessor	0
	4.2 Clerical	11,349
	4.3 Expenses	4,000
	4.4 Data Processing	0
	4.5 Software Support	6,825
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	1,500
	4.7 Full List Measure	
	4.8 Field Review	0
	Total Assessors	73,463

	5.1 Code and General	0.000
	Enforcement	2,000
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	
	Total Building Dept.	2,000
6.0	County Retirement	291,522
7.0	Insurance	0.4.000
	7.1 Property and Liability	94,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	210,000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2,000
	7.4 Longevity	1,300
	7.5 FICA	
	Total Insurance	307,300
8.0	Law and Claims	
	8.1 General	20,000
	Total Law	20,000
9.0	Moderator	
	9.1 Salary	
	9.2 Expenses	100
	Total Moderator	100
10.0	Planning Board	
	10.2 Clerical*	13,897
	10.3 Expenses	1,100
	10.4 Software support	
	Total Planning Board	14,997
	* includes special permits & hearings	
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	5,500
	11.3 Street Lists	2,000
	Total Registrars	8,300
12.0	Selectman	
	12.1 Salaries	9,600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	40,906
	12.3 Secretarial	
	12.4 Expenses	2,000
	12.5 Legal Advertising	1,600
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	
	12.7 Temporary Help	500
	Total Selectman	54,606
13.0	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	31,836
	13.2 Clerical	12,588
	13.3 Expenses	2,000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	3,500
	13.5 Tax Title Work	2,500
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	
	Total Tax Collector	52,424
14.0	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	31,836
	14.2 Clerical	8,392
	14.3 Expenses	1,000
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	Total Town Clerk	41,328
15.0	Town Report	3,000
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40.0	Transcorren	
16.0	Treasurer	00.400
	16.1 Salary	36,180
	16.2 Clerical	8,887
	16.3 Expenses	1,100
	16.4 Certifying Notes	0
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	0
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	11,500
	16.7 Payroll Service	6,500
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	16.10 Records Mgt	1,000
	Total Treasurer	65,267
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	20,000
18.0	Greater Springfield	0
	Senior Services	350
	NERAL GOVERNMENT	997,168
_	TOWN SERVICES	
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	2,500
21.0	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	13,780
	21.2 Expenses	550
	21.3 Maintenance	15,000
	21.4 Computer Maintenance	550
	Total Cemetery Commission	29,880
22.0	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	7,154
	22.2 Expenses	400
	Total Conservation Commission	7,554
23.0	Transfer Station	
	23.1 Operation	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	25,000
	Total Transfer Station	25,000
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	10,000
26.0	Library	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Library Materials	
	Total Library	119,167
27.0	Town Events	1,200
29.0	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	2,500
	29.2 Maintenance	7,000
	29.3 Supplies	3,000
	29.4 Postage	17,000
	Total Office Equipment	29,500
30.0	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	28,788
	30.2 Operating Expenses	4,025
	30.3 Capital Improvements	0
	30.4 Baseball	0
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	30.5 Softball	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0
	30.7 Boys Soccer	0
	30.8 Basketball	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	0
	30.9 Spray park	9,495
	Total Parks and Recreation	42,308
32.0	Town House Maintenance	
	32.1 Custodial	19,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	8,500
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	43,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	70,500
34.0	Ambulance	0
35.0	Gasoline	
	Fuel	65,000
36.1	· ·	10,000
	Total Gasoline	75,000
36.0	Street Lighting	19,100
37.0	Council on Aging	
	37.1 Director's Salary	42,987
	37.2 Clerk	16,133
	37.3 Expenses	2,500
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	15,749
	37.6 Receptionist	8,048
	Total Council on Aging	85,417
38.0	Senior Center	40.000
	38.1 Custodial	10,850
	38.2 Utilities	18,834
	38.3 Building Maintenance	13,600
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0
20.0	Total Senior Center	43,284
39.0	Historical Commission	250
Total Gener	ral Town Services	560,660
	DEPARTMENT	
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	82,216
41.0	Tree Warden	,
	41.1 Expenses	10,100
	41.1.2 Salary	5,150
	41.2 Tree Planting	,
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
42.0	Public Grounds	38,165
43.0	Highway Maintenance	152,334
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	50,000
44.0	General Highway Expense	101,133
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	80,000
46.0	Contract Services	
	46.0 Contract Services	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	42,800
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	14,000
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	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquistion	
48.0	Building Expenses	
	48.1 Utilities	12,130
	GHWAY DEPARTMENT	588,028
	ON OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	2,098
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	50.4 Wildlife Control	2,500
	Total Animal Inspection	4,838
51.0	Emergency Management	8,000
51.5	Traffic Control	10,000
52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	10,000
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	700
	Total Dog Officer	10,700
53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	0
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,493
	53.3 Operation	33,982
	53.4 Equipment	14,500
	53.5 Training Stipend*	33,000
	53.6 Radio Service Agreement	540
	Total Fire Department	83,515
54.0	Forest Fires	1,800
55.0	Forest Fire Warden	0
56.0	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Salary	4,594
	56.2 Clerk Salary	26,267
	56.3 Expenses	1,000
	Total Board of Health	31,861
56.5	Water District	
	565.1 Operations	7,500

	Total Dog Officer	10,700	
53.0	Fire Department		
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	0	
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,493	
	53.3 Operation	33,982	
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	56.1 Salary	4,594	
	56.2 Clerk Salary	26,267	
	56.3 Expenses	1,000	_
	Total Board of Health	31,861	
56.5	Water District		
	565.1 Operations	7,500	
	565.2 Testing	2,000	
	Total Water District	9,500	
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57.0	Police	9,500	
57.0	Police 57.1 Chief's Salary	79,828	
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57.0	Police 57.1 Chief's Salary 57.2 General Salaries 57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers 57.4 General Expenses 57.5 New Cruisers	79,828 945,316 10,925 62,582 36,000	
57.0	Police 57.1 Chief's Salary 57.2 General Salaries 57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers 57.4 General Expenses 57.5 New Cruisers 57.6 Training	79,828 945,316 10,925 62,582 36,000 26,263	
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59.0	Parking Clerk	
	Total Police	1,234,283
TOTAL PR	ROTECTION	1,394,497
SCHOOLS		
69.0	Regional School District	
	69.1 Assessment	6,934,749
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	0
	Total Regional School District	6,934,749
SUB TOTA	AL	10,475,102
70.0	Local Government Debt	
	70.1 Principal	
	70.2 Interest	
	70.3 School Debt	
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	234,000
	70.5 Highway Truck	50,000
	70.6 Fire Truck	43,890
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	400,000
	70.8 Minnechaug BAN	507,043
	Total Local Government Debt	1,234,933
GRAND TO	OTAL	11,710,035

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its various departments, to establish the revolving funds as listed in Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer, for the town departments, sources of receipts, and purposes of payment as printed in Article 4 of the warrant with the funds in the respective revolving funds not to exceed the following amounts for Fiscal Year 2014:

Board of Assessors: \$2,500 Board of Health: \$40,000 **Building Department** \$90.000 Library Trustees \$6,000 Council on Aging \$30,000 Tax Collector \$2,500 Fire Department \$10.000 Cemetery Commission \$24,000

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND REPORTS

The Town voted, with respect to each revolving fund established by the preceding vote, to receive from each of those boards, departments and offices having charge of a revolving fund a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Years 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 through December 31, 2014 and also showing an amount of the increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving funds during Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 through December 31, 2014.

Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

The Town voted to appropriate the following amounts for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

\$25,000 for salaries

\$75,000 for expenses

\$100,000 Total

And that \$100,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts: \$80,000 Retained Earnings: \$20,000

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation fund for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to replace the playscape at Memorial Park.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation fund for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase and install a pavilion at Memorial Park.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate a sum of \$87,000 from the Community Preservation fund for use by the Board of Selectmen in rehabilitating and repairing the Town House in accordance with recommendations of the Town House Study Committee.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

A motion that the Town vote to revoke its acceptance of General Laws Chapter 44B, Sections 3 to 7, (the Community Preservation Act) as adopted pursuant to Article 18 at the Annual Town Meeting on April 30, 2001 and the referendum on May 7, 2001, this revocation to also be subject to approval by the voters at an election held on May 5, 2014 <u>failed to carry</u>. A lack of a Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9. CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Conservation fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. HIGHWAY STATE AID

The Town voted to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provision of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Advisory - favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that, in Fiscal Year 2015, if State Aid is received for the Library, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 12. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 13. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund \$15,000 for all FY2015 Department of Revenue mandated triennial updates.

Advisory - favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 14. DARE PROGRAM

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory - favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,550 to fund the School Resource Officer for FY2014 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

Advisory -favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16. FIRE DEPARTMENT SCOTT PACKS

The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$125,000 to purchase nineteen Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units (Scott Packs) for the Fire Department.

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17. FIRE DEPARTMENT AIR BOTTLE REFILL UPGRADE

The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$6,000 to upgrade the existing air refilling system for the Fire Department to handle new air cylinders to accommodate the Scott Packs purchased pursuant to the previous article.

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 18. POLICE DEPARTMENT DEFIBRILLATORS

The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$20,000 to purchase ten Lifepak defibrillators for the Police, Fire and Senior Center.

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 19. PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory -favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 20. PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory -favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 21. NEW WELL FOR FEDERATED CHURCH

The Town voted to transfer \$32,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to compensate the Federated Church for the cost of remediation of salt infiltration in the water supply at the church and the rectory.

Article 22. WATER REMEDIATION FOR MAIN STREET

The Town voted to transfer \$60,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to pay for the water remediation at 601 and 613 Main Street.

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 23. POLICE STATION BUILDING

The Town voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,975,000 to fund a new Police Station on Allen Street, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,975,000 under GL c. 44, Section 27 or any other enabling authority; contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2).

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 24. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION

The Town voted to approve an agreement negotiated by the Board of Selectmen between the town and Minnechaug Solar, LLC for the taxation of real and personal property comprising the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed on the Kibbe Property on Somers Road.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator Advisory – favorable

Article 25. **ZONING BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in the warrant of the Town by adding as new Section 6.12 Medical Marijuana Bylaw, and further to amend the Table of Contents to replace Section 6.12 "Medical Marijuana Bylaw".

Advisory – favorable A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 26. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Reserve Fund. Advisory – favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 27. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory – favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 28. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Advisory – favorable A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm