

## RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 3, 2008

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 9:00 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Peter Rourke called the meeting to order at 9:49 AM.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

**Article 1.** The motion was made and seconded to elect all other town officers not required to be on the official ballot.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 2.** The motion was made and seconded to hear the reports of the various town officials and committees.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 3.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 4.** The motion was made and seconded to accept the following sums in trust; the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

#### *Glenwood Cemetery*

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Section</u>
\$ 1,600.00	Richard Catalini	C	30	Lyman
\$ 400.00	Patricia Delph	B Rear	28	Lyman
\$ 200.00	Donald Nickerson	B Rear	27	Lyman

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 5.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from available funds a sum of \$174,450 known as Chapter 90 to be used by the Highway Department in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 6.** The motion was made and seconded to postpone Article 6 indefinitely.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 7.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority,

which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition two and one-half override vote, for the purpose of paying \$8,200 for Band Concerts and \$2,800 for Memorial Day expenses.

VOTE: DEFEATED

**Article 8.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sums of money necessary to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2009, beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, with each item considered to be a separate appropriation as set forth in the warrant, and to fix the salaries of all elected officials.

- \$ 546,894.62 for General Government
- \$ 802,056.18 for Protection of Persons and Property
- \$2,913,054.65 for Education
- \$ 394,071.51 for Public Works & Facilities
- \$ 26,082.71 for Human Services
- \$ 67,146.00 for Culture & Recreation
- \$ 419,407.02 for General Government Expenses

For a total sum of \$5,168,712.69 for the FY 2009 operating budget.

The motion was made and seconded to amend Article 8 of the 2009 budget, line 3, Town Administrator Salary be reduced from \$52,195.25 to \$25,000 and that \$7000 of the savings be added to line 130, Band Concerts, and the remainder of the saved balance of \$20,195.25, along with any other associated cost savings , be added to line 144, the Stabilization Account.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

Th motion was made and seconded to amend line 121, Memorial Day, to \$2800, to amend line 130, Band Concerts, to \$7000, to amend line 131, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Band Expense to \$1200, and to amend line 144, Stabilization to \$20,746.20.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: YES 91 NO 53 PASSED

The motion was made and seconded to amend line 44, Lyman Bldg. Fuel from \$30,000 to \$35,000 and amend the Stabilization Fund downward accordingly.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

The motion was made and seconded to amend the 2009 budget, line 124, Library Assistant Wages be reduced from \$11,232.00 to \$5000 and that \$1200 of the savings be added to line 131, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Band Expense, and the remainder of the saved balance of \$5032.00, along with any other associated cost savings, be added to line 144, the Stabilization Account.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

VOTE ON AMENDED BUDGET: UNANIMOUS

**Article 9.** The motion was made and seconded vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,345 to be expended by the Solid Waste Department to defray the operational expenses and other necessary charges of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2009, beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Description	FY09 Amount
<i>Revenues:</i>	
Loan Balance/Retained Earnings	\$ 23,845.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00
Trash Disposal Fees Collected	\$ 8,718.00
Recyclable Fees Collected	\$ 3,782.00
Recyclable Sales	\$ 4,000.00
Hauler Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Revenues:</i>	<i>\$ 41,345.00</i>
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,800.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Trash Trucking Services	\$ 3,000.00
Trash Disposal Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
Recycling Expenses	\$ 3,200.00
Emergency Reserve	\$ 23,845.00
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	<i>\$ 41,345.00</i>

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 10.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$3,760.00 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of matching an Assistance to Firefighters grant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 11.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,902.74 to a General Stipends account for the purpose of paying a one-time stipend to non-contract employees in FY09 only.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 12.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended to pay for said burials to be performed, for grave foundations and for general cemetery maintenance and improvements; with expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 13.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize a Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended to pay for book and media repairs and replacements; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,400.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 14.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,957 under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(i½), or any other enabling authority, which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a so-called Proposition two and one-half override vote for a capital expenditure for one year, for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 15.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase a perpetual easement on a parcel of land located at 840 Main Street, Ashby, Massachusetts as described in the "Grant of Easements" dated February 14, 2008 and recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 50730, Page 220 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town, and to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to effect the interest of the foregoing.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 16.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the transfer of the sum of \$4,285.35 to the Ashby Elementary School, which are interest amounts from the following Trust Fund accounts to be used for the Ashby students as follows:

Sumner Taylor School Fund	\$1,111.03
Samuel P. Gates School Fund	\$2,778.41
Jesse Foster School Fund	\$ 395.91

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 17.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100.00 under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority, which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition two and one-half override vote, for the purpose of reinstating annual stipends to the Board of Health.

VOTE: DEFEATED

**Article 18.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,992.00 under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority, which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition two and one-half override vote, for the purpose of paying for the wages of a part-time Library Page.

VOTE: DEFEATED

**Article 19.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,753.59 to fund wages and benefits for a new Firefighter/EMT position, which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a so-called Proposition two and one-half override vote, under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 20.** The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,696.00 which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a so-called Proposition two and one-half override vote, under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority, and, if said ballot vote passes, to amend the FY2009 operating budget under Article 8 of the May 3, 2008 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Highway Department wages account in the amount of \$25,575, and by increasing the Employee Benefit Expenses account by \$12,600 and FICA account by \$521 for the purpose of reinstating and paying for the wages of a Highway Department Truck Driver/Laborer and general employee benefits.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 21.** The motion was made and seconded to hear the report of the Public Safety Facilities Advisory Committee and to consider the Committee's proposals.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 22.** The motion was made and seconded to postpone Article 22 indefinitely.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 1:43 PM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease  
Ashby Town Clerk

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