

**Town of South Hadley  
Annual Town Meeting  
May 8, 2010**

**The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM in the town hall auditorium following the Special Town Meeting. The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:00 PM and reconvened at 2:07 PM. The Moderator reappointed Ira Brezinsky and Tom Terry to serve on the Appropriation Committee.**

ARTICLE 1.

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 2.

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2011, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 3.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town during Fiscal Year 2011 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 4.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the Selectboard to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 5.

The Town voted to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

**FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET**

ARTICLE 6.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$42,500.00** to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 7.

The Town voted to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector as follows:

Moderator	\$ 1.00	per year
Selectboard:		
Chair	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Vice-Chair	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Clerk	\$ 2,000.00	per year
4 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2,000.00	per year
5 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 58,250.00	per year
Collector	\$ 57,450.00	per year
Board of Assessors:		
Chair	\$ 2,500.00	per year
Clerk	\$ 2,500.00	per year
3 <sup>rd</sup> Member	\$ 2,500.00	per year

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 8.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,839,192.00 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,661.00 totaling **\$18,939,853.00** for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority Vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 9.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum **\$1,604,939.00** for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2011 as follows:

Moderator	Personal Services	\$	1.00
Appropriations Committee	Other Expenses	\$	450.00
Selectboard	Personal Services	\$	306,458.00
	Other Expenses	\$	41,475.00
Human Resources	Personal Services	\$	45,234.00
	Other Expenses	\$	7,750.00
Accountant	Personal Services	\$	140,145.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,500.00
Clerk/Treasurer	Personal Services	\$	152,135.00
	Other Expenses	\$	36,405.00
Collector	Personal Services	\$	98,077.00
	Other Expenses	\$	20,849.00
Assessors	Personal Services	\$	135,931.00
	Other Expenses	\$	13,200.00
Election & Registration	Personal Services	\$	19,764.00
	Other Expenses	\$	14,450.00
Town Hall	Personal Services	\$	19,006.00
	Other Expenses	\$	118,200.00
Town Counsel	Personal Services	\$	2,600.00
	Other Expenses	\$	30,000.00
Personnel Board	Other Expenses	\$	5,054.00
Office of Management Information/IT	Personal Services	\$	105,464.00
	Other Expenses	\$	88,709.00
Technology Committee	Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00
Planning Board	Personal Services	\$	71,222.00
	Other Expenses	\$	5,250.00
Board of Appeals	Other Expenses	\$	675.00

Conservation Commission	Personal Services	\$	38,629.00
	Other Expenses	\$	2,424.00
Recreation	Personal Services	\$	71,207.00
	Other Expenses	\$	2,675.00

Appropriation Committee offered an amendment to cut the Selectboard \$20,000. And Clerk/Treasurer's budget \$3,145.00 Moderator asked that each proposed budgets be voted separately.

Stand up vote required for original motion.

Selectboard vote - Yes 57 – No 42.

Clerk/Treasurer vote – Yes 60 – No 37.

Moderator called for vote on amended motion.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported the amended article  
Majority Vote  
Motion carries

#### ARTICLE 10.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,297,979.00 and transfer the sum of \$56,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund, totaling \$2,353,979.00 for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2011 as follows:

Police	Personal Services	\$	1,900,148.00
	Other Expenses	\$	332,123.00
Matron	Personal Services	\$	500.00
Emergency Mgt.	Personal Services	\$	5,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$	6,169.00
Forest Warden	Personal Services	\$	500.00
Building Commissioner	Personal Services	\$	62,658.00
	Other Expenses	\$	2,700.00
Wiring Inspector	Personal Services	\$	22,211.00

	Other Expenses	\$	1,680.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Personal Services	\$	6,215.00
	Other Expenses	\$	400.00
Dog Officer	Personal Services	\$	11,615.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,860.00
Parking Collection	Other Expenses	\$	200.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
 Unanimous Affirmative  
 Motion carries

ARTICLE 11.

The Town voted to transfer the sum of **\$20,088.00** from the Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for its share of indirect costs.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
 Majority vote  
 Motion carries

ARTICLE 12.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,225,060 and transfer the sum of \$952,405.00 from Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts, and the sum of \$1,186,818 from the Waste Water Treatment Enterprise Fund Receipts, totaling **\$3,364,283.00** for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2011 as follows:

Administration	Personal Services	\$	105,648.00
	Other Expenses	\$	18,140.00
Construction & Maintenance	Personal Services	\$	322,610.00
	Other Expenses	\$	122,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	Personal Services	\$	165,077.00
	Other Expenses	\$	787,328.00
Parks	Personal Services	\$	293,017.00
	Other Expenses	\$	125,800.00

Tree Services	Personal Services	\$ 5,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 74,600.00
Water Pollution Control	Personal Services	\$ 577,518.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 609,300.00
Vehicle Maintenance	Personal Services	\$ 47,245.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 111,000.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 13.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,004.00** for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways for Fiscal Year 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 20,380.00
Other Expenses	\$ 79,624.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 14.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$295,134.00**, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for Fiscal Year 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 225,374.00
Other Expenses	\$ 69,760.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 15.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$120,000.00** for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 16.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$493,017.00 and transfer the sum of \$13,480.00 from the Dog Revolving Fund, and transfer the sum of \$7,658.00 from State Aid to Libraries, totaling **\$514,155.00**, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for Fiscal Year 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 349,671.00
Other Expenses	\$ 164,484.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 17.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,350.00** for the purpose of funding Gaylord Library for Fiscal Year 2011.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 18.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,000.00** for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2010 and for engaging a consultant to perform an actuarial study for compliance with the federally mandated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for health insurance for retirees.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 19.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of **\$80,306.00** for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$	65,106.00
Other Expenses	\$	15,200.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 20.

The Town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,721,157.00**, for the purpose of funding FY 2011 Unclassified Accounts as follows:

Retirement Fund	\$	1,823,281.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$	100,000.00
Street and Traffic Lights	\$	112,341.00
General Liability Insurance	\$	170,900.00

Employee and Retiree Group

Health Insurance	\$	4,192,194.00
Memorial Day Markers & Flags	\$	2,800.00
Damage to Persons & Property	\$	10.00
Town Report and Meeting Materials	\$	3,500.00
FICA/Medicare	\$	311,406.00
Old Firehouse Museum	\$	4,725.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 21.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** for the purpose of funding the Worker’s Compensation Self-Insured Trust Fund.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 22.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$115,636.00**, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$	111,236.00
Other Expenses	\$	4,400.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 23.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,674,135.00 and transfer the sum of \$38,340.00 from Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts, and transfer the sum of \$576,586.00 from Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts, and transfer the sum of \$411,528.00 from the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts, totaling **\$3,700,589.00** for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for Fiscal Year 2011.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 24.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Boat Excise Fund the sum of **\$5,500.00** for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for Fiscal Year 2011.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 25.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$216,355.00, and transfer the sum of \$169,523.00 from the Ledges Golf Club Fund Balance, and appropriate from Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$536,831.00 totaling **\$922,709.00**, for the operation of the Ledges Golf Club Expenses for FY 2011 as follows:

Personal Services	\$	137,334.00
Other Expenses	\$	794,525.00

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 26.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 and transfer from the Canal Park Donation Account the sum of \$500.00, totaling **\$1,000.00**, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for Fiscal Year 2011.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 27.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 28.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purpose of conducting a mandated revaluation of the Town's real and personal property.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

**FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 29.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of **\$39,000.00** for the purpose of replacing the cable studio control room equipment.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 30.

I move that the Town transfer from Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts, the sum of \$75,000.00 to repair the aerator tank concrete.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 31.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 for zoning bylaw review and revisions.

Appropriation Committee – did not support this article  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 32.

I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to replace the dishwasher and hot water booster at Mosier School.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 33.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000.00 for repair of the Lincoln Street parking lot.

Appropriation Committee – 7-1 Supported the article  
Majority vote  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 34.

The Town did not vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$36,000.00 to replace the freezer/cooler at Mosier School.

Appropriation Committee – did not support the article  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 35.

The Town did not vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a six-wheel dump truck with plow and sander.

Appropriation Committee – did not support the article.  
Stand up vote - Yes 34 – No 64  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 36.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 to construct a diverter wall at the Ledges Golf Course.

Appropriation Committee – did not support the article 7 - 1  
Majority vote  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 37.

The Town did not to vote the transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of replacing floor tiles at the high school.

Appropriation Committee – did not support the article  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 38.

The Town did not transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,000 to replace toilet partitions at Middle and Mosier Schools.

Appropriation Committee – did not support the article  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 39.

The Town voted to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 to establish in the Town Treasury a revolving fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the Treasurer, and in which shall be deposited the receipts received that may be spent by the Selectboard or its designee, without further appropriation during FY 2011 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, and in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 from the receipt of all fees and charges during Fiscal Year 2011 for the purpose of providing for programs, activities, maintenance and related administrative costs related to the Park's operations.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 40.

The Town did not vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to screening of Parking Areas by amending: Section 8, **GENERAL PROVISIONS**, Subpart (G) **Off-Street Parking**, by clarifying and expanding the requirements for screening of parking areas associated with industrial and commercial uses abutting residential areas and clarifying the meaning of "abutting residential areas" (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Motion is defeated.

ARTICLE 41.

The Town did not vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Commercial Kennels by amending: Section 3, **DEFINITIONS**, Subpart (B) **Definitions** to define a commercial kennel, Section 5, **USE REGULATIONS**, Subpart (D) **Use Regulations Schedule**, and Section 7, **SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS** to define "Commercial Kennels," specify in which districts Commercial Kennels may be located, and provide some supplemental regulations regarding the location and operation of such facilities (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

2/3 vote required  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 42.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 420 "Master Plan Implementation Committee" to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Master Plan Implementation Committee (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Majority vote  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 43.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 421 “Community and Economic Development Commission” to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Community and Economic Development Commission (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 44.

The Town voted to amend Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 422 “Open Space Committee” to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of an Open Space Committee (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 45.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 423 “Sustainability and Energy Commission” to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Sustainability and Energy Commission (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 46.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by amending Section 414 South Hadley Cultural Council, Subsection 414.1 Duties by providing that the South Hadley Cultural Council, in addition to its existing duties, is to identify and promote cultural activities, communicate awareness of art and cultural activities, and work with other entities and individuals to establish a plan and framework for further development and promotion of cultural opportunities (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 47.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by amending Section 410 Historical Commission, Subsection 410.1 Duties by providing that the Historical Commission is to, in addition to its existing duties, provide the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and other municipal boards and committees with an assessment as to the impact of proposed developments on places of historical and/or archaeological significance (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 48.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard and South Hadley Public Library Board of Library Trustees to apply for any state or federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the South Hadley Public Library building project and to authorize the Selectboard and Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

Majority vote  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 49.

The Town voted to amend its General By-Law by adding the following:

Article V

**Section 504 Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee**

504.1 Duties

The Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of implementing ways and means to ensure that electronic communications to Town Meeting Members is effective and efficient and in general to assist in preparing Town Meeting Members with information that will aid them in carrying out their duties as elected Town Meeting Members.

504.2 Membership and Term

The Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) Town Meeting Members each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 50.

The Town voted to amend its General By-Laws by adding the following:

Article X Miscellaneous By-laws

**Section 1013 Posting Minutes of Meeting**

Each board, committee or commission as defined under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B (The Open Meeting Law) shall post its meeting minutes as soon as practicable next following the adjournment of their meeting on the Town's website, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote  
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 51.

The Town did not vote to amend its General By-Laws by deleting Section 300 and in its place and stead inserting the following:

**Section 300 Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the evenings of the second Tuesday in May and the second Tuesday in June of each year at an hour and location designated by the Selectboard and continue the business of same on any subsequent day or days thereafter until the business of the meeting is completed or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator unsure of voice vote – requested stand up vote  
Yes 30 No 43  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 52.

The Town voted to amend its General By-laws by adding the following:

Article IV Committee and Boards Appointed by the Selectboard

**Section 419 Town Meeting Ad-hoc Review Committee**

419.1 A Town Meeting Review Committee shall be appointed every five (5) years beginning in 2015. Said committee shall include the Town Moderator, one representative each from the Selectboard, School Committee, Appropriations Committee, Planning Board, three (3) Town Meeting Members and up to four (4) registered voters who are not Town Meeting Members to be appointed by the Selectboard. Said Committee shall report their findings and recommendations regarding ways and means to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of Town Meeting to the Selectboard within six (6) months of their appointment or such further time as the Selectboard may grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote  
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 53.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court to amend Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1933, Section 3 and subsequent amendments thereto by eliminating the designation and office of all Town Meeting members ex officiis with the exception of the Town Moderator, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 54.

The Town did not vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court to amend Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1933 and subsequent amendments thereto by deleting the words at the end of Section 4 namely "provided that an elected Town meeting Member may become a candidate for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the Town Clerk at least thirty days before the election", or take any other action relative thereto.

Voice vote  
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 55.

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8E, allowing the town to create a Youth Commission or to take any other action thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Passes

Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Second was recorded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

A True Copy, Attest:

Carlene C. Hamlin  
Town Clerk