

# Special Town Meeting

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## 2012 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 19, 2012

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Mr. Edward Ryan, Jr. in the town hall auditorium at 7:01 P.M. There were 69 town meeting members present. Greetings were delivered by the Moderator. The members pledged allegiance to the flag. A review of the how the meetings would proceed was reviewed and Mr. Ryan appointed John Paulin and Dale Johnston as tellers. It was announced that School Committee Members would be delayed. A motion was made and seconded to take the warrant articles out of order. The vote was unanimous.

### ARTICLE 1

The Town voted to transfer from the Human Resources Personal Services Account the sum of \$21,176.00, and transfer from the Clerk/Treasurer Personal Services Account the sum of \$4,000.00, for a total of \$25,176.00, to the Selectboard Personal Services Account for FY2012.

Town Meeting Member (TMM) John Scibak asked questions about wage and class study and inquired why the School Committee was not participating in the study. School Committee Chair, Barry Waite, responded that they were comfortable that salary levels were comparable with neighboring communities. TMM's Kevin Taugher and Jeff Cyr inquired about the current non union study. Selectboard chair, John Hine responded. Discussion concluded with the hope that TMM's will receive a follow at the FTM.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Majority Vote – Motion carried

### ARTICLE 2

The Town voted to transfer \$60,000.00 from Free Cash, to provide facilities management services for FY2013.

TMM Ed Boiselle and Kathleen Keane offered reasons to oppose the motion. Ira Brezinsky offered support. Ray Rondeau inquired if this manager would oversee the schools as well. Jeff Cyr inquired who would oversee the position – response Selectboard.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

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Majority Vote – Motion carried

## ARTICLE 3

The Town voted to endorse the five year capital plan as presented to the Town Meeting.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

Unanimous Affirmative Vote – Motion carried

## ARTICLE 4

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an energy savings performance contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,930,140, with Siemens Industry, in accordance with MGL c.25A, for a term of up to twenty years for the turnkey design, installation, commissioning and performance assurance for specific energy infrastructure and efficiency projects in municipal buildings including, but not limited to, the High School, Middle School, Mosier Elementary, Plains Elementary, Town Hall, Police Department, Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including mechanical upgrades involving heating, air conditioning and domestic water heating systems, kitchen equipment upgrades and controls, motors/drives, lighting upgrades and lighting controls, energy management systems and controls, building envelope and weatherization upgrades, and network controllers, under which the energy savings resulting from the installed energy conservation projects will be guaranteed by Siemens Industry for the term of the contract as required in MGL c. 25A.

Tom Terry Appropriation Chair reviewed the hand outs that depicted detailed information on potential borrowing schedules and maturity dates. TMM's Mike Fisher and Linda Young offer support. Ed Boiselle offered the following amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a financing agreement for a term not to exceed (10 years), any related escrow account agreement as needed, and to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,385,100, with Siemens Industry, in accordance with MGL c.25A, for a term of up to twelve years for the turnkey design, installation, commissioning and performance assurance for specific energy infrastructure and efficiency projects in municipal buildings including, but not limited to, the High School, Middle School, Mosier Elementary, Plains Elementary, Town Hall, Police Department, Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including mechanical upgrades involving heating, air conditioning and domestic water heating systems, kitchen equipment upgrades and controls, motors/drives, lighting upgrades and lighting controls, energy management systems and controls, building envelope and weatherization upgrades, and network controllers, under which the energy

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savings resulting from the installed energy conservation projects will be guaranteed by Siemens Industry for the term of the contract as required in MGL c. 25A.

Motion was seconded. Mr. Boiselle spoke to his motion. Discussion continued. Moderator called for a vote. Amended motion failed by a majority vote. Moderator called for a vote on the main motion.

Appropriation Committee supported this article.

Capital Planning Committee unanimously supports the article.

Majority Vote – Motion carried

### ARTICLE 5

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a financing agreement for a term not to exceed twenty years, any related escrow account agreement as needed, and to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,930,140 to fund the energy savings projects defined in Article 4, plus contingency, under an energy savings performance contract with Siemens Industry under which a portion of the funds to pay for the energy conservation projects will ultimately come from the energy savings guaranteed by Siemens Industry under the energy savings performance contract, in accordance with MGL c.25A, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard is authorized to borrow \$1,930,140 under MGL c.44 § 7 or any other enabling authority, and that the Selectboard is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

The Town Moderator informed the elected members that a two thirds majority vote of the town meeting body was required to pass the article under MGL 44:7. Voice vote was called for. The Town Moderator was satisfied with the voice vote, declared the article approved by a unanimous affirmative majority vote and the motion carried.

Appropriation Committee supported this article.

### ARTICLE 6

The Town Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,938,000, for the purpose of funding a Capital Plan of school projects for FY2013 to include only the following:

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1. Replace Telephone System
2. High School – Replace floor tiles
3. MESMS – Replace pool water heater
4. High School – Replace gym floor
5. MESMS – Replace pool air conditioner and dehumidifier roof top unit
6. MESMS – Replace portions of roof
7. High School – Replace portions of roof
8. High School – Repair chimney

and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard is authorized to borrow \$2,938,000 under MGL c.44, §7(3A) or §7(9) or any other enabling authority; and that the Selectboard is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

The Town Moderator informed the elected members that a two thirds majority vote of the town meeting body was required to pass the article under MGL 44:7. Voice vote was called for. The Town Moderator was satisfied with the voice vote, declared the article approved by a unanimous affirmative majority vote and the motion carried.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

### ARTICLE 7

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 169,000, for the purpose of funding a portion of the Capital Plan of nonschool projects for FY2013 to include the following:

1. Purchase Chipper \$30,000
2. Purchase Tractor \$40,000
3. Purchase and implement IT Department Network Infrastructure Upgrade \$55,000
4. Purchase and implement IT Department Tyler Content Module \$44,000

TMM, Linda Young asked if the tractor would be able to pull Santa at the BB Park. Answer was affirmative.

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Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

### ARTICLE 8

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$ 230,000, for the purpose of funding a Capital Plan of nonschool projects for FY2013 to include only the following:

1. Purchase backhoe
2. Purchase 6-wheel dump truck with plow

and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard is authorized to borrow \$ 230,000 under MGL c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority; and that the Selectboard is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

The Town Moderator informed the elected members that a two thirds majority vote of the town meeting body was required to pass the article under MGL 44:7. Voice vote was called for. The Town Moderator was satisfied with the voice vote, declared the article approved by a unanimous affirmative majority vote and the motion carried.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

### ARTICLE 9

The Town voted to transfer \$ 225,000 from Wastewater Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts and transfer \$ 270,000 from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Balance, for a total of \$ 495,000, for the purpose of funding a Capital Plan of the Wastewater Treatment Plan projects for FY2013 to include only the following:

1. Repair of Aerator Tank's concrete surface (third of three phases)
2. Replacement of Roof on Operations and Digester Buildings
3. Repairs to the 2000 International Vactor/Flushing Truck

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Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

Unanimous Affirmative Vote – Motion carried

### ARTICLE 10

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 144,188, for the purpose of funding the Capital Stabilization Fund for FY2013.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

Unanimous Affirmative Vote – Motion carried

### ARTICLE 11

The Town voted transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000, for the purpose of partially funding a for the replacement of the roof and associated components at the South Hadley Senior Center located at 45 Dayton Street for FY2013.

TMM Mike Fisher asked for clarification on article as written. Town Accountant responds favorably. TMM Ray Rondeau offers support.

Appropriation Committee and Capital Planning unanimously supported this article.

Unanimous Affirmative Vote – Motion carried

Moderator called for motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:11PM

A true copy Attest:



Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk/Treasurer