

# **Town of Townsend, MA**

## **Special Town Meeting, November 17, 2009**

Town Meeting opened at 7:10pm on November 17, 2009 with 85 voters and 5 guests in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Mr Rauahala, our moderator, introduced Shirley Coit, our TEMA director. Shirley reminded us of her past directions concerning a three day supply of water. She explained that a boil water order meant you boil your own water, you do not get water from another supply unless you can not use the water.

She proceeded to alert people of the safe use of portable generators, knowing many people had purchased them since last years devastating ice storm. She had handouts for that purpose as well.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, having a quorum present, Mr. Rauhala directed the Town Clerk, Susan A. Funaiole, to read the return of the Warrant.

### **STM ARTICLE 1:**

I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$232.31 for the purpose of paying prior fiscal year bills.

Read by: Sue Lisio  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed

### **STM ARTICLE 2:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from water retained earnings the sum of \$4,577.50 for the purpose of paying a prior fiscal year bill for the repair of a pump.

Read by: Niles Busler  
Submitted by: Water Department  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

### **STM ARTICLE 3:**

I move that the Town will vote to reduce the operating budget appropriation for the Nashoba Valley Technical School District as voted under Article 14 at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 2, 2009 by \$19,666.00 in accordance with a recertified budget as voted by the Nashoba Valley Technical School Committee.

Read by: David R. Chenelle  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

### **STM ARTICLE 4:**

I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,850.00 to supplement the Veterans Benefit Account in order to pay for increased claims and grave site flags.

Read by: Joseph J. Mazzola  
Submitted by: Veterans' Agent  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

### **STM ARTICLE 5:**

I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to supplement the Election Expenses Account in order to cover the unbudgeted cost of both the December 8, 2009 Primary and the January 19, 2010 Election being held to fill the Senate position open due to the death of Edward M. Kennedy.

Read by: Susan A. Funaiole

Submitted by: Town Clerk  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

**STM ARTICLE 6:**

I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of \$13,034.00 to supplement the Police Department Personnel Services (Wages) Account; \$3,171.68 to supplement the Communication Center Personnel Services (Wages and Uniform Allowance); and \$29,900.00 to supplement Employee Health Insurance in order to honor agreements to partially restore certain cutbacks resulting from union and non-union employee concessions as state aid reductions have not been as severe as projected during the time of the Annual Town Meeting.

Read by: Robert Plamondon  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

**STM ARTICLE 7:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of \$4,500.00 to make repairs to the Police/Communications building by replacing decaying external trim boards.

Read by: Chief Erving Marshall  
Submitted by: Police Chief  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

**STM ARTICLE 8:**

I move that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,555.00 to supplement the Facility Maintenance Personnel Services (Wages) Account in order to fund the position of Facility Maintenance Coordinator, which was newly created in FY 2010, at a classification commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of that position.

Read by: Sue Lisio  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

**STM ARTICLE 9:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of \$3,500.00 to purchase a snow thrower and trailer in order to facilitate sidewalk snow removal at the new Townsend Public Library, Senior Center, and Meeting Hall complex.

Read by: David R. Chenelle  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed Unanimous

**STM ARTICLE 10:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of \$3,000.00 to perform an abatement survey on the building known as the Hart Free Library.

Read by: Robert Plamondon  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed

**STM ARTICLE 11:**

I move that the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the sum of \$22,000.00 to purchase laptops and related software for the Fire/EMS Department ambulances and medic truck in order to allow for paperless data entry of the run report and patient information.

Read by: Chief Donald Klein  
Submitted by: Fire Chief  
Vote: Passed

**STM ARTICLE 12:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of **\$12,816.00** to fund the capital cost and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,649.00** to fund the FY 2010 operating cost that the Town must pay in order for the Town to join the Devens Regional Hazardous Products Collection Facility Program.

Read by: Chief Donald Klein  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed

**STM ARTICLE 13:**

I move that the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of **\$5,000.00** to hire a consultant and/or attorney to assist the Charter Review Committee in reviewing and drafting any proposed amendments to the Town Charter.

Read by: Sue Lisio  
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
Vote: Passed