

## Results of the Special Town Meeting

June 22, 2009

The Special Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Joseph Kearns at 8:00P.M. The Moderator led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance then read the warrant. He then stated that because monies were being transferred from Free Cash that a majority vote would be needed. There were 38 people in attendance.

### FY 09

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$3,707.42 from Free Cash to the FY09 Audit Consulting Account, or take another action relative thereto. Questions were asked about the different kinds of audits, and the Selectmen explained them as follows: 1. There is a Closing Out Audit that is done when there is a change in officers handling money; 2. There is another audit that straightens out affairs from previous years, and 3. There is the annual audit that closes out the books for the fiscal year. A question was then asked "How much money is in Free Cash?" Answer: "\$122,764.00" Another question then was asked about how much there is in the Stabilization Account? Answer: "\$209,248.00" After much more discussion, a voice vote was taken, but it ended up as a hand vote. Those for 12, and those against 13. This Article failed to pass.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$648.00 from Free Cash to the FY09 Selectmen's Secretary Account or take any other action relative thereto. The Moderator stated that this was a past bill that we are paying to the Selectboards' Secretaries: Suzanne Lemieux--\$290.00 and Terry Walker--\$358.00. The vote was taken and the Article passed.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount of \$855.58 from Free Cash to the FY09 Highway Department Fuels Account or take any other action relative thereto. A vote was taken and the Article passed. It was an unanimous vote.

### FY10

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$100.00 from Free Cash to establish an Animal Inspector Expense Account or take any other action relative thereto. Being no discussion, a vote was taken and the Article passed. It was an unanimous vote.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5000.00 from Free Cash to fund a Selectmen's Secretary Account or take any other action relative thereto. This Article created a great deal of discussion. The Moderator said that at the Annual Town Meeting held in May of 2009, a motion was made and seconded to remove the \$7500.00 that was slated to fund the Selectboards' Secretary. Then another motion was made and seconded at the same meeting to see if the \$3200.00 slated for the Recording Secretary be reduced to \$1600.00. That motion failed. If Article 2 of FY10 passes, the \$5000.00 added to the \$3200.00

would be \$8200.00 for the Selectmens' Secretaries. More discussion followed, and then a show of hands vote was taken. Yes to pass: 17; No to not pass: 14. This Article passed.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to create a Special Projects Salary Account and transfer \$2500.00 from Free Cash or take any other action relative thereto. A question was asked what this account could be used for? It could be used for Grant Writing or for Administrative Support Staff for other departments. Someone asked if the people from the public take part in this? Example—For Grant Writing? Answer “Yes” if that individual has Grant Writing experience. After more discussion, a voice vote was taken. This Article did not pass.

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$60,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the Tax Rate or take any other action relative thereto. Being no discussion the Article passed. It was a unanimous vote.

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash (25% of Town's share for 2008 Ice Storm cleanup) or take any other action relative thereto. Discussion followed with explanation from the Selectboard. FEMA gave a figure of \$100,000.00 for cleanup after the 2008 Ice Storm and the Town's share of that would be \$25,000.00 (25%). The chipper we are renting from FEMA (the rental could go to the purchase price of the chipper after the cleanup is finished if the Town wishes to do so.) A question was asked if the towns' people can buy the ground up chips. The Town can't sell but they can give away. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. Article passed.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Under this article, a question was asked if the Selectmen are proceeding of a free offer from the DOR for help in financial matters for the various departments? The reply was that they haven't had any discussion on this recently and that they have to make a determination. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting. It was a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Marjorie Batorski

Town Clerk