

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2013

The Annual Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Joseph Kearns, at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Kearns led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance then he read the warrant. He then did some "housekeeping"; giving some guidelines to proper procedure for Town Meetings. He then said that he was going to be using Selectboard Recommends column FY 2014.

Article 2. Under this article to act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and other elected or appointed officers, most of the reports were in the Town report. There was no discussion on this Article.

Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for FY 2014, as provided in section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate \$18,000 for these salaries or compensations to be as of July 1, 2013. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Assessors salary from \$3000 to \$1500. There was discussion from two of the Assessors. A voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Article 3 passed. (\$18,000)

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries of appointed staff for FY 2013. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Tax Collector's salary from 10,200 to 10,000. After discussion, a voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Article 4 passed. (\$46,800)

Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government. A motion was made and seconded the Town Council account from \$10,000 to \$6,000. A standing vote was taken and the results were: 45 to reduce, 22 not to reduce. A seconded motion to amend the \$6000 to \$8000 was and seconded. After discussion, a voice vote was taken and the second amendment failed. A motion was made and seconded to vote on article 5 with the amendment in place and Article 5 passed with the amount of \$107,200 from \$111,200.

Article 6. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Expense accounts. (\$55,435) After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to reduce the Selectboard Expense from \$3,000 to \$2,000. A standing vote was taken and the results were: 33 in favor to reduce, 27 not to reduce. This amendment passed. A second amendment was made and seconded to reduce The Assessors' expense account from \$3720 to \$3000. After discussion, a standing vote was taken and the results were: 38 in favor to reduce and 24 not to reduce. The amendment passed. A third amendment was taken to reduce the Treas. Tax Title and Legal Fees of \$1500 to \$5000. A voice vote was taken and that amendment failed. Another amendment was made and seconded to reduce the Website/Technology Expense