

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2000

The meeting was called to order in the Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:35 P.M. by Moderator William L. Patton. The call of the meeting and the return of service were found to be in order by Town Clerk Janet A. Vellante.

The meeting approved the following non-voters to speak:

John Petrin	Town Administrator
Evan Katz	Finance Director
William Chase	Chief of Police
Mark Lanza	Town Counsel

ARTICLE 1: FY'01 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to or to make adjustments to certain line items of Article 5 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of March 25, 2000 or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by George McKenna, 41 Old Littleton Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted majority yes to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,580 and transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$13,805 in order to make the following adjustments to the appropriations made under Article 5 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of March 25, 2000:

LINE

#	DEPARTMENT/ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL	CHANGE
6	Finance Department Personnel	300,467	1,500
25	Fire Department Personnel	80,000	17,085
26	Fire Department Expenses	31,500	2,800

ARTICLE 2: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - POLICE WAGES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to line #21, Police Personnel, of Article 5 of the 2000 Annual Town Meeting of March 25, 2000 in order to fund the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Police Union, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Selectmen)

On a motion by Cynthia Russo, 116 Oak Hill Road, Board of Selectmen,

Voted unanimously yes to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 3: UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$413 for the purpose of paying unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2000 for Memorial Day expenses, or pass any vote or votes thereto.

(Inserted by Selectmen) (9/10 vote)

On a motion by Kerry Curley, 306 Still River Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$413 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill from Fiscal Year 2000 for Memorial Day expenses.

ARTICLE 4: FUEL TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in order to remove and replace fuel tanks at the Public Works Garage and Library, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2001, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Selectmen)

On a motion by William Marinelli, 50 Stow Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$28,000 in order to remove and replace fuel tanks at the Public Works Garage and Library, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2001, being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 5: FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in order to purchase a vehicle for the fire chief, and to authorize the sale or trade of an existing vehicle or equipment, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2001, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Selectmen)

On a motion by William Ashe, 25 Myrick Lane, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 6: TRIENNIAL REVALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for professional consulting services for the fiscal year 2002 triennial revaluation and certification, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2002, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Selectmen)

On a motion by Lucy Wallace, 18 Orchard Hill, Board of Selectmen and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$40,000 for professional consulting services for the fiscal year 2002 triennial revaluation and certification, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2002 being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 7: SCHOOL SCIENCE LAB

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for installing a disposal system within The Bromfield School Science Lab, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2001, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee)

On a motion by Molly Culter, 56 Stow Road, School Committee,

Voted unanimously yes to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 8: MASTER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for consulting services for a Town master plan, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2002, being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Planning Board)

The following motion was made by Jack Purdy, 10 Littleton Road, Planning Board, and seconded,

I move that the Town vote to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$10,000 for consulting services for a Town master plan, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2002, being returned to their funding source.

A presentation was made by Suzanne Artemieff, 19 Craggs Road, Planning Board.

Carl Luck, 85 Tahanto Trail, Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee did not recommend this article.

The following amendment to the motion was made from the floor by Robert Lerner, 101 West Bare Hill Road, and seconded,

The Town Meeting refers the matter of master plan revisions back to the Planning Board for further study and recommendations, including but not limited to

ascertaining specific features of the existing master plan that need change,
and if so in what direction, and

determining sources of funding for executing such revisions, and

determining the kind and degree of professional help that may be required,

and directs that the Planning Board report its recommendations for further action at a regular Annual Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting also votes to transfer from additional Lottery Aid the sum of \$2500 to meet the expenses of so doing, provided that no professional planner paid from this amount may be subsequently hired to prepare or revise a complete plan.

The Planning Board did not accept the amendment.

Carl Luck stated that the Finance Committee did support the amendment.

Voted majority **NO** on the amendment.

Voted majority yes to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$10,000 for consulting services for a Town master plan, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2002, being returned to their funding source.

ARTICLE 9: FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 25, 2000 by amending the appropriation of \$94,000 to \$74,000 by eliminating the need for an additional foreign language teacher at The Bromfield School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee)

On a motion by Molly Cutler, 56 Stow Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to amend its vote under Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 25, 2000 by amending the appropriation of \$94,000 to \$74,000 by eliminating the need for an additional foreign language teacher at The Bromfield School.

ARTICLE 10: AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$7,000.19 from insurance reimbursements from the Harvard Elementary School flood, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee)

On a motion by Molly Cutler, 56 Stow Road, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$7,000.19 from insurance reimbursements from the Harvard Elementary School flood.

ARTICLE 11: RESCISSION OF BORROWING APPROVAL

To see if the Town will vote to rescind from the appropriation the sum of \$12,000 authorized under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 27, 1999 and the sum of \$53,420 authorized under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of September 21, 1999, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Steven Colwell, 192 Littleton Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to rescind from the appropriation the sum of \$12,000 authorized under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 27, 1999 and the sum of \$53,420 authorized under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of September 21, 1999.

ARTICLE 12: STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Donald Boyce, 310 Stow Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to transfer from 2000 Additional Lottery Fund Distributions the sum of \$90,802 and from Free Cash the sum of \$84,486 to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

Checkers for the meeting were Elizabeth Ashe and Lisa Dagdigian. They checked in 122 voters out of a total of 3761 registered voters (3533 active voters).

The meeting was dissolved at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet A. Vellante
Town Clerk