

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (FY14) MAY 5, 2014

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. There were 161 voters checked off on the voting list, constituting the quorum requirement of 150 voters.

Town Clerk, Dawn M. Varley read the warrant and the meeting voted as follows:

Article 1

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer \$176.00 from Line 31 – Audit of Article 2 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting to pay an unpaid bill from Fiscal Year 2014 to Myares and Harrington LLP, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

Note: This is a bill for legal services provided in connection with Tax Title takings in Fiscal year 2013 Approval requires a 9/10ths approval.

Article 2

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer \$22,045.49 from Article 5 of the May 2, 2011 Special Town Meeting, and \$2,776.51 Article 39 of the May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting to reimburse the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District \$24,822.00 for repairs to the Whitman Middle School or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

Note: This reimburses Whitman Hanson for repairs and mold remediation at the Whitman Middle School. Under our regional agreement, each town is responsible for capital repairs of \$5,000 or more to its buildings.

Article 3

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer a sum of money to the below listed budget lines of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting or other indicated lines from the fund sources indicated

<u>Transfer To Budget Line:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer From Budget Line:</u>
15 7w Department	\$25,000.00	19 2 Solid Waste
22 4 Veterans Benefits	\$38,000.00	17 0 Norfolk County Agricultural HS
23 5 Street Lighting	\$11,500.00	19 2 Solid Waste
25 7 Medicare Town Match	\$ 2,000.00	25 5 Employment
22 0 ary Technicians (PT)	\$ 2,000.00	22 7 outh Services Librarian
22 0 ary Technicians (PT)	\$13,000.00	23 1 nior Library Technician

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted 7-0-1 to recommend.

This article provides additional needed funding for anticipated shortfalls in the current year budget.

Article 3A

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED** to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to the below listed budget line of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting:

135 Department Expense - \$ 15,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee will make its recommendation on the floor of Town Meeting

Article 4

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to create an additional Capital Stabilization Account to be known as "Regional Schools Capital Stabilization" for the purpose of accruing and expending Town funds for capital expenditures for Whitman School Buildings and the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School; that said funds shall be expended upon a vote of town Meeting; and to transfer \$25,000.00 from free cash to the Regional Schools Capital Stabilization Fund , or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

This article provides a mechanism for the Town to begin setting aside funds for anticipated capital needs for the School District that can be appropriated in future Town Meetings allowing the Town to spread costs over a longer period of time lessening the impact on property taxes when funds are appropriated.

Article 5 – DEFEATED AS AMENDED BY STANDING VOTE YES – 46 NO - 88

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District pursuant to the terms of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 71, Section 16 G ½ or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Finance Committee voted 8-0 to NOT recommend.

Article 6 – DEFEATED AS AMENDED

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund by the South Shore Regional School District pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 71, Section 16 G ½ or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the South Shore Regional School District Committee
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to NOT recommend.

Article 7

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer \$13,035.00 from the Reserve for Appropriation Motor Vehicle Fine Account to purchase and install three VidTac Video systems for installation in police cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by Police Chief
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

If approved, this funding will enable the police department to mount systems in selected cruisers to create an audio and video record each time a cruiser activates its lights to stop or pursue another vehicle.

Article 8 – PASSED OVER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Capital Stabilization or Free Cash to complete Air Conditioning installation for the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Building Projects Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Comments will be offered on the floor.

Article 9

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Small Animal Control gift account to rewire the Town Kennel, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Facilities Manager
Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

Note: The Town has appropriated funds to renovate the Animal Shelter, however the appropriation did not include rewiring. Upon inspection it was determined that rewiring is necessary.

Article 10

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED** to transfer \$ 50,000.00 from free cash to make accessibility improvements to the Town Park as mandated by the Architectural Access Board in response to accessibility complaints reported to the Massachusetts Office of Disabilities, or take any

other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Facilities Manager
Finance Committee Recommendation

Comments will be offered on the floor of Town Meeting

Article 11

The Town voted **IN THE MAJORITY** to transfer \$65,383.00 from Sewer-Water Retained Earnings to pay Sewer-Water Superintendent Donnie Westhaver in agreed settlement of his claim for unused sick and vacation time; and that said payment will be made upon his retirement on June 30, 2014.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners
Comments and Finance Committee Recommendation will be offered on Town Meeting floor.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting reconvened.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK - WHITMAN