



## Special Town Meeting May 2, 2011

The Special Town Meeting was convened at 8:10 p.m. with 180 voters present, constituting the quorum requirement, within the Annual Town Meeting and the Town voted as follows:

### Article 1

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer from Article 6 of the October 15, 2007 Special Town Meeting the sum of \$540.00 for payment of a prior fiscal year unpaid bill to Merrick Engineering Company, Inc., or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Town Administrator

The Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend

**This article requires a 9/10ths vote of Town Meeting.**

*NOTE: This appropriation is to pay for repairs made to town buildings in April, 2009. The bill was mailed to the former facilities manager and was not received until after the posting of the last Town Meeting Warrant.*

### Article 2

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$995.63 from Article 6, October 15, 2007 Special Town Meeting to Line #137-Clerical of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend.

*NOTE: This appropriation is necessary to fund a shortfall in the current salary line due to the retirement of a former employee paid for unused vacation.*

### Article 3

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$139,409.35 from Line 194 of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Water Purchase) to pay an unpaid balance of FY2010 water purchase to the City of Brockton, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Commissioners

Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend

**This article requires a 9/10ths vote of Town Meeting.**

*NOTE: This appropriation is necessary because the budget set in the prior fiscal year was insufficient to pay for the cost of water purchases.*

### Article 4

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$3,100.00 from Line 194 of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Water Purchase) to pay for an FY2010 unpaid bill to Environmental Partners, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Commissioners

The Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

**This article requires a 9/10ths vote of Town Meeting.**

*NOTE: This bill was not paid during the fiscal year and unpaid bills from prior fiscal years require a vote of Town Meeting to authorize payment*

**Article 5**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$ 30,084.00 from Line 117 of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Norfolk County Agricultural High School) to reimburse the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for additional costs to repair the Duval School roof, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: \$48,000.00 was appropriated in May of 2010, and is currently on hand. When engineering assessments were completed it was determined the cost would be greater. The WHRSD has applied for partial reimbursement through MSBA.*

**Article 6**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the following sums of money within the budget lines of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual town Meeting:

Amount	From	To
\$ 22,000.00	Line 242 Budget Reserve (Sewer)	Line 241 Police Details (Sewer)
\$ 12,000.00	Line 89, Police All Other Services	Line 85 Police Expense

Or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Town Administrator  
The Finance Committee voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: This article represents transfers necessitated by expenditures that exceed the amount anticipated during the budget planning cycle.*

**Article 7**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$15,633.00 from Line 5, Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Selectmen – Salaries) to pay the Department of Public Works Associate Superintendent retroactive pay for the period July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by:  
The Department of Public Works, Board of Commissioners  
The Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

**Article 8**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$ 5,693.37 from Article 6 of the October 15, 2007 Special Town Meeting and \$ 4,906.63 from Line 117 of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs to repair sidewalks at the Conley School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District and the Department of Public Works  
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

**Article 9**

The Town voted IN THE MAJORITY to transfer the sum of \$27,749.49 from Line 5, Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Selectmen – Salaries) to pay for 50% of accrued sick leave due the former COA director, but unpaid due to lack of prior appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council on Aging  
Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend

*NOTE: The former director was one of a small number of employees not included in the “Sick Leave Buyout” process in 2002. The current COA employees are not eligible for Sick Leave Buyback.*

**Article 10**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$11,048.88 from Article 2, Line 23 (Annual Audit) to pay costs for repairs to the Town Library heating system, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: This appropriation is necessary to pay for a substantial rehabilitation of the Library heating system due to deterioration of a 23 year old system.*

**Article 11**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Local 1769, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011., or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: There are no cost items in this contract that require additional appropriation. This is a one year agreement containing no pay raises.*

**Article 12**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve a one year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Whitman DPW Unit, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: There are no cost items in this contract that require additional appropriation. This is the second DPW contract year and agreement containing no salary increase.*

**Article 13**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve a one year collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, between the Town and the Whitman Public Library Employees, SEIU Local 888, and transfer \$5,479.02 from Line 158 and \$2,783.59 from Line 159 of the current fiscal year budget of the Library to fund the cost items contained in said agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: This is the second year the Library union has accepted a contract with no salary increase. The \$8,262.61 represents the cost to buy out the current liability for unused sick time, which is calculated at 50% of the accrued time.*

**Article 14**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of \$85,000.00 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Fund (Ambulance Receipts) to Line 97 Fire Department – All Other Services of the current fiscal year budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of the Fire-Rescue & Emergency Services Department  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

*NOTE: This transfer is necessary to fund salaries for the remainder of the fiscal year, and is necessary due to overtime necessitated by several emergency events that occurred during the current fiscal year.*

**Article 15**

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY to transfer \$8,500.00 from Line 180 of Article 2 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting (Unemployment) to pay for repairs and updates to the Council on Aging Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Facilities Manager  
Finance Committee Voted 6-0 to Recommend

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting reconvened.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK – WHITMAN

