

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (FY16) MAY 2, 2016

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m. There were 243 voters checked off on the voting list, constituting the quorum requirement of 150 voters.

Assistant Town Clerk, Mary R. Holland read the warrant and the meeting voted as follows:

Article 1

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$8,000.00 from Line 172 – Norfolk County Agricultural HS of Article 2 of the May 4, 2015 to budget line 1- Town Meetings and Elections of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 2

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$15,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to be added to budget Line 135 “Fire Department Expense” of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief.

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 3 - Withdrawn

Article 4

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED, to transfer \$80,000.00 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to make a down payment toward and authorize the Lease-Purchase of a new Ambulance, with 5 subsequent lease-purchase payments of \$40,050.28; the first installment being due July 15, 2017, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Department

Article 5

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to accept Lyons Lane as a public way as laid out in a sub-division plan filed with the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Planning Board and Department of Public Works

Article 6

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to accept a gift of land being shown on Assessors Map 23D, Block 8, Lot 350, for conservation purposes pursuant to G.L. c. 30 Section 8C or any other enabling provision, said land being located off the northerly side of Auburn Street, and being shown as Parcel G (containing 4.688± acres) and Parcel H (containing 7.904± acres), subject to an existing 20 foot wide utility easement and Commonwealth Electric Company Easement, as shown on a “Plan of Land, 877 Auburn Street, Route 14, Whitman, Massachusetts”, dated August 19, 2003 and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 47, Page 751, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 7

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$15,910.65 from the Regional Schools Stabilization Account to pay apportioned capital costs for the replacement of a hot water system for the Whitman Hanson Regional High School or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 8

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$3,186.21 from the Regional Schools Stabilization Account to fund additional costs associated with the replacement of the water heater system at the Whitman Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 9

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer sums listed below from the indicated budget lines voted at the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting to the budget line or purpose noted, or take any other action relative thereto.

Amount	From Line #/Description	To Line #/Description
\$10,912.52	226 Assistant Library Director	225 Library Director
\$12,500.00	172 Norfolk Cty Agricultural HS	245 Street Lighting
\$21,557.00	186 DPW Union Labor Salaries	192 Solid Waste Disposal
\$15,510.00	172 Norfolk Cty Agricultural HS	117 Police Expense

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

Article 10

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to approve a one year extension to June 30, 2018 for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 6 (Town Hall employees) presently in effect from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee voted 5-0-2 to recommend.

Article 11

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$269.90 from Line 190 –DPW Divisional Expense of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting to pay an unpaid bill from a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Commissioners
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 12

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$3.00 from Line 95 – Maintenance expense of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting to pay an unpaid bill from a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 13

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$921,422.83 from the Sewer-Water retained earnings (Free Cash) to pay prior years fiscal bills to the City of Brockton for the treatment of waste water as outlined below:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Amount Needed
2013	\$ 208,980.12
2014	\$12,442.71
2015	\$350,000.00
2016	\$350,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 14

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$10,500 from budget line 172 – Norfolk County Agricultural HS of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting to pay for costs associated with the demolition of an unsafe building located at 215 South Ave. in Whitman, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.

Article 15

The Town voted UNANIMOUSLY, to transfer \$4,410.64 from Budget Line 172 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting to pay unpaid wages to Election Workers for overtime for the current fiscal year, and prior fiscal years 2014 and 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting reconvened.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Mary R. Holland

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK - WHITMAN