

Annual Town Meeting (FY13)

May 7, 2012

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Hayes at 7:44 p.m.

Constable Harry D. Bates announced that the number of voters present was 227, fulfilling the quorum requirement of 50 voters.

The meeting pledged allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence was held for deceased Town employees. Assistant Town Clerk Dawn M. Varley swore in the following tellers:

Larry Roache, 26 Acorn Drive, Janet Horkey, 117 Temple St #1., Tricia Eddy, 32 Chestnut St. and William Glynn, 11 Lazel St. She then read the warrant for the meeting. Moderator Hayes recognized new voters and went over the rules governing Town Meeting. Invocation was given by Rev. Colette Bachand – Wood

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting in order to proceed to the Special Town Meeting at 7:57 p.m. The Special Town Meeting is recorded in a separate document.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m. on May 7, 2012

Article 1

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** bring in their vote for the following Town Officers: One Town Clerk for Three Years; One Selectman for Three Years; One Selectman for One Year (to fill vacancy); One Assessor for Three Years; Two PK-12 Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Members for Three Years; One Department of Public Works Commissioner for Three Years; Two Public Library Trustees for Three Years; One Planning Board Member for Five Years; One Board of Health Member for Three Years; and to choose all other necessary officers.

The polls for election of officers will be opened in said Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on said Saturday, the 19th day of May, 2012, and kept open until five o'clock in the evening. Both of which days will constitute the Annual Meeting and this call is issued in accordance with the vote of the Town passed January 29, 1902.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moderator Hayes recognized **SGT. HARRY D. BATES** for his years as Constable of the town meetings and that this would be his last. In show of appreciation the voter gave Harry a well deserved standing ovation.

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Article 2

To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Public Works, Veterans' Benefits, Education, Library, Recreation and Unclassified, specifying what appropriations shall be taken from the receipt of a department.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

The following Line Items were questioned: 1, 46, 60, 97, 112, 114, 130, 132, 170, 172, 173, 175, 176, 178, 198, 230, 246, 258, 301, 332. All other line items were voted unanimously

For continuity in recording Article 2 is listed at the end of this recording

Article 3

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to raise and appropriate outside the levy limit the sum of \$583,443.00 to pay Whitman Hanson Regional School Department debt payments, which debt was authorized by Article 7 of the May 7, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and the May 18, 2002 debt exclusion vote, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 4

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to raise and appropriate, outside the levy limit, the sum of \$334,768.00 for the purpose of making debt payments on debt issued by the Whitman Hanson Regional Schools for the Whitman K-8 school projects, which debt was authorized by Article 1 of the February 23, 1998 Special Town Meeting and the March 14, 1998 debt exclusion vote, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 5

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account (Ambulance Receipts) the sum of \$100,000 to the Town Debt Service Reserve Account from which account monies may be appropriated to make debt payments on the various Town capital projects, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief and the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 6

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to appropriate the sum of \$229,854.58 from the Reserve for Appropriation Town Debt Service Reserve Account to make payments on debt authorized by Article 41 of the May 19, 1998 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of renovations, additions and remodeling to the various Town capital projects, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 7

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer the sum of \$ 5,935.77 from the Reserve for Appropriation Title V Loans Account to make fiscal year 2013 debt payments, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be returned to the Reserve for Appropriation Title V Loans Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend0

Article 8

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer from free cash the sum of \$878,462.50 to make payment on debt authorized by Article 1 of the November 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting for the construction of a new Police Station, and the renovation of the Town Hall and Fire Station, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 9

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to Raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB) Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector and the Town Administrator
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 10

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account the sum of \$141,156.74 to be disbursed as follows:

\$ 39,947.10 for the 3^d of 5 payments for the lease purchase of a 2010 Ambulance

\$ 58,038.00 for the 4th of 5 payments for the lease purchase of a 2009 pumping engine

\$ 43,171.64 for the 2nd of 5 payments for the lease purchase of capital equipment
or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief, Fire-Rescue & Emergency Services Department
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 11

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account the sum of \$47,420.00 for the first of 5 payments to lease-purchase and equip a new ambulance, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief, Fire-Rescue & Emergency Services Department
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 12

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer from the Motor Vehicle Fine Account the sum of \$36,068.97 to be paid as follows:
\$23,379.90 for the third of three annual payments for two (2) cruisers;
\$12,689.07 for the second of three annual payments for one (1) cruiser;
or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 13

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer the sum of \$12,690.00 from the Motor Vehicle Fine Account for the first of three annual payments for the lease-purchase of a police cruiser, said transfer contingent on there being sufficient funds available for transfer in the Motor Vehicle Fine Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Article 14

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer the sum of \$ 3,600.00 from the Motor Vehicle Fine Account for payment of a one year lease of a motorcycle, said transfer contingent on there being sufficient funds available for transfer in the Motor Vehicle Fine Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Article 15

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to authorize the second of three annual payments in the amount of \$7,578.88 for the lease –purchase of a vehicle for use by the Small Animal Control Department, said payment to be made from the Animal Gift Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 16

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 to be used for the purpose of holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 17

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY**, as authorized by MGL C 44 §53E ½ as amended by Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1990, to continue for fiscal year 2011, the following Revolving Accounts for purposes as indicated and limited as set forth below or take any action relative thereto:

Revolving Account Description / Name	Source of Receipts	Use of Funds	Receipts Limit	Disbursed by
Council on Aging Revolving Account	Minibus Fares and Program Fees	Defray Council on Aging Expenses	\$10,000.00	Director, Council on Aging
Library Fines and Fees Revolving Account	Library Fines	Defray Library Expenses	\$17,500.00	Board of Library Trustees
Passport Fees Revolving Account	Sale of Passport Photographs	Defray Expenses for Photo Supplies	\$3,000.00	Town Clerk
Fire Alarm Revolving Account	Construction, Repair and Maintenance of Town Municipal Fire Alarm System	Defray Cost to Maintain and Repair Town Fire Alarm System	\$10,000.00	Fire Chief
Planning Board Revolving Account	Fees Paid on Submission of Plans to the Planning Board	All expenses except Personnel Salaries	\$75,000.00	Planning Board by Majority Vote
Police Department Revolving Account (Marijuana Fines)	Fines assessed under MGL C. 40 §21D	Police Training and Equipment	\$10,000.00	Chief of Police

Proposed by disbursing departments
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 18

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to appropriate the sum of \$329,111 from available Chapter 90 funds to make repairs and improvements to various streets and sidewalks in the Town of Whitman, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee Voted 8-0 to Recommend

Article 19

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the following Improvements:

Repainting and associated repairs at the Public Library: \$ 21,800.00

Demo/Repair Deck, Ramp and Parking Lot at Council on Aging \$ 15,200.00

Energy Management Upgrades to Whitman Middle School \$ 8,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Article
Finance Committee Voted 9-0 to Recommend

Article 20

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY THIS ARTICLE AS AMENDED** to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$246,125.49 for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of the Town's sewer system as described in Article 41 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and in Article 33 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works and the Town Accountant

Article 21

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to transfer \$7,500 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay for the cost of detecting leaks in the Town water supply or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works

Article 22

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to accept Meadowview Lane in accordance with the Planning Board approved Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land and As-Built Plans dated January 17, 2012 by C.W. Garvey Co., Inc., or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board and Department of Public Works Commissioners

Article 23 – PASSED OVER - MAJORITY

To see if the town will vote to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the Whitman Public Library Employees, SEIU Local 888, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first year of the agreement.
Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 24

The Town voted **IN THE MAJORITY BY STANDING VOTE YES – 91 NO - 35** to rescind acceptance of MGL C 41 §108L Police Career Incentive voted by Town Meeting on March 5, 1973 for persons hired after June 30, 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Article 25

The Town voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the Whitman Police Association, Local 509, IBPO for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 26 – PASSED OVER - MAJORITY

To see if the town will vote to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and State Council 93, Local 1700, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first year of the agreement.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 27 –PASSED OVER - MAJORITY

To see if the town will vote to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and the Whitman Town Hall Employees, OPEIU Local 6, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first year of the agreement.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 28 – PASSED OVER

To see if the town will vote to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Whitman and Local 1769, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first year of the agreement.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 29

The Town voted **BY STANDING - VOTE NO – 4, AND THE CALL OF THE MODERATOR THAT THE VOTE GREATLY EXCEEDS 2/3rd** to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from free cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Voted 8-0 to Recommend

Moderator Hayes recognized the Finance Committee for all of their hard work. The Town meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m. There were 255 voters checked off of the voting list.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

ASST. TOWN CLERK – WHITMAN