# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 15, 2015

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Norman Orrall opened the meeting immediately upon adjournment of the Special Town Meeting, using the same tellers, and rules.

Mr. Orrall set his usual "ground rules" including identifying oneself, using a microphone when you speak, and putting your motions in writing. In lieu of the town's by-law, the volume "Town Meeting Time" will be used for parliamentary procedures. A motion was then made to allow nonresidents to speak or to be heard- so moved and seconded and passed unanimously. We then proceeded to Article 1.

<u>Article 1:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$150,821.00 to pay the salaries of all elected officers as follows:

SelectmenChairman	\$2,000
Second Member	\$1,500
Third Member	\$1,500
TOTAL	<b>\$5,000</b>
AssessorsChairman	\$2,000
Second Member	\$1,500
Third Member	\$1,500
TOTAL	<b>\$5,000</b>
Board of HealthChairman	\$2,000
Second Member	\$1,500
Third Member	\$1,500
TOTAL	<b>\$5,000</b>
Treasurer/ Collector	\$72,092
Town Clerk	\$63,729
TOTAL _	\$150,821.00

#### Unanimous

Prior to taking up Article #2, Mr. Orrall explained that he would be reading totals only from the warrant booklet and if someone had a question within that department, they should put a "hold" on it and we would return to all questions at the end of the reading.

Before hearing Article 2, a motion was made and seconded to <u>waive</u> the reading of the <u>budget lines totals</u>, and after a lengthy discussion a hand count was taken as follows: <u>50 Yes</u> to <u>50 No</u>; tie on the motion. Moderator Orrall entertained his own vote to break the tie and voted against the <u>waiving of the reading</u> of budget lines totals, so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. We then proceeded to Article #2 budget lines totals.

<u>Article 2:</u> To see if the Town will voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,434,239**; appropriate **\$629,141** from Free Cash; transfer and appropriate **\$16,515** from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; transfer and appropriate **\$71,667** from the Debt Service/Capital **Projects Stabilization Fund;** transfer and appropriate \$60,000 from Park Retained Earnings, appropriate Estimated Receipts of \$157,700 to Park Enterprises; transfer and appropriate \$120,000 from the General Fund tax levy to Landfill Enterprise; appropriate Estimated Receipts of \$254,000 to the Landfill Enterprise; transfer and appropriate \$224,000 from General Fund tax levy to Water Enterprise; and transfer and appropriate \$3,385 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to defray town expenses for the fiscal period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 inclusive.

A motion to amend Article 2 to change the total appropriation from \$8,434,239 to \$8,434,233 and to <u>delete</u> "transfer and appropriate \$71,667 from the Debt Service/Capital Projects Stabilization Fund" was made and seconded. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to amend Article 2 passed unanimously.

<u>Amended-Article 2:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,434,233; appropriate \$629,141 from Free Cash; transfer and appropriate \$16,515 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; transfer and appropriate \$60,000 from Park Retained Earnings, appropriate Estimated Receipts of \$157,700 to Park Enterprises; transfer and appropriate \$120,000 from the General Fund tax levy to Landfill Enterprise; appropriate Estimated Receipts of \$254,000 to the Landfill Enterprise; transfer and appropriate \$224,000 from General Fund tax levy to Water Enterprise; and transfer and appropriate \$3,385 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to defray town expenses for the fiscal period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 inclusive.

# **ARTICLE 2-TOWN EXPENSES**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 100	
Selectmen Personnel	\$ 253,126
Selectmen Expenses	\$ 16,500
Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 900
Accounting Personnel	\$ 125,729
Accounting Expenses	\$ 75,105
Assessors Personnel	\$ 139,447
Assessors Expenses	\$ 49,705
Treasurer & Collector Personnel	\$ 176,623
Treasurer & Collector Expenses	\$ 40,000
Law Expenses	\$ 40,000
Wage & Personnel Board Expenses	\$ 750
Town Clerk Personnel	\$ 36,254
Town Clerk Expenses	\$ 2,750
Elections Expenses	\$ 15,800
Registration Expenses	\$ 10,410
Conservation Commission Personnel	\$ 32,390
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$ 1,800
Planning Board Personnel	\$ 0
Planning Board Expenses	\$ 150
Appeals Board Expenses	\$ 300
Historic Town House Expenses	\$ 4,500
Town Office & Fire Station Expenses	\$ 295,000
Town Reports Expenses	\$ 600

Cable TV Advisory Expenses	\$	1,000
Other General Government Expenses	\$	14,002
TOTAL – GENERAL GOVERNMENT – 100	\$	1,332,841
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PUBLIC SAFETY – 200		
Police Department Personnel	\$	1,545,054
Police Department Expenses	\$	190,050
Fire Department Personnel	\$	1,089,538
Fire Department Expenses	\$	133,425
Building Inspector Personnel	\$	134,895
Building Inspector Expenses	\$	5,200
Gas Inspector Expenses	\$	11,000
Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$	16,500
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	\$	1,600
Electrical Inspector Expense	\$	24,000
Animal Inspector Expense	\$	6,300
Emergency Management Expenses	\$	7,700
Animal Shelter/Dog Officer Personnel	\$	82,911
Animal Shelter/Dog Officer Expenses	\$	18,350
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY – 200	\$	3,266,523
PUBLICS WORKS – 400		
Highway Department Personnel	\$	493,637
Highway Department Expenses	\$	144,240
Snow & Ice Personnel	\$	15,000
Snow & Ice Expenses	\$	35,000
Street Lighting Expenses	\$	20,000
Cemetery Services Expenses	\$	12,500
TOTAL – PUBLIC WORKS – 400	\$	720,377

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - 500

Board of Health Personnel	\$ 144,139
Board of Health Expenses	\$ 9,914
Board of Health Visiting Nurse Expense	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging Personnel	\$ 130,793
Council on Aging Expenses	\$ 26,015
Veteran's Benefits Personnel	\$ 13,784
Veteran's Benefits Expenses	\$ 151,615
TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERV - 500	\$ 478,260
CULTURE & RECREATION -600	
Library Personnel	\$ 220,269
Library Expenses	\$ 105,200
Historic Library Building	\$ 3,500
Historical Commission Expenses	\$ 450
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION -600</b>	\$ 329,419
DEBT SERVICE – 700	
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE – 700	\$ 1,090,247
TOTAL -Regional Assessment -800	\$ 1,800
UNCLASSIFIED - 900	
Unemployment Expense	\$ 1,000
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,684,412
Property & Liability Insurance Expense	\$ 175,000
TOTAL – UNCLASSIFIED – 900	\$ 1,860,412
GRAND TOTAL/TOWN EXP – 100-900	\$ 9,079,879
PARK ENTERPRISE / EXPENSE	
Park Enterprise Personnel	\$ 101,250
Park Enterprise Expenses	\$ 116,450
TOTAL-PARK ENTERPRISE REVENUE	(-\$217,700)
LANDFILL/TRANSFER ENTER EXPENSES	

Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Personnel	\$ 159,341
Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Expense	\$ 200,659
Landfill/Transfer Capped Expense	\$ 14,000
TOTAL-LANDFILL ENTERPRISE REVENUE	(-\$374,000)
WATER ENTERPRISE EXPENSES	
Water Enterprise Personnel Expense	\$0
Water Enterprise Expense	\$ 13,850
Water Enterprise Capital Improvements	\$ 213,535
TOTAL-WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE	(-\$227,385)
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 25,818,148

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 3:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate for the use of the Trustees for the *County Co-operative Extension Service* the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and to set the length of the term of Town Director at one (1) year as provided in MA General Laws Chapter 128 Sections 41 and 42.

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 4:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$915,693.00) as the share of the Town of Lakeville in the *Plymouth County Retirement Association.* 

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 5:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Millions Six Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,667,360.00) as the Town's share of the 2015-2016 maintenance and operating budget for the *Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District* consisting of the Non-excluded Debt Assessment of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$126,211.00), the Operating Cost Assessment of One

Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$1,362,687.00), and the Transportation Assessment of One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$178,462.00) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Towns of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 6:</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million Three Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (**\$12,304,596.00**) as the Town's share of the 2015-2016 maintenance and operating budget for the **Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District**, consisting of the Non-Excluded Debt Assessment of Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (**\$49,269.00**) the Excluded Debt Assessment of Four Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (**\$459,270.00**), the Operating Cost Assessment of Eleven Million Three Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Ten Dollars (**\$11,305,310.00**), and Transportation Assessment of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (**\$490,747.00**) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Freetown.

A motion to amend Article 6 to change the total appropriation from \$12,304,596 to \$12,213,950 and to change the transportation assessment from \$490,747 to \$400,101 was made and seconded. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to amend Article 6 passed by majority.

Amended- Article 6: It was voted that the Town will to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,213,950.00) as the Town's share of the 2015-2016 maintenance and operating budget for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, consisting of the Non-Excluded Debt Assessment of Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$49,269.00) the Excluded Debt Assessment of Four Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$459,270.00), the Operating Cost Assessment of Eleven Million Three Hundred Five Ten (\$11,305,310.00),Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and transportation Assessment of Four Hundred Thousand One Hundred One Dollars (\$400,101.00) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Freetown.

### Unanimous

<u>Article 7:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$204,608.00) for the payment of vocational education tuitions and related transportation for students enrolled in vocational educational programs <u>other than</u> at Old Colony Vocational Technical School.

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 8</u>: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to cover the cost of *contractual obligations* upon *retirement of Town Employees.* 

#### Unanimous

<u>Article 9:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of <u>adding</u> to the *Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (GASB 45)*, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B Section 20.

## Unanimous

<u>Article 10:</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Triennial Recertification of the Town's real estate and personal property in Fiscal Year 2018, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

A motion to amend Article 10 to <u>delete the words</u> "and/or transfer from available funds" was made and seconded. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to amend Article 10 passed by majority.

<u>Amended-Article 10:</u> It was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Triennial Recertification of the Town's real estate and personal property in Fiscal Year 2018, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue

## Unanimous

<u>Article 11:</u> It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate from the Debt Service/Capital Projects Stabilization Fund the sum of Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$71,667.00) for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2016 principal and interest payments due on the three-year lease for Equipment & Technology for the Town Network as authorized at the June 9, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

### Unanimous (102 Yes to 0 No)

<u>Article 12:</u> It was voted that the Town appropriate \$774,400 to pay costs of capital improvements and equipment, and all cost incidental and related thereto, as follows:

#### Police Department

2 New Police Cruisers w/equipment (less trade-ins)	\$ 70,000
4 Radar Units, 1 Breathalyzer Unit, 1 External Defibrillator,	
2 Body Cameras, and 1 Booking Camera	\$ 17,000
Police Station Roof Repairs	\$300,000
Fire Department	
2 Defibrillator Monitors for Fire Department	\$ 50,000
Jaws of Life for Fire Department	\$ 35,400
Highway Department	
Repairs to Salt Shed	\$ 30,000
Disposal of Sweepings and Beneficial Use Determination	
Highway (BUD)	\$ 15,000
11 Foot Power Angle Plow for High Department	\$ 6,000
Miscellaneous	. ,
Equipment & Technology for the Town Network	\$ 41,000
Sealcoating & Repairs to Town Offices/ Fire Station Parking Lot	\$ 5,000
2 Radio Boxes (Highway Barn & Historic Library)	\$ 10,000
Repave TW Camp Driveway from Precinct to Bedford Street	\$175,000
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#### TOTAL \$774,400

and that to meet this appropriation, (i) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorize to borrow \$500,000 to pay costs of Police Station Roof Repairs, Sealcoating and Repairs to Town Offices/Fire Station Parking Lot, and to Repave the TW Camp driveway from Precinct Street to Bedford Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(28) and 7(9) of the General laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and (ii) \$274,400 shall be transferred from Free Cash and to authorize the Board of

Selectmen and other appropriate Town Officials to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

# Carried by 2/3rds requirement (94 Yes to 3 No)

**<u>Article 13</u>**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay the costs of acquiring, a fee simple or any lesser interest in all or a portion of the parcel of land containing 0.24 acres, located at **348 Bedford Street**, and shown on Lakeville Assessors Map 57 Block 1 Lot 4 and any other costs incidental and related thereto; and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and enter into any and all agreements and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing transaction, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to <u>postpone this matter indefinitely</u>, it was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Article 14:</u> It was voted that the Town accept under the provisions of M.G.L., *Chapter 90*, Section 34, an apportionment in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$374,530.00), or any other amount.

# Passed by Majority

<u>Article 15:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of <u>adding</u> to the *Stabilization Fund* pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B. **Unanimous** 

<u>Article 16:</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of <u>adding</u> to the *Debt Service/Capital Projects Stabilization Fund* pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made to <u>postpone this matter indefinitely</u>, it was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

<u>Article 17:</u> It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of adding to the *Reserve Fund.* **Unanimous** 

<u>Article 18</u>: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following *water pollution abatement* facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the M.G.L.; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, as well as take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

A motion was made to <u>postpone this matter indefinitely</u>, it was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Article 19:</u> To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) and to impose a local <u>sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals</u> of .**75 percent** of gross receipts.

# Failed by Majority

# After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to "move the question", it was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Article 20:</u> It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F, which allows the Town to grant <u>soldiers and sailors who are veterans</u> and who by reason of injury received in service are paraplegics an exemption from property taxes.

## Unanimous

# Before hearing Article 21, a motion to <u>waive</u> the reading was made and seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Article 21:</u> It was voted that the Town <u>amend</u> the **Town's Zoning By-Laws**, by <u>Deleting Section 3.2.3</u> in its entirety and replacing it as set forth under Article 21 in the warrant.

"The **Floodplain Protection District** is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Lakeville designated as Zone A and AE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Lakeville are panel numbers 25023C0314J, 25023C0408J, 25023C0409J, 25023C0417J, 25023C0419J. 25023C0426J, 25023C0425J. 25023C0428J. 25023C0436J, and 25023C0442J dated July 17, 2012; and panel numbers 25023C0311K, 25023C0313K, 25023C0318K, 25023C0427K, 25023C0429K. 25023C0431K. 25023C0433K. 25023C0434K. 25023C0437K, and 25023C0441K dated July 16, 2015. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 16, 2015. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk."

#### Unanimous

Motion to dissolve came at 8:34 PM.

A true copy of the record:

Attest:

Lion Dane

Lillian M. Drane, CMC, Town Clerk