

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 7, 2010

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Gordon W. Goodfellow opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. to postpone the Annual Town Meeting until adjournment of the Special Town Meeting. The Moderator re-opened at 8:16 P.M. after a short recess; upon adjournment of the Special Town Meeting, using the same tellers and rules.

Mr. Goodfellow read his usual ground rules of identifying oneself, going to the microphone to speak and submitting motions in writing. Then he entertained a motion that if a two-thirds vote is required by statute, the Moderator be authorized to declare a 2/3 vote in the same manner as a majority vote is declared; provided however, that if a vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters, the Moderator shall verify it by taking a count - so moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was then made to allow non-residents to speak or to be heard- so moved and seconded and passed unanimously. Then he entertained a motion to waive the reading of the entire warrant, we began.

**Article 1:** I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$155,237.00 to pay the salaries of all elected officers as follows:

Selectmen- Chair	\$4,000.00
Second Member	\$3,000.00
Third Member	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00 (Hold)</b>

Assessors- Chair	\$4,000.00
Second Member	\$3,000.00
Third Member	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00 (Hold)</b>

Board of Health- Chair	\$4,000.00
Second Member	\$3,000.00
Third Member	\$3,000.00

**TOTAL      \$10,000.00 (Hold)**

Treasurer/ Collector	\$66,486.00
Town Clerk	\$58,751.00

**TOTAL      \$155,237.00**

The following “**holds**” were placed on total stipends as follows:

- Board of Selectmen
- Assessors
- Board of Health

A motion was then made and seconded to amend Article #1 to see if the Town will cut the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and Assessors to \$5,000.00 each to bring them back to the current fiscal year stipend.

After much discussion, a vote was taken, and the amendment to Article #1 passed by majority.

Article#1 was then voted on as follows:

Selectmen- Chair	\$2,000.00
Second Member	\$1,500.00
Third Member	\$1,500.00

**TOTAL      \$5,000.00**

Assessors- Chair	\$2,000.00
Second Member	\$1,500.00
Third Member	\$1,500.00

**TOTAL      \$5,000.00**

Board of Health- Chair	\$2,000.00
Second Member	\$1,500.00
Third Member	\$1,500.00

**TOTAL      \$5,000.00**

Treasurer/ Collector	\$66,486.00
Town Clerk	\$58,751.00

**TOTAL      \$140,237.00**

### **Passed by Majority**

A motion was made to take the articles out of order and have article #8 precede article #2. After much discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority.

**Article 8:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$726,293.00) to cover of tuition for special education students enrolled in out-of-district placements.

### **Passed by Majority**

Prior to taking up Article #2, Mr. Goodfellow 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.

**Article 2:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$11,846,782, appropriate \$100,585 from Free Cash, transfer and appropriate \$72,782 from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund, transfer and appropriate \$40,000 from the Debt Reduction/ Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund; transfer and appropriate \$100,000 from Article #4 Special Town Meeting 6/15/2009; transfer and appropriate \$16,408 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, transfer and appropriate \$10,000 from Expendable Cemetery Trust; appropriate \$78,159 to Park Enterprise; and raise \$23,159 from Park Enterprise Receipts, transfer \$30,000 from Park Retained Earnings, and raise \$25,000 from the tax levy; appropriate \$405,100 to the Landfill Enterprise and raise \$265,100 from Landfill Enterprise receipts and transfer \$140,000 from Landfill Enterprise Retained Earnings; appropriate \$195,000 to Water Enterprise Fund; and transfer \$195,000 from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund; to defray town expenses for the fiscal period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

**ARTICLE 2-TOWN EXPENSES  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 100**

<b>Selectmen Personnel</b>	<b>\$223,555</b>
<b>Selectmen Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Finance Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Accounting Personnel</b>	<b>\$106,870</b>
<b>Accounting Expenses</b>	<b>\$69,095</b>
<b>Assessors Personnel</b>	<b>\$107,981</b>
<b>Assessors Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,220</b>
<b>Treasurer &amp; Collector Personnel</b>	<b>\$117,936</b>
<b>Treasurer &amp; Collector Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,600</b>
<b>Law Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Wage &amp; Personnel Board Expenses</b>	<b>\$99,204</b>
<b>Town Clerk Personnel</b>	<b>\$43,675</b>
<b>Town Clerk Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,380</b>
<b>Elections Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>
<b>Registration Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,850</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Personnel</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>

<b>Planning Board Expenses</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Appeals Board Expenses</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Historic Town House Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Town Office &amp; Fire Station Expenses</b>	<b>\$126,000</b>
<b>Town Reports Expenses</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Cable TV Advisory Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Other General Government Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,002</b>
<b>TOTAL – GENERAL GOVERNMENT – 100</b>	<b>\$1,056,018</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY – 200**

<b>Police Department Personnel</b>	<b>\$1,108,601</b>
<b>Police Department Expenses</b>	<b>\$158,600</b>

<b>Fire Department Personnel</b>	<b>\$782,457</b>
<b>Fire Department Expenses</b>	<b>\$85,985</b>
<b>Building Inspector Personnel</b>	<b>\$103,487</b>
<b>Building Inspector Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>
<b>Gas Inspector Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>
<b>Electrical Inspector Expense</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>Animal Inspector Expense</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Civil Defense Personnel</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Civil Defense Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Animal Shelter/Dog Officer Personnel</b>	<b>\$71,764</b>
<b>Animal Shelter/Dog Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,740</b>
<b>TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY – 200</b>	<b>\$2,391,934</b>

#### **EDUCATION – 300**

<b>TOTAL – SCHOOL K - 4      300</b>	<b>\$4,445,037</b>
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#### **PUBLICS WORKS – 400**

<b>Highway Department Personnel</b>	<b>\$400,119</b>
<b>Highway Department Expenses</b>	<b>\$89,335</b>
<b>Snow &amp; Ice Personnel</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Snow &amp; Ice Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Street Lighting Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Cemetery services Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>TOTAL – PUBLIC WORKS – 400</b>	<b>\$553,454</b>

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – 500**

<b>Board of Health Personnel</b>	<b>\$132,494</b>
<b>Board of Health Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,100</b>
<b>Board of Health Visiting Nurse Expense</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

Council on Aging Personnel	\$100,946
Council on Aging Expenses	\$19,470
Veteran's Benefits Personnel	\$5,357
Veteran's Benefits Expenses	\$13,250
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERV - 500</b>	<b>\$281,617</b>
 <b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION -600</b>	
Library Personnel	\$182,151
Library Expenses	\$82,305
Historic Library Building	\$3,500
Historical Commission Expenses	\$450
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION -600</b>	<b>\$268,406</b>
 <b>DEBT SERVICE – 700</b>	
<b>TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE – 700</b>	<b>\$972,643</b>
 <b>TOTAL COUNTY &amp; STATE ASSMTS -800</b>	<i>MEMO \$169,780</i>
 <b>UNCLASSIFIED – 900</b>	
Regional Assessment Expense	\$1,587
Unemployment Expense	\$50,000
Employee Benefits	\$2,053,701
Property & Liability Insurance Expense	\$190,000
<b>TOTAL – UNCLASSIFIED – 900</b>	<b>\$2,465,068</b>
 <b>GRAND TOTAL/TOWN EXP – 100-900</b>	<b>\$12,434,177</b>
 <b>PARK ENTERPRISE / EXPENSE</b>	
Park Enterprise Personnel Expenses	\$25,059
Park Enterprise Expenses	\$53,100
<b>TOTAL-PARK ENTERPRISE REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$78,159)</b>

**LANDFILL/TRANSFER ENTER EXPENSES**

Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Personnel	\$159,130
Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Expense Exp	\$225,970
Landfill/Transfer Capped Expense	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL-LANDFILL ENTERPRISE REV</b>	<b>(\$405,100)</b>

**WATER ENTERPRISE EXPENSES**

Water Enterprise Personnel Expense	\$22,800
Water Enterprise Expense	\$172,200
<b>TOTAL-WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$195,000)</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$112,434,177</b>
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**Unanimous**

The following budget line items totals were placed on “**hold**”:

- Wage & Personnel Board Expenses (\$600)
- School K-4 (\$5,171,330)
- Unemployment Expenses (\$50,000)

A motion was made and seconded to amend Wage & Personnel Board Expenses. After much discussion, a vote was taken to add \$98,604, and the amendment to Wage & Personnel Board Expenses passed by majority.

School K-4- A motion was made to remove \$726,293 from the out of district special education placements school budget. After much discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed by majority.

Unemployment Expenses- After some discussion, no action was taken.

**Article 3:** 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 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), and to set the length of the term of Town Director at one year as provided in MA General Laws Chapter 128, Sections 41 and 42.

**Unanimous**

**Article 4:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$728,577.00) as the share of the Town of Lakeville in the Plymouth County Retirement Association.

**Unanimous**

**Article 5:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Thirty Four Dollars (\$637,034.00) as the Town's share of the 2010-2011 maintenance and operating budget for the Old Colony Regional Vocational High School District, to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Towns of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

**Unanimous**

**Article 6:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$6,715.634) as the Town's share of the 2010-2011 maintenance and operating budget for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, consisting of the Non-excluded Debt Assessment of Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars (\$47,808), the Excluded Debt Assessment of Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$790,715), the Operating Cost Assessment of Five Million Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars (\$5,717,097) and the Transportation Assessment of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Fourteen Dollars (\$160,014) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Freetown.

**Unanimous**

**Article 7:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$188,514.00) for the payment of vocational education tuitions and related



transportation for students enrolled in vocational educational programs **other than** at Old Colony Vocational School.

**Unanimous**

**Article 9:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$113,250.00) for the purpose of funding a tuition-based Elementary Level Substantially Separate Classroom program for special education students at the Assawompset Elementary School; and further, that a revolving fund pursuant to G.L. c.44 §53E½ be continued for the administration of such program, with tuition payments, fees and other receipts received in connection with operation of the program to be credited to such fund and to authorize the Local School Committee, in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Lakeville Board of Selectmen and the Lakeville School Committee dated January 11, 2010, to expend such funds for wages, including the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages so paid and expenses associated with the operation of such program in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2011.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 10:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$11,351) to cover the cost of contractual obligations upon retirement of School Employees.

**Unanimous**

**Article 11:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) to cover the cost of contractual obligations upon retirement of Town Employees.

**Unanimous**

**Article 12:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to cover the cost of Continuing Disclosure for Bonded Debt Service.

**Unanimous**

**Article 13:** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.32B, §20 to establish an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust

Fund (GASB 45), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for said purpose.

**Unanimous**

**Article 14:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2011 Recertification of Values as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

**Unanimous**

**Article 15:** It was voted that the Town hereby appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$319,000) to pay costs of capital improvements and equipment as follows:

Equipment, Technology and Licensing for Town Network	\$12,000
Ambulance for the Fire Department	160,000
One (1) New Police Cruiser	29,000
One (1) Special Needs Wheel Chair Van- for School Dept. (used)	8,000
Replace Sections of School Roof (Assawompset)	<u>110,000</u>
TOTAL	\$319,000

and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The amounts set forth above for each capital improvement or item of equipment are approximate in nature, and so long as sufficient funds are available to accomplish each capital improvement or acquire each item of equipment described above, the Selectmen may allocate amounts among the various capital improvements or items of equipment as needed to fully carry-out the purposes of this motion.

**Unanimous**

**Article 16:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,711.00) for the purpose of making payments on the fourth year of a five-year lease for one (1) Administrative Vehicle for the use of Office of the Assessors.

**Unanimous**

**Article 17:** It was voted that the Town accept under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, an apportionment in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$285,624.00).

**Unanimous**

**Article 18:** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund Dollars (\$86,625.00) for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B.

**Unanimous**

**Article 19:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to the Reserve Fund.

**Unanimous**

**Article 20:** It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$25,271) 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 General Laws; 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.

**Unanimous**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Million Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$30,865,000) for the purpose of financing the construction of a Sewer Project for the shorefront communities on the Western side of Long Pond, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow Thirty Million Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$30,865,000.00) and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General

Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/ or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aide available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

**Failed**

**Article 22:** It was voted that the Town amend Chapter III of the General Bylaws, Finance Committee, second sentence of Section 4 to delete text shown below as stricken and add the language shown as underline below:

CURRENT: No elective or appointed town officer or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said commission.

PROPOSED: No ~~elective~~ elected or appointed town officer official or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said ~~commission~~ committee, however, Finance Committee members may serve on the Capital Expenditures Committee, Building Committees, Employee Search Committee, Energy Committees, Wage and Personnel Board, or any sub-committee of the Regional School Committees.

**Passed by Majority**

Motion to dissolve came at 9:47 PM.

A true copy of the record

Attest: Janet Tracy, Town Clerk