

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 17, 2014

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Norman Orrall called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. at Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium when 100 registered voters had been checked in. Tellers had been appointed and sworn in by the Town Clerk, Janet L. Tracy. They included Jennifer Jewell, Joanne Corrieri-Upham and Robert Poillucci.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and we held a brief moment of silence in memory of the following: **JOHN J. DEMOURA-** Call Firefighter – 1968 - 1975; **BETTY L. ROSEN-** Board of Registrars 1983 – 1994.

Mr. Orrall read his usual ground rules of identifying oneself, going to the microphone to speak and submitting motions in writing.

A motion was made to allow non-residents to speak or to be heard- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Then he entertained a motion to waive the reading of the warrant, seconded; unanimous. We then proceeded to Article #1.

Article 1: It was voted that the Town transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, certain sums of money in order to defray unanticipated costs for Fiscal Year 2015 for various accounts in the General Fund, including the Landfill Enterprise Account, all as set forth on the document entitled, "Article #1 Special Town Meeting Transfers November 17, 2014".

**ARTICLE #1
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TRANSFERS
November 17, 2014**

Transfer/Appropriate From:		Transfer/Appropriate To:	
GENERAL FUND			
FY 15 Article 7 Bristol Aggie Tuition	\$ 35,870.00	FY 15 Old Colony Assessment	\$ 35,870.00
FY 13 Overlay Surplus	\$ 27,000.00	FY 15 General Gov't Prior Year Expenses	\$ 27,000.00
Debt Service Interest/SRF Loan #17513-59275	\$ 132.00	Debt Service Interest/School Roof Project #17523-59372	\$ 132.00
Asst. Town Clerk Wages	\$ 16,500.00	Temp Position-Clerk Hourly Wages	\$ 16,500.00
Stabilization Fund	\$ 73,595.00	Police Dispatchers-Reclass-Hourly Wages	\$ 9,500.00
		Library Assistant-Reclass-Hourly Wages	\$ 1,587.00
		Library Assistant Longevity	\$ 48.00
		Council on Aging-Add'l hours-Part Time Clerk	\$ 5,300.00
		Highway Dept-Hvy Equipment Operator	\$ 24,000.00
		Raises for Town Union Employees	\$ 14,257.00
		Raises for Fire Union	\$ 17,446.00
		FY 15 Payroll Corrections	\$ 1,457.00
Stabilization Fund Debt Service/ Capital Projects	\$ 6,300.00	R & M Bldgs. COA-New Water Heater	\$ 6,300.00
SUBTOTAL:	\$159,397.00	SUBTOTAL:	\$159,397.00
LANDFILL ENTERPRISES		LANDFILL ENTERPRISES	
Stabilization Fund	\$ 646.00	Raise for Town Union Landfill Enterprise	\$ 646.00
TOTALS :	\$160,043.00	TOTALS :	\$160,043.00

Unanimous

Article 2: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$312,000.00) representing the *40R Smart Growth Overlay Density Bonus* for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Unanimous

Article 3: It was voted that the Town transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described herein and the structures and buildings located thereon from the board currently having such care, custody, maintenance and control for the purpose for which it is currently held, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition of a fee interest therein; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation permitting the Town to dispose of a fee interest to the City of Taunton for **water supply** and related purposes and for telecommunications facility support the Town-owned property located at Kenneth Welch Drive and Rhode Island Road and identified by the Assessors as Map 060-008-019 upon which is located water service facilities including a *water tower*, and the Town-owned property located at 8 Montgomery Street and identified by the Assessors as Map 018-002-002 upon which is located water service facilities including a pump station; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate the purposes of this article.

(162 YES to 11 NO)

Article 4: It was voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section 9.0, Wireless Communications Facility, 9.3, General Requirements, by adding the following to the end of existing subsection (O): ", unless the extension or modification does not substantially change the physical dimensions of the facility."

Unanimous

Article 5: It was voted that the Town amend the Town's Zoning Map, as identified in Section 3.2.1 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws, by changing the zoning from Residential ("R") to Business ("B") of the following parcels identified below by Assessors Map and Parcel number, comprising approximately 6.999 acres of land as shown as lots numbered 1-6 on a map showing the affected parcels on file with the Town Clerk:

1.	025-005-002A	124 Rhode Island Road	1.606 acres
2.	025-005-002	126 Rhode Island Road	1.626 acres
3.	025-004-002	149 Bedford Street	.757 acres
4.	025-004-003	132 Rhode Island Road	.673 acres
5.	025-004-004	134 Rhode Island Road	.718 acres
6.	025-003-012	131 Rhode Island Road	1.619 acres

(156 YES to 14 NO)

Article 6: It was voted that the Town amend the Town's Zoning Map, as identified in Section 3.2.1 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws, by changing the zoning from Residential ("R") to Business ("B") of the following parcels identified below by Assessors Map and Parcel number, comprising approximately 4.296 acres of land as shown as lots numbered 7-8 on a map showing the affected parcels on file with the Town Clerk:

7.	024-007-009	28 Bedford Street	3.096 acres
8.	024-007-008	30 Bedford Street	1.20 acres

(145 YES to 20 NO)

Article 7: It was voted that the Town accept *Woodland Ridge Drive* as a Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, an easement or fee simple in the way and any related easements as shown on the road layout plan drawn by Outback Engineering Incorporated on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Roadway As-Built Acceptance Plan Woodland Ridge Subdivision in Lakeville, MA" dated October 20, 2014 and revised on October 30, 2014.

Unanimous

Article 8: It was voted that the Town accept *Village Road* as a Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, an easement or fee simple in the way and any related easements as shown on the road layout plan drawn by Outback Engineering Incorporated on file with the Town Clerk entitled “Roadway As-Built Acceptance Plan Woodland Ridge Subdivision Layout and As Built Plan in Lakeville, MA” dated October 20, 2014 and revised on October 30, 2014.

Unanimous

Before hearing Article 9, a motion to waive the reading of the article was made, the motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Article 9: It was voted that the Town discontinue the use of the *Common Core State Standards* (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science and associated testing known as MCAS.

“WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has had the highest educational standards in the country for decades because of effective policy handled by local school boards with input from parents; and

WHEREAS: Education is most effectively handled at the local level, where parents can have direct control over school curriculum and policy; and

WHEREAS: the federal government’s takeover of education, known as “Common Core”, threatens parental control over their children’s education”¹ as noted below: “The Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is a set of national K-12 standards developed primarily by a non-profit called Achieve, Inc., in Washington, D.C. under the auspices of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The Common Core was developed without state legislative authority.”²

By linking Race-to-the-Top grant funds to the Implementation of Common Core State Standards” and linking the Common Core to No Child Left Behind waivers, the federal government is acting as the “enforcer” to herd

states into the “one-size-fits-all” Common Core in spite of the fact that three federal laws”² (The Department of Education Organizational Act, established in 1979, Section 103b; The General Education Provisions Act; and The Elementary and Secondary Act, first enacted in 1965) “prohibit the federal government from guiding the educational curriculum of the states. Not only the U.S. Constitution, but also state constitutions maintain that education is a power reserved to the states and their citizens. Yet, state legislatures or state school boards cannot change the Common Core.”² “Taxpayers pay hundreds of billions in state and local taxes per year for K-12 education. Yet, the Common Core guarantees taxpayers and parents NO VOICE in math and English content standards of their states and thus no control over what children will learn in these subjects. In fact, most states agreed to implement the Common Core before the standards were even released, all without state legislative approval or even public hearings.”² “The Common Core ensures that the states build expensive high-tech systems that will track student performance and other personal data and provide that information to the federal government. The unfunded mandates associated with the Common Core are open-ended in areas such as professional development, new textbooks and instructional materials, testing, and data tracking systems. A recent study shows implementation will cost \$16 billion or more nationwide, with about 90 percent of this paid for by states and local districts, despite the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top grants. The Common Core fuels a money pot of tax dollars going to pre-selected vendors.”²

THEREFORE: We reject the use of the Common Core State Standards and the associated testing known as PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) which stifles academic freedom and achievement, and return control over education to the local regional school district of Freetown and Lakeville, Massachusetts. We choose to use the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science and associated testing; known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts’ education number one in the nation, and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

¹Educate through local control petition

(<http://throughlocalcontrol.wix.com/educatetlc#!petition/c24vg>)

²www.stopcommoncore.com

Executive Summary: This article is to authorize the town to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science, and associated testing known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

Passed by Majority

Motion to dissolve came at 9:15 PM.

A true copy of the record:

ATTEST: Janet Tracy, Town Clerk