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**Annual Town Meeting  
May 8, 2006**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Moderator, Anne Farina. The format of the evening was outlined; the Moderator would accept a motion to recess the Annual Town Meeting and open the Special Town Meeting. Following the adjournment of the Special Town Meeting, a motion would be accepted to reopen the Annual Town Meeting.

Announcements included Selectman Ted Gaudette thanking Boy Scout Troop 28 for delivering the town report. Five board members who will no longer be serving on their boards were recognized and thanked for their many years of service and dedication to the town: Susan Psaladakis, Selectwoman; Daniel St. Jean, Advisory Board; Dick Choate, Town Accountant; Alan Vervaeke, Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee; and Anne Farina, Planning Board. Ted introduced Roberta Dean as our new Town Accountant.

Moderator Anne Farina reminded the audience of the Mother's Day breakfast sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 28. Michael Hopke and John Cushion, Troop 28, were recognized for completion of their individual Eagle Scout projects. The following Scouts carried the Flags and/or acted as Color Guards for the evening: Jeff Buzan, Dan Calderan, Alex Debreceni, Phillip Dubay, Trevor Frey, Nik Jablonski, Oliver Walker and Alex Webb.

On behalf of the Dunstable Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Bacon, Harold Simmons thanked the town for their support of the new fire truck and announced that the dedication ceremony was scheduled for May 10, and the truck would be dedicated in memory of Assistant Chief Richard Bacon, who died in the line of duty on August 5, 1999.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Carol A. Skerrett read the greetings; a motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the articles, ending with the closing of the warrant and return of service.

Motion made and seconded to recess the Annual Town Meeting and resume after the completion of the Special Town Meeting.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded to reopen the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**ARTICLE 1.** Motion made and seconded that the Town accept the 2005 Annual Report as printed (with the following corrections): Page 15, Town Caucus: Sean Ready's name should be moved one column to the right listed under Constables, not Road Commissioner. Page 43, Fire Department: Capitalize Ben [2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line down and add a "j" in the 1<sup>st</sup> line of the next paragraph].

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 2.** Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums to defray the expenses for the Town, to fix Salary & Compensation for all elected and appointed Town Officers as follows:

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>Recommended FY07</b>
122.000	Selectmen Salaries.....	<b>1,800</b>
122.005	Selectmen Expense .....	<b>5,000</b>
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">new</span>	Selectmen Specialized Legal.....	<b>10,000</b>
131.005	Finance Committee Expense.....	<b>150</b>
132.000	Reserve Account.....	<b>25,000</b>
135.000	Town Accountant Salary.....	<b>17,649</b>
135.001	Town Accountant Clerical.....	<b>5,855</b>
135.005	Town Accountant Expense.....	<b>1,800</b>
135.005	Audit.....	<b>0</b>
135.007	Audit of books.....	<b>10,000</b>
141.000	Assessor's Salaries.....	<b>900</b>
141.001	Assessor's Associate.....	<b>23,933</b>
141.002	Assessors Clerical .....	<b>11,488</b>
141.005	Assessors Expense.....	<b>6,000</b>
145.000	Treasurer Salary.....	<b>20,963</b>
145.001	Tax Collector Salary Certification.....	<b>1,000</b>
145.005	Treasurer Expense.....	<b>7,500</b>
146.000	Tax Collector Salary.....	<b>20,963</b>
146.005	Tax Collector Expense.....	<b>12,200</b>
151.000	Town Counsel Retainer.....	<b>30,000</b>
151.005	Contingent legal expenses.....	<b>0</b>

160.000	Dog License Program.....	<b>500</b>
161.000	Town Clerk Salary.....	<b>24,720</b>
161.001	Town Clerk Salary Certification.....	<b>1,000</b>
161.005	Town Clerk Expense.....	<b>2,500</b>
162.000	Election and Registration Wages.....	<b>3,000</b>
162.005	Election and Registration Expenses.....	<b>3,000</b>
163.000	Registrar Salary.....	<b>200</b>
171.001	Conservation Committee Clerical.....	<b>13,986</b>
171.005	Conservation Committee Expense.....	<b>3,000</b>
171.006	Conservation Land Fund.....	<b>0</b>
175.001	Planning Board Clerical.....	<b>13,986</b>
175.005	Planning Board Expense.....	<b>1,000</b>
new	Planning Board Legal NRLT.....	<b>10,000</b>
176.005	Zoning Board of Appeals Expense .....	<b>2,000</b>
new	Zoning Board Legal Expense.....	<b>0</b>
176.006	Northern Mdlsx Council of Gov'ts.....	<b>700</b>
192.000	Town Hall Clerical.....	<b>40,856</b>
192.001	Town Hall Caretaker Wages.....	<b>7,500</b>
192.005	Town Hall Expenses .....	<b>30,000</b>
192.009	Town Hall Phone / Computer.....	<b>0</b>
195.000	Town Reports.....	<b>5,000</b>
199.005	Town Engineer.....	<b>22,500</b>
<b>Subtotal General Government</b>		<b>397,648</b>
 <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		
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210.000	Police Chief Salary.....	<b>88,915</b>
210.001	Police Wages.....	<b>464,509</b>
New	Police Clerical.....	<b>0</b>
210.005	Police Expenses.....	<b>31,384</b>
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense.....	<b>34,360</b>
210.007	Police Radio Services.....	<b>70,634</b>
210.008	Police Lockup.....	<b>3,500</b>
210-009	Police Cruiser.....	<b>28,000</b>

211.000	Police Station Expense.....		<b>20,265</b>
		<b>Subtotal Police</b>	<b>741,568</b>
	<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		
220.000	Fire Wages.....		<b>3,000</b>
220.005	Fire Expenses.....		<b>12,500</b>
new	Fire Dept Training.....		<b>1,250</b>
220.006	Fire Equipment.....		<b>3,750</b>
		<b>Subtotal Fire</b>	<b>20,500</b>
232.005	EMS Operating Expenses.....		<b>7,400</b>
241.000	Building Inspector Salary.....		<b>14,420</b>
241.005	Building Inspector Expense .....		<b>1,300</b>
242.000	Gas Inspector Salary.....		<b>2,224</b>
243.000	Plumbing Inspector Salary.....		<b>3,704</b>
245.000	Electrical Inspector Salary.....		<b>7,308</b>
249.001	Animal Inspector Expenses.....		<b>400</b>
291.000	Emergency Management.....		<b>500</b>
292.000	Dog Officer Wages and Expense.....		<b>8,500</b>
294.000	Tree Warden Wages and Expense.....		<b>12,000</b>
		<b>Subtotal Public Safety</b>	<b>819,824</b>
	<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
	<u>G.D.R.S.D.</u>		
300.001	GDRSD Operating Budget.....		<b>3,654,258</b>
300.002	GDRSD Debt .....		<b>604,392</b>
		<b>Subtotal GDRSD</b>	<b>4,258,650</b>
	<u>G.L.R.V.T.S.</u>		
300.003	GLRVT Operating Budget.....		<b>120,341</b>
		<b>Subtotal GLRVT</b>	<b>120,341</b>
		<b>Subtotal Schools</b>	<b>4,378,991</b>
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
	<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>		
422.000	Highway Salaries.....		<b>92,770</b>
422.002	Highway part-time wages.....		<b>0</b>
422.001	Highway Clerical.....		<b>14,357</b>
422.006	Highway Maintenance.....		<b>27,000</b>

422.007	Highway Machinery Fund.....	<b>31,000</b>
422.008	Highway Lease/Purchase Equipment.....	<b>14,545</b>
422.009	Highway Brush Removal.....	<b>6,500</b>
422.010	Highway Sign Maintenance.....	<b>1,500</b>
422.011	Highway Line Painting.....	<b>7,200</b>
423.013	Highway Paving.....	<b>11,000</b>
423.000	Highway Snow Removal.....	<b>91,000</b>
424.000	Street Lights.....	<b>6,000</b>
	<b>Subtotal Highway Department</b>	<b>302,872</b>
433.000	Transfer Station .....	<b>86,500</b>
433.001	Landfill Expenses.....	<b>2,000</b>
491.000	Cemetery Wages and Supplies .....	<b>11,960</b>
491.001	Cemetery Care of Lots.....	<b>735</b>
491.002	Cemetery Interments .....	<b>3,000</b>
	<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	<b>407,067</b>
	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	
510.002	Nashoba Board of Health Assessment.....	<b>5,083</b>
510.005	Board of Health Expense.....	<b>7,000</b>
522.000	Nursing Services.....	<b>1,758</b>
523.000	Greater Lowell Mental Health.....	<b>400</b>
541.000	Council on Aging.....	<b>5,000</b>
541.005	Council on Aging Transportation.....	<b>7,000</b>
543.000	Veterans Agent Salary.....	<b>618</b>
543.002	Veterans Agent Expense.....	<b>500</b>
543.006	Veterans Benefits.....	<b>500</b>
	<b>Subtotal Human Services</b>	<b>27,859</b>
	<b>LIBRARY &amp; RECREATION</b>	
610.000	Library Salaries.....	<b>65,013</b>
610.005	Library Expenses.....	<b>57,875</b>
611.000	MVL Consortium Dues.....	<b>11,283</b>
630.000	Cable Television Committee.....	<b>100</b>
631.005	Recreation Department Expense.....	<b>5,500</b>
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">new</span>	Technology.....	<b>1,000</b>

650.000	Parks Department Expense.....	<b>14,000</b>
650.001	Larter Field Maintenance.....	<b>10,000</b>
670.000	Arts Lottery Commission Cultural Council.....	<b>75</b>
691.000	Historical Committee Expense.....	<b>500</b>
692.000	Memorial Day Committee.....	<b>550</b>
693.000	Summer Concert Series.....	<b>2,000</b>

**Subtotal Library & Recreation 167,896**

**DEBT & INTEREST**

710.000	Long Term Debt.....	<b>326,239</b>
751.000	Long Term Interest.....	<b>121,205</b>
752.000	Short Term Interest.....	<b>17,868</b>

**Subtotal Debt & Interest 465,312**

**INSURANCE & ASSESSMENTS**

910-000	Disability Insurance Claims.....	<b>0</b>
911.000	County Retirement.....	<b>85,651</b>
914.000	Group Health Insurance.....	<b>112,500</b>
919.000	FICA.....	<b>21,500</b>
945.000	Property and Liability Insurance.....	<b>58,000</b>

**Subtotal Insurance & Assessments 277,651**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

061.501	Water Dept. Clerical.....	<b>5,516</b>
061.502	Water Dept. Expense.....	<b>794</b>
061.503	Water Dept. Debt.....	<b>12,250</b>
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance.....	<b>37,550</b>

**Subtotal Water Department 56,110**

**Total Budget Line Items 6,998,357**

**Total Debt and Interest 1,064,086**

**Total Debt and Interest % 15.2%**

**Total Operating Line Items 5,934,271**

**Total Operating Line Items % 84.8%**

**Total GDRSD School Operating & Debt 4,258,650**

**Total Dunstable Budget Line Items 6,998,357**

**Total GDRSD to total budget % 61%**

<b>Total GDRSD School Operating</b>	3,654,258
<b>Total Dunstable Budget Line Items</b>	6,998,357
<b>Total GDRSD Operating to total budget %</b>	52%
<b>Increase in GDRSD Operating Assessment</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total Municipal Operating &amp; Debt</b>	2,739,707
<b>Total Dunstable Budget Line Items</b>	6,998,357
<b>Dunstable operating &amp; Debt to total Budget %</b>	39%
<b>Municipal Operating Budget</b>	2,413,468
<b>Increase in Municipal Operating Budget</b>	<b>3%</b>

Motion made and seconded to approve the line items not in question.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**Items questioned:**

**161.000 Town Clerk Salary**

**161.005 Town Clerk Expenses**

Motion made and seconded to approve the amount as printed in the town report.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**210.001 Police Wages**

**210.005 Police Expenses**

**210.009 Police Cruiser**

Motion made and seconded to modify the amounts from the town report and approve the amount as recommended at Town Meeting [*Note that with the amendment of these 3 line items, the subtotal for the Police Department remains unchanged*].

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**300.003 Greater Lowell Technical High School Operating Budget**

Motion made and seconded to approve the amount as printed in the town report.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**422.000 Highway Salaries**

Motion made and seconded to approve the amount as printed in the town report.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**433.000 Transfer station**

Motion made and seconded to approve the amount as printed in the town report.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**061.501 Water Department Clerical**

**061.502 Water Department Expense**

**061.503 Water Department Debt**

**061.505 Water Department Maintenance**

Motion made and seconded to approve the transfer all of these line items from water receipts.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 3.** Motion made and seconded that the Town have the Selectmen appoint for a term of one year, one Pound Keeper, two Fence Viewers, two Field Drivers, and three Surveyors of Lumber.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 4.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action as there are no gifts to be accepted at this time.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 5.** Motion made and seconded that the Town accept the report of the Affordable Housing Committee. [David Johnson, Chair of the Committee presented a report on the Community Preservation Act].

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 6.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action *[on paying any unpaid bills of 2005, as none in needed]*.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative



**ARTICLE 7.** Motion made and seconded that the Town borrow, in anticipation of revenue or reimbursement, the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$109,472.00), along with any other amount that might become available for reimbursement under G.L. Chapter 90, Section 34 Clause 127(A).

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 8.** Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer the sum of \$7,486.00 from Account #24-3-421-000 (Highway Machinery Fund Reserve) and raise & appropriate \$4,499.00 for a total of \$11,985.00 for the purchase of a sander for the Highway Department.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 9.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action toward funding for resurfacing and/or repaving of town roads at this time.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 10.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action *[regarding funding for the purchase of a F150 4x4 pickup truck for the Highway Department]*.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 11.** Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate, the sum of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, to be placed in the Conservation Fund, to be allowed to accumulate from year to year to be expended by the Conservation Commission for the promotion, development, and the better utilization of the Natural Resources of the Town, for acquiring options for the purchase of Real Estate, and for any other purpose authorized by Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, including the purchase of land.

Majority Voted Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 12.** Motion made and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Health to enter into and/or extend a contract with any provider of household waste removal services, hazardous or otherwise, public or private, including by such vote the authority to enter into agreements under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4 and/or 4A, or any other provisions of law and the authority in behalf of said Board of Health to determine terms and provisions of any such agreements, the costs of such services to be defrayed pursuant to an appropriation made under Article 2 of this warrant, budget line item #510.005.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 13.** Motion made and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Health, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A, to enter into an Inter-Municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services, which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 14.** Motion made and seconded that the Town authorize the use of a revolving fund for the next fiscal year pursuant to the authority of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as established under Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1990, to be administered and expended by the Board of Health for the operation and maintenance of the solid waste facility/transfer station including the payment of wages or salaries of employees of such facility who are not full time employees of the Town, such fund to be funded by receipts collected for tags, stickers and recycling and other such permit fees appertaining to the use of the solid waste facility/transfer station, the maximum dollar limit to be expended from such fund during the next fiscal year to be Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 15.** Motion made and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into and/or extend a contract with any provider of dispatch and related services, public or private, including by such vote the authority to enter into agreements under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4 and/or 4A, or any other provisions of law and the authority in behalf of said Board of Selectmen to determine terms and provisions of any such agreements the costs of such services to

be defrayed pursuant to an appropriation made under Article 2 of this warrant, budget line item #210.007.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 16.** Motion made and seconded that the Town authorize the use of a revolving fund for the next fiscal year pursuant to the authority of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as established under Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1990, to be administered and expended by the Planning Board for engineering services and supervisory services related to subdivisions, special permits and site plans including the payment of wages or salaries of employees of the Town Engineer or any other engineering firm engaged by the Planning Board, who are not full time employees of the Town, such fund to be funded by receipts collected from engineering fees, and any other such permit fees appertaining to development of land as detailed by the Planning Board in their rules and regulations for subdivisions, and establish the maximum dollar limit to be expended from such fund during the next fiscal year to be \$25,000.00.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 17.** Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a prudential bylaw to be added to the general bylaws of the Town and to be known as “The Dunstable Right to Farm Bylaw”, the text of which is printed verbatim in the warrant of this meeting and hereby incorporated by reference in this motion, subject to the following amendments and corrections of the text:

- Delete the hyphen in “BYLAW”, in the title and everywhere in the text where the word appears.
- In the second line, delete the comma following “Article 97”;
- In Section 4, fourth line, substitute “Dunstable” for “[Farm-Town]”
- In Section 5, delete the language in brackets following the title of the section.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 18.** Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the General Wetlands Bylaw as provided in Article 18 of the warrant, the text of which is printed verbatim in the warrant of this meeting and hereby incorporated by reference in this motion, subject to the following amendments and corrections of text:

- In the first sentence of the second paragraph of part (a), lines fourth and fifth, delete the phrase, “or outstanding resource waters”;
- In the last sentence of the second paragraph of part (a), delete the word “appreciation” and substitute thereof the word “application”;
- Delete part (c), referring to Definitions

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 19.** Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a prudential bylaw to be added to the general bylaws of the Town and to be known as “The Demolition Delay Bylaw”, the text of which is printed verbatim in the warrant of this meeting and hereby incorporated by reference in this motion, subject to the following amendments and corrections of text:

- In Section 2.7, change the colon to semi-colon;
- In Section 3, delete the word “affect” and substitute therefor the word “effect”;
- In Section 4.3, delete “1901” and substitute therefore “1941”;
- In Section 4.4, delete the hyphen from the word, “bylaws”;
- In Section 4.6, fifth line, insert after the word “proposed” the word “demolition”;
- In Section 5, delete the word SECTION from the title of the Section;
- In Section 5.4, subsection 3, delete the “s” at the end of the “represents”

Motion made and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting the last sentence of subsection 8.3. [*Reads “Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense”.*]

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative [to amend the main motion]

Voting on the main motion as amended:

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

At this point, 3 names were drawn of winners who will receive a free set of 2007 Transfer Station tags. They were Anne Paquin, Mary Dow and John Tantillo.

**ARTICLE 20.** Motion made and seconded that the town take no action toward appropriating or transferring funds for the Stabilization Fund, which was established in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 21.** Motion made and seconded that the Town permit the Board of Assessors to use \$228,632.00 from Free Cash in the Treasurer's hands for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy of 2007.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:12 pm.

**Quorum Certificate**

In accordance with The Town of Dunstable's Town Meetings, Town Elections & Records Bylaw, I hereby certify that the quorum for an Annual or Special Town Meeting is 50 registered voters of the Town of Dunstable.

Total number of voters checked in at the Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2006: 124.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett  
Town Clerk

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ARTICLES</u>
Raise and appropriate 8, 11]	6,998,357	\$29,499.00 [Articles
Transfer from Water Receipts	56,110	
Total Budget	7,054,467	
Establishment of Revolving Fund, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 [solid waste] 14]		30,000.00 [Article
Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 [Planning Board] 16]		25,000.00 [Article
Transfer from Highway Machinery Fund Reserve Account #24-3-421-000 8]		7,486.00 [Article
Authorization to Borrow MGL Chapter 90 7]		109,472.00 [Article
Authorization for Assessors to use Free Cash to offset 2007 tax rate 21]		228,632.00 [Article