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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2007**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00: 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. Upon returning to the business of the Annual Town Meeting, Article 2 would be stated by line item and a motion for unquestioned line items would be made and voted on. Questioned line items would then be considered. A motion would be made to move Article 20 (school budget) up for consideration following Article 2. Finally, a motion would be made to recess this Annual Town Meeting to a date after the ballot election, June 4 or a date voted on by Town Meeting, in which case we would come back to either legally adjourn the Annual Town Meeting or take necessary action on financial articles.

Tellers appointed included Mary Beth Pallis, Jack Butterfield, Karen Debreceni, Mark Sebastian and Rob Sullivan.

The Moderator requested a moment of silence in recognition of the tragic events that occurred, not just in Dunstable but around the world. Boy Scout Troop #28 was thanked for delivering over 1,100 town reports. John Cushion and Justin Starr were recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. John completed his service project by undertaking a landscaping project along the front lawn of the library which included clearing old brush and restoring a gate in the stone wall. It was noted that Joe Calderan and Joshua Walsh are in the final stages of completing their projects. The American Flag was carried by Collin Sullivan, the Dunstable Flag by Daniel Faubel and Troop 28 Flag by Liam Wash. Color guards included Alex Richmond, William Frey, Matt Fenn, Sean Carville, Brogan Walsh, Bradley Flint and Zachary Berard.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Carol 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 at 7:15 pm 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 2006 Annual Report as printed and add Articles 4 and 5 to the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 14, 2007.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 2. Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the following amounts to defray the expenses for the Town, to fix Salary & Compensation for all elected and appointed Town Officers, provided said budget items are contingent on an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget.

The following line items appear differently from the insert within the town report:

135.005 Town Accountant Expense	Recommended FY08 is \$1,800.00 (from \$10,224.00)
422.008 Highway Lease/Purchase Equipment	Recommended FY08 is \$14,545.00 (from \$28,308.00)

**Recommended
FY08**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

122.000	Selectmen Salaries.....	1,800
122.005	Selectmen Expense	5,000
122.009	Selectmen Specialized Legal.....	12,000
131.005	Finance Committee Expense.....	150
132.000	Reserve Account.....	50,000
135.000	Town Accountant Salary.....	18,179
135.001	Town Accountant Clerical.....	6,030
135.005	Town Accountant Expense.....	1,800
135.005	Audit.....	0
135.007	Audit of books.....	10,000
141.000	Assessor's Salaries.....	900
141.001	Assessor's Associate.....	24,651
141.002	Assessors Clerical	11,832
141.005	Assessors Expense.....	11,000
145.000	Treasurer Salary.....	21,591
145.001	Tax Collector Salary Certification.....	1,000
145.005	Treasurer Expense.....	7,500
146.000	Tax Collector Salary.....	21,591
146.005	Tax Collector Expense.....	12,200
151.000	Town Counsel Retainer.....	30,000
151.005	Contingent legal expenses.....	0
160.000	Dog License Program.....	500
161.000	Town Clerk Salary.....	25,462
161.001	Town Clerk Salary Certification.....	1,000

161.005	Town Clerk Expense.....	3,000
162.000	Election and Registration Wages.....	2,000
162.005	Election and Registration Expenses.....	4,000
163.000	Registrar Salary.....	200
171.001	Conservation Committee Clerical.....	14,406
171.005	Conservation Committee Expense.....	3,000
171.006	Conservation Land Fund.....	0
175.001	Planning Board Clerical.....	14,406
175.005	Planning Board Expense.....	1,000
175.006	Planning Board Legal NRLT.....	10,000
176.005	Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	2,000
new	Zoning Board Legal Expense.....	0
176.006	Northern Mdlx Council of Gov'ts.....	717
192.000	Town Hall Clerical.....	42,082
192.001	Town Hall Caretaker Wages.....	7,500
192.005	Town Hall Expenses	30,000
192.009	Town Hall Phone / Computer.....	0
195.000	Town Reports.....	5,000
199.005	Town Engineer.....	22,500

Subtotal General Government

435,997

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

210.000	Police Chief Salary.....	91,532
210.001	Police Wages.....	487,653
New	Police Clerical.....	0
210.005	Police Expenses.....	30,155
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense.....	40,460
210.007	Police Radio Services.....	70,179
210.008	Police Lockup.....	3,500
210.009	Police Cruiser.....	28,000
211.000	Police Station Expense.....	20,265

Subtotal Police

771,743

FIRE DEPARTMENT

220.000	Fire Wages.....	24,500
220.005	Fire Expenses.....	16,250
220.007	Fire Dept Training.....	1,250
220.006	Fire Equipment.....	18,000

Subtotal Fire

60,000

232.005	EMS Operating Expenses.....	7,400
241.000	Building Inspector Salary.....	14,853
241.005	Building Inspector Expense	1,300
242.000	Gas Inspector Salary.....	2,004
243.000	Plumbing Inspector Salary.....	2,520
245.000	Electrical Inspector Salary.....	6,580
249.001	Animal Inspector Expenses.....	400
291.000	Emergency Management.....	500
292.000	Dog Officer Wages and Expense.....	8,500
294.000	Tree Warden Wages and Expense.....	12,000
	Subtotal Public Safety	887,800

SCHOOLS

G.D.R.S.D.

300.001	GDRSD Operating Budget.....	3,849,195
300.002	GDRSD Debt	575,168
	Subtotal GDRSD	4,424,363

G.L.R.V.T.S.

300.003	GLRVT Operating Budget.....	120,458
	Subtotal GLRVT	120,458
	Subtotal Schools	4,544,821

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

422.000	Highway Salaries.....	95,553
422.002	Highway part-time wages.....	0
422.001	Highway Clerical.....	14,788
422.006	Highway Maintenance.....	27,000
422.007	Highway Machinery Fund.....	31,000
422.008	Highway Lease/Purchase Equipment.....	14,545
422.009	Highway Brush Removal.....	6,500

422.010	Highway Sign Maintenance.....	1,500
422.011	Highway Line Painting.....	7,200
423.013	Highway Paving.....	11,000
423.000	Highway Snow Removal.....	121,696
424.000	Street Lights.....	6,000
	Subtotal Highway Department	336,782
433.000	Transfer Station	86,500
433.001	Landfill Expenses.....	2,000
491.000	Cemetery Wages and Supplies	11,960
491.001	Cemetery Care of Lots.....	735
491.002	Cemetery Interments	3,000
	Subtotal Public Works	440,977
	HUMAN SERVICES	
510.002	Nashoba Board of Health Assessment.....	4,760
510.005	Board of Health Expense.....	7,000
522.000	Nursing Services.....	1,646
523.000	Greater Lowell Mental Health.....	400
541.000	Council on Aging.....	5,000
541.005	Council on Aging Transportation.....	7,000
543.000	Veterans Agent Salary.....	618
543.002	Veterans Agent Expense.....	500
543.006	Veterans Benefits.....	500
	Subtotal Human Services	27,424
	LIBRARY & RECREATION	
610.000	Library Salaries.....	69,005
610.005	Library Expenses.....	64,875
611.000	MVL Consortium Dues.....	11,283
630.000	Cable Television Committee.....	100
631.005	Recreation Department Expense.....	6,600
620.000	Technology.....	1,000
650.000	Parks Department Expense.....	14,000
650.001	Larter Field Maintenance.....	14,000
670.000	Arts Lottery Commission Cultural Council.....	75
691.000	Historical Committee Expense.....	500
692.000	Memorial Day Committee.....	550
693.000	Summer Concert Series.....	2,000
	Subtotal Library & Recreation	183,988

DEBT & INTEREST

710.000	Long Term Debt.....	349,036
751.000	Long Term Interest.....	120,716
752.000	Short Term Interest.....	10,000
	Subtotal Debt & Interest	479,752

INSURANCE & ASSESSMENTS

910.000	Disability Insurance Claims.....	0
911.000	County Retirement.....	127,637
914.000	Group Health Insurance.....	110,250
919.000	FICA.....	21,500
945.000	Property and Liability Insurance.....	60,500
	Subtotal Insurance & Assessments	319,887

WATER DEPARTMENT

061.501	Water Dept. Clerical.....	5,681
061.502	Water Dept. Expense.....	400
061.503	Water Dept. Debt.....	11,656
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance.....	34,390

Subtotal Water Department	52,127
Total Budget Line Items	7,372,773

Total Debt and Interest	\$1,056,576
Total Debt and Interest %	14.3%

Total Operating Line Items	6,316,197
Total Operating Line Items %	85.7%
Total GDRSD School Operating & Debt	4,424,363
Total Dunstable Budget Line Items	7,372,773
Total GDRSD to total budget %	60%

Total GDRSD School Operating	3,849,195
Total Dunstable Budget Line Items	7,372,773
Total GDRSD Operating to total budget %	52%

Increase in GDRSD Operating Assessment	5%
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Total Municipal Operating & Debt	2,948,410
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Total Dunstable Budget Line Items	7,372,773
Dunstable operating & Debt to total Budget %	40%

Municipal Operating Budget	2,599,374
Increase in Municipal Operating Budget	7.7%

Items questioned:

300.001	GDRSD Operating Budget	\$3,849,195.00
300.002	GDRSD Debt	575,168.00
300.003	GLRVT Operating Budget	118,169.00
061.501	Water Dept. Clerical	5,681.00
061.502	Water Dept. Expense	400.00
061.503	Water Dept. Debt	11,656.00
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance	34,390.00

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

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums to defray the Town's allocated portion of the operating budget and existing debt of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District:

300.001	GDRSD Operating Budget	\$3,849,195.00
300.002,	GDRSD Debt	575,168.00

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,458.00 as the Town's assessed share of the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School's operating budget under line item 300.003. *(Due to a change in the state formula calculations).*

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate by transfer from water receipts the following sums:

061.501	Water Dept. Clerical	5,681.00
061.502	Water Dept. Expense	400.00
061.503	Water Dept. Debt	11,656.00
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance	34,390.00

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

At this point, a motion was made and seconded that this meeting take Article 20 of the warrant out of order and address it immediately, as it addresses a supplement to the school budget appropriation voted under Article 2.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 20. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight (\$278,948.00) Dollars, in addition to sums appropriated under Article 2 hereof, for the town's assessed portion of the budget of the Groton Dunstable Regional School System for fiscal year 2008, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so-called, relative to the Town's assessed share of said school budget.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 3. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to 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 Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 4. Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action *(to accept any gifts or trust funds as there were none)*.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 5. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to hear reports of any Committees appointed at any previous Town Meeting. *(None presented)*.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 6. Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action. (*Regarding unpaid bills, as there were none*).

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 7. Motion made and seconded that the Town adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23D, the ~~M~~^Mullin Law~~+~~, so called, so that absence by a member of a Town board or commission from a session of an adjudicatory hearing of that board or commission shall not necessarily disqualify that member from voting on the matter in hearing, provided certain terms and conditions of the statute are met.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 8. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Dunstable in Section 20.18, defining ~~S~~^Street, Road or Way~~+~~, as follows:

- (a) By inserting in subsection (a) thereof, after the phrase, ~~d~~^duly laid out~~+~~ the additional phrase ~~an~~^{and} accepted~~+~~ so that the provision will read, ~~a~~^a public way duly laid out and accepted by the Town of Dunstable~~õ~~ ; and
- (b) By inserting in subsection (c) thereof, after the phrase, ~~to~~^{to} the opinion of the Planning Board,~~+~~ the additional phrase ~~d~~^determined in accordance with pertinent requirements or guidelines, if any, in its duly adopted Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land,~~õ~~ ;~~+~~

The Planning Board recommends passage of this article.

2/3 Vote Required
95 cast, 63 required, 92 in favor
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 9. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Dunstable in Section 11.3.1., as follows:

By striking the phrase, ~~or residential use+~~ in the second sentence, thereof, and substituting therefore the phrase, ~~or any development purpose.~~~~+~~

The Planning Board recommends passage of this article.

2/3 Vote Required
83 cast, 56 required, 81 in favor
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 10. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to borrow in anticipation of revenue or reimbursement, the sum of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$136,219.00), or any other amount that might become available, for the construction and improvement to town roads under G. L. Chapter 90, Section 34 Clause 127(A).

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative Unanimously

ARTICLE 11. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars for the purchase of breathing equipment for the Fire Department, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 12. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars to cover the cost of repairs to the Fire Truck, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 13. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars to upgrade the Town Hall Server, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 14. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred (\$4,400.00) Dollars, for the purchase of a new copier for the Library, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 15. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-four (\$8,424.00) Dollars for the lease or purchase of an updated accounting software package for the Town Accountant, hereby authorizing the Town to enter into such lease/purchase agreement, but contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 16. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars to cover the cost of land preparation for expansion of the Central Cemetery, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 17. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred (\$37,800.00) Dollars, for the purchase of a records management system for the Police Department, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½, so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 18. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to consolidate three existing highway accounts (currently known as Highway Line Painting 01-5-422-011, Highway Sign Maintenance 01-5-422-010 and Highway Brush Removal 01-5-422-009) into a new line item entitled Brush, Signs and Line Painting 01-5-422-014.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 19. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of one (1) 2007 F550 one-ton truck for the Highway Department, and that the Town raise and appropriate for the first year's payment on such lease, the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three (\$13,763.00) Dollars, contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½ so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the

next fiscal year. *(This motion authorizes the lease which is 5 years; the same amount will be part of the budget for the 5 years).*

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 21. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to accept a transfer of open land from Nashua River Land Corporation, or its affiliate or designee, in connection with the development of that corporation's land on River Street and the Nashua River, the subject land shown on the subdivision plan of the project on file with the Planning Board and Town Clerk.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 22. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to 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, with authority in behalf of said Board of Health to determine terms and provisions of any such agreements the costs of such service or agreement to be defrayed through the Transfer Station appropriations made under ARTICLE 2 of this meeting.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 23. Motion made and seconded that the Town, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A, authorize the Board of Health to enter into an Inter-Municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services with 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 24. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to 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).

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

At this point, the Board of Health drew 3 names of winners who will each receive a free set of 2008 Transfer Station sets. Congratulations to Mary Dow, Brian Poitras and Leo Tometich.

ARTICLE 25. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to 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 through the appropriation made under ARTICLE 2 of this warrant for Police Radio Services.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 26. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to 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, 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 27. Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action (*raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund*).

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 28. Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action *(to allow the Board of Assessors to use any sum of Free Cash to reduce the Tax Levy of 2008)*.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town move to postpone this meeting to Monday evening, June 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm at this location.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded to adjourn this portion of the Annual Town Meeting at 10:25 pm.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

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 14, 2007: 183

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett
Town Clerk

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ARTICLES</u>
Raise and Appropriate	\$7,320,646	
Transfer from Water Receipts	52,127	
Total Budget	\$7,372,773	
Raise and Appropriate		
<i>(Contingent upon an affirmative vote on the ballot provision seeking authority to override Proposition 2 ½ so called, relative to the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year)</i>		
		\$278,948.00 Article 20
		45,000.00 Article 11
		10,000.00 Article 12
		10,000.00 Article 13
		4,400.00 Article 14
		8,424.00 Article 15
		15,000.00 Article 16
		37,800.00 Article 17
		13,763.00 Article 19
Authorization to Borrow MGL Chapter 90		\$136,219.00 Article 10
Revolving Fund, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ (Planning Board)		\$30,000.00 Article 26
Revolving Fund, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ (solid waste)		30,000.00 Article 24

RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 4, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm after determining that a quorum was present by Moderator, Anne Farina. The format of the evening was outlined. The Advisory Board will read through their revised recommended budget by line item and a motion would be made to move the unquestioned items for consideration. The questioned items would then be considered and voted on.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance -

Motion made and seconded that the meeting vote to reconsider the action taken under Article 1 read as follows %move that the Town accept the 2006 Annual Report, as printed, subject to the correction that the Special Town Meeting Warrant of May 14, 2007, printed on page 139, be deleted and the Special Town Meeting as actually signed and posted by the Selectmen be

substituted therefor.+(The town report was printed prior to the special town meeting warrant articles being finalized).

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the meeting vote to reconsider the action taken under Article 2.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

(Thereupon, the acting chair of the Fincom recited the following line item proposals in anticipation of action by the meeting):

	Recommended FY08
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122.000 Selectmen Salaries.....	0
122.005 Selectmen Expense	5,000
122.009 Selectmen Specialized Legal.....	3,000
131.005 Finance Committee Expense.....	150
132.000 Reserve Account.....	25,000
135.000 Town Accountant Salary.....	17,649
135.001 Town Accountant Clerical.....	5,855
135.005 Town Accountant Expense.....	10,300
135.005 Audit.....	0
135.007 Audit of books.....	0
141.000 Assessor's Salaries.....	900
141.001 Assessor's Associate.....	23,933
141.002 Assessors Clerical	11,488
141.005 Assessors Expense.....	6,000
145.000 Treasurer Salary.....	20,963
145.001 Tax Collector Salary Certification.....	1,000
145.005 Treasurer Expense.....	7,500
146.000 Tax Collector Salary.....	20,963
146.005 Tax Collector Expense.....	12,200
151.000 Town Counsel Retainer.....	28,000
151.005 Contingent legal expenses.....	0
160.000 Dog License Program.....	500
161.000 Town Clerk Salary.....	24,720
161.001 Town Clerk Salary Certification.....	1,000
161.005 Town Clerk Expense.....	3,000
162.000 Election and Registration Wages.....	2,000
162.005 Election and Registration Expenses.....	3,000
163.000 Registrar Salary.....	200

171.001	Conservation Committee Clerical.....	13,986
171.005	Conservation Committee Expense.....	2,000
171.006	Conservation Land Fund.....	0
175.001	Planning Board Clerical.....	13,986
175.005	Planning Board Expense.....	1,000
175.006	Planning Board Legal NRLT.....	3,000
176.005	Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	2,000
new	Zoning Board Legal Expense.....	0
176.006	Northern Mdlx Council of Gov'ts.....	717
192.000	Town Hall Clerical.....	40,856
192.001	Town Hall Caretaker Wages.....	7,500
192.005	Town Hall Expenses	30,000
192.009	Town Hall Phone / Computer.....	0
195.000	Town Reports.....	5,000
199.005	Town Engineer.....	22,500

Subtotal General Government

376,866

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

210.000	Police Chief Salary.....	91,532
210.001	Police Wages.....	399,094
New	Police Clerical.....	0
210.005	Police Expenses.....	24,715
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense.....	43,521
210.007	Police Radio Services.....	73,001
210.008	Police Lockup.....	3,500
210.009	Police Cruiser.....	28,000
211.000	Police Station Expense.....	18,729

Subtotal Police

682,092

FIRE DEPARTMENT

220.000	Fire Wages.....	3,000
220.005	Fire Expenses.....	16,250
220.007	Fire Dept Training.....	1,250
220.006	Fire Equipment.....	18,000

Subtotal Fire

38,500

232.005	EMS Operating Expenses.....	7,400
241.000	Building Inspector Salary.....	14,420
241.005	Building Inspector Expense	1,300
242.000	Gas Inspector Salary.....	2,004

243.000	Plumbing Inspector Salary.....	2,520
245.000	Electrical Inspector Salary.....	6,580
249.001	Animal Inspector Expenses.....	400
291.000	Emergency Management.....	500
292.000	Dog Officer Wages and Expense.....	8,500
294.000	Tree Warden Wages and Expense.....	12,000
	Subtotal Public Safety	776,219

SCHOOLS

G.D.R.S.D.

300.001	GDRSD Operating Budget.....	3,849,195
300.002	GDRSD Debt	575,168
	Subtotal GDRSD	4,424,363

G.L.R.V.T.S.

300.003	GLRVT Operating Budget.....	120,458
	Subtotal GLRVT	120,458

Subtotal Schools 4,544,821

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

422.000	Highway Salaries.....	92,770
422.002	Highway part-time wages.....	0
422.001	Highway Clerical.....	14,357
422.006	Highway Maintenance.....	27,000
422.007	Highway Machinery Fund.....	32,786
422.008	Highway Lease/Purchase Equipment.....	14,545
422.009	Highway Brush Removal.....	0
422.010	Highway Sign Maintenance.....	0
422.011	Highway Line Painting.....	0
423.013	Highway Paving.....	5,000
423.000	Highway Snow Removal.....	91,000
424.000	Street Lights.....	6,000

Subtotal Highway Department 283,458

433.000	Transfer Station	66,500
433.001	Landfill Expenses.....	2,000

491.000	Cemetery Wages and Supplies	11,960
491.001	Cemetery Care of Lots.....	735
491.002	Cemetery Interments	3,000

Subtotal Public Works 367,653

HUMAN SERVICES

510.002	Nashoba Board of Health Assessment.....	4,760
510.005	Board of Health Expense.....	7,000
522.000	Nursing Services.....	1,646
523.000	Greater Lowell Mental Health.....	400
541.000	Council on Aging.....	5,000
541.005	Council on Aging Transportation.....	7,000
543.000	Veterans Agent Salary.....	618
543.002	Veterans Agent Expense.....	500
543.006	Veterans Benefits.....	500

Subtotal Human Services 27,424

LIBRARY & RECREATION

610.000	Library Salaries.....	52,507
610.005	Library Expenses.....	57,875
611.000	MVL Consortium Dues.....	11,283
630.000	Cable Television Committee.....	100
631.005	Recreation Department Expense.....	500
620.000	Technology.....	1,000
650.000	Parks Department Expense.....	6,000
650.001	Larter Field Maintenance.....	6,000
670.000	Arts Lottery Commission Cultural Council.....	0
691.000	Historical Committee Expense.....	0
692.000	Memorial Day Committee.....	0
693.000	Summer Concert Series.....	0

Subtotal Library & Recreation 135,265

DEBT & INTEREST

710.000	Long Term Debt.....	349,036
751.000	Long Term Interest.....	120,716
752.000	Short Term Interest.....	10,000

Subtotal Debt & Interest 479,752

INSURANCE & ASSESSMENTS

910.000	Disability Insurance Claims.....	0
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911.000	County Retirement.....	127,637
914.000	Group Health Insurance.....	110,250
919.000	FICA.....	40,241
945.000	Property and Liability Insurance.....	60,500
	Subtotal Insurance & Assessments	338,628

WATER DEPARTMENT

061.501	Water Dept. Clerical.....	5,516
061.502	Water Dept. Expense.....	400
061.503	Water Dept. Debt.....	11,656
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance.....	34,390
	Subtotal Water Department	51,962
	Total Budget Line Items	7,098,590

Items questioned:

135.001	Town Accountant Clerical	5,855
135.005	Town Accountant Expense	10,300
141.000	Assessor's Salaries	900
141.001	Assessor's Associate	23,933
141.002	Assessor's Clerical	11,488
141.005	Assessors Expense	6,000
145.000	Treasurer Salary	20,963
146.000	Tax Collector Salary	20,963
161.000	Town Clerk Salary	24,720
162.000	Election and Registration Wages	2,000
162.005	Election and Registration Expenses	3,000
171.001	Conservation Commission Clerical	13,986
171.005	Conservation Commission Expense	2,000
171.006	Conservation Land Fund	0
175.001	Planning Board Clerical	13,986
175.006	Planning Board Legal NRLC	3,000
192.000	Town Hall Clerical	40,856
192.001	Town Hall Caretaker Wages	7,500
195.000	Town Reports	5,000
199.005	Town Engineer	22,500

210.000	Police Chief Salary	91,532
210.001	Police Wages	399,094
210.005	Police Expenses	24,715
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense	43,521
210.007	Police Radio Services	73,001
210.009	Police Cruiser	28,000
220.000	Fire Wages	3,000
220.006	Fire Equipment	18,000
245.000	Electrical Inspector Salary	6,580
292.000	Dog Officer Wages and Expense	8,500
294.000	Tree Warden Wages and Expense	12,000
422.001	Highway Clerical	14,357
422.009	Highway Brush Removal	0
422.010	Highway Sign Maintenance	0
422.011	Highway Line Painting	0
423.013	Highway Paving	5,000
423.000	Highway Snow Removal	91,000
433.000	Transfer Station	66,500
433.001	Landfill Expenses	2,000
491.000	Cemetery Wages and Supplies	11,960
610.000	Library Salaries	52,507
610.005	Library Expenses	57,875
611.000	MVL Consortium Dues	11,283
631.005	Recreation Department Expense	500
650.000	Parks Department Expense	6,000
650.001	Larter Field Maintenance	6,000
919.000	FICA	40,241
061.501	Water Dept. Clerical	5,516
061.502	Water Dept. Expense	400
061.503	Water Dept. Debt	11,656
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance	34,390

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate unquestioned items.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Returning to consider questioned items:

Town meeting members requested that the Police Chief make his presentation since the bulk of the budget would revolve around the Public Safety budget appropriated. Police Chief James Downes outlined the proposed amount of \$399,094 would result in a cut of one position, leaving one officer on the street during staggered shifts with gaps in coverage. The gaps would occur whenever a Police Officer has to drive to another town (such as youth arrests) or to appear in court. During these gaps, there would be no officer available to answer a call or respond to a medical emergency. There are certain types of calls, such as domestic violence calls, where

the law mandates that a minimum of two officers must respond. This proposed budget offers limited, if any, funding for community events and would restrict their abilities to handle investigations.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the following:

210.000	Police Chief Salary	88,915
210.001	Police Wages	465,281
210.005	Police Expenses	24,715
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense	43,521
210.007	Police Radio Services	73,001
210.009	Police Cruiser	28,000
211.000	Police Station Expense	18,729
222.000	Fire Wages	23,000
220.006	Fire Equipment	18,000
	Total	783,162

A motion was then made and seconded to amend line item 222.000 (fire wages) from \$23,000 to \$3,000.

Majority Vote Required
Motion to Amend Fails

Motion made and seconded that the Town amend line item 210.001 (police wages) from \$465,281 to \$552,634.

Majority Vote Required
Motion to Amend fails

A new motion was made and seconded to separate 222.000, Fire Wages and 220.006 Fire Equipment from the original motion. *(220.005 Fire Expenses was not questioned).*

Majority vote required
Voted in the Affirmative

Town Counsel advised that the vote revoked the original motion. A subsequent motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

210.000	Police Chief Salary	88,915
210.001	Police Wages	465,281
210.005	Police Expenses	24,715
210.006	Police Cruiser Expense	43,521
210.007	Police Radio Services	73,001
210.009	Police Cruiser	28,000
211.000	Police Station Expense	18,729
	Total	\$742,162

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

220.000	Fire Wages	23,000
220.006	Fire Equipment	18,000
	Total	\$41,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

610.000	Library Salaries	65,013
610.005	Library Expenses	60,364
611.000	MVL Consortium Dues	11,283
	Total	\$136,660

Library Director, Mary Beth Pallis, explained this is the minimum amount needed to maintain the library's certification. Requesting a one-year waiver is not an option now that the voters amended the Public Safety budget and the cuts are not apportioned with the cuts to the library's budget. This amended budget will reflect a decrease in the number of hours the library can be open.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the amounts recommended by the Advisory Board for clerical expenses and salaries as follows:

135.001	Town Accountant Clerical	5,855
135.005	Town Accountant Expense	10,300
141.000	Assessor's Salaries	900
141.001	Assessor's Associate	23,933
141.002	Assessor's Clerical	11,488
141.005	Assessors Expense	6,000
145.000	Treasurer Salary	20,963
146.000	Tax Collector Salary	20,963
161.000	Town Clerk Salary	24,720
162.000	Election and Registration Wages	2,000
162.005	Election and Registration Expenses	3,000
171.001	Conservation Commission Clerical	13,986
175.001	Planning Board Clerical	13,986
192.000	Town Hall Clerical	40,856
192.001	Town Hall Caretaker Wages	7,500

422.001	Highway Clerical	14,357
	Total	\$220,807

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following sum:

171.005	Conservation Commission Expense	\$1,000
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Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

175.006	Planning Board Legal NRLC	\$3,000
195.000	Annual Reports	5,000
199.005	Town Engineer	22,500

Motion to amend made and withdrawn to reduce 199.005 Town Engineer from \$22,500 to \$12,500.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

199.005	Town Engineer	\$20,000
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Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

245.000	Electrical Inspector Salary	\$6,580
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(Fees minus 15% for administrative work)

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

292.000	Dog Officer Wages and Expense	\$4,250
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Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:
294.000 Tree Warden Wages and Expense \$12,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 under line item 422.014 as approved under Article 18 (replacing former line items 422.009, 010 and 011)

422.014	Brush, Signs and Line Painting (new line item)	\$7,500
423.013	Highway Paving	5,000
423.000	Highway Snow Removal	91,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the following sum:

433.000	Transfer Station	\$33,250
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Majority Vote Required
Motion fails

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

433.000	Transfer Station	\$66,500
433.001	Landfill Expenses	2,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

491.000	Cemetery Wages and Supplies	\$11,960
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Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

631.005	Recreation Expenses	\$500
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Majority Vote Required
Hand Count of 30 Yes, 39 No, Motion Fails

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

631.005 Recreation Expenses \$1,920

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

650.000 Parks Department Expense \$6,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

650.001 Larter Field Maintenance \$6,000

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following:

919.000 FICA \$21,500

Motion made and seconded to amend the dollar amount to \$16,500.00.

Motion to amend
Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

On the main motion as amended,

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to ratify and confirm the appropriation and transfer of water receipts moved and voted at the session of May 14, 2007, under Article 2, line items pertaining to the funding of the Water Department from water receipts:

061.501	Water Dept. Clerical	5,516
061.502	Water Dept. Expense	400
061.503	Water Dept. Debt	11,656
061.505	Water Dept. Maintenance	34,390
	Total	\$51,962

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town reconsider the action taken under Article 11 and Article 12.

Motion to Reconsider
Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 11. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500.00 for the purchase of breathing equipment for the Fire Department.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 12. Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to cover the cost of repairs to the Fire Truck.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded that the Town adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 11:05 pm.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

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, Reconvened Session of June 4, 2007: 156

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett
Town Clerk

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ARTICLES</u>
Raise and appropriate	\$7,122,618.00	\$32,500.00 (Articles 11, 12)
Transfer from Water Receipts	51,962.00	
Total Budget	\$7,174,580.00	