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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 2, 2008**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Moderator, Anne Farina. 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.

ARTICLE 1. Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and 41 Cents (\$220,758.41) in fiscal year 2009, which sum is the subject of a ballot question to override the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, in the Special Town Election scheduled for September 8, 2008, to defray the excess expenditures, as authorized for Snow Removal in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 31D of Massachusetts General Laws, in addition to those costs defrayed by the appropriation voted under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007.

A presentation entitled "Overview of Snow Removal" was made by Board of Road Commissioner Chair Jim Regan, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk. The presentation outlined what is included with snow removal such as the cost of plowing, sanding and salting; overtime pay that exceeds a regular 40 hour work week, contractors, cost of fuel and other supplies (cost of salt in 2007 was \$43.90 versus \$53.90 in 2008). Additional factors considered what type of snow, melting conditions, ice, cleaning debris shoveled into streets, etc.

A presentation followed by the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board voted unanimously to support this article.

With the motion on the floor, Selectmen Kevin Welch made a separate motion contingent upon the passage of the proposed override for \$220,758.41, proposing that the Board of Selectmen create an article for an under-ride not to exceed the amount of \$220,758.41. The motion was ruled out of order, action that could not be established at the meeting because it did not relate to the warrant article. Returning to the main motion on the floor,

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 2. Motion made and seconded that the Town reduce the appropriation made under line item 061-505 ~~Water Department Maintenance~~+voted under Article 2 of the May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meeting in the amount of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$11,382.00) so that the total appropriation will be reduced from \$58,106.00 to \$46,724.00.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Selectmen Walter Alterisio asked if he could address the debt exclusion question which is appearing on the Special Election ballot. The Moderator announced the business of this town meeting was concluded but she would allow brief discussion to answer any questions (*there was one question*).

Motion made and seconded to dispense of the reading of the minutes.

Majority Vote Required
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting at 8:05 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 Special Town Meeting of September 2, 2008:
102.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett
Town Clerk, CMMC