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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
November 16, 2009**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Town Clerk Carol A. Skerrett in the absence of Town Moderator, Anne Farina.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the floor was opened to nominations to elect a temporary Moderator for the Special Town Meeting of November 16, 2009. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ted Gaudette. Members were asked if there were any additional nominations; there were none. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. A vote was taken to close nominations which passed unanimously. Ted Gaudette was declared temporary Moderator for the Special Town Meeting of June 9 and was sworn in by Town Clerk Carol Skerrett.

Tellers appointed by Ted Gaudette were Anne Paquin, Terry Atwood, Dave Johnson and David Webber who were all sworn in by the Town Clerk. The check in table was staffed by Amy Schembechler.

**ARTICLE 1.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action under Article 1 (*to pay an outstanding invoice due to Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District in Lexington for the Chapter 74 tuition for the 2009-2010 school year as there remains a number of administrative issues to be addressed*).

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 2.** Motion made and seconded that the Town approve payment from free cash of \$95.36 for reimbursement for the plumbing inspector's conferences and related mileage, as an unpaid bill of fiscal year 2009 (approval for unpaid bills at a Special Town Meeting require a 9/10th or unanimous vote).

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative Unanimously

**ARTICLE 3.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate in the Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station Enterprise Fund, originally established under article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009, the sum of \$89,000.00, supplementing the appropriation made at the Annual Town Meeting, to operate the transfer station for the current fiscal year, in accordance with the following detailed budget, and such appropriations being funded with a transfer from retained earnings in the amount of \$16,000, and from current year estimated trash sticker revenue in the amount of \$73,000.00, so that the resulting budget appears as follows:

Line item #6510.501, wages \$10,716.16;  
Line item #6510.502, expenses \$112,976.00

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 4.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate from current year estimated water receipts, in the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$3,020.00 to supplement the water department operating budget for the purpose of paying wages of temporary operating staff.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 5.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate from current year estimated water receipts, in the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$4,900.00 to establish an emergency reserve fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative Unanimously

**ARTICLE 6.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate by transfer from retained earnings, in the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$23,484.00 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of new or replacement equipment as deemed necessary by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 7.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate by transfer from retained earnings, in the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$5,851.00 for the purpose of funding major repairs to existing equipment or other existing capital assets as deemed necessary by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 8.** Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer the unexpended funds in the capital project fund originally designated for the purchase of a fire pumper truck in the amount of \$8,503.45 for the purpose of being used by the fire department to purchase new equipment needed as part of the purchase of the fire tanker truck.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 9.** Motion made and seconded that the Town reduce the appropriations voted for the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District at the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009, as follows:

In line item #300.001, GDRSD operating budget, that the appropriation be reduced in the amount of \$38,132.00, resulting in a final appropriation of \$3,968,111.00; and

In line item #300.002, GDRSD debt, that the appropriation be reduced in the amount of \$5,572.00, resulting in a final appropriation of \$565,580.00, all pursuant to a revised assessment received from the school committee for the FY2010.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative Unanimously

**ARTICLE 10.** Motion made and seconded that the Town appropriate by transfer from the stabilization account the sum of \$55,500.00 for the purpose of acquiring engineering services and advice, including incidental legal services, in connection with the repair of a retaining wall on or near the northerly sideline of Main Street, just westerly of the McGovern Farm, and further to authorize the Town through any board, office or agency to see contributory grants or reimbursements from any available source.

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative Unanimously

**ARTICLE 11.** Motion made and seconded that the Town acquire any necessary interests in real property, whether in easement or fee, to make possible the repair of a retaining wall on or near the northerly sideline of Main Street, just westerly of the McGovern Farm, including temporary easements for construction and permanent easements or acquisitions in fee of the site of the repair, and including any interests to provide for sidewalks, if such is deemed necessary, hereby authorizing the Road Commissioners to accept any instruments of conveyance offered or tendered for such purposes.

Majority Vote Required  
Yes: 42      No: 3  
Voted in the Affirmative

**ARTICLE 12.** Motion made and seconded that the Town take no action *(relative to transferring funds from free cash for the purpose of stabilizing the tax rate)*.

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

Majority Vote Required  
Voted in the Affirmative

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:15 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 November 16, 2009: 53

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett  
Town Clerk, CMMC