

Annual Town Meeting
Princeton, Ma 01541
May 14, 2013

Warrant duly posted:	May 2, 2013
Inhabitants notified by website posting:	May 6, 2013
Advisory Board Hearing:	May 7, 2013
Quorum needed:	81
Voters Present:	354
Moderator:	Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters:	Barbara Gates, Bill Lawton, Charlotte Stirewalt, Jane Weisman
Constable:	Michele Powers
Meeting called to order:	7:12PM
Meeting dissolved:	9:59PM

The Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the full warrant.

Unanimous

7:13PM

Moderator read the charge to the Constable, and the Return of the Warrant.

The Moderator asked that all non-voters identify themselves for the tellers.

The Constable for the meeting was identified by the Moderator as Michele Powers

Selectman Edith Morgan presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Michael J. Splaine

Moderator read the April 30, 2013 Annual Town Election results.

All motions are approved by the Advisory Board unless otherwise noted

ARTICLE 1. Voted to receive the reports of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees.

Unanimous

7:27PM

ARTICLE 2. Voted under the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 41, of the Massachusetts General Laws to fix the salaries of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year (FY14).

FY14

Moderator	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$1,500
Assessors	\$4,500

Unanimous

7:29PM

Advisory Board Approved Article 3 with the exception of the Police Budget

ARTICLE 3. Voted the bulk of the FY 14 appropriation by department as set forth in Article 3 of the Warrant with the following exceptions:

Police/Dispatch -	\$ 810,613.00
Cemeteries -	\$ 30,778.00
Police Cruisers -	\$ 25,185.00
Retirement -	\$222,414.00

The above exceptions were HELD for further discussion.

Unanimous

7:36PM

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Moderator				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	75.00	75.00		
Sub-Total	100.00		100.00	100.00
Board of Selectmen				
Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Sub-Total	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00
Annual Audit				
Expense	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
Town Administrator				
Salary	90,266.00	92,071.00		
Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Sub-Total	92,766.00		94,571.00	94,571.00
Administrative Assistants				
Salaries	36,273.00	25,000.00		
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Sub-Total	37,773.00		26,500.00	26,500.00
Reserve Fund				
Expense	50,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Town Accountant				
Salary	27,913.00	29,164.00		
Expense	3,624.00	3,730.00		
Sub-Total	31,537.00		32,894.00	32,894.00
Board of Assessors				
Assessors Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Assessor Clerk Salary	19,556.00	19,800.00		
Principal Assessor Salary	27,945.00	28,504.00		
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	13,042.00	13,303.00		
Revaluation Salary	6,367.00	6,494.00		
Expense	10,582.00	12,582.00		
Sub-Total	81,992.00		85,183.00	85,183.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY 14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-total To be voted on	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Treasurer				
Salary	29,325.00	30,015.00		
Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00		
Sub-Total	37,125.00		37,815.00	37,815.00
Tax Collector				
Salary	40,119.00	42,224.00		
Expense	8,225.00	8,370.00		
Sub-Total	48,344.00		50,594.00	50,594.00
Town Counsel				
Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Clerk				
Salary	32,282.00	33,692.00		
Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Expenses	4,900.00	5,000.00		
Sub-Total	38,182.00		39,692.00	39,692.00
Elections & Registration				
Salaries	4,000.00	1,400.00		
Expense	5,640.00	2,850.00		
Sub-Total	9,640.00		4,250.00	4,250.00
Conservation Commission				
Salaries				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sub-Total	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Planning Board				
Administrative Asst. Salary	16,936.00	18,043.00		
Expense	2,636.00	2,636.00		
Sub-Total	19,572.00		20,679.00	20,679.00
Board of Appeals				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Open Space Committee				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Agricultural Commission				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Town Building Operations				
Salaries	23,110.00	27,200.00		
Expense	53,095.00	53,095.00		
Sub-Total	76,205.00		80,295.00	80,295.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
	561,236.00		570,573.00	570,573.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police/Dispatch				
Police non-union Salaries	119,140.00	121,855.00		121,855.00
Police Union Salaries	349,525.00	386,269.00		383,148.00
Dispatch Union Salaries	201,111.00	205,589.00		205,589.00
Expense	96,900.00	96,900.00		96,900.00
Sub-Total	766,676.00		807,492.00	HELD 807,492.00
Fire Department				
Salaries	160,423.00	167,235.00		
Ambulance Readiness	64,000.00	64,000.00		
Vehicle Allowance; Chief	3,000.00			
Expense	92,489.00	92,489.00		
Emergency Management Exp.	2,340.00	2,340.00		
Sub-Total	322,252.00		326,064.00	326,064.00
Animal Control				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Animal Control Salary	8,987.00	9,167.00		
Expense	1,900.00	1,900.00		
Sub-Total	11,387.00		11,567.00	11,567.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	1,100,315.00		1,145,123.00	1,145,123.00
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Regional School				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	4,070,202.00	3,406,461.00		
Operations Assessment	468,846.00	459,586.00		
Transportation	205,208.00	174,965.00		
Long Term Debt	234,173.00	198,706.00		
Environmental Clean-up	7,886.00	6,225.00		
Sub-total	4,986,315.00		4,245,943.00	4,245,943.00
Montachusett Reg. Vocational	201,879.00	181,770.00	181,770.00	181,770.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,188,194.00		4,427,713.00	4,427,713.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Highway				
Salaries	306,120.00	350,085.00		
Expense	241,188.00	267,058.00		
Sub-Total	547,308.00		617,143.00	617,143.00
Snow/Ice Removal				
Expense	160,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
Road Reconstruction	175,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00
Street Lights				
Expense	9,575.00	9,614.00	9,614.00	9,614.00
Tree Warden				
Salary	1,416.00	1,444.00		
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Sub-Total	13,416.00		13,444.00	13,444.00
Cemeteries				
Salaries	18,324.00	26,406.00		
Expense	4,372.00	4,372.00		
Sub-Total	22,696.00		30,778.00	HELD 30,778.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	927,995.00		1,075,979.00	1,075,979.00
HUMAN SERVICES				
Council On Aging				
Salary	14,570.00	14,862.00		
Expense	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Sub-Total	16,270.00		16,562.00	16,562.00
Veterans Services				
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Expense	6,765.00	6,825.00		
Sub-Total	8,265.00		8,325.00	8,325.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	24,535.00		24,887.00	24,887.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:				

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Library				
Salaries	99,945.00	100,282.00		
Expense	54,360.00	58,860.00		
Sub-Total	154,305.00		159,142.00	159,142.00
Parks & Recreation				
Salaries	4,162.00	4,269.00		
Expense	4,100.00	4,100.00		
Sub-Total	8,262.00		8,369.00	8,369.00
Historical Commission				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Day				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	165,567.00		170,511.00	170,511.00
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Library Renovation (Exterior)	31,155.00	-	-	-
Police Cruisers (2)	11,852.00	25,185.00	25,185.00	HELD 25,185.00
Fire Vehicle	13,031.00	14,512.00	14,512.00	14,512.00
Bentley Purchase	43,820.00	42,350.00	42,350.00	42,350.00
General Interest/Borrowing Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Thomas Prince/Green Repair		28,476.00	28,476.00	28,476.00
Thomas Prince/PCBs	6,011.00	40,625.00	40,625.00	40,625.00
TOTAL DEBT	120,869.00		166,148.00	166,148.00
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	185,976.00	222,414.00	222,414.00	HELD 222,414.00
Life & Fringe	10,900.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
FICA/Medicare	35,400.00	36,995.00	36,995.00	36,995.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Health Insurance	329,085.00	345,800.00	345,800.00	345,800.00
Town Insurance	149,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00
Wachusett Earthday	1,148.00	1,393.00	1,393.00	1,393.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	711,509.00		803,602.00	803,602.00
GRAND TOTAL:	8,800,220.00		8,384,536.00	8,384,536.00

HELD Items were voted after discussion on each

Police Budget - \$810,613.00

Moderator declared the budget amount "Carries"

7:40PM

Cemetery Budget - \$30,778.00

Moderator declared the budget amount "Carries"

7:43PM

Police Cruisers - \$25,185.00

Moderator declared the budget amount "Unanimous"

7:45PM

Retirement - \$222,414.00

Moderator declared the budget amount "Unanimous"

7:48PM

Advisory Board member Terry Hart made a motion that was seconded to reconsider the vote on the Police/Dispatch salary budget.

Moderator declared the motion Failed

7:50PM

The Moderator informed the voters that he did not accept a proper motion for the bulk of the budget in Article 3. He then asked for a motion from the floor.

Motion – I move the FY14 appropriation by department as set forth in Article 3 of the Warrant and further move to transfer the sum of \$5,828.04 from the Overlay Surplus account #27-5-999-002 and the sum of \$25,870 from the free cash account #27-5-999-000 to offset the FY14 tax rate. Motion was seconded.

Moderator declared "Motion carries"

7:52PM

After Article 9 the Moderator informed the voters that an error was made on Article 3 with respect to the Police Budget. Town Bylaws requires "All votes on the appropriation of money in excess of \$1000 shall be in the first instance by ballot, as above provided, unless said appropriation shall be recommended or approved by the Advisory Committee."

The Advisory Committee approved \$807,492 not the budgeted amount of \$810,613 on which the voters acted. Advisory Board member Terry Hart spoke on behalf of their approved number.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the budget amount to \$807,492.

Moderator declared that the "Motion carries"

8:56PM

Moderator declared that a ballot vote was necessary to approve the \$807,492.

Point of Order by Stan Moss – Since the budget number was reduced to the Advisory Board recommended amount no ballot vote is necessary. The Moderator concurred.

Police Budget amount of \$807,492 was put to a vote.

Unanimous

8:58PM

ARTICLE 4. Voted to approve the Amendment of Section 1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013 by deleting the existing Section 1. Members of the Regional District School Committee, subparagraphs 1.1. through 1.6. inclusive and by substituting therein the following language:

Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1.1. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of members from each participating town, each such member to be a registered voter of the town that the member represents. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members with representation as follows:

Holden	Four (4) members
Paxton	Two (2) members
Princeton	Two (2) members

Rutland Two (2) members
Sterling Two (2) members

Each committee member shall be entitled to one weighted vote at all committee meetings.

1.2. ALLOCATION OF PROPORTIONAL WEIGHTED VOTES FOR MEMBERS AND TOWNS.

The total voting value for members from each town represented on the Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall be in proportion to the population of the member town compared to the total population of all member towns combined. Population data shall be the latest annual official Town census, as certified by the Town Clerk of each of the member towns. The calculated total voting value for a member town shall be equally divided amongst the elected and/or appointed members from the member town to determine the assigned weighted voting factor for individual committee members of the member town.

The calculated weighted voting factors for each member and town based upon the 2012 Town census figures are set forth in Table 1.

Town	2012 Census Population [Towns]	Percentage of Combined Population	K-12 Committee Members	Weight Member	Weight Town
Holden	18,568	43.18%	4	10.795%	43.18%
Paxton	4,590	10.68%	2	5.34%	10.68%
Princeton	3,562	8.28%	2	4.14%	8.28%
Rutland	8,787	20.44%	2	10.22%	20.44%
Sterling	<u>7,488</u>	<u>17.42%</u>	<u>2</u>	8.71%	<u>17.42%</u>
TOTALS:	42,995	100%	12	100%	

1.3. Such allocation of weighted votes shall be reviewed, and adjusted if necessary, annually on or before July 1st. The allocation of weighted votes will be so calculated as to have all representatives from a member town assigned the same vote value.

1.4. With the exception of the terms of office of the existing membership of the Committee, the Committee membership shall remain constant at twelve (12) members.

Downsizing of the current Committee (22) will be accomplished by reducing by half the number of open seats rounded up to the next whole number for a member town at each town election until the member town attains the required number of seats as set forth in Table 1. Should a member resign and the Town is still above the required number of seats, that seat shall be eliminated as of the effective date of the resignation.

1.5. Each member's voting weight will be calculated on a yearly basis as of July 1st of any given year in accordance with the Member Towns' annual census. Should a member resign and the position will not be replaced due to downsizing, or after an election where the size of the Committee is reduced, the weight of votes will be recalculated immediately.

1.6. The District shall annually request and obtain from the Town Clerks official annual census figures before July 1st of each year. The District shall give written notice to the Board of Selectmen of the member towns of any resulting changes in the voting allocation of any member town.

1.7. The method of nomination or election of the members to the Wachusett Regional District School Committee from a member town shall be the same as candidates for an elective office in the member town. All members shall be elected for a three (3) year term. If a vacancy occurs in the Wachusett Regional District School Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectmen of the member town to which the vacancy relates shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and his successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

1.8. Weighing the votes of Committee Members according to the population of the Town they represent shall be effective at the first organizational meeting of the Committee after the approval of the Amendments by the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District. A majority of the Members' weighted vote shall constitute a quorum of the full School Committee and not a majority of its members.

Moderator declared "Article Carries"

7:53PM

ARTICLE 5. Voted to approve the Amendment of Section 9, Annual Report, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding the following sentence:

"When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge." so that Section 9 reads as follows:

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

Unanimous

7:54PM

ARTICLE 6. Voted to approve the Amendment of Section 14.1. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, as follows:

Amend Section 14.1 by deleting the number "five (5)" and inserting the number "three (3)" so that the Section reads as follows:

The Wachusett Regional School District Agreement shall be reviewed every three (3) years by the Committee. The Committee shall hold a public hearing to receive comment and proposed changes from the citizens of the Member Towns. The Committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the Selectboards of the Member Towns.

Unanimous

7:55PM

ARTICLE 7. Voted to approve the Amendment of Section 14.2. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education" in Section 14.2. and inserting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education" so that Section 14.2 reads as follows:

This Agreement may be amended by recommendation of the Committee and approval of Member Towns of the District by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting provided that not more than one Member Town disagrees and subject to the approval by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. No such amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes of the District then outstanding or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof; provided, that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon (Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951).

Unanimous

7:56PM

ARTICLE 8. Voted to approve the Amendment of Section 17. Lease of Schools of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding a new Section 17.7 which reads as follows:

17.7. Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit.

Unanimous

7:57PM

Point of Order from Phil Mighdoll – motion for Article 4 was not read. Moderator asked the voters if they heard the motion read. The voters maintained that the motion was read. The Moderator asked Mr. Mighdoll if he would defer to the group and he responded that he would.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$10,000 to provide for Network Design Engineering for a High Speed Internet System.

A motion was made and seconded to table the article. Needed 2/3 vote

Moderator declared that 2/3 vote was not achieved - Motion Failed

8:10PM

Article was voted after Town Meeting discussion.

Moderator declared "Majority Carries"**8:27PM**

ARTICLE 10. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164, §47E of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal lighting plant for the purpose of operating a telecommunications system and any related services.

2/3 ballot vote needed to approve**Moderator declared "Motion Carries"****9:18PM****Article 3 revisited- Police Budget.**

Motion on the floor to amend the number from \$810,613 to the Advisory Board approved number of \$807,492.

Moderator declared "Motion carries"**8:56PM**

ARTICLE 11. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$14,000 to equip Town Hall, Public Safety Building, Library and Princeton Center for connection to a High Speed Internet System.

Unanimous**9:08PM**

ARTICLE 12. Voted to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund according to Massachusetts General Laws c. 71, §16G½ for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District.

Unanimous**9:20PM**

A motion was made and seconded to consider Article 21 before Article 13.

Moderator declared "Motion Carries"**9:10PM**

ARTICLE 13. Voted to establish the FY14 ambulance operating budget of \$95,212.00. I further move to appropriate \$50,939.00 for salary and \$44,273.00 for expenses from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account #15-5-231-000. Receipts for ambulance services received in FY14 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into said account. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years.

Unanimous**9:21PM**

ARTICLE 14. Voted to establish the FY14 trash operating budget and appropriate \$50,000.00 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account #65-5-460-000 for that purpose. Voted to transfer \$10,000 from Solid Waste Enterprise-Available Retained Earnings. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY14 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into the Solid Waste Enterprise Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account #65-5-460-000 established in FY08. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years.

The Moderator accepted a friendly amendment to change the total appropriation to \$60, 000.00. New language replaces the "appropriate \$60,000.00" with "appropriate \$50,000.00".

Unanimous**9:25PM**

ARTICLE 15. Voted to authorize FY14 revolving funds for certain Town departments as written under Article 15 in the town warrant.

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2013 Spending Limit	FY2014 Spending Limit
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Administrator	Fees from BLDG, Wiring, Fire and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$73,404	\$76,017
Library	Library Director, Town Admin.	Copy Machine, FAX, Fines and Fees	Defray Operational Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Provide Recreational Programs & Pay Salaries	\$36,702	\$38,008
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman,	Fees Collected from Recreational	Maintenance of Parks	\$36,702	\$ 38,008

	Town Admin.	Programs			
Princeton Center	Princeton Center Director, Town Admin.	Rental Fees	Defray Operational & Maintenance Expenses	\$73,404	\$ 76,017
Board of Health	Board of Health, Town Admin.	Permits and Inspections	Salary & Expense	\$ 35,000	\$35,000
Cemetery	Cemetery Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Burial Fees	Salary & Expense	\$5000	\$5000
Total Spending				\$264,212	\$272,050

Unanimous**9:27PM**

ARTICLE 16. Voted to authorize the transfers of sums of money from the FY 13 Operating Budget account #02-5-320-600 Wachusett Regional School District to the following FY 13 Departmental Budgets:

\$20,018.98 to Snow /Ice Removal Expense Account #01-5-423-780

\$7,629.21 to General Debt & Interest Account #01-5-752-000

\$4,000 to Election & Registration Salaries Account # 01-5-162-100

\$1,500 to Town Building Operating Salary Account #01-5-192-100

Unanimous**9:28PM**

ARTICLE 17. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$25,000 to the General Stabilization Account #83-5-041-000, and further move from the FY 13 Operating Budget account #01-5-320-600 Wachusett Regional School District the sum of \$59,487 to the General Stabilization Account #83-5-041-000.

2/3 Vote Required**Unanimous****9:29PM**

ARTICLE 18. Voted to pass over this article.

Unanimous**9:29PM**

ARTICLE 19. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$84,274 to the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

Unanimous**9:31PM**

ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 to the Town Building Maintenance Program account #03-5-192-204 to continue to defray the costs for materials and repairs to town buildings.

Unanimous**9:32PM**

ARTICLE 21. Voted to transfer the sum of \$21,346.19 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 and the sum of \$28,653.81 from the FY 13 Operating Budget account #01-5-320-600 Wachusett Regional School District for purchase of Playground Equipment for the Thomas Prince School

Unanimous**9:16PM**

ARTICLE 22. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$25,000 to fund a Facilities Study of town buildings, not to include Mechanics Hall or the Thomas Prince School.

Moderator declared : "Article Carries"**9:40PM**

ARTICLE 23. Voted to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Cemetery Lots account # 27-5-491-000 to the Cemetery Maintenance Account for the care and improvement of town cemeteries.

Unanimous**9:41PM**

ARTICLE 24. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract with and accept any grants from the Mass. Department of Transportation-Highway Division for the construction of any road or related work that may be allotted to the Town for the ensuing year.

Unanimous**9:42PM**

ARTICLE 25. Voted to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$190,000 to fund the second phase of engineering and design services related to the East Princeton Rt 140 Reconstruction.

Unanimous**9:50PM**

ARTICLE 26. Voted to transfer the sum of \$35,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to the Town Environmental Clean-up Account #03-5-420-201 to fund expenses associated with environmental issues with town-owned property.

Unanimous

9:51PM

ARTICLE 27. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,840 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to be used by the Planning Board for consultant fees associated with its Worcester Road Village project.

Unanimous

9:52PM

ARTICLE 28. Voted to pass over this article.

Unanimous

9:53PM

ARTICLE 29. Voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 for fire pond upgrades and construction of new fire ponds by the Fire Department.

Unanimous

9:54PM

ARTICLE 30. Voted to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to either rebuild the fire pump on Engine 5 or purchase a used fire engine to replace Engine 5.

Unanimous

9:55PM

ARTICLE 31. Voted to transfer the sum of \$50 to the Goodnow Book Expense Account from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 for the purchase of books for the Library, as required by the terms of the Goodnow Deed of Gift.

Unanimous

9:56PM

ARTICLE 32. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to the Band Concert Expense account #03-5-692-781 for town concerts, the expenditure of such funds to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Unanimous

9:58PM

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

Unanimous

9:59PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne F. Grettum
Town Clerk