

May 15, 2006

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following is a true copy of actions taken at the annual town meeting held in Stow on May 1, 2006.

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Article 5. General Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006

General Government

1	Moderator Salary	\$	35.00
2	Moderator Expenses		43.00
3	Selectmen Administrative Asst. Salary		40,121.00
4	Selectmen Expenses		8,611.00
5	Town Administrator Salary		98,194.00
6	Town Administrator Expenses		500.00
7	Town Building Clerical Wages		14,898.00
8	Finance Committee Wages		3,302.00
9	Finance Committee Expenses		375.00
10	Accountant Salary		35,338.00
11	Accountant Clerk Salary		4,254.00
12	Accountant Expenses		1,525.00
13	Assessors' Assistant Salary		53,906.00
14	Assessors' Clerical Wages		50,804.00
15	Assessors' Expenses		6,600.00
16	Treasurer-Collector Salary		49,955.00
17	Treasurer-Collector Clerical Wages		40,636.00
18	Treasurer-Collector Expenses		37,600.00
19	Town Clerk Salary		48,561.00
20	Town Clerk Other Wages		23,067.00
21	Town Clerk Expenses		12,785.00
22	Conservation Commission Wages		55,915.00
23	Conservation Commission Expenses		4,280.00
24	Planning Board Wages		93,090.00
25	Planning Board Expenses		4,510.00
26	Board of Appeals Wages		6,832.00

27	Board of Appeals Expenses	3,420.00
28	Municipal Building & Property Wages	23,514.00
29	Municipal Building & Property Expenses	65,422.00
30	Town Reports Expenses	<u>9,000.00</u>
	General Government Total	\$797,093.00

Public Safety

31	Police Chief Salary	\$ 88,632.00
32	Police & Dispatch Wages	950,563.00
33	Police & Dispatch Expenses	81,430.00
34	Fire Chief Salary	76,063.00
35	Fire & EMS Wages	393,860.00
36	Fire & EMS Expenses	74,114.00
37	Building Inspector Salary	56,954.00
38	Building Dept. Clerical Wages	15,495.00
39	Building Inspector Expenses	<u>4,975.00</u>
	Public Safety Total	\$1,742,086.00

Public Works and Facilities

40	Supt. of Streets Salary	\$ 70,548.00
41	Highways & Grounds Wages	393,295.00
42	Highways & Grounds Expenses	103,500.00
43	Snow & Ice Removal Expense	100,000.00
44	Municipal Lighting	12,558.00
45	Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Expense	55,000.00
46	Cemetery Salary & Wages	36,134.00
47	Cemetery Expenses	<u>5,214.00</u>
	Public Works and Facilities Total	\$ 776,249.00

Human Services

48	Sanitary Agent Wages	\$ 17,471.00
49	Health Department Wages	71,782.00
50	Health Department Expenses	8,000.00
51	Council on Aging Executive Director Salary	43,384.00
52	Council on Aging Wages	55,120.00
53	Council on Aging Expenses	13,811.00
54	Veterans' Agent Salary	1,265.00
55	Veterans' Agent Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
	Human Services Total	\$ 211,033.00

Culture and Recreation

56	Library Director Salary	\$ 54,748.00
57	Library Wages	69,101.00
58	Library Expenses	52,929.00
59	Recreation Wages	42,665.00
60	Recreation Expenses	22,150.00
61	Lake Boon Commission Wages	2,745.00
62	Lake Boon Commission Expenses	710.00
63	Historical Commission Expenses	500.00
64	Memorial Day Expenses	950.00
65	Lighting of Clock Expenses	<u>100.00</u>
	Culture and Recreation Total	\$ 246,598.00

Town-Wide Expenses

66	Educational Incentive	\$ 37,000.00
67	Group Insurance	503,850.00
68	Insurance & Bonds	114,700.00
69	Telephone	<u>22,000.00</u>
	Town-Wide Expenses Total	\$ 677,550.00

Education

70	Nashoba Regional School District Assessment	\$11,522,329.00
71	Minuteman Voc-Tech Assessment	<u>971,371.00</u>
	Education Total	\$12,493,700.00

Debt Service

72	Principal, Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,115,000.00
73	Interest, Long-Term Debt – Bonds	503,305.00
74	Interest, Temporary Loans – Revenue	<u>3,000.00</u>
	Debt Service Total	\$1,621,305.00

TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET.....\$18,565,614.00

Article 7. Reserve Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006	\$70,000.00
Article 8. Land Court proceedings for tax title foreclosure, including court costs and legal expenses, to be added to any balance from previous appropriation; to be expended by the Treasurer-Collector	8,500.00
Article 9. Audit of financial records	9,800.00
Article 13. To be added to balance remaining in the Conservation Fund; to be expended by the Conservation Commission	10,000.00
Article 15. Update of property valuations to full and fair cash value, to be added to the balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended by the Assessors	30,000.00
Article 16. Binding and repair of town records, to be added to the balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended by the Town Clerk	200.00
Article 17-1. Road Machinery Account	32,127.00
Article 17-2. Repairs on private ways	10,000.00
Article 18. Compliance with Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health	5,000.00
Article 19. Household hazardous waste collection, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health	5,000.00
Article 20. Emerson Hospital Home Care, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended by under the direction of the Board of Health to provide home care services and communicable disease follow-up to Stow residents	2,000.00
Article 21. Rental of container and disposition of solid waste collected from town land and roadsides, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health	2,000.00
Article 22. Stow Cultural Council, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriations to be produce cultural activities and programming in Stow, including \$2,000.00 of these funds to be used to support Springfest; to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator	3,500.00

Article 23. Planning Board engineering and consulting services and Master Plan expenses, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended by the Planning Board	5,000.00
Article 24. Purchase of information technology equipment and software for various town departments, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation; to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator; to authorize the Town Administrator to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of existing equipment	41,553.00
Article 26. Legal services, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation	30,000.00
Article 27. Police officer and firefighter medical and other allowable expenses incurred in the performance of and within the scope of duty under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100; to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation	400.00
Article 30-1. Purchase of a truck for use by the Cemetery Department	27,298.00
Article 30-2. Purchase of a backhoe for use by the Highway Department	80,000.00
Article 30-3. Purchase of a four-wheel drive SUV for use by the Police Department	33,000.00
Article 30-6. Locker replacement at Hale School, for use by Nashoba Regional School District	<u>18,500.00</u>
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE TOTAL.....	\$18,989,492.00

APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER

Article 12. From Conservation Land Maintenance Acct. to Conservation Fund	\$1,100.00
Article 14. From Wetlands Protection Fund to be expended as an additional appropriation by the Conservation Commission in performing its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act	\$10,795.00
Article 25. From FY2004 Overlay Surplus account for FY2006 Legal Services	\$2,361.28
From FY2005 Overlay Surplus account for FY2006 Legal Services	\$25,950.82
Article 28. From FY2007 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, to be expended for wages and expenses associated with the creation, implementation and maintenance of Community Preservation programs, in accordance with provisions of MGL Ch. 44B, including but not limited to office supplies, clerical	

assistance, property surveys, appraisals, attorney fees and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses, in accordance with a budget to be prepared for the Town Administrator \$35,000.00

Article 29. From Fiscal 2007 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues for undertaking of Community Preservation projects

Reserve for Acquisition and Preservation of Historic Buildings and Landscapes	\$75,000.00
Reserve for Acquisition and Preservation of Open Space and Recreation Land	\$75,000.00
Reserve for Acquisition and Support of Affordable Housing	\$75,000.00

Article 30-4. From Free Cash for repair of Hale School roof, for use by the Nashoba Regional School District \$25,000.00

Article 30-7. From Free Cash for kitchen updates at Hale School, for use by the Nashoba Regional School District \$14,675.00

Article 32. For the School Building Task Force, including but not limited to site evaluations, building upgrades/renovations, new construction, preparation of cost estimates, conceptual plans, and other documents required to submit one or more proposals at a future town meeting:

From Feasibility account under Article 28 of May 2002 annual town meeting	\$ 931.78	
From Conceptual Planning account under Article 30 of May 2004 annual town meeting	\$ 19,880.64	
From Land Exploration account under Article 34 of May 2004 annual town meeting	\$ 11,749.49	
From Pompositticut School amphitheater account under Article 35-3 of May 2004 annual town meeting	\$ 2,471.74	
From Evaluations account under Article 36 of May 2005 annual town meeting	\$ 8,224.49	
From Free Cash	<u>\$ 73,997.00</u>	\$117,255.14

Article 42. From Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund \$100,000.00

OTHER VOTES

Article 4. Wage and Salary Schedules

Voted to amend Article 11 of the General Bylaws of the Town, Personnel Administration, by deleting from Section 20.h. the existing salary Schedules A, B, C, D, E and F and inserting in place thereof new Schedules A, B, C, D, E and F. (Schedules attached)

Article 6. Rescission of Borrowing under Article 44 of 2004

Voted to rescind the borrowing authority granted under Article 44 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting to purchase an interest in a certain parcel of land between Sudbury Road and White Pond Road formerly owned by Boston & Maine Railroad and shown on a plan marked "Land in Stow and Maynard, Mass, Boston and Maine Railroad – to – George Morey, JF Kerwin, Asst. Chief Engineer 1961", recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 9920, Page 557, a portion of the so-called Assabet River Rail Trail.

Article 10. Revolving Fund for Inspection Fees

Voted to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, a revolving fund for certain inspection fees, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, to which shall be credited all permitting fees received for wire, gas, plumbing and fire alarm permits and for weights and measures sealing, to a limit of \$40,000.00 for Fiscal 2007, to be expended by the Selectmen without further appropriation for the purpose of payment of fees to the inspectors administering such permits and reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Town.

Article 11. Advanced Life Support Services Revolving Fund

Voted to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, to which shall be credited all fees received for advanced life support services provided by the Town of Stow to a limit of \$40,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2007, to be expended by the Fire Department without further appropriation for the purpose of payment of all costs associated with providing advanced life support services.

Article 33. Senior Tax Relief

Voted to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, as amended by Chapter 136, Section 1 of the Acts of 2005, from eight (8) percent to four (4) percent, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

Article 34. Senior Tax Relief

Voted to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and further to act under the aforesaid statutes to increase by 100 percent the amount of property tax exemption granted to persons who qualify for said exemption under clauses 17, 17C, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Mass. General Laws and Acts and amendments thereof or additions thereto.

Article 38. Street Acceptance – Farm Road

Voted to accept as a public way Farm Road, shown on a plan last revised March 8, 1989.

Article 39. Street Acceptance – Militia Circle

Voted to accept as a public way Militia Circle, shown on a plan last revised March 8, 1989.

Article 41. Street Acceptance – Whispering Way.

Voted to accept as a public way Whispering Way in Wildlife Woods Subdivision from Station 0+48.16 to Station 9+85.83, shown on a plan last revised through October 27, 1999.

A true copy. Attest: Linda E. Hathaway
Town Clerk of Stow