

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TOWN WARRANT
APRIL 30, 2007**

**ARTICLE 60
POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) from the Police Department Head Salary Account #12101-51120 to the Police Department Supplies Account #12102-54000 for the purpose of paying the costs associated with purchasing four biphasic automated external defibrillators; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – With the hiring of a new Chief of Police, the Town is paying a lower salary which provides the availability of funds to replace the “monophasic” (single phase) automatic defibrillators with “biphasic” (two phased) automatic defibrillators. Studies have shown that biphasic defibrillators provide a significantly improved defibrillation efficacy. The Department has already received training on the use of biphasic defibrillators.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 61
SEWER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE OVERRUN**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) to the Maintenance Overrun Account #28440-56042 for the purpose of paying for extraordinary repairs in FY07 in the Sewer Department; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – The contract with Veolia requires that they make certain repairs and the Town budgets a set amount each year for emergency repairs. If the repairs required during the course of the year exceed the amount budgeted, Veolia (the contract operator) is required to make the repairs and the Town is contractually obligated to fund the additional costs as soon as possible.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 62

SEWER DEPARTMENT SLUDGE HANDLING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair the sum of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$28,780.00) to the Liquid Sludge Account #28440-59550 for the purpose of paying additional costs for hauling and disposal of sludge during FY07; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – The Town currently pays to dispose of sludge at an incinerator. The rate is based on dry tonnage. As flows increase at the wastewater plant, more sludge is generated, resulting in the increased costs.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 63

LIQUID SLUDGE HANDLING – FY06

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$14,542.88) to the Liquid Sludge Account #28440-59550 for the purpose of paying additional costs for hauling and disposal of sludge during FY06; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article is to provide funding for the same reason as the previous article. However, there was a question whether additional amounts were due in FY06 and this was not paid until this was clarified. The cause was related to the Town receiving 13 bills in FY06 with two being for the same amount, the DPW Director needed to confirm that one of the bills was not billed in error.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 64

WATER DEPARTMENT HYDRAULIC STUDY

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Fund Balance Reserved for Construction and Repair the sum of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) for the purpose of completing a water distribution

system hydraulic model and study of water tank improvement alternatives for the Water Department; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – The Town had a hydraulic study conducted in 1997 of the water system, however, as computer hydraulic modeling has improved the Town is seeking to develop a computerized model that will provide information relative to improvements that can be made to the Stallion Hill Water Tank to improve water utilization and flow throughout the water system.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 65
STALLION HILL WATER TANK ENGINEERING**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Fund Balance Reserved For Construction and Repair the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of having an engineer develop complete bid documents for the rehabilitation required on the Stallion Hill Water Storage Tank; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article would fund the development of a defined cost estimate and Request for Proposals needed to make repairs identified through a regular tank inspection during 2006. These repairs are for interior and exterior coatings and other concrete repairs. The actual repair work would be funded at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 66
SENIOR CENTER ROOF REPAIRS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from free cash the sum of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,150.00) to the Senior Center Purchase of Services Account #11952-52000 for the purpose of making repairs to the slate roof at the Sturbridge Senior Center; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: COA Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – The Town has regular repairs made to the slate roofs on historic buildings and carries a budget amount for work each year. For FY07 additional work has been identified that exceeds the amount budgeted for the Senior Center and the COA Director has requested the additional funding to maintain the slate roof at the Senior Center.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 67
TOWN COUNSEL COST**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from free cash the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) to the Town Counsel Purchase of Services Account #11512-52000 for the purpose of paying extraordinary legal costs associated with litigation; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – The Town budgets \$70,000 for Town Counsel costs during the year. As of February, the Town is tracking to spend approximately \$120,000 for legal costs in FY07. Of this amount, approximately \$82,000 will be related to litigation costs (based on billings through the first seven months).

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 68
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX HVAC**

To see if the Town will rescind FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) from the Public Safety Complex repairs account #31860 made as part of Article 41 of the December 11, 2006 Special Town Meeting for repairs and upgrades to the HVAC system due to the low bid received and awarded, making the additional amount unnecessary; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Recommendation to be provided at Town Meeting.

Summary – This article seeks to rescind a portion of the free cash appropriation that was approved at the December 2006 Special Town Meeting as the bids came in below the original estimate. Rescinding this appropriation at this meeting would allow the amount to revert to free cash for FY08.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 69
LAKE WEED TREATMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) for the purpose of treating invasive weeds in Cedar Lake, Walker Pond and Big Alum Lakes located within the Town of Sturbridge; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: By Petition

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0-2

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article was submitted by petition and seeks to have the Town assume costs associated with weed treatment on lakes.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was to approve the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 70
CEDAR LAKE WEED TREATMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) for the purpose of treating invasive weeds in Cedar Lake and the Town Beach area located within the Town of Sturbridge; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: By Petition

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town take no action on this article. Voted 7-0-2

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article would provide for weed treatment at Cedar Lake.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting as recommended by the Finance Committee was that no action be taken on this article.

ARTICLE 71
WESTWOOD DRIVE SEWER DEBT
(Requires 2/3 vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the additional sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) to the original appropriations of Article 52 of the December 6, 2005 Special Town Meeting and Article 59 of the December 11, 2006 Special Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$1,300,000 for the purpose of engineering and construction of the Woodside Circle & Westwood Drive Sewer Project; including costs incidental and related thereto, to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and see if the Town will vote, to the extent permitted by law, to assess sewer use fees and/or betterment assessments to cover the cost of the subject sewer construction project upon its completion; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of engineering and construction of the Woodside Circle and Westwood Drive Sewer Project to include the properties on Westwood Drive, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore and, further, that, betterment assessments and/or sewer use fees shall be established, to the extent permitted by law, to cover the costs of this sewer construction project upon its completion.
Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of engineering and construction of the Woodside Circle and Westwood Drive Sewer Project to include the properties on Westwood Drive, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore and, further, that, betterment assessments and/or sewer use fees shall be established, to the extent permitted by law, to cover the costs of this sewer construction project upon its completion. Voted 5-0

Summary – The proposal to include Westwood Drive to the Woodside Circle Sewer Project was estimated to raise the cost of the project to \$1,300,000 from the original appropriation of \$850,000. Although the article at the 12-11-06 Special Town Meeting cites the figure of \$1,300,000 only \$350,000 additional authorization was issued. This article is to correct the typographical error on the 12-11-06 Town Meeting warrant and ensure the Town has the correct authorization.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as recommended by the Finance Committee as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 72

8 BROOKFIELD ROAD APPRAISAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Town Administrator’s Purchase of Services Account #11232-52000 for the purpose of conducting a property appraisal on the town-owned parcel of land at 8 Brookfield Road; or taken any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,950.00) to the Town Administrator’s Purchase of Services Account #11232-52000 for the purpose of conducting a property appraisal on the town-owned parcel of land at 8 Brookfield Road; or taken any action in relation thereto. Voted 8-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article would provide funds for the Board of Selectmen to establish the value of the property at 8 Brookfield Road to determine whether to place this property for sale or to continue to own/lease it.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 73

POLICE LABOR CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY07 Salaries/Wages Account #12101-51120 and appropriate the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 00/100 (\$25,211.00) to the Police Department Salaries/Wages Account #12101-51325 to fund the FY06 salaries under the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0

Summary – This article funds the Police Labor Contract for FY06 (prior fiscal year) using funds available in the FY07 budget. There is sufficient funds in the FY07 budget due to vacancies to cover the costs of FY06 and FY07.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

