## Town of Sturbridge



# Two Hundred Seventy-Second Annual Town Meeting 

Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2011

7:00 P.M. April 26, 2010

Tantasqua Regional High School

## For Your Convenience

| Ambulance |  |
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| Emergency Only |  |
| Police Department | 911 |
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| Accountant, Main Street | $508-347-2502$ |
| Animal Control Officer, 346 Main Street | $508-347-2525$ |
| Assessors, Main Street | $508-347-2503$ |
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| Civil Defense, 346 Main Street | $508-347-2525$ |
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| Council on Aging | $508-347-7575$ |
| $\quad$ Senior Center, Main Street | $508-347-5063$ |
| Nutrition Site, 480 Main Street | $508-347-2516$ |
| DPW Director, New Boston Road | $508-347-2507$ |
| Engineering Department, Main Street | $508-347-2512$ |
| Joshua Hyde Public Library, Main Street | $508-347-2506$ |
| Parks \& Recreation Committee, Main Street | $508-347-2508$ |
| Planning Board, Main Street | $508-347-7041$ |
| School Department | $508-347-2514$ |
| Burgess Elementary School, Cedar Street | $508-347-2509$ |
| Sewerage Treatment Plant, Main Street | $508-347-2510$ |
| Tax Collector, Main Street | $508-347-2515$ |
| Town Clerk, Main Street | $508-347-2513$ |
| Town Garage, Main Street |  |
| Water Department, Rt. 20, Main Street |  |
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## TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2011

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# Report of the Finance Committee 

Fiscal Year 2011
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

## Greetings:

The Finance Committee is pleased to present to the residents of Sturbridge its recommendations for the Annual Budget and Town Meeting Warrant articles. With thanks, the Finance Committee wishes to acknowledge the support of the Finance Director, each Town department head, Sturbridge School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, the Tantasqua Regional School District Business Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Interim Town Administrator. Their respective roles proved vital to the development of this report.

The members of the Finance Committee hope that you find this report both informative and useful.

## Role and Responsibility of the Finance Committee

The Town's General Bylaws direct the Finance Committee to give recommendations that it deems best for the interests of the Town and its citizens on all department budgets, transfer requests, warrant articles, zoning articles and bylaw articles. The Finance Committee's goal is to give Town residents an objective viewpoint on all matters to be considered at Annual and Special Town Meetings. Our recommendations are intended to ensure the townspeople of Sturbridge are receiving the best mix of services for the amount of taxes being collected. Since the members of the Finance Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator, we act as a check and balance to the Town's elected boards and committees as well as those individuals, boards and committees appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

## Budget Highlights

As other communities along with the State consider ways to cut services, the Town of Sturbridge continues to weather the economic storm. While the downturn in the economy and cuts to state aid have had an effect on the Town, we still find ourselves in a much better position than others. In part, our ability to remain unscathed by the economic troubles surrounding us is due to a conservative outlook on expenditures, a lean general government structure, and an adherence to the Town's Fiscal Policies. Our ability to absorb the loss in revenue sources has been due to our large unallocated fund ("free cash") and stabilization fund balances. In essence, the Town has been using its savings to pay for its operating costs. As a result of this course of action, we saw our unallocated fund balance at its smallest level since 1991 with the onset of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget. The unallocated fund balance was certified at $\$ 488,443$; a decrease of $56 \%$ from the prior fiscal year. Although this may appear cause for concern, we are pursuing actions designed to increase free cash with this budget. However, due diligence must still be taken when we, as a community, consider any expenditure or borrowing.

With the proposed budget and warrant articles before you, the Finance Committee believes it is recommending a budget that meets the majority of the Town's needs in a financially prudent manner. Among other items, we are proposing the following:

- Increase of 3\% for non-union Town employees which is equivalent to the increase received by our union employees
- Continue with zero stipends for Town boards and committees
- Increase the Town Counsel budget based on past expenditures
- Increase the budget for the Center Office Building because it will be occupied starting in FY11
- Increase the Town Road Maintenance budget to make up for deferred expenditures from the past several fiscal years

Again this fiscal year, financial realities prevent us from proposing for some departments the funds they want and others the funds they need. For instance, an increase in the number of hours the Recreation Coordinator serves the Town is not recommended.

The Townspeople should also be aware the apparent $5.2 \%$ increase in the Burgess budget represents the Town restoring $\$ 387,482$ in spending that was paid through economic stimulus funding, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), in FY10. As you may recall, these onetime funds were transferred from the Education budget to the Reserve Fund. Those funds were then used, in part, to purchase two new fire trucks.

With regard to the comprehensive fiscal policies, the Town will again fall short of meeting one of its primary objectives. If the budget and warrant articles are voted as recommended by the Finance Committee, the combined balance of Free Cash and the Stabilization Fund will not be $7 \%-10 \%$ of the Town's overall budget. Instead, the combined reserves of $\$ 1,384,370$ are only $5.53 \%$ of the overall FY11 budget.

To rebuild the Town's reserves, one action we recommend is to use the community's full tax levying capacity to generate funds that will pass through to the unallocated fund balance for FY12. To maintain the financial stability the Town has experienced over the last decade, the Town should also continue the search for additional revenue streams to meet community goals rather than spend reserves or cut services.

As you will see on the back cover of this report, the tax rate for FY11 is projected to be $\$ 17.11$; an increase of $\$ 2.56$, or $17.6 \%$, over FY10. This increase is composed of three items: debt payments totaling $\$ 1,015,791$ for the Tantasqua Senior High construction, the Town Hall/Center Office Building renovation and the Burgess Elementary construction project; an increase of $\$ 610,109$ in the operating budget; and a decrease of $\$ 102$ million in projected assessed valuation. Without this reduction in projected assessed valuation, the projected FY11 property tax rate would have been $\$ 15.65$, representing a $\$ 1.10$ of the proposed increase. Please remember, the Town has no control over the assessed valuation but, instead, the value is dictated by marketplace fluctuations.

Please take the time to read through our entire report. Think carefully about the votes you will be asked to cast at the Town Meeting and the resulting effects on your community.

## Issues for Your Consideration

The following topics, which fit the theme of the "value of planning and foresight," deserve your consideration in shaping the future of Sturbridge:

## Health Care, Retirement, and Unfunded Liabilities

Like many municipalities in the Commonwealth, Sturbridge is allocating an increasing portion of its budget to pay for health insurance and retirement costs for its employees. Each of these line items increased more than $17 \%$ in the FY2011 budget and represent $4.9 \%$ and $2.8 \%$ of the FY2011 budget, respectively. According to a recent survey of 25 communities by the Boston Globe, the average amount of each municipal budget devoted to health care costs has increased from $8 \%$ in 2000 to $14 \%$ in 2010.

In this respect, Sturbridge can feel fortunate that we are below the average of even 10 years ago for these Greater Boston area communities. However, if recent double digit increases in these health care and retirement items continue, Sturbridge could end up in a similar situation.

While pension reform will require action at the state level, Sturbridge does have some degree of control over its health care costs. Of course, an unknown factor is the effect of the recently passed America's Affordable Health Care Act of 2009. One recommendation that was made by two independent Massachusetts study groups was that more municipalities adopt the state-sponsored GIC health insurance program, which generally has higher co-payments and lower costs. For example, in 2006, voters in Weston passed a $\$ 1.1$ million Proposition $21 / 2$ override, which was primarily due to an $80 \%$ increase in health care costs over a four year period. In 2009, Weston was facing another override, but ultimately avoided this step and saved $\$ 1.7$ million in the first year by having its unionized employees switch to GIC. It has been estimated that Boston could save $\$ 8$ million by making the same switch. While these are much bigger communities and the savings in Sturbridge would not be as great, these are examples of a change that could be considered by both parties in future contract negotiations. This would result in a savings to the employees for their share of the monthly premium, although the out-of-pocket costs would likely be higher for those who actually use the insurance.

According to survey in February 2010 by the Pew Center on the States, a non-partisan research group, Massachusetts is one of eight states that lacked funding for more than one-third of its pension liabilities. Such unfunded liabilities can reduce the bond ratings of states and municipalities, with a corresponding increase in borrowing costs.

## Impact of Meals and Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue

At the October 19, 2009 Special Town Meeting, the Finance Committee recommended and the Town passed, by an overwhelming majority, a local meals tax as well as a small increase in the hotel tax. The meals tax is .0075 , or 75 cents on a $\$ 100$ bill. The hotel tax increased from $4 \%$ to $6 \%$, which represents a $\$ 2.00$ increase on a $\$ 100$ bill. For Sturbridge, the Massachusetts

Department of Revenue projected approximately $\$ 450,000$ in revenue from both taxes in the first year.

For municipalities that adopted the meals tax prior to Sturbridge, the revenue collected is exceeding the amount that the Department of Revenue had predicted for those communities. At this time, 73 towns have now adopted either or both of these taxes, and all of them report revenues exceeding the State's projections.
(In Sturbridge, both taxes took effect on January 1, 2010. The first three-month revenue report will be tallied after March 31, prior to the printing deadline of this Report.)

The Finance Committee will keep track of the revenues from the meals and hotel occupancy taxes and state the results in next year's Report.

## Facilities Management

In a prior Finance Committee Report, we recommended that the Town look into contracting with a facility maintenance service to evaluate and make recommendations on Town building conditions and problems. The Finance Committee again suggests that a system or personnel be put into place to manage these buildings. To date, the status quo remains, except for the schools where a Facilities Manager position was created then eliminated. With significant changes and investment in our Town buildings, the Finance Committee strongly advises that action on this issue is more important than ever to support and protect these capital improvements. The Town Hall/Center Office Building Committee has already recommended that an on-going preventive maintenance program be established for each renovated structure, which the Finance Committee wholeheartedly endorses.

The Finance Committee urges the Town to pursue a comprehensive approach. There is no single plan or person coordinating the maintenance and repairs of these very important buildings. As things now stand, it remains the responsibility of the Council on Aging Director to manage the Senior Center; the Library Director for the Library; the Fire Chief for the Safety Complex; Sturbridge Nursery School (tenant) for its building on Main Street; Mass Motion (tenant) for 8 Brookfield Road; the Tantasqua Regional School District for the Junior and Senior High Schools (Sturbridge financial contribution only); the Sturbridge School Committee for Burgess Elementary School; and the Town Administrator for the Town Hall, Center Office Building and DPW Garage.

Several matters have occurred this year that bring that heighten our concern:

- The newly renovated Town Hall and Center Office Building should be problem-free, making it prudent to put a preventive plan in place now. The Town should develop a plan to use Community Preservation Act funds for building maintenance.
- The expenditures to renovate and expand Burgess Elementary should be protected by a maintenance program that is in place on the day the construction work is completed.
- The remaining buildings are old. Each requires specialized knowledge for preventive maintenance and repair. The Nursery School and the Safety Complex are two good
examples. Since 2006, the Nursery School has been appropriated $\$ 23,950$ for various repairs that could have been less costly if addressed much sooner. The Safety Complex continues to experience several issues: a closed kitchen; a relatively new roof that leaks; leaking drains, a compromised heating/HVAC system; and ADA noncompliance issues.

These situations run deeper than handyman kind of fixes. The service provider must understand structures, building systems and materials.

By consolidating this responsibility, cost savings would be achieved through bulk purchases and comprehensive maintenance contracts. Regular review of systems and structures would reduce the long-term cost of otherwise unaddressed problems, through preventive maintenance and attention to safety issues in timely fashion.

## Department Budget Review

To gain a better understanding of the complexities and the changes that occur in the larger departmental budgets, the Finance Committee is conducting an in-depth analysis over the next several fiscal years. These more complex departments include the Fire, Police, Department of Public Works, Landfill and Schools, which represent more than 74\% of the FY2011 Sturbridge operating budget (including road maintenance, snow removal and excluding Tantasqua Regional School District debt).

The first four of these departments continually experience changes in scheduling, equipment, training and vehicles. Fortunately, Sturbridge has seen low turnover in staffing for these departments, which reduces the expenses normally seen when there is high turnover-advertising, overtime, and training. However, scheduling, supplies, training and service contracts are impacted with the continual increase in demand, responsibilities and technology experienced by each department.

In recent years, the Finance Committee completed a review of the Police Department budget. Now, because of the recent implementation of paramedic service, the Fire Department is being reviewed.

To this end, several issues are addressed:

- Current ISO rating (The ISO rating is used by insurance companies to calculate how much you will be charged for fire insurance on your home or business.)
- Staffing:
- Part-time
- Full-time
- On-call
- Overtime hours for personnel
- Paramedic service
- Dive Team
- Emergency Management
- Equipment \& Supplies
- Vehicles:
- Budgetary consequences of the 2 trucks to be delivered in later 2010
- Insurance coverage
- Operational life span

By conducting these departmental reviews, the Finance Committee aims to identify budget priorities reflecting the best use of funds so that high quality public safety and services are continued. While not responsible for the oversight of direct departmental management, the Finance Committee, working with the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen, seeks to derive maximum value for the Townspeople.

## Discussion with the Board of Selectmen of Finance Committee Report

Each year, the Finance Committee authors several essays that it publishes in the annual Finance Committee Report. This essay is one such example. The essays cover a wide variety of timely subjects that the Finance Committee believes warrant your attention. Some are financial in nature and some are much broader in scope. The Finance Committee hopes and expects that they are also considered by our Board of Selectmen, Town employees, and the elected and appointed Town office holders.

That is why the Finance Committee still wishes to meet on a scheduled basis the Board of Selectmen to discuss our Report in greater detail, beginning this Fall.

## Warrant Articles

All recommendations and explanatory comments concerning the Warrant Articles of both the Annual and Special Town Meetings are contained in this report under the respective Warrant headings. In addition, for your information, the Finance Committee's recommendations on each article include its vote.

## Accounting System

Consistent with the prior five fiscal years, the FY11 budget summary is formatted under the Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System (UMAS) standard.

## Meeting Schedule

The Town Meeting agenda includes the review and voting of the FY 2011 line item budget (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011), 22 Annual Meeting Warrant Articles, and 5 Special Meeting Warrant Articles. The Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Tantasqua Regional High School Auditorium on Monday, April 26, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

## Sturbridge Finance Committee

Kevin Smith, Chair<br>Michael Serio, Vice-Chair<br>Patricia Affenito, Clerk<br>Prescott Arndt<br>Mary Dowling<br>Laurance Morrison<br>Mary Redetzke<br>Robert Williams<br>(1 vacancy)





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| Elections \& Registration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11621-51100 | Board Salaries | 343 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 36 |
| 11621-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 8,861 | 5,000 | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,500 | 5,500 | 110.0\% |  | 37 |
|  | Total Salary | 9,204 | 5,300 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 5,500 | 103.8\% |  |  |
| 11622-52000 | Purchase of Services | 7,600 | 8,400 | 9,825 | 9,825 | 9,825 | 1,425 | 17.0\% |  | 38 |
| 11622-54000 | Supplies | 796 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 39 |
|  | Total Expenses | 8,396 | 9,200 | 10,625 | 10,625 | 10,625 | 1,425 | 15.5\% |  |  |
|  | Elections \& Registration Total | 17,600 | 14,500 | 21,425 | 21,425 | 21,425 | 6,925 | 47.8\% |  |  |
| Conservation Commission |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11711-51100 | Board Salaries | 823 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 40 |
| 11711-51120 | Department Head Salary | 41,200 | 42,436 | 43,709 | 43,709 | 43,709 | 1,273 |  |  | 41 |
| 11711-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 6,864 | 7,447 | 7,670 | 7,670 | 7,670 | 223 | 3.0\% |  | 42 |
|  | Total Salary | 48,887 | 49,883 | 51,379 | 51,379 | 51,379 | 1,496 | 3.0\% |  |  |
| 11712-52000 | Purchase of Services | 5,621 | 7,950 | 6,720 | 6,720 | 6,720 | -1,230 | -15.5\% |  | 43 |
| 11712-54000 | Supplies | 707 | 1,000 | 900 | 900 | 900 | -100 | -10.0\% |  | 44 |
| 11712-57000 | Other Charges | 0 | 500 | 490 | 490 | 490 | -10 | -2.0\% |  | 45 |
|  | Total Expenses | 6,328 | 9,450 | 8,110 | 8,110 | 8,110 | -1,340 | -14.2\% |  |  |
|  | Conservation Commission Total | 55,215 | 59,333 | 59,489 | 59,489 | 59,489 | 156 | 0.3\% |  |  |
| Town Planner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11751-51100 | Board Salaries | 480 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 46 |
| 11751-51120 | Department Head Salary | 65,018 | 66,969 | 68,978 | 68,978 | 68,978 | 2,009 | 3.0\% |  | 47 |
| 11751-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 18,677 | 19,248 | 19,828 | 19,828 | 19,828 | 580 | 3.0\% |  | 48 |
|  | Total Salary | 84,175 | 86,217 | 88,806 | 88,806 | 88,806 | 2,589 | 3.0\% |  |  |
| 11752-52000 | Purchase of Services | 5,004 | 12,520 | 11,720 | 11,720 | 11,720 | -800 | -6.4\% |  | 49 |
| 11752-54000 | Supplies/Expenses | 1,692 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 50 |
| 11752-56000 | Intergovernmental | 1,843 | 1,890 | 1,889 | 1,889 | 1,889 | -1 | -0.1\% |  | 51 |
| 11752-57000 | Other Charges | 430 | 760 | 760 | 760 | 760 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 52 |
|  | Total Expenses | 8,969 | 17,470 | 16,669 | 16,669 | 16,669 | -801 | -4.6\% |  |  |
|  | Planning Department Total | 93,144 | 103,687 | 105,475 | 105,475 | 105,475 | 1,788 | 1.7\% |  |  |


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| Board of Health |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15101-51100 | Board Salaries | 944 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 114 |
| 15101-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 66,034 | 68,019 | 70,060 | 70,060 | 70,060 | 2,041 | 3.0\% |  | 115 |
|  | Total Salary | 66,978 | 68,019 | 70,060 | 70,060 | 70,060 | 2,041 | 3.0\% |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15102-52000 \\ & 15102-54000 \\ & 15102-57000 \end{aligned}$ | Purchase of Services | 476 | 1,820 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 320 | 17.6\% | $116$ |  |
|  | Supplies | 1,284 1,800 |  | 2,050 | 2,050 | 2,050 | 250 13.9\% |  | $\square \quad$117 <br> 118 |  |
| 15102-57000 | Other Charges Total Expenses | 1,1812,941 | 4,925 | 5,495 | 1,305 | 1,305 | 0 | 0.0\% |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 5,495 | 5,495 | 570 | 11.6\% |  |  |
|  | Board of Health Total | 69,919 | 72,944 | 75,555 | 75,555 | 75,555 | 2,611 | 3.6\% |  |  |
| 15152-53850 | Health Care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Harrington Preventive | 2,353 | 3,880 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 120 | 3.1\% |  | 119 |
|  | Total ExpensesHealth Care Total | 2,353 | 3,880 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 120 | 3.1\% |  |  |
|  |  | 2,353 | 3,880 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 120 | 3.1\% |  |  |
| Inspections \& Testing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15202-53120 | Lake Testing | 0 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 120 |
| 15202-53150 | Public Accommodation Inspector | 11,605 | 13,390 | 13,390 | 13,390 | 13,390 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 121 |
| 15202-53160 | Barn Inspection | 651 | 651 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -651 | -100.0\% |  | 122 |
| 15202-53170 | Septic Inspection | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $-1,000$ | -100.0\% |  | 123 |
| 15202-53180 | Plumbing Inspector | 6,835 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 124 |
| 15202-53130 | Pool Inspector | 1,775 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 125 |
|  | Total Expenses | 20,866 | 18,171 | 16,520 | 16,520 | 16,520 | $-1,651$ | -9.1\% |  |  |
|  | Inspections \& Testing Total | 20,866 | 18,171 | 16,520 | 16,520 | 16,520 | -1,651 | -9.1\% |  |  |
| Council on Aging |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15411-51120 | Department Head Salary | 43,969 | 45,288 | 46,647 | 46,647 | 46,647 | 1,359 | 3.0\% |  | 126 |
| 15411-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 38,751 | 39,848 | 40,970 | 40,970 | 40,970 | 1,122 | 2.8\% |  | 127 |
|  | Total Salary | 82,720 | 85,136 | 87,617 | 87,617 | 87,617 | 2,481 | 2.9\% |  |  |
| 15412-52000 | Purchase of Services | 2,047 | 2,446 | 2,346 | 2,346 | 2,346 | -100 | -4.1\% |  | 128 |
| 15412-53010 | Intergovernmental | 1,421 | 1,421 | 1,421 | 1,421 | 1,421 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 129 |
| 15412-54000 | Supplies | 1,500 | 1,350 | 1,350 | 1,350 | 1,350 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 130 |
| 15412-57000 | Other Charges | 1,350 | 1,375 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 125 | 9.1\% |  | 131 |
| 15412-57110 | Medical Transportation | 435 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 132 |
|  | Total Expenses | 6,753 | 8,592 | 8,617 | 8,617 | 8,617 | 25 | 0.3\% |  |  |
|  | Council on Aging Total | 89,473 | 93,728 | 96,234 | 96,234 | 96,234 | 2,506 | 2.7\% |  |  |


| ACCOUNT NUMBER | DEPARTMENT | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACTUAL } \\ \text { EXPENDED } \\ \text { FY09 } \end{array}$ | ACCEPTED BUDGET FY10 | ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMEND FY11 | SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FY11 | FINCOMRECOMMENDFY11 | VARIANCEFINCOM VS FY10 |  |  | ADOPTED TOWN |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \% |  | MEETING |  |
|  | Veterans' Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15431-51120 | Department Head Salary | 3,092 | 3,185 | 3,281 | 3,281 | 3,281 | 96 |  | 3.0\% |  | 133 |
|  | Total Salary | 3,092 | 3,185 | 3,281 | 3,281 | 3,281 | 96 |  | 3.0\% |  |  |
| 15432-52000 | Purchase of Services | 0 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 134 |
| 15432-54000 | Supplies | 84 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 135 |
| 15432-54100 | American Legion | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 136 |
| 15432-54400 | Memorial/Veterans' Day | 2,501 | 2,650 | 2,650 | 2,650 | 2,650 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 137 |
| 15432-57000 | Other Charges | 318 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 138 |
| 15432-57700 | Veterans' Benefits | 6,006 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 139 |
|  | Total Expenses | 10,309 | 9,625 | 9,625 | 9,625 | 9,625 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  |  |
|  | Veterans' Services Total | 13,401 | 12,810 | 12,906 | 12,906 | 12,906 | 96 |  | 0.7\% |  |  |
|  | Joshua Hyde Library |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16101-51120 | Department Head Salary | 60,101 | 61,904 | 61,710 | 61,710 | 61,710 | -194 |  | -0.3\% |  | 140 |
| 16101-51130 | Salaries/Wages | 189,088 | 200,511 | 206,067 | 206,067 | 206,067 | 5,556 |  | 2.8\% |  | 141 |
|  | Total Salary | 249,189 | 262,415 | 267,777 | 267,777 | 267,777 | 5,362 |  | 2.0\% |  |  |
| 16102-52000 | Purchase of Services | 14,206 | 14,735 | 13,313 | 13,313 | 13,313 | -1,422 |  | -9.7\% |  | 142 |
| 16102-54000 | Supplies | 2,943 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 143 |
| 16102-55820 | Library Supplies | 73,940 | 75,646 | 76,166 | 76,166 | 76,166 | 520 |  | 0.7\% |  | 144 |
| 16102-57000 | Other Charges | 1,225 | 1,100 | 1,675 | 1,675 | 1,675 | 575 |  | 52.3\% |  | 145 |
|  | Total Expenses | 92,314 | 94,481 | 94,154 | 94,154 | 94,154 | -327 |  | -0.3\% |  |  |
|  | Joshua Hyde Library Total | 341,503 | 356,896 | 361,931 | 361,931 | 361,931 | 5,035 |  | 1.4\% |  |  |
| 16301-51130 | Recreation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries/Wages | 37,719 | 38,311 | 38,925 | 38,925 | 38,925 | 614 |  | 1.6\% |  | 146 |
|  | Total Salary | 37,719 | 38,311 | 38,925 | 38,925 | 38,925 | 614 |  | 1.6\% |  |  |
| 16302-52000 | Purchase of Services | 7,219 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 147 |
| 16302-54000 | Supplies | 1,797 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 148 |
| 16302-56320 | Team Sports | 7,491 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 149 |
| 16302-57000 | Other Charges | 100 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  | 150 |
|  | Total Expenses | 16,607 | 18,910 | 18,910 | 18,910 | 18,910 | 0 |  | 0.0\% |  |  |
|  | Recreation Total | 54,326 | 57,221 | 57,835 | 57,835 | 57,835 | 614 |  | 1.1\% |  |  |








# TOWN OF STURBRIDGE <br> WARRANT FOR <br> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING <br> Tantasqua Regional High School <br> Monday, April 26, 2010 <br> 7:00 PM 

## ARTICLE 1 <br> TOWN REPORTS

To hear the reports of the several Boards and Town Officials and any other Committee that may be ready; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This article is the acceptance of all reports as included in the Annual Town Report. The Town Meeting usually defers the actual reading of the reports as they are provided in a printed format.

## ARTICLE 2 <br> COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2011; and further to reserve for future appropriation amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition and preservation of historic resources, and a sum of a money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - The CPA Committee is required to submit a report to Town Meeting on the proposed use of CPA Funds. The CPA Committee Report is an appendix to this Finance Committee Report.

## ARTICLE 3

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - STURBRIDGE TRAILS COMMITTEE
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Act funds the sum of THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE AND 50/100 DOLLARS $(\$ 34,933.50)$ for the purpose of funding the Sturbridge Trails Committee FY2011 funding request; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

## 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 Community Preservation Act funds requested by the Trails Committee are to accomplish the following: Heins Farm trail marking; River Lands culvert replacement; Leadmine Mount Arbutus loop trail construction; and River Lands boundary marking.

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## 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 - These funds would be used to provide operating and administrative expenses for the Community Preservation Committee, including legal expenses, appraisal reports and general office supplies as well as other general administrative expenses.

## ARTICLE 5

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - STURBRIDGE TRAILS MASTER PLAN
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of funding $94.6 \%$ of the cost of a Trails Master Plan, not to exceed FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00); or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-1$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This article seeks the funds to hire a consultant to develop a comprehensive plan for constructing, marketing and maintaining the trail systems on Town properties.

## ARTICLE 6 <br> TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money as may be necessary to pay the Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and vote to fix salary and compensation of all elected officials of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, effective July 1, 2010; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6 - 0 .

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0. (Except Police Department where vote was 4-0-1 abstention.)

Summary - This article is for the approval of the Town and School operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2011. The budgets are voted on separately and are categorized using the Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System (UMAS). Sturbridge votes appropriations by line item.

## ARTICLE 7 <br> WATER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise, through the fixing and collection of just and equitable prices and rate set by the Board of Selectmen (acting as Water Commissioners), and appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE AND 52/100 DOLLARS (\$755,765.52) for the expenses of the Water Department as follows:

| Contract Operations | $\$$ | $420,527.52$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Electricity | $\$$ | $92,294.00$ |
| Chemicals, Testing and Propane | $\$$ | $7,700.00$ |
| DPW Director | $\$$ | $10,434.00$ |
| Meter Maintenance | $\$$ | $7,900.00$ |
| Billing Expense | $\$$ | $4,900.00$ |
| Legal/Administrative Expense | $\$$ | $10,000.00$ |
| Debt Service | $\$$ | $128,210.00$ |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | $\$$ | $14,800.00$ |
| Short-term Interest | $\$$ | $50,000.00$ |
| Capital Replacement | $\$$ | $9,000.00$ |
|  |  |  |
| Total: | $\$$ | $755,765.52$ |

Or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Board of Selectmen/DPW Director

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This budget represents a decrease from the FY10 budget of \$33,357; a decrease of $4.2 \%$. The acceptance of this article is not expected to affect the water

## ARTICLE 8 <br> SEWER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise, through the fixing and collection of just and equitable prices and rate set by the Board of Selectmen (Acting as Sewer Commissioners), and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO AND 05/100 DOLLARS ( $\$ 1,195,982.05$ ) for the expenses of the Sewer Department as follows:

| Contract Operations | $\$ 326,732.05$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Electricity | $\$ 233,500.00$ |
| Chemicals and Testing | $\$ 48,554.00$ |
| DPW Director | $\$ 10,433.00$ |
| Billing Expense | $\$ 4,900.00$ |
| Legal/Administrative Expense | $\$ 25,000.00$ |
| Debt Service | $\$ 111,488.00$ |
| Southbridge Fees | $\$ 150,000.00$ |
| Short-Term Interest | $\$ 100,000.00$ |
| Liquid Sludge Handling | $\$ 157,875.00$ |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | $\$ 27,500.00$ |

Total:
\$1,195,982.05
Or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Board of Selectmen/DPW Director

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6 - 0 .

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This budget is a decrease over the FY10 budget of $\$ 17,993$ or $1.5 \%$. The acceptance of this article is not expected to affect the sewer rate.


#### Abstract

ARTICLE 9 SEWER PROJECT DEBT To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$216,331.00) from the F/B Reserved For Phase II Betterment Account \#28440-35825 to Phase II Debt Account \#28440-59100, THREE HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS $(\$ 349,563.00)$ from the F/B Reserved for Phase III Betterment Account \#28440-35826 to Phase III Debt Account \#28440-59300: ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$113,713.00) from F/B Reserved for Cedar Lake Betterment Account \#28440-35827 to Cedar Lake Sewer Debt Account \#28440-59200; ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS ( $\$ 154,464.00$ ) from F/B Reserved for Big Alum Betterment Account \#28440-35823 to Big Alum Sewer Debt Account \#28440-59220; SIXTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$62,280.00) from F/B Reserved for Woodside/Westwood Betterment Account \#28440-35829 to Woodside/Westwood Sewer Debt Account \#28440-59230 for the purpose of paying the debt service due on these sewer projects for FY11, or take any action in relation thereto.


Sponsor: Finance Director

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6 - 0.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This warrant article appropriates the funds necessary to pay debt service on the several sewer projects the Town of Sturbridge has undertaken over the past decade. These debt service payments are repaid through betterment assessments from the property owners within the specific sewer projects and are not supported by either general property taxes or other sewer customers through the sewer rate. (Note: F/B means fund balance.)

## ARTICLE 10 <br> COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DEBT SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Reserved for Open Space, SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS $(\$ 68,360.00)$ for the purpose of paying the debt service for the Heins Farm Acquisition; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS ( $\$ 115,825.00$ ) for the purpose of paying the debt service for the OSV Land Acquisition; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund - Undesignated Fund Balance, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS ( $\$ 130,250.00$ ) for the purpose of paying the debt service for the Stallion Hill/Holland Road Land Acquisition; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director and CPA Committee

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This article provides the appropriation to pay the costs (from the Community Preservation Fund) for previously approved debt issuances for the acquisition of open space known as the Heins Farm, OSV parcels and Stallion Hill/Holland Road parcels.

## ARTICLE 11 ZONING BYLAWS - ADOPTION OF EXPEDITED PERMITTING (2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Expedited Permitting bylaw by adding Chapter Twenty-six to the Sturbridge Zoning Bylaws, as follows:

## CHAPTER TWENTY SIX Expedited Permitting MGL Ch 43D

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43D of Mass General Law as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the acts of 2006, the Town of Sturbridge has established an expedited permitting process on sites that have been designated as Priority Development Sites (PDS) in accordance with the statute. Review and development on these sites will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the statute and with local regulations.

### 26.1. General.

The municipal point of contact for streamlined permitting under this regulation is the Sturbridge Town Planner. The Town Planner will assist in determining what permits are necessary for each project presented, and will review each application on behalf of the governing body to determine, within 20 days, whether the application is complete.

### 26.2. Review Periods

Priority development permit reviews and final decisions shall be completed within 180 days, subject to the opportunity for extension described herein. The time period shall begin the day after the issuance of the notice that the application materials are complete pursuant to clause (e) of G.L. c. 43D §4.

The governing body shall notify the applicant in writing within 20 business days from receipt of the completed form of additional information needed or requirements that it may have. The resubmission of the application or the submission of such additional information required by the governing body shall commence a new 30-day period for review of the additional information. If, at any time, an issuing authority determines that a permit or other predevelopment review is required which it did not previously identify, it shall immediately notify the applicant by certified mail and shall where public notice and comment or hearings are not required complete action on the application filed for the previously unidentified permit within 30 days of receipt of the completed application or not later than the latest required decision date for a pending permit, whichever is later. Where public notice and comment or hearing are required for the previously unidentified permit, the required action date shall be not later than 30 days from the later of the close of the hearing or comment period, which shall be scheduled to commence as quickly as publication allows. The failure of the governing body to notify an applicant of the requirement of a public hearing or comment period shall not constitute a waiver of the requirement.

The 180 day time period may be waived or extended for good cause upon written request of the applicant with the consent of the governing body or upon written request of the issuing authority with the consent of the applicant. The 180-day period may be extended for up to 30 days by the governing body in the event an additional permit or other predevelopment review is required in accordance with subsection (c) of G.L. c. 43D §5, if the requirement for the previously unidentified permit or review has been determined no less than 150 days after the issuance of the notice of completeness. The 180 day time period shall be extended when the issuing authority determines either: (1) that action by another federal, state or municipal government agency is required before the issuing authority may act; (2) that judicial proceedings affect the ability of the issuing authority or applicant to proceed with the application; or (3) that enforcement proceedings that could result in revocation of an existing permit for that facility or activity and denial of the application have been commenced. In those circumstances, the issuing authority shall provide written notification to the secretary. When the reason for the extension is no longer applicable, the issuing authority shall immediately notify the applicant, and shall
complete its decision within the time period specified in this section, beginning the day after the notice is issued.

An issuing authority may not use lack of time for review as a basis for denial of a permit if the applicant has provided a complete application and met all other obligations in accordance with this chapter.

### 26.3. Project Review

Projects submitted in accordance with this regulation shall complete a Priority Development Site - Streamlined Permit Application and shall also comply with the submission requirements for each permit determined necessary by the Town Planner, as established through bylaws, laws and regulations. However, a Community Fiscal Impact Assessment, Stormwater Management Plan, and a Traffic Study will be required in all cases.

Pre-filing and Issue Reviews: The applicant is encouraged to request a pre-filing review of the application to assist in formulation of a complete application. The applicant may also request reviews at any time with specific departments to aid in resolution of any issues with the application. Said reviews shall be requested through the Town Planner. Said reviews are not intended to be "Advisory or Technical Reviews" as referenced in the statute. Each project shall undergo the permitting processes as identified by the Town Planner and/or prescribed by law or local regulation. Every effort shall be made to conduct joint permit hearings

### 26.4. Fees

The applicant shall submit fees for each permit that has been determined necessary by the Town Planner, as already established by existing bylaws, laws and regulations.

### 26.5. Automatic Grant of Approval

Failure by any issuing authority to take final action on a permit or approval within the 180-day period or extended time, if applicable, shall be considered a grant of the relief requested of that authority. In that event, within 14 days after the date of expiration of the time period, the applicant shall file an affidavit with the city or town clerk, attaching the application, setting forth the facts giving rise to the grant and stating that notice of the grant has been mailed, by certified mail, to all parties to the proceedings and all persons entitled to notice of hearing in connection with the application. The grant shall not occur where: (1) the governing body has made a timely determination that the application is not complete in accordance with its requirements and notified the applicant as set forth herein and the applicant has not made a timely response to complete the application; (2) the governing body has determined that the final application contained false or misleading information; or (3) the governing body has determined that substantial changes to the project affect the information required to process the permit application have occurred since the filing of the application.

### 26.6. Consolidated and streamlined appeals.

Appeals of issuing authority decisions or automatic grants of approval must be filed in accordance with G.L. c. 43D §10, within 20 days of the last permit issued or within 20 days of the 180 day expiration, whichever is later. All appeals must be consolidated and filed within the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) within 20 days. The consolidated appeal does not apply to wetlands. DALA shall render appeals decisions within 90 days and aggrieved parties may further appeal to the Superior Court within 20 days of the DALA decision.

### 26.7. Transfers, renewals, permit modification requests, expiration

Permits shall not transfer automatically to successors in title, unless the permit expressly allows the transfer without the approval of the issuing authority. Issuing authorities having substantive jurisdiction over permit issuance may develop procedures for simplified permit renewals and annual reporting requirements. If the procedures are not developed, renewals of permits shall be governed by the same procedures and timelines as specified in conjunction with this chapter. Issuing authorities shall make reasonable effort to review permit modification requests within as short a period as is feasible to maintain the integrity of the expedited permitting process. An issuing authority shall inform an applicant within 20 business days of receipt of a request whether the modification is approved, denied, determined to be substantial or additional information is required by the issuing authority in order to issue a decision. If additional information is required, the issuing authority shall inform an applicant within 20 business days after receipt of the required additional information whether the modification is approved or denied or that additional information is still required by the issuing authority in order to render a decision. In cases in which the issuing authority determines that a requested modification is substantial, the original review period for permit categories as set forth in section 5 shall apply. Permits issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire 5 years from the date of the expiration of the applicable appeal period unless exercised sooner. Where permits cover multiple buildings, commencement and continuation of construction of 1 building shall preserve the permit validity. Changes in the law subsequent to the issuance of permits based upon the priority proposal shall not invalidate the permits or review certificates. Nothing in this section shall limit the effectiveness of G.L. c.40A §6.

Sponsor: Planning Board

## 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 incorporates the language of MGL Ch. 43D into the Town of Sturbridge's Zoning Bylaws as Chapter 26. The bylaw will streamline the approval process of proposed developments by having the entire process completed within 180 days.

## ARTICLE 12 <br> BYLAWS - RENUMBERING OF CHAPTER ONE

To see if the Town will vote to re-number the general bylaws in Chapter One of the General Bylaws by numbering the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee section, adopted under Article 74 from the 2009 Special Town Meeting, from the current section 1.90 to section 1.95, with Purpose as 1.96 and Membership as 1.97 ; or act on anything relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6 - 0.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This housekeeping article restructures Chapter One of the Town's General Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 13

## REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to re-establish the following Revolving Funds as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E¹⁄2:

| Revolving | $\underline{\text { Purpose }}$ | $\frac{\text { Funds to be }}{\text { Deposited From }}$ | $\frac{\text { Authorized }}{\text { to Expend }}$ | $\underline{\text { Funds }}$ <br> Rund |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

programs and
Table Tennis Club

| HazMat Cleanup | To address hazardous materials spills and provide the Fire Department the means to bill insurance companies and refurbish supplies used in HazMat spills | Insurance proceeds and other proceeds received by the HazMat Team for services | Fire Chief | \$10,000.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board of Health | Payment for staff required to service large events such as festivals and fairs, initial restaurant consultations and restaurant inspections beyond two per year and public health emergencies. | Temporary permits and licenses, fines levied by the BOH and fees for initial restaurant consultations and excess food service inspections up to \$7,000. | Board of Health | \$10,000.00 |
| Senior Center | Payment to instructors, presenters, service providers, supplies for special programs and repairs | Program fees, private sponsorship, donations and participation fees | Council on Aging | \$10,000.00 |
| Planning <br> Department | GIS support services | Mapping services | Town Planner | \$10,000.00 |
| Public Lands | Development and implementation of forestry management plans, trail development \& maintenance, signage, trail maps, | Forestry management and donations. | Conservation Commission | \$20,000.00 |

construction of foot
bridges, purchase of supplies and development of access for public use, educational purposes and general maintenance of open space parcels owned by the Town.

| Sturbridge Tourist | All and any costs associated with | Revenue generated | Sturbridge <br> Tourist | \$20,000.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Association | planning, | through tourist | Association |  |
|  | promoting or | events and |  |  |
|  | implementing | promotions; |  |  |
|  | Sturbridge tourist related events; a | program fees and donations. |  |  |
|  | portion of the |  |  |  |
|  | operating costs |  |  |  |
|  | associated with the |  |  |  |
|  | Tourist Information |  |  |  |
|  | Center. |  |  |  |

Or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Finance 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 re-establishes and provides spending authority for the Town's Revolving Funds. The annual accounting and balance of the revolving funds is included as an appendix to the Finance Committee's Report.

## ARTICLE 14 <br> STURBRIDGE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Hotel/Motel Special Account to the Sturbridge Tourist Association Account sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTYAND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$80,770.00) for the following items:

| Administration (telephone, postage, internet) | $\$$ | $2,000.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Advertising, Printing \& Production | $\$$ | $30,000.00$ |
| Special Events | $\$$ | $20,000.00$ |
| Marketing | $\$$ | $17,500.00$ |
| General Grounds/Maintenance | $\$$ | $5,000.00$ |
| Community Support | $\$$ | $6,270.00$ |
| Total |  |  |
|  | $\$$ | $80,770.00$ |

Or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Sturbridge Tourist Association

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-1-1.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Recommendation to be provided at Town Meeting.

Summary - This budget is for marketing the community for tourism. The revenues come from a $6 \%$ hotel/motel tax, which is split with $67.5 \%$ going to the General Fund, $16.25 \%$ used for funding STA and $16.25 \%$ used for the Betterment Committee.

## ARTICLE 15 <br> BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Hotel/Motel Special Account to the Betterment Account the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$80,770.00) for the following items:

| Flower Barrels | $\$$ | $2,100.00$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Landscaping at Senior Center | $\$$ | 500.00 |
| Landscaping at Library |  | $2,500.00$ |
| Tree Maintenance | $6,800.00$ |  |
| Town Common Tree Maintenance | $3,500.00$ |  |


| Tree Planting | $1,500.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Street Landscaping | 750.00 |
| Public Restroom Maintenance | $6,890.00$ |
| Scientific Gas Detection Meters | $4,200.00$ |
| Automated Live Scan Fingerprint System | $15,000.00$ |
| Special Event Overtime | $10,000.00$ |
| Recreation Water Treatment | $1,700.00$ |
| Replace Basketball Hoops | 376.00 |
| Replace Ping Pong Tables | 605.00 |
| Air Hockey Table | 111.00 |
| Beach Sand | $4,650.00$ |
| Summer Concert Series | $3,000.00$ |
| Replace Holiday Tree Lights | $1,788.00$ |
| Environmental Permitting - Grand Trunk | $6,000.00$ |
| Trail - DCR Grant |  |
| Environmental Permitting - Grand Trunk | $8,200.00$ |
| Trail - Federal TEA Grant | 600.00 |
| Trail Tools |  |
|  | $80,770.00$ |

Or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Betterment Committee

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0-1.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

> Summary - The revenues come from a $6 \%$ hotel/motel tax, which is split with $67.5 \%$ going to the General Fund, $16.25 \%$ used for funding the Sturbridge Tourist Association and $16.25 \%$ used for the Betterment Committee. The Betterment Committee uses the tax revenues for public safety, recreation and beautification of the community.

## ARTICLE 16 <br> CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS
$(\$ 118,502.00)$ to the Capital Improvement Account for the purpose of funding various items from the capital improvement plan to be undertaken for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010:

| Computer Replacements | $\$$ | $9,000.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Public Safety Copier | $\$$ | $9,000.00$ |
| Police Computers | $\$$ | $1,500.00$ |
| Library Carpet Tiles - Adult area | $\$$ | $20,206.00$ |
| Council on Aging Copier | $\$$ | $5,000.00$ |
| Council on Aging - Light weight tables | $\$$ | $1,700.00$ |
| Board of Health - Crown Victoria expense | $\$$ | $1,000.00$ |
| Board of Assessors - Pickup truck expense | $\$$ | $1,000.00$ |
| DPW Small 4 X 4 Pickup Truck | $\$$ | $20,000.00$ |
| Police Firearms | $\$$ | $8,000.00$ |
| Police Cruiser | $\$$ | $37,000.00$ |
| Fire Scott Air Cylinders | $\$$ | $5,096.00$ |
|  | $\$$ | $118,502.00$ |

or take any action in relation thereto.
Sponsor: Capital Planning Committee

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6-0-1.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

> Summary - This budget provides for the highest rated capital needs for the Town. The Town uses a ten-factor rating system where each capital request is rated between 0 and 100 . The ten factors are public safety and health, infrastructure needs, quantity of use, efficiency of services, legal requirements, public support, personnel impacts, service impacts, budgetary constraints, and administrative needs.

ARTICLE 17
GENERAL BYLAW - STA MEMBERSHIP
To see if the Town will amend Chapter One, Section 1.92 Creation and Establishment to delete the sentence "One (1) member from Old Sturbridge Village, as designated by OSV, for a term of three (3) years." And substitute the following in its place "One (1) member from Old Sturbridge Village, as designated by OSV or one (1) member who is a registered voter of the Town of Sturbridge, for a term of three (3) years."

Sponsor: Sturbridge Tourist Association

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

To amend the article to remove the words "registered voter" and replace them with the word "resident", and otherwise approve the article as written. Voted 5-0-1.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - This article revises the composition of the Sturbridge Tourist Association as approved by Article 29 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. It allows the Town to appoint a member in the event Old Sturbridge Village chooses not to designate an appointee.

## ARTICLE 18 <br> EMINENT DOMAIN TAKING - CEDAR LAKE DRIVE

To see if the Town will move to take the unknown parcel listed as Lot 18, running next to and under the section of Cedar Lake Drive next to Burgess Elementary School, by eminent domain to clear up any discrepancy in the deeds for the School project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

## 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 article will allow the Town to take a portion of property whose ownership cannot be determined to ensure all of the property involved with the Burgess Elementary construction project is under the Town's ownership.

## ARTICLE 19

## RESCIND GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2009 in Article 37 - GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT - TOWN MEETING, in Section 1.01 to change the date of the Annual Meeting to the first Monday in June and revert back to "The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business shall be held on the Last Monday of April."

And further, to rescind the votes to change Section 1.07, sub-sections (e) and (f), changing the deadlines that would be impacted by the change of the date of Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Petition

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That no action be taken on this article. Voted $7-0$.

The Finance Committee recommends no action be taken on this article. Along with the Town's administration and Board of Selectmen, one of the major issues we face in preparing a balanced budget for the Townspeople is the lack of accurate State aid figures. Since State aid is treated as revenue in the budget preparation, we are forced to make assumptions that underestimate revenues. As a result, we are forced to make choices that prevent the Town from offering new services or improving those we already offer. By moving the meeting date to June, the Town will have the opportunity to use more accurate revenue figures provided by the State.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That no action be taken on the article. Voted 5-0.

Summary - Submitted by petition, this article seeks to restore the Annual Town Meeting date in April from one in June as voted by the Town Meeting body last year.

## ARTICLE 20 RESCIND CHARTER CHANGE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27,2009 in Article 36 - CHARTER CHANGE - DATE OF TOWN MEETING and keep the date as "...the last Monday in April"; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Petition

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That no action be taken on this article. Voted 7 - 0.

Please see the rationale provided by the Finance Committee for taking no action on Article 19, which applies to this article as well.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That no action be taken on the article. Voted 5-0.

## ARTICLE 21 <br> AMBULANCE STABILIZATION FUND <br> (2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate TWENTY THOUSAND AND $00 / 100$ DOLLARS $(\$ 20,000.00)$ to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for the future purchase of an ambulance; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief and Finance 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 $4-0$.

> Summary - Each year, the Town sets aside $\$ 20,000$ from ambulance collections to assist the Town in replacing its ambulances on a seven year schedule. These funds will be set aside until a new ambulance is purchased. The current balance in this account is $\$ 88,258.22$.

## ARTICLE 22 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT <br> (2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning district designation for a certain parcel of land, located on the southerly side of U.S. Route 20, a.k.a. Main Street, being shown as "Lot 1" on a "Plan of Land in Sturbridge, Massachusetts Surveyed for U.S. Filter Wastewater Group, Inc. (Owners)" which is dated March 17, 1999 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 766, Plan 82, from its present designation as GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI), as same is defined in the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Sturbridge, to COMMERCIAL TOURIST (CT); or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Petition

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That no action be taken on this article. Voted 4-1.

This article was submitted by petition at the very end of our budget and warrant review process. In addition, there were no details provided for the article other than its actual wording. As a result, the Finance Committee has recommended you take no action since we have not been provided feedback by the petitioners, the Planning Board, the interim Town Administrator nor the Board of Selectmen.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Recommendation to be provided at Town Meeting.

Summary - This article seeks to re-zone property located at the corner of Route 20 and Holland Road from General Industrial to Commercial Tourist.

# TOWN OF STURBRIDGE <br> WARRANT FOR <br> SPECIAL TOWN MEETING <br> Tantasqua Regional High School <br> Monday, April 26, 2010 <br> 7:00 PM 

## ARTICLE I <br> UNCLASSIFIED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash for the following line items and amounts:

| Account \# | Department | Line Item | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19102-51950 | Unclassified | Medicare Tax | \$ 5,500.00 |
| 19102-51750 | Unclassified | Unemployment Tax | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 19102-51700 | Unclassified | Group Insurance | \$ 70,000.00 |
| 19102-51190 | Unclassified | Sick Leave Buyback | \$ 2,500.00 |

or act on anything relative thereto.
Sponsor: Finance Director

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - The article uses free cash to fund uanticipated shortfalls in the indicated line items. The unallocated fund balance is currently $\$ 488,443$. If this article passes, the new balance would be \$405,433.

## ARTICLE J <br> WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES <br> STUDY - ROUTE 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 ( $\$ 25,000.00$ ) from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair \#28440-35800 for the purpose of conducting an engineering study of wastewater management alternatives on Route 15; or act on anything relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$25,000.00) from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair \#28440-35800 for the purpose of conducting an engineering study of the following wastewater management alternatives on Route 15:
a) Centralized Treatment and Disposal: Sewer extension to project area with wastewater treatment and disposal at the Sturbridge wastewater treatment facility (WWTF)
b) Centralized Treatment and Satellite Disposal: Sewer extension to project area with treatment at the Sturbridge WWTF and disposal of treated effluent within the project area
c) Satellite Treatment and Disposal: Satellite wastewater treatment facility and groundwater disposal, both in the project area
d) Individual On-Site Treatment and Disposal: Continued reliance on individual on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems;
or act on anything relative thereto. Voted $6-0$.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - The article seeks $\$ 25,000.00$ to fund a study of wastewater treatment alternatives for properties along Route 15 by the Town's engineering firm, Tighe \& Bond. The alternatives provided to the Finance Committee by the Board of Selectmen are:

1) to expand the sewer service area, construct a sewer line down Route 15 and treat the sewage at our existing wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) with the abutters paying for the costs through betterment and privilege fees;
2) to expand the sewer service area, construct a sewer line down Route 15, treat the sewage at our existing WWTF and return the treated water to the Route 15 service area for discharge with the abutters paying for the costs through betterment and privilege fees;
3) to create a municipally operated satellite WWTF on private land, Town-owned land or the median between Route 15 and I-84, with the sewer rate payers absorbing the costs;
4) to let the individual property owners implement their own private disposal systems.

## ARTICLE K UNPAID BILLS OF A PREVIOUS YEAR (9/10 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS AND 81/100 (\$250.81) for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of previous fiscal years as follows:

Baystate Mary Lane $\$ 250.81$
or act on anything relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 6-0-1.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary - The article authorizes use free cash to pay for a bill incurred during FY 2009 for services rendered to Fire Department personnel.

## ARTICLE L <br> ROUTE 131 SEWER CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS AND 06/100 (\$152,320.06) from the Sewer Fund Balance for Construction and Repair Account \#28440-35800 to the Route 131 Sewer Construction Account \#31620 for the purpose of funding costs associated with the Route 131 Sewer Construction Project; or act on anything relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance 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 article transfers funds to the pay for the engineering costs related to the sewer project on Route 131.


#### Abstract

ARTICLE M ENGINEERING STUDY - WELL \#1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 ( $\$ 30,000.00$ ) from the Water Fund Balance for Construction and Repair \#29450-35800 for the purpose of funding additional costs of conducting an engineering study for Well \#1; or act on anything relative thereto.


Sponsor: Director of Public Works

## 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 article transfers \$30,000 to pay for the cost/benefit analysis of the various alternatives related to the prevention of surface water intrusion into Well \#1.

# APPENDIX A <br> ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF REVOLVING FUNDS 

RECREATION REVOLVING FUND
07/1/08-06/30/09

| Starting Balance: |  | \$18,216.50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts: |  |  |
| Program Fees | \$22,799.40 |  |
| Total Receipts: |  | \$22,799.40 |
| Expenditures: |  |  |
| Program Expenses | (20,606.53) |  |
| Total Expenditures: |  | $(20,606.53)$ |
| Ending Balance: |  | \$20,409.37 |

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND <br> 07/01/08-06/30/09

Starting Balance: ..... $\$ 680.00$Receipts:Program Fees$\$ 40.00$Total Receipts:$\$ 40.00$
Expenditures:
Program Expenses
Total Expenditures:
Ending Balance:$\$ 720.00$

## ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF REVOLVING FUNDS

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZMAT REVOLVING FUND

07/1/08-06/30/09

| Starting Balance: |  | \$2,291.98 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts: |  |  |
| Fees For Services | \$770.00 |  |
| Total Receipts: |  | \$770.00 |
| Expenditures: |  |  |
| HazMat Supplies, Etc. | \$0.00 |  |
| Total Expenditures: |  | \$0.00 |
| Ending Balance: |  | \$3,061.98 |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVOLVING FUND07/1/08-06/30/09 |  |  |
| Starting Balance: |  | \$0.00 |
| Receipts: |  |  |
| Fees For Services | \$0.00 |  |
| Total Receipts: |  | \$0.00 |
| Expenditures: |  |  |
| HazMat Supplies, Etc. | \$0.00 |  |
| Total Expenditures: |  | \$0.00 |
| Ending Balance: |  | \$0.00 |

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF REVOLVING FUNDS SENIOR CENTER REVOLVING FUND <br> 07/1/08-06/30/09 

Starting Balance: ..... $\$ 4,476.96$Receipts:Program Fees \& Donations\$7,171.00Total Receipts:Expenditures:Special Programs$(\$ 8,107.61)$
Total Expenditures:(\$8,107.61)
Ending Balance: ..... \$3,540.35
JOSHUA HYDE LIBRARY REVOLVING FUND 07/1/08-06/30/09
Starting Balance: ..... $\$ 0.00$
Receipts:
Fees From Non-Resident Users ..... $\$ 0.00$
Total Receipts:
Expenditures: Library Materials ..... $\$ 0.00$
Total Expenditures:
Ending Balance: ..... $\$ 0.00$

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF REVOLVING FUNDS BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING FUND 

07/1/08-06/30/09

| Starting Balance: |  | \$0.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts: |  |  |
| Program Fees \& Donations | \$7,565.00 |  |
| Total Receipts: |  | \$7,565.00 |
| Expenditures: |  |  |
| Special Programs | (\$740.21) |  |
| Total Expenditures: |  | (\$740.21) |
| Ending Balance: |  | \$6,824.79 |

## APPENDIX B <br> COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Community Preservation Committee looks forward to presenting three proposal(s) to the voters at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 26, 2010:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from CPA general funds, the sum of $\$ 15,000$ to be allocated for the use of operating and administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), or take any action thereto.
RECREATION PROPOSAL - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 26, 2010: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate CPA dollars to fund $94.6 \%$ of the cost of a Trails Master Plan, not to exceed $\$ 50,000.00$ of CPA funds.

## RECREATION PROPOSAL - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 26, 2010:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate CPA funds of $\$ 34,933.50$ for the purpose of funding Sturbridge Trails Committee FY2011 funding request.

## CPA Revenue for FY09 and FY10

FY09

| State Revenue from FY09 | $\$ 327,012.00$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| FY09 Surcharge | $\$ 342,451.60$ |
| Interest Earned to Date | $\$ 35,085.39$ |
| Total FY09 Revenues | $\$ 704,548.99$ |

## FY10

Anticipated State Revenue from FY10
Anticipated FY10 Surcharge
Total Anticipated FY10 Revenues
\$199,860.00
\$339,321.78
\$539,181.78
$\left.\begin{array}{lcccr} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Undesignated } \\ \text { Fund Balance }\end{array} & \text { Open Space } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Historic } \\ \text { Resources }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Community } \\ \text { Housing }\end{array}\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Total } \\ \text { All Funds }\end{array}\right]-70,360.00$

Respectfully Submitted, Penny Dumas, Chair

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|  |  |  | APPENDIX C |  |  |  |
|  |  | LONG TERM DEBT |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LONG TERM DEBT - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT BY ISSUE |  |  |  | NEW BOSTON ROAD WATERLINE |  |  |
| TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  | WATER TOWER REPLACEMENT |  | MCGREGORY ROAD WATERLINE |  |
| FISCAL YEAR | PHASE II SEWER | WWTP FACILITIES UPGRADE |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | RT. 20 WATERLINE |
| 2006 | 10,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2007 | 10,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2008 | 10,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2009 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 35,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2010 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2011 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2012 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2013 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2014 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 2015 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| 2016 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| 2017 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 2018 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 90,000 | 225,000 | 270,000 | 170,000 | 125,000 | 115,000 |


| LONG TERM DEBT - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT BY ISSUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FISCAL YEAR | PHASE III SEWER PROJECT | SOUTHBRIDGE SEWER CONNECTION | PHASE II SEWER | WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS | BIG ALUM SEWER PROJECT | DUMP TRUCK/ LOADER | DUMP TRUCK |
| 2006 | 235,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2007 | 235,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2008 | 230,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2009 | 230,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2010 | 230,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2011 | 230,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 67,559 | 56,700 | 26,000 |
| 2012 | 230,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 67,559 | 55,000 | 25,000 |
| 2013 | 220,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 |  | 67,559 |  | 25,000 |
| 2014 | 220,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 |  | 67,559 |  | 20,000 |
| 2015 | 220,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2016 | 220,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2017 | 220,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2018 | 215,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2019 | 215,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2020 | 215,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2021 | 215,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2022 | 215,000 | 50,000 | 15,000 |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2023 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2024 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2025 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2026 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2027 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2028 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2029 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2030 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2031 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2032 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2033 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2034 |  |  |  |  | 67,559 |  |  |
| 2035 |  |  |  |  | 67,539 |  |  |
| 2036 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2037 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2038 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2039 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2040 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2041 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2042 |  |  |  |  | 33,077 |  |  |
| 2043 |  |  |  |  | 33,052 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$2,865,000.00 | \$650,000.00 | \$225,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$2,021,105.00 | \$111,700.00 | \$96,000.00 |



| LONG TERM DEBT - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| INTEREST REPAYMENT BY ISSUE TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FISCAL } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PHASE II SEWER | WWTP FACILITIES UPGRADE | WATER TOWER REPLACEMENT | NEW <br> BOSTON <br> ROAD <br> WATERLINE | MCGREGORY ROAD WATERLINE | RT. 20 WATERLINE |
| 2006 | 5,873 | 15,220 | 18,376 | 11,245 | 8,309 | 7,809 |
| 2007 | 5,445 | 13,938 | 16,880 | 10,390 | 7,668 | 7,168 |
| 2008 | 5,013 | 12,640 | 15,366 | 9,525 | 7,019 | 6,519 |
| 2009 | 4,575 | 11,438 | 13,835 | 8,650 | 6,363 | 5,863 |
| 2010 | 4,128 | 10,319 | 12,383 | 7,755 | 5,691 | 5,191 |
| 2011 | 3,670 | 9,175 | 11,010 | 6,840 | 5,005 | 4,505 |
| 2012 | 3,205 | 8,013 | 9,615 | 5,910 | 4,308 | 3,808 |
| 2013 | 2,730 | 6,825 | 8,190 | 4,960 | 3,595 | 3,095 |
| 2014 | 2,245 | 5,613 | 6,735 | 3,990 | 2,868 | 2,368 |
| 2015 | 1,750 | 4,375 | 5,250 | 3,000 | 2,125 | 1,750 |
| 2016 | 1,250 | 3,125 | 3,750 | 2,000 | 1,375 | 1,250 |
| 2017 | 750 | 1,875 | 2,250 | 1,125 | 750 | 750 |
| 2018 | 250 | 625 | 750 | 375 | 250 | 250 |


| LONG TERM DEBT - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| INTEREST REPAYMENT BY ISSUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FISCAL } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PHASE III SEWER PROJECT | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SOUTHBRIDG } \\ & \text { E SEWER } \\ & \text { CONNECTION } \end{aligned}$ | PHASE II SEWER | SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT S | BIG ALUM SEWER PROJECT | DUMP TRUCK/ LOADER | DUMP TRUCK |
| 2006 | 163,813 | 36,875 | 13,638 | 4,675 | 101,848.16 |  |  |
| 2007 | 155,588 | 35,125 | 12,763 | 3,975 | 98,859.37 |  |  |
| 2008 | 147,163 | 33,313 | 11,856 | 3,250 | 95,870.58 |  |  |
| 2009 | 138,250 | 31,375 | 10,888 | 2,475 | 92,881.79 |  |  |
| 2010 | 129,050 | 29,375 | 9,888 | 1,675 | 89,893.00 |  |  |
| 2011 | 119,563 | 27,312 | 8,963 | 850 | 86,904.21 | 3,480 | 3,613 |
| 2012 | 109,788 | 25,188 | 8,113 | 213 | 83,915.42 | 688 | 1,663 |
| 2013 | 99,950 | 23,000 | 7,238 |  | 80,926.63 |  | 975 |
| 2014 | 90,050 | 20,750 | 6,338 |  | 77,937.84 |  | 300 |
| 2015 | 79,875 | 18,438 | 5,531 |  | 74,949.05 |  |  |
| 2016 | 69,425 | 16,063 | 4,819 |  | 71,960.26 |  |  |
| 2017 | 58,975 | 13,688 | 4,106 |  | 68,971.47 |  |  |
| 2018 | 48,375 | 11,250 | 3,375 |  | 65,982.68 |  |  |
| 2019 | 37,625 | 8,750 | 2,625 |  | 62,993.89 |  |  |
| 2020 | 26,875 | 6,250 | 1,875 |  | 60,005.10 |  |  |
| 2021 | 16,125 | 3,750 | 1,125 |  | 57,016.31 |  |  |
| 2022 | 5,375 | 1,250 | 375 |  | 54,027.52 |  |  |
| 2023 |  |  |  |  | 51,038.73 |  |  |
| 2024 |  |  |  |  | 48,049.94 |  |  |
| 2025 |  |  |  |  | 45,061.15 |  |  |
| 2026 |  |  |  |  | 42,072.36 |  |  |
| 2027 |  |  |  |  | 39,083.57 |  |  |
| 2028 |  |  |  |  | 36,094.78 |  |  |
| 2029 |  |  |  |  | 33,105.99 |  |  |
| 2030 |  |  |  |  | 30,117.20 |  |  |
| 2031 |  |  |  |  | 27,128.41 |  |  |
| 2032 |  |  |  |  | 24,139.62 |  |  |
| 2033 |  |  |  |  | 21,150.83 |  |  |
| 2034 |  |  |  |  | 18,162.04 |  |  |
| 2035 |  |  |  |  | 15,173.25 |  |  |
| 2036 |  |  |  |  | 12,185.31 |  |  |
| 2037 |  |  |  |  | 10,662.00 |  |  |
| 2038 |  |  |  |  | 9,138.70 |  |  |
| 2039 |  |  |  |  | 7,615.39 |  |  |
| 2040 |  |  |  |  | 6,092.09 |  |  |
| 2041 |  |  |  |  | 4,568.78 |  |  |
| 2042 |  |  |  |  | 3,045.48 |  |  |
| 2043 |  |  |  |  | 1,522.17 |  |  |


| LONG TERM DEBT - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| INTEREST REPAYMENT BY ISSUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FISCAL } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | LAND <br> ACQUISITION - <br> OSV | LAND ACQUISITION HEINS FARM | PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX <br> IMPROVEMENTS | ROUTE 131 SIDEWALK | $\begin{aligned} & \text { WOODSIDE } \\ & \text { CIRCLE } \\ & \text { SEWER } \\ & \text { PROJECT } \end{aligned}$ | TOWN HALL/CENTER OFFICE RENOVATION | CPA LAND STALLION/H OLLAND ROAD |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007 | 61,425 | 36,360 | 14,750 | 9,500 |  |  |  |
| 2008 | 58,025 | 34,360 | 11,800 | 7,600 |  |  |  |
| 2009 | 54,625 | 32,360 | 8,850 | 5,700 | 35,764 |  |  |
| 2010 | 51,225 | 30,360 | 5,900 | 3,800 | 34,572 |  |  |
| 2011 | 47,825 | 28,360 | 2,950 | 1,900 | 33,380 | 267,020 | 30,250 |
| 2012 | 44,425 | 26,360 |  |  | 32,187 | 170,488 | 17,250 |
| 2013 | 40,925 | 24,360 |  |  | 30,995 | 163,475 | 14,500 |
| 2014 | 38,125 | 22,760 |  |  | 29,803 | 155,900 | 11,500 |
| 2015 | 35,255 | 21,120 |  |  | 28,611 | 148,400 | 8,500 |
| 2016 | 32,385 | 19,480 |  |  | 27,419 | 140,900 | 5,500 |
| 2017 | 29,515 | 17,840 |  |  | 26,227 | 132,150 | 2,000 |
| 2018 | 26,015 | 15,840 |  |  | 25,035 | 122,150 |  |
| 2019 | 22,515 | 13,840 |  |  | 23,843 | 112,150 |  |
| 2020 | 19,015 | 11,840 |  |  | 22,650 | 102,150 |  |
| 2021 | 16,110 | 10,180 |  |  | 21,458 | 92,150 |  |
| 2022 | 13,170 | 8,500 |  |  | 20,266 | 82,150 |  |
| 2023 | 10,230 | 6,820 |  |  | 19,074 | 72,150 |  |
| 2024 | 7,710 | 5,140 |  |  | 17,882 | 62,250 |  |
| 2025 | 5,160 | 3,440 |  |  | 16,690 | 52,450 |  |
| 2026 | 2,580 | 1,720 |  |  | 15,498 | 42,650 |  |
| 2027 |  |  |  |  | 14,306 | 32,850 |  |
| 2028 |  |  |  |  | 13,113 | 23,050 |  |
| 2029 |  |  |  |  | 11,921 | 13,097 |  |
| 2030 |  |  |  |  | 10,729 | 4,022 |  |
| 2031 |  |  |  |  | 9,537 |  |  |
| 2032 |  |  |  |  | 8,345 |  |  |
| 2033 |  |  |  |  | 7,153 |  |  |
| 2034 |  |  |  |  | 5,961 |  |  |
| 2035 |  |  |  |  | 4,769 |  |  |
| 2036 |  |  |  |  | 3,576 |  |  |
| 2037 |  |  |  |  | 2,384 |  |  |
| 2038 |  |  |  |  | 1,192 |  |  |


| SRF LOANS |  |  |  |
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| TOWN OF STURBRIDGE |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| FISCAL YEAR | PHASE II | CEDAR LAKE | CEDAR LAKE |
| 2006 | 173,142 | 112,249 | 3,605 |
| 2007 | 174,801 | 111,982 | 3,597 |
| 2008 | 173,758 | 113,422 | 3,645 |
| 2009 | 173,394 | 112,000 | 3,600 |
| 2010 | 170,589 | 113,544 | 3,651 |
| 2011 | 173,698 | 110,001 | 3,712 |
| 2012 | 168,274 | 109,030 | 3,679 |
| 2013 | 173,013 | 111,619 | 3,601 |
| 2014 | 175,752 | 113,791 | 3,513 |
| 2015 | 177,718 | 113,544 | 3,808 |
| 2016 | 177,519 | 114,411 | 3,674 |
| 2017 | 178,006 | 110,286 | 3,542 |
| 2018 | 176,014 | 110,565 | 3,849 |
| 2019 | 182,255 | 111,490 | 3,713 |
| 2020 |  | 114,595 | 3,650 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | $1,752,838.77$ | $1,232,876.99$ | $40,392.00$ |

## APPENDIX D QUINN BILL REIMBURSEMENTS

Town of Sturbridge

FISCAL YEAR 2003
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 18,449 |
| Overtime Quinn | 32,004 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 4,450 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2004
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 19,261 |
| Overtime Quinn | 51,903 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 7,373 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2005
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ | 19,839 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | $\$$ | 67,386 |
| Overtime Quinn | $\$$ | 9,397 |
| Total Quinn Expense |  | 96,622 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$$ | 41,677 |

FISCAL YEAR 2006
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 20,925 |
| Overtime Quinn | 74,542 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 11,998 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2007
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 19,466 |
| Overtime Quinn | 71,782 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 14,779 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$ 106,027$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2008
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 19,313 |
| Overtime Quinn | 91,095 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 15,931 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$ 126,339$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2009
Actual Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 19,892 |
| Overtime Quinn | 95,484 |
| Total Quinn Expense | 17,028 |
| Total Amount Reimbursed from State | $\$$ |

FISCAL YEAR 2010
Estimated Expenditures

| Police Chief Quinn | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Officers Quinn | 16,553 |
| Overtime Quinn | 86,454 |
| Total Anticipated Quinn Expense | 1,568 |
| Total Estimated Amount to be Reimbursed <br> from State | $\$$ |


| FORMULA FOR CALCULATING THE TAX RATE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES | \$ | 24,595,731 |
| ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO BE RAISED | \$ | 424,877 |
| RAISE AND APPROPRIATE ARTICLES | \$ | 20,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES (as recommended by the Finance Committee) | \$ | 25,040,608 |
| STATE AID | \$ | 3,267,523 |
| LOCAL REVENUES | \$ | 3,004,882 |
| ADDITIONAL REVENUES (FREE CASH) + SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX | \$ |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES AVAILABLE | \$ | 6,272,405 |
| NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION* | \$ | 18,768,203 |
| PROJECTED ASSESSED VALUATION | \$ | 1,097,119,638 |
| PROJECTED TAX RATE | \$ | 17.11 |
| \% TAX RATE INCREASE |  | 17.59\% |
| ESTIMATED PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LEVY LIMIT | \$ | 18,768,203 |
| UNDER (OVER) PROPOSITION $21 / 2$ LEVY LIMIT | \$ | ,788 |
| * Note: Due to a revaluation, this number will likely be adiusted and the tax rate will be calculated accordingly. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Two Hundred Seventy-Second Annual Town Meet |  |  |


[^0]:    ARTICLE 4
    COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - ADMINISTRATION
    To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Act funds the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ( $\$ 15,000.00$ ) to be allocated for the purpose of operating and administrative expenses in FY 2011 for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC); or take any action in relation thereto.

    Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

