

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

ARTICLE 39

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SEWER DEPT. PICKUP TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$17,510.00) from the Sewer Reserve Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing a pickup truck, 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 new vehicle will replace a 2000 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup with 110,000 miles. The total cost of \$35,020 is to be split between sewer and water fund reserves.

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 40

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – WATER DEPT. PICKUP TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$17,510.00) from the Water Reserve Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing a pickup truck, 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 new vehicle will replace a 2000 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup with 110,000 miles. The total cost of \$35,020 is to be split between sewer and water fund reserves.

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 41

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SEWER DEPT. SLUDGE HANDLING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) from the Sewer Reserve Fund Balance to the FY14 Liquid Sludge Handling Account for costs associated with processing external septage, 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: 6 – 0.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary – The costs associated with accepting external septage at the wastewater treatment plant are more than offset through revenue collected for such processing.

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 42

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – WATER DEPT. FISKE HILL BOOSTER STATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$58,700.00) from the Water Reserve Fund Balance for the purpose of design, engineering and related soft costs associated with the Fiske Hill water booster station upgrade, 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: 6 – 0.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary – Upgrades at the 40 year old booster station are required. The transfer will allow for completion of design and engineering of the project.

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 43

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – WATER DEPT. ELECTRICITY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) from the Water Reserve Fund Balance to the electricity line item, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator; 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 Town’s real-time pricing through a government consortium “spiked” over the winter of 2014 leaving a projected shortfall in this line item.

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 44

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SEWER DEPT. ELECTRICITY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) from the Sewer Reserve Fund Balance to the electricity line item, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator; 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 Town’s real-time pricing through a government consortium “spiked” over the winter of 2014 leaving a projected shortfall in this line item.

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 45
TRANSFER OF FREE CASH
MOUNTAINBROOK ROAD BETTERMENT PROJECT FINANCING**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) from free cash to the Mountainbrook Road Betterment account to finance improvements to the drainage and roadway system, 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 3 – 2.

Summary – By utilizing available free cash to finance this project – which is to be repaid through recorded betterment assessments upon the private landowners – borrowing costs are reduced and potential shortfalls in revenue due to early betterment payoffs are eliminated.

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