

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

ARTICLE 46

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SNOW & ICE REMOVAL COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) from Free Cash to the Snow & Ice - Purchase of Service Account #14232-52000 to fund costs related with Snow & Ice Removal; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Director, 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: 4 – 0.

Summary: This article will fund a portion of the costs associated with Snow & Ice Removal in Fiscal Year 2015. The Town is allowed to deficit spend each year for all costs related to snow and ice removal. Historically, the Town funds up to \$150,000.00 of Snow & Ice costs in the subsequent year's budget. Due to the extreme winter that we had this year, the deficit for Snow & Ice has exceeded \$150,000.00.

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 47

**ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX DRAINAGE
REMEDICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$10,300.00) from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Account for the purpose of funding a professional engineering study to determine and develop a course of action to remedy drainage problems in and around the lower portion of the Public Safety Complex; or to take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief

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: This request is for the purpose of funding a professional engineering firm to conduct a study to determine actions needed to alleviate drainage problems around the lower portion of the Public Safety Complex which is causing infiltration of water into the building under doorways. This issue is causing rotting of the door frames, as well as creating a large (at times, in excess of 6 inches) ice build-up in front of our apparatus doorways. A professional engineering firm would be required to develop plans for a project of this magnitude.

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 48
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – TOWN COUNSEL**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) from Free Cash to the Town Counsel Purchase of Services Account #11512-52000; or to take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted: 4 – 0.

Summary: Since there has been an increase in legal inquiry and activity, this article will supplement the FY 2015 appropriation for legal services.

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 49
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT STATE 911 TRAINING/ SUPPORT
AND INCENTIVE GRANT ACCOUNTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 76/100 DOLLARS (\$747.76) from Free Cash to the FY13 SETB Training Grant Account # 24450 and the sum of SIX HUNDRED AND THREE AND 15/100 DOLLARS (\$603.15) from Free Cash to the FY14 Police 911 Training Grant account # 27130 and the sum of EIGHTEEN AND 97/100 DOLLARS (\$18.97) from Free Cash to the FY14 State 911 Support and Incentive Grant Account # 27220; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Police Chief

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: 3 – 1.

Summary: The FY 13 and FY 14 State 911 Training/Support and Incentive Grants were charged for personnel and equipment costs that were deemed not authorized expenses by the State 911 Grant Coordinator. The Town has appealed this decision and is awaiting a response. These funds are needed so that we do not close the year with a deficit in these accounts since any deficit will affect the Town's Free Cash balance.

ARTICLE 50
SEWER-ENGINEERING – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,600.00) from the Sewer Reserve Fund balance for the purpose of engineering work regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Spill Prevention, Control and Counter Measures (SPCC) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) planning and training, and for Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan (CSOM) work required under the new NPDES permit; 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: 4 – 0.

Summary: The Spill Prevention, Control and Counter measurements Plan (SPCC) is required for an above ground fuel storage tank which jointly feeds the generator and heating system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is required onsite to cover outfalls in the two (2) detention basins. The Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan (CSOM) has stepped mapping requirements in the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

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 51
TRANSFER OF FUNDS –BOILER REPLACEMENT AT SENIOR CENTER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of THIRTY- FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) from Free Cash for costs associated with the installation of two new boilers and costs associated with the removal of the existing boilers at the Senior Center; or to take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Council on Aging 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: This article funds the replacement of the boilers at the Senior Center with two new boilers. Using two boilers rather than one will result in significant savings over the lifetime of the boilers. It also funds the removal of the existing boilers and asbestos as well as incidental costs associated with 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 52
TRANSFER OF TAX POSSESSION
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following parcel, obtained through non-payment of property taxes, to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes, for the following property:

32 Warren Road – Parcel #668-00932-032

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: 4 – 0.

<p><i>Summary: This property was acquired by the Town through foreclosure due to non-payment of property taxes. The Town wishes to retain this property for open space purposes. This article will transfer the care, custody, control and management of the property to the Conservation Commission.</i></p>

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 53
TRANSFER OF TAX POSSESSIONS
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the following parcels, obtained through non-payment of property taxes, to the Town Administrator for general municipal purposes:

3 Stearns Drive – Parcel #607-03254-003
226 Cedar Street – Parcel #202-01537-226
284 Cedar Street – Parcel #202-01037-284

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: 4 – 0.

<p><i>Summary: These properties were acquired by the Town through foreclosure due to non-payment of property taxes. The Town wishes to retain these parcels for potential future use for affordable housing.</i></p>
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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 54
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION- COMPLIANCE WITH CONSERVATION
RESTRICTIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance under G.L. 44B, §12(a) for the purpose of granting the same to a qualified organization to hold and monitor conservation restrictions to be conveyed to said organization by the Town on properties acquired by the Town using Community Preservation Funds, namely the Shepard Parcel, the Long Pond Parcels, the Heins Farm, and the Riverlands, which restrictions are required under G.L. c.44B, §12(a), 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 – 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted: 4 – 0.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

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

<p><i>Summary: This article grants the holding and monitoring of conservation restrictions to Opacum Land Trust ensuring the conservation value of properties acquired with Community Preservation Funds are protected and enforced in perpetuity. Furthermore, the CPA Act requires conservation restrictions be imposed on all parcels purchased with CPA funds. These parcels are the Shepard Parcel, the Long Pond Parcels, the Heins Farm and the Riverlands.</i></p>
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VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.