

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

**ARTICLE I
UNCLASSIFIED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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.

<p><i>Summary – The article uses free cash to fund unanticipated 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.</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 J
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES
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.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was to approve this article by far more than the majority as declared by the Moderator.

**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
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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.

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 L
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.

<p><i>Summary – The article transfers funds to the pay for the engineering costs related to the sewer project on Route 131.</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 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.

<p><i>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.</i></p>
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VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as declared by the Moderator.