

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.**

ARTICLE 66

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – LANDFILL / LEACHATE REMOVAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Landfill/Recycling Center Purchase of Services Account (14302-52000) to be used for expenses related to leachate removal, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Health; 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: This article would fund the costs of leachate hauling from the landfill for FY12. Total leachate hauled exceeded 2.5 million gallons. In February the Town re-bid hauling services to achieve a significant savings in FY13.

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

ARTICLE 67

TRANSFER TO FREE CASH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY11 Tornado Damage Account (19262-52142) the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) to Free Cash, 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 8 – 0.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary: This article returns to Free Cash the funds not required for the tornado clean-up. Article 50 of the November 5, 2011, Special Town Meeting allocated \$415,000 as the Town's portion for cleanup of debris. However, state assistance and favorable bidding and project management resulted in lower than anticipated costs.

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

ARTICLE 68

RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – STURBRIDGE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the sum of \$15,000 from the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Special Events” fund to the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Community Support” fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Sturbridge Tourist Association Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) from the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Special Events” fund to the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Community Support” fund for the purpose of funding a portion of the Commercial Tourist District Improvement Plan, or to take any action in relation thereto. Voted 7 – 0 – 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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

Summary: This article would transfer unexpended funds for special events (many not held due to the natural disasters) to community support for costs associated with the Commercial Tourism District plan.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as recommended by the Finance Committee, “*To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) from the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Special Events” fund to the FY12 Sturbridge Tourist Association “Community Support” fund for the purpose of funding a portion of the Commercial Tourist District Improvement Plan, or to take any action in relation thereto.*” This vote was declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 69

STURBRIDGE POLICE ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$29,500.00) from free cash to the following: (1) TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) to Police Dept. Salaries and Wages Account (12101-51130), (2) FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) Police Dept. Overtime Expense Account (12101-51300), and (3) THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) to Police Dept. Supplies Account (12102-54000), to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Sturbridge and the Sturbridge Police Association effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, or take any action in relation thereto.

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 ratifies the collective bargaining agreement, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, which includes base wage increases of 1.5% (FY12), 1.75% (FY13) and 2.25% (FY14). The article also funds the terms of the agreement retroactively for FY12. The subsequent years will be funded in the normal budgeting process.

VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING: A substitute motion was made to amend the date of the contract from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2014. This motion was seconded and passed. The vote of the Town Meeting was to approve the article as amended as declared by the Moderator.