

Members Present at Saturday session of Town Meeting: Jo Lown, Chair, F. Robert Brown, Bill Linnane, Judy Lucas, Ian Johnson (12:07), Kevin Cronin. Members Present at Monday session of Town Meeting: Jo Lown, Chair, F. Robert Brown, Bill Linnane, Judy Lucas, Ian Johnson, Kevin Cronin, John E. Arnold, Michael Meachen.

At 12:00 p.m. Ms. Lown called the meeting to order in the Westborough High School Auditorium.

### **Review and Discussion Prior to Town Meeting**

#### **Article 3 Report**

Ms. Lown reviewed the Town Meeting Report (Article 3) with the Committee. In addition to presenting the Report and Recommendation booklet and the Financial Summary page, she will summarize the financial situation, including that revenue has been declining while expenditures continue to increase, the increased burdens on the taxpayer, and the rationale behind the budget recommendations.

#### **Challenges and New Budget Requests, Board of Selectmen/Town Manager**

The Committee reviewed information sent to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen and budgets that might be challenged by the Town Manager. There was concern that the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen were bringing new requests before Town Meeting that had not gone through the budget process. The Selectmen had not agreed to meet and the Committee had had no opportunity to review or discuss these requests.

Mr. Johnson moved that the AFC not recommend hiring additional personnel at this time. Ms. Lown felt the Committee should not make any recommendation; it should be referred back and presented at the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Johnson so moved. Vote to approve the motion is unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.

Ms. Lown reported that the Town Manager said two of the unions had not yet settled. The Committee had agreed to revisit the Treasurer/Collector budget if the payroll changes had not been finalized before Town Meeting. Ms. Lown moved the Treasurer/Collector Expenses at \$53,925 (increase to Town Manager's number). Vote to approve the budget recommendation is unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present. Ms. Lown thought there would be no motion to increase the budget if the payroll change had gone through and moved to amend the vote: the Committee would accept a motion for Expenses of \$53,925 for Treasurer/Collector, if the budget was challenged. Vote to approve the amendment is 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Johnson).

Mr. Johnson noted that the Committee would be in session throughout Town Meeting and could make motions and re-vote as needed.

Mr. Johnson moved to recommend the Town vote to pass over Article 14 (Sewer Alarm System). The vote to approve this article recommendation is unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.

The Committee decided not to vote Article 24 again.

The meeting proceeded through the duration of Town Meeting and adjourned at the close of Town Meeting.

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**Document List**

Chair Report from Jo Lown to Jim Malloy, Town Manager, dated May 10, 2010, regarding “Town Manager’s Memo of May 6, 2010.”

E-mails to and from Board of Selectmen Chair, Advisory Finance Committee Chair, and Town Manager, dated May 10, 2010 to May 13, 2010, as follows: “Copy of Line Items for Town Meeting with FY09 Excess Amount,” “FY09 Appropriations v. Expenditure Compare” (Excel, J. Lown), and “List of Accounts” (Excel, J. Malloy).