

Semi-Annual Town Meeting

OCTOBER 21, 2002

The meeting under the foregoing Warrant was held in the auditorium of the West Boylston Middle/High School on Oct. 21, 2002 and was called to order by the Moderator at 7:26 p.m.

The Moderator announced that a quorum has been met, that there are 4,210 registered voters as of Dec. 31, 2001 and 3% or registered voter is required to convene for a total of 126.

The Town Clerk appointed the following tellers:

Marcia Cairns
Edward Cairns
Marilyn Kanerva
Barbara Mard

Louise Howland
Nancy Barakian
Lynne Sullivan
Pauline McCormick

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, a moment of silence was observed in memory of all those residents who died since the last Annual Town Meeting.

Upon a motion of H. Carter Hunt, Jr., and second by the floor it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN

Upon a motion of Wayne M. LeBlanc and second by Charles A. Stevens it was unanimously voted to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the town. The Town Moderator recognized a handout from the Town-Wide Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

Upon motion by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr. and second by Wayne M. LeBlanc it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) to pay a Fiscal Year 2001 bill from Graham, Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlors, Worcester, Massachusetts for services rendered in the month of November 2000 for the burial service of a veteran of World War II, as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115, Section 2, in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) being held by the Finance Director in his capacity as Town Accountant from prior fiscal years for which no encumbered funds are available.

**ARTICLE 3 - ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF CENTURY DRIVE, WORCESTER
CORPORATE CENTER AS A PUBLIC WAY**

Upon a motion of Charles A. Stevens and second by Allen R. Phillips, and the support of the Planning Board it was unanimously voted to accept the layout of a portion of the subdivision road named Century Drive located in the Town of West Boylston and shown as a portion of Lot 49 on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in West Boylston and Worcester," dated June 25, 1990 and filed in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Land Registration Division (the "Registry") as Plan Number 15625-V being more particularly shown on a plan of land entitled "Easement Plan of Land of a Portion of Century Drive, Station 8+01.80 to 15+00 in West Boylston, Massachusetts (Worcester County)" dated September 4, 2002, prepared by Beals and Thomas, Inc. (the "Plan"), a copy of which is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk, Mixer Municipal Office Building, 120 Prescott Street, West Boylston during regularly scheduled business hours, and being further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Lot 49 at a point thirty (30') feet South 03° 59' 08" East of Station 8+01.80 as shown on the Plan;

THENCE: North 03° 59' 08" West sixty (60') feet to a point;

THENCE: on a curve to the left of radius nine hundred sixty-three and ten hundredths (963.10') feet, a distance of one hundred ninety-nine and eight hundredths (199.08') feet to a point;

THENCE: North 74° 10' 35" East ninety-one and eighty hundredths (91.80') feet to a point;

THENCE: on a curve to the left of radius two hundred ninety-five (295.00') feet, a distance of three hundred thirty-eight and fifty-four hundredths (338.54") feet to a point;

THENCE: North 08° 25' 24" East thirty-four and nineteen hundredths (34.19') feet to a point;

THENCE: South 81° 34' 36" East fifty (50') feet to a point;

THENCE: South 08° 25' 24" West thirty four and nineteen hundredths (34.19') feet to a point;

THENCE: on a curve to the right of radius three hundred forty-five (345') feet a distance of three hundred ninety-five and ninety-two hundredths (395.92') feet to a point;

THENCE: South 74° 10' 35" West one hundred eighty-eight and twenty-one hundredths (188.21') feet to a point;

THENCE: on a curve to the right of radius five hundred fifty-three and thirty-seven hundredths (553.37') feet a distance of one hundred fourteen and thirty-nine hundredths (114.39') feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 35,952 square feet, more or less, according to the Plan; as a public way in the Town of West Boylston, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the necessary easement in said Road Parcel by gift and to accept a Deed of Easement for Street Purposes.

ARTICLE 4 – AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THE MAY 2003 SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON SATURDAY MAY 17, 2003

A motion of Allen R. Phillips and second by Wayne M. LeBlanc to see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call the May Semi-Annual Town Meeting for Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the West Boylston Middle/High School, under the provisions of Section 1 of Article I – Town Meetings And Elections of the general bylaws. After much discussion this motion failed to pass. The Town Moderator requested that the Elder Van, and citizens of W. Boylston to provide rides for the elderly and handicapped persons to afford them an opportunity to attend town meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – SPECIAL ACT RELATIVE TO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Upon a motion of Wayne M. LeBlanc and second by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr., and with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was voted by a majority to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments, which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act relative to inventory of property of the Town of West Boylston

Section One: Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1995, "An Act Establishing a Board of Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government in the Town of West Boylston", is hereby amended by deleting the text of Section 8(p) and inserting in place thereof the following: - keep and maintain a full and complete inventory of all property of the Town that has a purchase value of one thousand dollars or more.

Section Two: This act shall take effect upon passage.

**ARTICLE 6 – AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE
REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

Upon a motion by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr. and second by Allen R. Phillips, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was unanimously voted to establish a uniform reimbursement rate for the use of privately owned vehicles by municipal employees for authorized municipal business equivalent to the standard mileage rate established in the most recent federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 463; and further to authorize the Finance Director to notify all municipal officials and departments on or about January 1st annually.

**ARTICLE 7 – APPROPRIATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS
BOARD STATEMENT 34 (GASB 34)**

Upon a motion by Charles A. Stevens and second by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr., with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to be expended by the Finance Director, subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen, for consulting services and technical assistance to establish the fixed asset accounting and reporting systems required to meet the requirements of GASB 34.

**ARTICLE 8 – APPROPRIATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 COMPUTER
OPERATIONS PURCHASE OF SERVICES ACCOUNT**

Upon a motion of Allen R. Phillips and second by Charles A. Stevens, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) to the Fiscal Year 2003 Computer Operations Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #01-55-6200.

**ARTICLE 9 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION FUND**

Upon a motion of Wayne M. LeBlanc and second by Allen R. Phillips, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was unanimously voted to transfer the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, by transferring the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 1997 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund, and the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 1998 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR GENERAL LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS ACCOUNT

Upon a motion of Alexander Fallavollita, Sr. and second by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr., with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of establishing a General Liability Self-Insurance Claims Account to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for damages and claims up to the deductible limits of the various general insurance policies of the municipality.

ARTICLE 11 - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL FACILITY PLAN AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

Upon a motion of Charles A. Stevens and second by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr., with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and a discussion of Charles Greenough, a representative from the Town-Wide Planning Committee, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to be expended by the Town-Wide Planning Committee for the purpose of developing a comprehensive municipal facility plan with the assistance of a registered architect for Town Meeting approval.

ARTICLE 12 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PURCHASE OF SERVICES AND OTHER CHARGES ACCOUNTS

Upon a motion of Allen R. Phillips and second by Wayne M. LeBlanc, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted by a majority for the town to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,500.00) to the Board of Selectmen Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #01-22-6200, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,500.00) to the Board of Selectmen Other Charges Account, Budget Line Item #01-22-6700.

ARTICLE 13 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND

Upon motion of Wayne M. LeBlanc and second by Charles A. Stevens, and the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to the Fiscal Year 2003 Finance Committee Reserve Fund, Budget Line Item #01-32-6700.

ARTICLE 14 – APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

A motion was made Alexander Fallavollita, Sr. and second by Charles A. Stevens to accept the article as written in the warrant. The Finance Committee recommended non-approval of this article. Edward Cairns made a motion to amend this article in which the appropriation of monies would be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved For Appropriation Account instead of the

Stabilization Fund. It was unanimously voted to accept the amendment and with the support of the Finance Committee, the new amended article is as follows:

Upon a motion by Edward Cairns and second by Ellen Dunlap it was voted by a majority to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing new uniforms for members of the Fire Department, and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, provided that any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2003 be transferred back to the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

**ARTICLE 15 – RESCISSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FOR RENOVATION
AND EXPANSION OF THE BEAMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Upon a motion of Charles A. Stevens and second by Alexander Fallavollita, Sr. it was unanimously voted to pass over this article that would have rescinded the authorization to borrow for the renovation and expansion of the Beaman Memorial Public Library as approved by voter action under Article 17 of the May 20, 1996 Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 16 – RESCISSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FOR DRAINAGE
AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE SEWER CONSTRUCTION
SERVICE AREA**

Upon a motion of Allen R. Phillips and second by Charles A. Stevens it was unanimously voted to pass over this article that would have rescinded the authorization to borrow for the drainage and pavement improvements within the sewer construction service area as approved by voter action under Article 2 of the February 22, 1999 Adjourned Session of the January 25, 1999 Special Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 17 – APPROPRIATION FOR THE STUDENT AWARENESS OF FIRE
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Upon a motion of Edward Cairns and second by town meeting floor, the Finance Committees non-approval, and a discussion by Chief Jack Chandler it was voted by a majority to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of funding the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program to be expended by the Board of Fire Engineers for the purpose of teaching Fire Education to the Students of West Boylston, and further to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account.

Moderator H. Carter Hunt, Jr., thanked the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee for a job well done. Mr. Hunt requested that the townspeople provide rides for neighbors, the elderly and handicapped people so as to afford them the opportunity to attend town meetings.

Discussion was made regarding the Town of West Boylston Bicentennial in 2008, that all people wishing to be on the committee to either contact him or the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

Motion was made by H. Carter Hunt, Jr., to adjourn the meeting second by the floor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Attest:

Kim D. Hopewell
Town Clerk