

Town Clerk Meeting Minutes
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 19, 2003

The meeting under the foregoing Warrant was held in the auditorium of the West Boylston Middle/High School on May 19, 2003, and was called to order by the Moderator at 7:05 p.m.

The Moderator announced that a quorum has been met, that there are 4,415 registered voters as of Dec. 31, 2002 and that 3% of registered voters are required to convene for a total quorum number of 132. And that 2%, or 88 registered voters, are needed to maintain a quorum, and reconvene.

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 *unanimously passed*

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE JOSEPH E. AMELLO POOL AND RELATED SUMMER RECREATION AND SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Upon a motion of Wayne LeBlanc and second by Kevin McCormick it was unanimously voted to get a sense of meeting and to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen to continue to operate and maintain the Joseph E. Amello Pool and related summer recreation and swimming programs to be funded through user fees and donations, as well as municipal appropriations as authorized by town meeting.

ARTICLE 2 *passed over*

SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOSEPH E. AMELLO POOL

A motion was made by Kevin McCormick and second by Wayne LeBlanc to accept the article as written in the warrant. However, many town residents, Health Educators, as well as members of the Finance Committee, Parks Commission, Town-wide Planning Board, and Municipal Building Task Force expressed various opinions on the pros and cons of continuing to finance the town pool. The following points were raised;

- Status of current inspections and safety issues;
- handicap accessibility;
- grand fathered limitations to any modifications and repairs to the existing structure;
- supporting the preservation of the school system and activities, instead of rehabilitation of the pool;
- support of structured physical activity for the children's well being;
- prioritizing this project in view of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of West Boylston;
- concerns of the amount of money necessary for said repairs (estimated at one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)); and

- the cost of demolition of the building (estimated at six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00)).

After much debate on the above stated issues, a motion was made by Jerry Condon and seconded by the floor to table this article and address it at a future meeting.

Further discussion ensued and a second motion was made by Mr. Condon to withdraw the motion to table this article, this motion was seconded by the floor.

A motion was then made by Kevin McCormick and second by Wayne LeBlanc it was unanimously voted to pass over this article which would have supported using up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) within the next three years, subject to a future town meeting appropriation, for the purpose of rehabilitating the Joseph E. Amello Pool so as to bring the facility up to applicable building code standards, and to make necessary major repairs and mechanical system replacements.

ARTICLE 3 *unanimously passed*

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER AVAILABLE FUNDS TO THE PARK COMMISSION REVOLVING FUND

Upon a motion of Allen Phillips and second by Kevin McCormick it was passed unanimously to transfer the following sums of money to the Park Commission Revolving Fund, as authorized by the May 20, 2002 Semi-Annual Town Meeting, to be expended by the Board of Park Commission:

- a) the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$6,343.50) from the unexpended appropriation authorization by action taken under Article 12 of the October 21, 1996 Town Meeting that appropriated funds for the appropriation of plans for additional field development;
- b) the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$16,202.87) from the unexpended appropriation authorized by action taken under Article 16 of the May 17, 1999 Semi-Annual Town Meeting appropriating funds for athletic field reconstruction; and
- c) the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$424.50) from the Parks Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

ARTICLE 4 *unanimously passed*

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2003 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY TRANSFERS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Upon a motion of James A. Ryan and Wayne LeBlanc it was passed unanimously to transfer from unexpended appropriations One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Eight dollars and no cents (\$184,328.00) from the unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2003 appropriations, hitherto made, or from any other available funds, to Fiscal Year 2003.

Account to Transfer From			Account to Transfer To	
Amount	Description	Number	Description	Number
\$1,500	Maturing Debt-Interest	012 01-92 0 7200.201	Selectmen Other Charges	010 01-22-06700.000
\$20,000	Shepard Bldg Plans/Specifications/Estimates	012 01-92 07200.201	Town Counsel	010 01-51-06200.000
\$8,000	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Town Counsel	010 01-51-06200.000
\$2,000	Funds for Sewer Legislation	012 04-35 07265.096	Town Counsel	010 01-51-06200.000
\$10,000	1999 Workers Compensation Trust Fund	084 09-18 07901.099	Town Counsel	010 01-51-06200.000
\$1,000	Assessor's Salaries	010 01-41 05100.000	Computer Administration Salaries	010 01-55-05100.000
\$4,500	Assessor's Salaries	010 01-41 05100.000	Computer Administration Purchased Serv,	010 01-55-06200.000
\$1,500	Overlay Surplus	N/A	Computer Administration	010 01-55-06200.000
\$95	Communications Other Charges	010 02-35 06700.000	Communications Training	010 02-35 06300.000
\$124	Building Inspector Other Charges	010 02-41 06700.000	Building Inspector Purchased Services	010 02-41 06200.000
\$195	Civil Defense Supplies	010 02-91 06400.000	Civil Defense Purchased Services	010 02-91 06200.000
\$5,000	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Snow and Ice Salaries & Wages	010 04-23 05100.000
\$15,000	1999 Workers Compensation Trust Fund	084 09-18 07901.097	Snow and Ice Salaries & Wages	010 04-23 05100.000
\$6,000	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Snow & Ice Purchased Services	010 04-23 06200.000
\$2,000	1999 Workers Compensation Trust Fund	084 09-18 07901.097	Snow & Ice Purchased Services	010 04-23 06200.000
\$29,500	1998 Workers Compensation Trust Fund	084 09-18 07901.098	Snow & Ice Supplies	010 04-23 06400.00
\$425	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Street Lighting	010 04-24 06200.000
\$7,977	Confined Space Training	010 02-20 07225.201	Trash Removal & Tipping Fees	010 04-30 06200.000
\$7,023	1999 Workers Compensation Trust Fund	084 09-18 07901.099	Trash Removal & Tipping Fees	010 04-30 06200.000
\$15,000	Overlay Surplus	N/A	Trash Removal & Tipping Fees	010 04-30 06200.000
\$937.	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Council on Aging Purchased Services	010 05-41 06200.000
\$5,085	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Interest on Temporary Loans	010 07-53 06925.000
\$16,967	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Maturing Debt Principal	010 07-50 06915.000
\$21,000	Overlay Surplus	N/A	Medicare-Town's Share	010 09-16 05170.000
\$3,500	Maturing Debt-Interest	010 07-50 06910.000	Group Health Insurance	010 09-14 05170.000
\$184,328	Total Transfers			

Recap of Funding Sources for 2003 Transfers

Shepard Bldg-Plans/Estimates	20,000.00	21,108.00
Maturing Debt-Interest	47,414.00	56,165.66
Funds for Sewer Legislation	2,000.00	5,303.50
1999 workers comp Trust fund	34,023.00	42,221.42

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Overlay Surplus	37,500.00	47,011.00
Assessor Salaries	5,500.00	9,431.30
Communications Other Charges	95.00	760.00
Building Inspector Other Charges	124.00	2,404.48
Civil Defense Supplies	195.00	719.20
Confined Space Training	<u>7,977.00</u>	<u>7,977.53</u>
Total Funding Sources	\$184,328.00	\$228,567.15

ARTICLE 5 *passed over*

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE SALARY LEVEL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS AND PARKS

Upon a motion of Wayne LeBlanc and second by James A. Ryan, it was unanimously voted to *pass over* this article which would have amended Section 5, Part AA. Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Bylaw as follows:

Delete Part AA as follows:

CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
11					
Superintendent of Streets and Parks	\$46,918	\$51,177	\$55,436	\$59,694	\$63,503
And insert the following					
GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
11					
Superintendent of Streets and Parks	\$52,622	\$56,945	\$61,268	\$65,589	\$69,456

Motion was made by H. Carter Hunt, Jr. to adjourn the meeting, second by the floor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest

Kim D. Hopewell
Town Clerk