

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2004**

Town Clerk, Maxwell G. Gould, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:05PM. "With 83 members present, we have a quorum."

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to all the newly elected RTM members and asked that they sign the book at the end of the meeting.

The Moderator read the Warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of North Attleborough:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of North Attleborough to meet at the North Attleborough Middle School Cafetorium, 564 Landry Avenue, in said North Attleborough on MONDAY, THE TWELFTH OF APRIL, 2004 A.D.

At 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

BRISTOL, ss.

Pursuant to this within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Attleborough within described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant in seventeen (17) public places in said town twenty-one (21) days before the time of said meeting.

Chief Michael P. Gould, Sr.
Constable
Town of North Attleborough

1. Central Fire Station
2. Richards Memorial Library
3. Town Offices
4. Cushman Union Church
5. Oldetown Church
6. Bristol County Savings Bank
7. Falls Post Office
8. Cumberland Farms - Kelley Boulevard
9. Registry of Motor Vehicles
10. Housing for the Elderly (Circle Court)
11. Housing for the Elderly (Center)
12. Housing for the Elderly (Elm Terrace)
13. Attleboro Toyota
14. Fleet Bank (Center)
15. Fireside Nissan
16. Department of Public Works (Smith Street)

17. North Attleborough Federal Credit Union

ARTICLE 1 SUPPLEMENT FY04 STREET LIGHTING LINE ITEM BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2004 Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 or some other sum to supplement Line #46, Street Lighting, and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by transfer of available funds, by borrowing or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This funding is needed to ensure sufficient funds for FY04 departmental obligations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2004 Annual Town Meeting by transferring \$20,000 from Line Item No. 66, Health Insurance, and \$30,000 from Line Item No. 68, Liability Insurance, to Line Item No. 46, Street Lighting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This transfer of funds will allow the Town to cover unexpected increases in the street lighting expenses.

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.

ARTICLE 2 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: TO GENERAL EXPENSES BUILDING INSPECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,290.00 or any other sum from Building Inspector Salaries (FY2004 ATM, Article 5, Line Item 31a) to Building Inspector Expenses (FY 2004 ATM, Article Line Item 31b) Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Building Inspector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Due to vacancies in the office, contractual expenses have been required to be used to provide clerical services.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2004 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$8170 from Line Item No. 31a, Building Inspector's Salary & Wage, to Line Item No. 31b, Building Inspector's General Expenses.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This transfer of funds will allow the building department to pay for contracted-clerical services that were needed due to a vacancy in the office.

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.

ARTICLE 3 ESTABLISH SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BOARD, PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Sewer Department (Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewer Collections and Pretreatment) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as a Sewer Enterprise Fund, effective fiscal year 2005. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Public Works .

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This initiative will allow for the implementation of a Sewer Enterprise Fund within the Town of North Attleborough. Benefits of a Sewer Enterprise Fund include:

- Improved financial accounting to determine the true costs of the sanitary sewer assets within North Attleborough
- More equitable allocation and assignment of those costs to the beneficiaries of the sewer system
- More flexibility with regards to maintaining and repairing/replacing sanitary sewer assets
- Assist in complying with the new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34
- Reduce the financial impact on the General Fund from the sewer system by eliminating future, large debt service for the major upgrade expense at WWTF.

Currently, the Town has both adopted both water and landfill enterprise funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to establish the Sewer Department (Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewer Collections and Pretreatment) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as a Sewer Enterprise Fund, effective fiscal year 2005
FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This should provide proper allocation of receipts to the operation, maintenance, and refurbishment of the sewer facilities.

The Board of Public Works had a presentation on the proposed Article and discussion began.

After much discussion, Christine Schromm (P1) made a motion to move the question and go directly to a vote. Motion seconded. The RTM members approved the motion. 89 members voting, 62-yes & 27-no.

Point of Order, Bart Steele (P7) asking for a Roll Call Vote. 24 members voted in favor.

The RTM members, by Roll Call Vote, approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read. 97 members voting, 76-yes & 21-no.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:00PM, the Special Town Meeting adjourned, Sine Die.