

**PROCEEDINGS  
SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2003**

Town Clerk, Maxwell Gould, opened the Semi-Annual Town Meeting on October 20, 2003 at 7:05PM. With 83 RTM members present, we have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Moderator, Steve Dalrymple read the Warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT  
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE  
SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, ss.

To either 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 20th OF OCTOBER 2003 A.D.**

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

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least seventeen public places in said Town and also in one place in each of the voting precincts within the Town at least twenty-one days before the time of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given our hands and seal of the Town of North Attleborough on this August 26, 2003.

John C. Rhyno, Chairman  
Mark C. Fisher, Vice-Chairman  
David Chee  
Marjorie A. Kraskouskas  
James C. Wood

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**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Procedural Rule as follows:

*That the count of a two-thirds vote when it is obvious to the Moderator, shall not be taken by the Moderator unless requested by seven or more RTM members.*

Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 1 LABORERS' CONTRACT**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,700 or some other sum to supplement the budgets of various departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Laborers Local 1144 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, transfer from Article 5, Line 4C, Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To fund contract effective 7/1/03

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

**After much discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.**

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$59,238 to supplement the budgets of various departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Laborers Local 1144 and to transfer the sum of \$33,000 from Article 5 line 4C Salary Reserve and the sum of \$26,238 from Article 5 Line 69A Water Enterprise Salaries of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 2 PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICERS' CONTRACT**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,700 or some other sum to supplement the budget of the Police Department for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the Professional Police Officers' Association Local 280 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, transfer from Article 5, Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To fund contract effective 7/1/03

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

Jim Wood (P8) made a motion to table Article 2 to the end of the Warrant.  
Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the motion to table Article 2. 2/3's vote obvious to the Moderator.**

**ARTICLE 3 PATROLMEN'S CONTRACT**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,700 or some other sum to supplement the budget of the Police Department for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the North Attleborough Police Patrol Officers Association and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, transfer from Article 5, Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To fund contract effective 7/1/03

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

Jim Wood (P8) made a motion to table Article 3 to the end of the Warrant.  
Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the motion to table Article 3. 2/3's vote obvious to the Moderator.**

**ARTICLE 4 ATP SALARY INCREASE**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$28,094 to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the Personnel By-Laws, "ATP", classification and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation, transfer, or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This would fund an additional 1.5% increase for the Administrative, Technical and Professional (ATP) employees retroactive to 7/1/03. Since the "ATP" group was voted a 1.5% increase at the Annual Town Meeting, this would fund an additional 1.5% bringing the total increase to 3% effective on 7/1/03.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Finance Committee stands by it prior position at the FY04 Annual Town Meeting of a 1.5 percent increase for all Town employees.

After much discussion Brian Geoghegan (P7) made a motion to move the question.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion carried.

**The RTM members defeated the Finance Committee recommendation as read.**

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,094 to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the Personnel By-Laws, "ATP" classification and that said sum shall be transferred from available Free Cash.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 5 INCREASE TO TREASURER/COLLECTOR SALARY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to change the salary of the Treasurer/Collector as set forth in Article 3 of the CY 2003 Annual Town Meeting from \$71,050 to \$72,100, or any other sum. And to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$525.00 to increase Line Item 9a, Town Treasurer Salaries, FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting to \$194,439. And to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$525.00 to increase Line Item 10a, Tax Collector Salaries, FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting to \$135,346. And to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To provide the incumbent Treasurer/Collector with the FY 2004 total salary increase (3%) being requested by the Board of Selectmen for all ATPs. At the CY 2003 Annual Town Meeting, the incumbent Treasurer/Collector received a 1.5% increase from his FY 2003 salary and approval of this article will provide authorization and appropriation for an additional 1.5%.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Finance Committee stands by its prior position at the FY04 Annual Town Meeting of a 1.5 percent increase for all Town employees.

After much discussion, John Donahue (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to change the salary of the Treasurer/Collector as set forth in Article 3 of the CY 2003 Annual Town Meeting from \$71,050 to \$72,100. And to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$525 to increase Line item 9a Town Treasurer Salaries of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting to \$194,439 and to appropriate the sum of \$525 to increase Line Item 10a Tax Collector Salaries of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting to \$135,346. And that the sum of \$1,050 shall be transferred from available Free Cash.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented. 2/3's vote obvious to the Moderator.**

**ARTICLE 6 PTS SALARY SCHEDULE INCREASE**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to change, under the Personnel By-Laws, Schedule A "PTS Salary Schedule", effective 7/1/03. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto Human Resources See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To increase the PTS pay scale by 1.5%. Since the "PTS" scale was increased by 1.5% at the Annual Town Meeting, this action would result in a total increase of 3% effective 7/1/03.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Finance Committee stands by its prior position at the FY04 Annual Town Meeting of a 1.5 percent increase for all Town employees.

After much discussion, Diane Szpila (P2) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to change under the Personnel By-Laws, Schedule A "PTS Salary Schedule" effective 7/1/03.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 7 PTS SALARY INCREASE**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8500 to supplement the budgets of various departments for the salary increases for personnel under the Personnel By-Laws, PTS Part-time and Seasonal Employees and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation, transfer or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This would fund a 1.5% increase for Part-time and Seasonal Employees retroactive to 7/1/03. Since the PTS group was voted a 1.5% increase at the Annual Town Meeting, this would fund an additional 1.5% bringing the total increase to 3% effective on 7/1/03.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Finance Committee stands by its prior position at the FY04 Annual Town Meeting of a 1.5 percent increase for all Town employees.

**After some discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.**

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,500 to supplement the budgets of various departments for the salary increases for personnel under the Personnel By-Laws PTS Part-time and Seasonal Employees and that said sum shall be transferred from available Free Cash.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 8 INCREASE TO SRPEDD ASSESSMENT**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$340, or any other sum, to increase Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Town Meeting, Line Item 20, SRPEDD assessment by increasing the amount previously appropriated, \$4,045 to \$4,385. And to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To amend the budget for this assessment.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote transfer the sum of \$340.00 from available free cash to Article V of the FY04 Annual Town Meeting, Line Item 20, "SRPEDD Assessment".

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will cover the increase in the assessment.

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

**ARTICLE 9 INCREASE TO TRI COUNTY ASSESSMENT**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,787, or any other sum, to increase Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Town Meeting, Line Item 42, Tri-County Regional High School assessment from the previously appropriated, \$1,392,414 by \$18,787 to \$1,411,201. And to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION** To amend the budget for this assessment, per the vote of the Tri-County School District Committee on July 23, 2003.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote transfer the sum of \$18,787, from available free cash to Article V of the FY04 Annual Town Meeting, Line Item 42, "Tri County Regional High School".

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will cover the increase in the assessment.

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

**ARTICLE 10 INCREASE TO FY04 GENERAL FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

sum of \$122,555, or some other sum, to be used as another financing source in the general fund for FY 2004. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To address the FY 2004 revenue shortfall due to a reduction in anticipated state aid, per the FY 2004 Cherry Street.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer \$108,817 from available free cash to be used as another financing source in the general fund for FY 2004.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** To address the FY 2004 revenue shortfall due to a reduction in anticipated state aid, per the FY 2004 Cherry Sheet.

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

**ARTICLE 11 E-RATE REIMBURSEMENT FUND TRANSFER**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,385.49, or any other sum, for the purpose of providing technology, and/or telecommunication related supplies, equipment or services to the North Attleborough Public Schools. Said sum to be transferred from the E-Rate reimbursement Reserved for Expenditures Fund. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. School Committee

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The School Department has applied for and received federal E-Rate funds. These funds are designed to help schools improve or expand telecommunications and technology, including training for staff and students. The Town receives the funds from various vendors and Town Meeting must then vote to allocate the funds to an article under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,385.49 for the purpose of providing technology, and/or telecommunication related supplies, equipment or services to the North Attleborough Public Schools. Said sum to be transferred from the E-Rate reimbursement Reserved for Expenditures Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the use of these funds for the purchasing of technology and/or telecommunication related supplies for the School Department.

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

**ARTICLE 12 MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, enterprise funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for various capital and special projects of the Town, including but not limited to constructing, reconstructing, adding to, equipping and furnishing public buildings, and other public facilities, purchasing equipment, constructing, reconstructing roads and other public ways, constructing improvements to the Town's water and sewerage systems, purchasing equipment and undertaking other capital projects, including costs incidental and related to such projects, or to take any other action relative to the foregoing matters.

**PART 1. MUNICIPAL CIP ON-GOING MAINTENANCE EFFORTS  
(ITEMS 1-12, INCLUSIVE PROJECTS' TOTAL: \$585,000, NOT INCLUDING BONDING)**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>REQUESTOR</b>
1.	\$ 15,000	Protective Clothing	Fire Commissioners
2.	\$ 12,000	Breathing Apparatus	Fire Commissioners
3.	\$ 75,000	Student Transportation Vehicle	School Committee
4.	\$100,000	Hazardous Materials Removal & Abatement (Lead &Asbestos) from School Buildings	School Committee
5.	\$ 20,000	Computer Replacement Management Information Services	MIS Director
6.	\$ 26,000	Revaluation	Board of Assessors
7.	\$ 7,000	Town Hall - Copier Replacement	Board of Selectmen
8.	\$ 10,000	Playground Cover/Equipment Repair/Replacement	Park Commissioners
9.	\$100,000	Roads & Sidewalks	Board of Public Works - Highway Department
10.	\$ 50,000	Vehicle Replacement - Truck	Board of Public Works - Highway Department
11.	\$ 8,000	Open Top Containers (2)	Solid Waste Department
12.	\$162,000	Vehicle Replacement	Police Department

Said sum to be raised by General Tax, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or Municipal Building Committee, if applicable, until expended or released unless transferred by Town Meeting . And that in the case of borrowing to meet the appropriation for this article, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of **\$602,550** (TOTAL OF PROJECTS LISTED IN PART 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, PLUS BONDING COSTS), or any other sum, under and pursuant to the statutes cited above, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of town therefore; and the requested sum of **\$585,000** be expended by the Town Board/Official listed, or the **Municipal Building Committee, if applicable**, for project costs, and the sum of **\$17,550** be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer for issuance costs; and that betterment assessments therefore shall be levied under the provisions of Town Bylaws where applicable.

**PART I: Municipal On-going Maintenance Efforts:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$67,000 by transferring from free cash as follows:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>REQUESTOR</b>
2.	\$ 12,000	Breathing Apparatus	Fire Commissioners
3.	\$ 35,000	Student Transportation Vehicle	School Committee
5.	\$ 20,000	Computer Replacement Management Information Services	MIS Director

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Pursuant to the request of the Board of Selectmen.

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation for Part 1 of Article 12 as read.

**ARTICLE 12**

**PART 2. ADDITIONAL FY 2004 CAPITAL MAINTENANCE EFFORTS**

**(ITEMS 13-35, INCLUSIVE, PROJECTS' TOTAL: \$28,432,000, NOT INCLUDING BONDING)**

13.	\$ 30,000	Vehicle	Fire Commissioners
14.	\$ 50,000	Engineering & Design Services	Council on Aging
15.	\$ 5,000	Town Monument Restoration Project - Phase I: Evaluation of Conditions and Cost Estimates	Park Commissioners
16.	\$ 980,000	Fales Road Water Project	BPW - Water Division
17.	\$950,000	Sheldonville Road Water Project	BPW - Water Division
18.	\$ 25,000	Elm St. Station - Roof Repair	Fire Commissioners
19.	\$ 800,000	Administration - Building rehab	Board of Public Works Administration
20.	\$ 444,000	Americans with Disabilities Improvements - Engineering & Design	Town Administrator
21.	\$ 70,000	Telephone & Telecommunications Systems Replacement - NAHS, Falls, Roosevelt, Allen Ave., Amvet schools	School Committee
22.	\$ 700,000	Aerial Ladder Truck	Fire Commissioners
23.	\$ 170,000	Whitings Dam Repairs	Conservation Commission
24.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle – Truck	Park Commissioners
25.	\$ 500,000	Ball Fields – Columbia Field &Town Forest	Park Commissioners
26.	\$ 195,000	Repair of Bleachers @ NAHS	School Committee
27.	\$ 190,000	Conversion Project Woodcock Adm. Bldg.	School Committee
28.	\$380,000	St. Mark's Pond Dam Rehabilitation	Conservation Commission
29.	\$ 180,000	GIS - Phase III	MIS Director - Management Information Systems
30.	\$5,430,000	Community School Conversion Project	School Committee
31.	\$ 740,000	Vehicle Replacement Program	BPW
32.	\$ 2,000,000	Failed Roads Program	BPW
33.	\$13,000,000	New Library	Library Trustees
34.	\$ 262,000	Window Replacement Allen Ave., Amvet, Falls, NAHS, Roosevelt	School Committee
35.	\$ 15,000	Emergency Communications System	Fire Commissioners
36.	\$ 15,000	Roll-off Truck - Solid Waste Dept.	Board of Selectmen
37.	\$ 8,000	Mason Field – Fencing	Park Commissioners
38.	\$ 140,000	Chiller Replacement – NAHS	School Committee
39.	\$ 15,000	NAHS - Restructure Adm. Offices	School Committee
40.	\$ 22,000	Vehicle	Conservation Commission



grants that are or may become available for these purposes. The sum of \$57,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended by the Town Treasurer for issuance costs. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Public Works

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This article will allow for the design of the sanitary sewer infrastructure for Oakridge Avenue. This area has been designated through the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as a high priority area for sewer. This project will provide engineering estimates for future construction work.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the moment, there are no funds available to pay for such capital projects. Additionally, this project has not been placed on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Robert Norton (P9) asked the body to overturn the recommendation so he could present an Affirmative Action.

After some discussion, John Donahue (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

**The RTM members defeated the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

Robert Norton (P9) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to: Authorize the engineering, design and bidding services for approximately 5,075 feet of a sanitary sewer and appurtenances in Oakridge Avenue and to appropriate \$57,000 from available free cash. And to authorize the Board of Public Works to apply for and accept and expend any State or Federal grants that are or may become available for these purposes. The sum of \$57,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 15 LEACHING GALLERIES: WHITINGS POND**

**CONSERVATION COMM.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,000.00, for construction costs at Whittings Pond for the installation of structural Best Management Practices (BMP’s) leaching galleries to reduce phosphorus coming into the Ten Mile River and the Pond and for costs incidental and related thereto. And to determine how said appropriation, including issuance costs, if any, shall be raised – by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise. Said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Conservation Commission. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Conservation Commission

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Whiting Pond receives 70% of its nutrients, including phosphorus, from storm water. As a result of an increased nutrient load, it suffers from periodic algae blooms that are currently managed via chemical treatments. These algae blooms represent a health risk related to gastroenteritis and skin rashes. According to the diagnostic study completed on the problem, the installation of the BMP’s will result in the treatment of over 60% of the storm water entering the Pond and the Ten Mile River and a 17% reduction of the total phosphorous entering the water.

This article is being submitted for the Watershed Initiative Grant from US EPA via the State DEP. This is a reimbursement grant for 60% of the total costs or \$123,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The current fiscal climate precludes the expenditure of \$205,000 for this project.

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

**ARTICLE 16 CHEMICAL TREATMENT: FALLS PONDS CONSERVATION COMM.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for chemical treatment of Upper and Lower Falls Ponds to rid the pond of Milfoil infestation. And to determine how said appropriation, including issuance costs, if any, shall be raised – by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer of available funds, or otherwise. Said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Conservation Commission. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Conservation Commission

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Milfoil is an invasive species, which will grow unchecked until eventually the ponds will become covered and will not afford the recreational opportunities we now enjoy. This treatment is a two-year process, which will be carried out in the spring. The ponds were last spot treated in 2000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Other funds are available.

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

**ARTICLE 17 REPAIRS TO LADDER TRUCK FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 or any other sum to supplement Article 5, Line 29b, Fire Department General Expenses of the FY2004 Annual Town Meeting. Said amount to be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Fire Department

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Fire Department’s primary ladder truck, Ladder One, is 15 years old and in need of a complete refurbishing. The truck has significant corrosion in many areas, requiring repair and repainting of the entire unit. Repairs to the hydraulic system and front suspension are also necessary. The refurbishing of Ladder one would extend its serviceable life as a ladder truck for another 15 years.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from available free cash to Article 5, Line Item 29b, “Fire Department General Expenses”.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The money will be well spent and justified as these funds will be used to extend the life of the primary ladder truck for the public safety of the Town.

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

**ARTICLE 18 TRANSFER LANDFILL TRUCK PARK & RECREATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Town of North Attleborough 1997 F250 Landfill truck to the Park and Recreation Department. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Park Commissioners

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Currently the Park Department has three trucks that are in major disarray. With the Landfill truck, which has not been used for extensive plowing or daily use the Park Department could better utilize the vehicle for both those needs and more.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The proper procedure was not followed because the truck referenced in this article has not been declared surplus as dictated by the Town’s by-laws.

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

**ARTICLE 19 AMEND VETERANS' BUYBACK**

**RETIREMENT BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2002, an amendment to Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996 – Veterans Buyback of Military Service. Chapter 468 removes the 10 (ten) year membership requirement. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Retirement Board See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Would allow members who meet the requirements of Veteran status within Chapter 32 of the M.G.L. to purchase up to four (4) years of active service or National Guard and Active Reserve Personnel (for 5 years of Reserves = 1 year of active on creditable service) upon becoming a member (for new personnel) or within 180 days of acceptance (with notice) for current members of the Retirement System.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2002, an amendment to Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996 – Veterans Buyback of Military Service

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article would allow all veterans to take advantage of the amendment to Chapter 71.

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

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZATION OF TEN YEAR LEASE**

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the Executive Director of the Council on Aging to enter into negotiations with the North Attleborough Housing Authority, on behalf of the Town, to establish a ten-year lease for the Howard Estate. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Council on Aging

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Council on Aging is currently seeking federal funding, through the state’s Division of Housing and Community Development, to build a much-needed extension to the Howard Estate, location of the North Attleborough Senior Center. In order to qualify for such funding, however, the state requires that the Town of North Attleborough, through its Council on Aging, have site control over the Howard Estate in the form of a ten-year lease. Town Counsel has already approved language for such an agreement but has indicated that RTM approval for this proposed article is the next, appropriate step. A positive vote by RTM on this article will, therefore, provide the Executive Director of the Council on Aging with the required authority to negotiate this ten-year lease and, consequently, provide vital access to funding for the senior center extension.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to empower and authorize the Executive Director of the Council on Aging to enter into negotiations with the North Attleborough Housing Authority, on behalf of the Town, to establish a ten-year lease for the Howard Estate.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This would assist the Council on Aging to seek federal funding through the State’s division of Housing and Community Development.

**The RTM members unanimously approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

**ARTICLE 21 TRANSFER: TITUS POND TO PARK & RECREATION**

**BOARD SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the control and custody of Parcel “A”, 7.7 +/- acres on High Street to the Park and Recreation Department for municipal recreation purposes. Parcel “A” is shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA. Prepared for the TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, prepared by W.T. Whalen Engineering Co., July 03, 2003”, Scale : 1”=50’ which plan is on file with the Town Clerk’s office. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Consistent with the original acquisition, portion of the area of Titus Pond would be conveyed to the Park Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 3-2

**2/3 VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the control and custody of Parcel “A”, 7.7 +/- acres on High Street to the Park and Recreation Department for municipal recreation purposes.

Parcel "A" is shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA. Prepared for the TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, prepared by W.T. Whalen Engineering Co., July 03, 2003", Scale : 1"=50' which plan is on file with the Town Clerk's office.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article will provide control and custody of Parcel A to the Park and Recreation Department.

After much discussion, a motion was made at 10:09 PM, to adjourn the Semi-Annual Town Meeting to Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 7:00pm.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Town Clerk Maxwell Gould opened the adjourned session of the Semi-Annual Town Meeting at 7:09PM on Wednesday October 22, 2003.

With 81 RTM members present we have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Discussion continued on Article 21.

After some discussion, Diane Szpila (P2) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members defeated the motion to move the question. 79 members voting 47-yes & 32-no. 53 votes needed.**

Following more discussion, Bart Steele (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

**The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read. 2/3's vote obvious to the Moderator.**

## **ARTICLE 22 SEWER ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT**

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Sewer Department (Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collections) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 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 adopted both water and landfill enterprise funds.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of the article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The proposal to forego the existing debt without a revenue stream identified will put too great a burden on the taxpayer and the Town.

After much discussion, a motion was made at 10:00pm by the Moderator to adjourn the meeting to Monday October 27, 2003 at 7:00pm.

Motion seconded.  
Motion carried.

On Monday October 27, 2003, Town Clerk Maxwell Gould opened the adjourned session of the Semi-Annual Town Meeting at 7:14pm with 77 members present. We have a quorum.

Discussion continued on Article 22.

Following further discussion, Agnes Woodbury (P3) made a motion to move the question and go directly to a vote.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion carried.

**The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read. 77 members voting 59-yes & 18-no.**

**ARTICLE 23 AMEND ATP CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE A HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the "ATP" classification, Schedule A (See Attached) by making the following changes: 1) Under ATP-10 eliminate the "Town Clerk (30%)/Tax Collector (70%)" 2) Under ATP-11 eliminate "Town Treasurer" and 3) Add under ATP-12 the position of "Treasurer/Collector" as approved at the FY03 Annual Town Meeting Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources. See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This would create an appropriate classification for the combined "Treasurer/Collector" position and eliminate the previous classifications for the positions.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend the "ATP" classification, Schedule A by making the following changes: 1) Under ATP-10 eliminate the "Town Clerk (30%)/Tax Collector (70%)" 2) under ATP-11 eliminate "Town Treasurer" and 3) add under ATP-12 the position of "Treasurer/Collector"

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The human resources director has requested this change so that the Town's personnel By-Laws would coincide with the article that was approved at the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 24 AMEND TOWN BY-LAWS, ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 TOWN CLERK**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws, Article X, Sec 2., Paragraph c., Subparagraph 2. Change "Any license purchased more than sixty (60) days after the due date..." To read "Any license purchased more than thirty (30) days after the due date..." Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Town Clerk See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Dog licenses in North Attleborough are issued annually for the period of April 1 to March 31. This change would help reduce the time allowed to bring a dog owner into compliance with the By-law.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote amend the Town By-Laws, Article X, "Animal Control", Section 2, "Dog Licensing". Paragraph c2 to delete, "... sixty (60) days after the due date..." and replace with "... thirty (30) days after the due date..." . The section shall now read, "Any license purchased more than thirty (30) days after the due date..."

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The proposed change would help reduce the time allowed to bring a dog owner into compliance with the By-Law.

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

**ARTICLE 25 AMEND BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II, SECTION 2B 15 BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Town Administrator, Section B 15 of the Town By-Laws by deleting “He shall coordinate personnel administration with the Personnel Board” and replacing it with “The Human Resources Director shall coordinate personnel administration with the Town Administrator”. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee. See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

At the June 2002 Special Town Meeting, (Article 41), the RTM voted to disband the Personnel Board. This article is considered a housekeeping article.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article II, Town Administrator, Section B 15 of the Town By-Laws by deleting “He shall coordinate personnel administration with the Personnel Board” and replacing it with “The Human Resources Administrator shall coordinate personnel administration with the Town Administrator”

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This is a housekeeping measure. This article will up date the by-laws in accordance with the articles that were approved at the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 26 AMEND TOWN BY LAW ARTICLE VI, SUBSECTION 3b5 BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Town Officers, Sub-section 3 b 5 of the Town By-Laws by deleting “consistent with such policy directives as may be approved by the Personnel Board”. Sub-section 3 b 5 will now read: Administration of the municipality’s wage and salary classification plan. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

At the June 2002 Special Town Meeting, (Article 41), the RTM voted to disband the Personnel Board. This article is considered a housekeeping article.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article VI, “Town Officers”, Sub-section 3, “General Responsibilities and Accountability”, b 5 of the Town By-Laws by deleting “consistent with such policy directives as may be approved by the Personnel Board”. Sub-section 3 b 5 will now read: Administration of the municipality’s wage and salary classification plan

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This is a housekeeping measure. This article will up date the by-laws in accordance with the articles that were approved at the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 27 AMEND BY LAW: ARTICLE VI, SUBSECTION 4e BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Town Officers, Sub-section 4e of the Town By-Laws by deleting provides, where appropriate, administrative support to the Personnel Board relative to the administration of and adding the word administers Sub-section 4e will now read: Administers the town’s classification and pay plans including, making recommendations or reclassification of existing positions, assisting in the conducting of classification and salary survey studies. The Human Resources Administrator shall keep all boards, committees, and commissions, however appointed or constituted, fully informed of any changes or amendments to the classification plan on any changes of a rule or regulation which was promulgated as part of the compensation plan or by-law. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

At the June 2002 Special Town Meeting, (Article 41), the RTM voted to disband the Personnel Board. This article is considered a housekeeping article.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote Article VI, "Town Officers", Subsection 4, "Duties and Responsibilities of the Human Resources Department", e of the Town By-Laws by deleting "Provides, where appropriate, administrative support to the Personnel Board relative to the administration of" and adding the word "Administers". Sub-section 4e will now read: Administers the town's classification and pay plans including, making recommendations or reclassification of existing positions, assisting in the conducting of classification and salary survey studies. The Human Resources Administrator shall keep all boards, committees, and commissions, however appointed or constituted, fully informed of any changes or amendments to the classification plan on any changes of a rule or regulation which was promulgated as part of the compensation

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This is a housekeeping measure. This article will up date the by-laws in accordance with the articles that were approved at the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 28 AMEND TOWN BY LAW: ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4d BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII, Elected Boards, Section 4d of the Town By-Laws by deleting Personnel Board and replacing it with Human Resources Director. The section will now read the Superintendent of Streets shall be appointed by the Board of Public Works in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Civil Service Law and Rules, and shall receive such compensation as the Board may determine subject to the approval of the Human Resources Director and the Personnel By-Laws. He shall act as the agent of the Board in the operation of the Highway Department as the BPW may require. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

At the June 2002 Special Town Meeting, (Article 41), the RTM voted to disband the Personnel Board. This article is considered a housekeeping article.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article VII, "Elected Boards", Section 4 "", paragraph d of the Town By-Laws by deleting "Personnel Board" and replacing it with "Human Resources Administrator". The section will now read "The Superintendent of Streets shall be appointed by the Board of Public Works in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Civil Service Law and Rules, and shall receive such compensation as the Board may determine subject to the approval of the Human Resources Administrator and the Personnel By-Laws. He shall act as the agent of the Board in the operation of the Highway Department as the BPW may require."

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This is a housekeeping measure. This article will up date the by-laws in accordance with the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 29 AMEND BY LAW: ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 a BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X, Animal Control, Section 1a of the Town By-Laws by deleting Personnel Board and replace it with Human Resources Administrator. The section will now read one or more Dog Officers shall be appointed annually in May and shall receive such compensation as may be directed by the Human Resources Administrator subject to applicable laws. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

At the June 2002 Special Town Meeting, (Article 41), the RTM voted to disband the Personnel Board. This article is considered a housekeeping article.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article X, Animal Control, Section 1a of the Town By-Laws by deleting "Personnel Board" and replace it with "Human Resources Administrator". The section will now read "One or more Dog Officers shall be appointed annually in May and shall receive such compensation as may be directed by the Human Resources Administrator subject to applicable laws."

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This is a housekeeping measure. This article will up date the by-laws in accordance to the June 2002 Special Town Meeting.

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

**ARTICLE 30 AMEND TOWN BY LAW: ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1C BY LAW STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII., Appointed Boards and Committees, Section 1c “By Law Study and Codification Committee” of the Town By-Laws by deleting “to be attached to the petition and will return within twenty-one (21) days the petition to the sponsor for filing with the Board of Selectmen” and replacing it with “to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.” The section will now read “All petitions for new and/or amended By-Laws shall be submitted to the By Law Study and Codification Committee; the Committee will review the proposed By-Law in order to make a written recommendation to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.” Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. By Law Study and Codification Committee See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The current verbiage infers that the By Law Study and Codification Committee will have received articles more than three weeks prior to the due date for articles. The committee does not see articles until after the Board of Selectmen has accepted them. At that time, the By Law Study and Codification Committee schedules its Public Hearings.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article VIII., Appointed Boards and Committees, Section 1c “By Law Study and Codification Committee” of the Town By-Laws by deleting “to be attached to the petition and will return within twenty-one (21) days the petition to the sponsor for filing with the Board of Selectmen” and replacing it with “to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.” The section will now read “All petitions for new and/or amended By-Laws shall be submitted to the By Law Study and Codification Committee; the Committee will review the proposed By-Law in order to make a written recommendation to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.”

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article will streamline the approval process of petitions that impact the Town’s By-Laws.

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

**ARTICLE 31 AMEND TOWN BY LAW ARTILCE IX, SECTION 1e BUILDING INSPECTOR**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX ( Inspectors), Section 1(e) to clarify the length of term that the Board of Selectmen may appoint an individual to serve as a Local Building Inspector. The current section in question states that “The Board of Selectmen may appoint an additional person or persons as local Building Inspector (s) to assist the Building Inspector in enforcing the State Building Code and Rules and Regulations of the Architectural Access Board.” The amended section shall now read as follows: “The Board of Selectmen may appoint for a term not to exceed three years an additional person or persons as local Building Inspector (s) to assist the Building Inspector in enforcing the State Building Code and Rules and Regulations of the Architectural Access Board. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Building Inspector See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The proposed by-law amendment will clarify the length of appointment for Local Building Inspector and allow the term of the appointment, should the Board of Selectmen so desire, to be for the same length of time – 3 years – as that of the Town’s Building Inspector (Municipal By-laws Article IX, Section 1 (a).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The by law study and codification committee has not recommended the proposed by law change.

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

**ARTICLE 32 AMEND TOWN BY-LAWS, ARTICLE XX, TOP SOIL PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws, ARTICLE XX. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, Section 1. REMOVAL OF TOP SOIL, by rewording paragraphs a, b, and c as follows, by re-wording paragraph c and re-designating paragraph c to paragraph d, and by re-designating paragraphs c – i to paragraphs d – j as follows (changes in bold and underlined):

- a. **The removal of top soil from any parcel of land in the Town of North Attleborough, by any person, firm or corporation shall be allowed only by approval of the Planning Board after Public Notice and Hearing.**
- b. Topsoil cannot be removed from the boundaries of the Town of North Attleborough.
- c. No approval is required where topsoil removal is:
  - i. incidental to or in connection with the construction, alteration, excavating or grading for a building or road,
  - ii. involved in the use of land, for which a plan has been approved by the Planning Board.
- d. No approval shall be required where the surface area from which topsoil is removed is less than two hundred (200) square feet.
- e. Approval by the Planning Board shall be subject to the determination that the topsoil removal is not detrimental to the neighborhood.
- f. Approval shall be limited to two (2) years from date of acceptance.
- g. Removal operations as a nonconforming use shall not be extended beyond the property lines of the particular parcels upon which such operations are in progress at the time of the adoption of this amendment.
- h. All areas from which topsoil has been removed shall:
  - 1. be graded to meet adjacent ground elevations at a slope of not less than one (1) foot vertical to two (2) feet horizontal.
  - 2. A suitable plant cover shall be seeded and maintained until established to the satisfaction of the Planning Board. A bond may be required to insure the satisfactory completion of this covering.
- i. In issuing approval, the Planning Board may impose other reasonable restrictions under removal operations. Such requirements imposed in addition to those above shall be considered as conditions of approval.
- j. Maximum excavation under a single granted permit shall be five (5) acres.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Planning Board See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This article will correct and eliminate ambiguities in the present text of the Town By-Laws pertaining to the removal of topsoil.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The proposed by law does not clarify or enhance the existing by law.

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

**ARTICLE 33 AMEND ZONING BY LAW SECTION IX-DEFINITIONS PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section IX-DEFINITIONS, Subsection B. Selected Words and Terms, as follows:

By removing the existing definition of the term **Street**, and inserting in its place the following definition of the term **Street**:

**Street.** A way which is classified as one of the following: (a) a public way or a way which the Town Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way, or (b) a way shown on a plan theretofore approved and endorsed in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law, or (c) a way in existence when the Subdivision Control Law became effective in the Town having, in the opinion of the Planning Board, sufficient width, suitable grades, and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of the land abutting thereon or served thereby, and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon. The term Street shall be synonymous with the words road, avenue, highway, and parkway, and similar designations.;

And by adding the following definition of the term **Subdivision Control Law**:

**Subdivision Control Law.** Refers to Sections 81-K to 81-GG, inclusive, of Chapter 41, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "Subdivision Control" including all subsequent amendments thereto. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Planning Board See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This article will bring the definition of "street" within the Zoning By-Laws into conformance with the definition of "street" that the Planning Board must consider when performing their mandated duties under the Subdivision Control Law.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That this article be committed to study, which shall consist of one (1) member from the planning board, one (1) member from the Board of Public Works, the building inspector, and two members from the RTM, who will be appointed by the Town Moderator. Said report to be submitted at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2004.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** It is not readily apparent what is a minimum requirement for a street. Therefore, we recommend this article to study.

The Moderator read the following letter into the minutes:

September 22, 2003

Stephen Dalrymple  
Town Moderator  
43 South Washington Street  
North Attleborough, MA 02760

Re: Articles Pertaining to Zoning By-Law Amendments for October 2003 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Dear Mr. Dalrymple:

Articles 33,34, and 35 of the October 2003 Semi-Annual Town Meeting are to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws.

Pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Planning Board held a duly called public hearing on these proposed amendments on September 15, 2003.

At their meeting held on September 18, 2003, the Board voted as follows to recommend the following to Town Meeting on these articles for amendments to the Zoning By-Laws:

- Article 33: The Board voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on the motion to recommend that the Town Meeting vote to approve this article as submitted. This article will make the definition of street within the Zoning By-Laws more consistent with the definition of street that the Planning Board must consider pursuant to the General Laws when reviewing plans for the creation of lots.
- Article 34: The Board voted 3 in favor, 2 opposed, on the motion to recommend that this article be indefinitely postponed, to allow the Board further time for more study on this article and its potential effects on the Town, with those two voting in opposition to the motion recommending that the Town Meeting vote to approve this article as submitted.
- Article 35: The Board voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on the motion to recommend that this article be indefinitely postponed, for the petitioner of this article has informed the Board that he wishes to withdraw this article from the Town Meeting.

For the Planning Board,  
Donald T. Johnson  
Planning Board Agent

After much discussion, John Donahue (P7) made a motion to move the question.  
 Motion seconded.

**The RTM members defeated the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:  
*To replace “To see if” with “that” in the original Warrant article. The rest of the Article will read the same.*

Motion seconded.

Following further discussion, Diane Szpila (P2) made a motion to move the question.  
 Motion seconded.

**The RTM members defeated the Affirmative Action as presented.**

**ARTICLE 34 AMEND ZONING BY LAW SECTION IV INTENSITY REGS. PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section IV – INTENSITY REGULATIONS, Intensity Schedule A, pertaining to two-family and multi-family dwellings within the R-10 and R-10S zoning districts.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This article will help to provide for housing needs by lifting some existing restrictions on lot size for two-family homes and multi-family homes in the two zoning districts in which they are allowed by right (or, in the case of the R-10 district, two units by right and three units by special permit), eliminating an ambiguity in the text of the Zoning By-Laws by removing the term Duplex (which actually refers to a type of structure, not to a type of land use), and by allowing more flexibility in the shape of lots for multi-family housing within the R-10 and R-10S district

**INTENSITY SCHEDULE A**

District Use		Minimum lot area (sq. ft.)	Lot frontage (ft.)	Lot width* (ft.)	Lot depth (ft.)	Minimum Yards (ft.)			Max. height (ft.)	Ma no. stories
					Front (ft.)	Side (ft.)	Rear (ft.)			
<b>R-10</b>	Boarding house	10,000 plus 1,500 per bedroom	100	100	150	30	15	30	30	2 ½
	Motor court, motel	10,000 plus 2,500 per rental unit	150	150	200	30	15	30	30	2 ½
	<b><u>Duplex [Note: this section is to be deleted in its entirety]</u></b>									
	Multifamily	10,000 plus 3,500 per unit in excess of <b><u>two units</u></b>	100	100	<b><u>100</u></b>	30	15	30	30	2 ½
	Any other permitted use	10,000	75	75	100	30	10	15	30	2 ½
<b>R-10S</b>	Boarding house	10,000 plus 1,500 per bedroom	100	100	150	30	15	30	40	4
	Motor court, motel	10,000 plus 2,500 per rental unit	150	150	200	30	15	30	40	4

**Duplex [Note: this section is to be deleted in its entirety]**

Multifamily (3-4 unit)	10,000 plus 3,500 per unit in excess of <b><u>two units</u></b>	100	100	<b><u>100</u></b>	30	15	30	40	3
Multifamily (over 4 units)	10,000 plus 3,500 per unit in excess of <b><u>two units</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	30	15	30	40	4
Any other permitted use	10,000	75	75	100	30	10	15	30	2 1/2

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has requested that this article be Ip'd to allow for further study.

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

**ARTICLE 35 AMEND TOWN ZONING MAP**

**D. MANOOGIAN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map for the Town of North Attleborough, Massachusetts by changing Assessors' Map 26, Lots 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, and 149 as shown on the portion of said Assessors' Map 26 attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth hereat as Exhibit A from the R-40 zoning district to the C-30 zoning district. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

This amendment will conform the subject property to the zoning of adjacent properties.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board and the petitioner have requested that this article be Ip'd to allow for further study.

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

**ARTICLE 36 STREET ACCEPTANCE: RED OAK ROAD**

**PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Red Oak Road from Station 0+0 to Station 9+09.42 and White Oak Way from Station 0+0 to Station 6+15 +/- as public ways, said streets having been completed as per Planning Board specifications.

Red Oak Road runs easterly off Landry Avenue for approximately 909 feet to a cul-de-sac, and the portion of White Oak Way as described above is located on the South side of Red Oak Road and runs Southerly for approximately 615 feet to the property line of the Cliffs Village II subdivision.

Said streets are shown on a plan entitled As Built Plan and Profile, Northwoods Estate, North Attleborough, MA Drawn for the RJM Group by Gallagher Engineering., Foxboro, MA June 14, 1999 Scale 1\_ = 40' \_, on file with the Planning Board. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Planning Board See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Red Oak Road and White Oak Way as described above, having been built to town requirements and specifications, and available to use by all persons, should be classified as Public Ways.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street has not met all of the requirements and should be Ip'd at this time.

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

**ARTICLE 37 STREET ACCEPTANCE: NORTHVILLE WAY**

**S. JORDE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following street in the Doran Estates Subdivision as a public way, Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board Specs.

**NORTHVILLE WAY** – From West Street northerly to the North Attleborough/Plainville town line a distance of 550’.

Full size As Built plans of above street are on file with the North Attleborough Department of Public Works.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition. See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Northville way, having been built to Town of North Attleborough specifications and requirements, and available to use by all persons, should be classified as a PUBLIC WAY.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote accept the following street in the Doran Estates Subdivision as a public way, Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board Specs.

**NORTHVILLE WAY** – From West Street northerly to the North Attleborough/Plainville town line a distance of 550’.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street meets all of the requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 38 STREET ACCEPTANCE: HIGHLAND MEADOWS PHASE I&II**

**S. JORDE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets in the Highland Meadows Phase I and Phase II subdivision as a public way, said streets having been constructed and completed per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board Specifications.

**PHASE I**

Highland Meadows Drive From Cushman Road easterly to temporary cul-de-sac a distance of 600’

Sequoia Lane From Highland Meadows Drive southerly to temporary cul-de-sac a distance of 500’

**PHASE II**

Highland Meadows Drive From temporary cul-de-sac of Phase I southwesterly a distance of 1075’

Sequoia Lane From temporary cul-de-sac of Phase I southeasterly a distance of 500’

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Highland Meadows Drive and Sequoia Lane, having been built to Town of North Attleborough specifications and requirements, and available to use by all persons, should be classified as a PUBLIC WAY.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept the following streets in the Highland Meadows Phase I and Phase II subdivision as a public way, said streets having been constructed and completed per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board Specifications.

**PHASE I**

Highland Meadows Drive From Cushman Road easterly to temporary cul-de-sac a distance of 600’

Sequoia Lane From Highland Meadows Drive southerly to temporary cul-de-sac a distance of 500’

**PHASE II**

Highland Meadows Drive From temporary cul-de-sac of Phase I southwesterly a distance of 1075’

Sequoia Lane From temporary cul-de-sac of Phase I southeasterly a distance of 500’

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street meets all of the requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 39 STREET ACCEPTANCE: LOCHMONT DRIVE**

**P. RIOUX**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Lochmont Drive as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Lochmont Drive is located on the westerly side of Lindsey Street and extends 140 +/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plans by Tilton & Associates, Inc., North Attleborough, MA, March 17, 2003. Drawn for Marette & Sons, Inc. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Lochmont Drive, having been built to Town requirements and specifications and available to use by all persons should be classified as a Public Way.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept Lochmont Drive as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Lochmont Drive is located on the westerly side of Lindsey Street and extends 140 +/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plans by Tilton & Associates, Inc., North Attleborough, MA, March 17, 2003. Drawn for Marette & Sons, Inc.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street meets all of the requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 40 STREET ACCEPTANCE: STONEFIELD COURT**

**P. RIOUX**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Stonefield Court as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Stonefield Court is located on the westerly side of Lindsey Street and extends 600 +/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plan by Tilton & Associates, Inc. North Attleborough, MA, March 17, 2003. Drawn for Marjo Properties, Inc. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Stonefield Court, having been built to town requirements and specifications, and available to use by all persons, should be classified as a Public Way.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept Stonefield Court as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Stonefield Court is located on the westerly side of Lindsey Street and extends 600 +/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plan by Tilton & Associates, Inc. North Attleborough, MA, March 17, 2003. Drawn for Marjo Properties, Inc.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street meets all of the requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 41 STREET ACCEPTANCE: SIESTA DRIVE**

**P. RIOUX**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Siesta Drive as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Siesta Drive is located on the East side of Adamsdale Road and extends 270 +/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plans by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., Raynham, MA, April 25, 2003. Drawn for Corporate Construction. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

Siesta Drive, having been built to town requirements and specifications, and available to use by all persons, should be classified as a Public Way .

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept Siesta Drive as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, Highway Department, and Planning Board specifications. Siesta Drive is located on the East side of Adamsdale Road and extends 270+/- feet to cul-de-sac as shown on plans by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., Raynham, MA, April 25, 2003. Drawn for Corporate Construction.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The planning board has advised the finance committee that this street meets all of the requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 42 EASEMENT GRANT**

**D. MANOOGIAN**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to R and H Development Corp., a Massachusetts business corporation, a non-exclusive easement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as said form may be amended by the Board of Selectmen, to construct, install, repair, operate, use and maintain certain roadway improvements over, on and in that portion of land in North Attleborough, Massachusetts on Cardinal Circle which is described and shown as PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY AREA = 3,558.6 S.F.\_ on that plan of land entitled "CEDAR HILL' RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR R&H DEVELOPMENT CORP. 20 NATALIE LANE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02760 SCALE: AS NOTED DATE: MAY 13, 2003\_ prepared by Tilton and Associates, Inc. One George Leven Drive, Suite 100, P.O. Box 467, North Attleborough, MA 02760, said plan to be recorded at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds and a copy thereof being attached hereto as Exhibit B and on file with the Town Clerk. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Petition See Attached

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The easement is necessary in order to construct a portion of Cardinal Circle within the Cedar Hill subdivision. The plans for the construction of Cardinal Circle have been approved by the Planning Board pursuant to the subdivision control law. A similar easement has been granted to R and H Development Corp. by Massachusetts Electric Company.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The fair-market value of the land has not been made known to the finance committee. As a result, it is difficult to determine if the stated consideration of one (1) dollar is fair and just.

Dave Manoogian (P8) asked the RTM members to overturn the recommendation of the Finance Committee so he could present an Affirmative Action.

**Following an explanation by Mr. Manoogian on the Article, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.**

Dave Manoogian (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to R and H Development Corp., a Massachusetts business corporation, a non-exclusive easement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as said form may be amended by the Board of Selectmen, to construct, install, repair, operate, use and maintain certain roadway improvements over, on and in that portion of land in North Attleborough, Massachusetts on Cardinal Circle which is described and shown as "PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY AREA=3,558.6 S.F." on that plan of land entitled "CEDAR HILL' RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR R & H DEVELOPMENT CORP. 20 NATALIE LANE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02760 SCALE: AS NOTED DATE: MAY 13, 2003" prepared by Tilton and Associates, Inc. One George Leven Drive, Suite 100, P.O. Box 467, North Attleborough, MA 02760, a copy thereof being attached hereto as Exhibit B.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented. 70-yes; 1-no; 1-abstention (Mr. Manoogian).**

**ARTICLE 43 STABILIZATION FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from taxation or available funds to the Municipal Stabilization Fund. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To supplement the current Stabilization Fund balance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-1

**2/3 VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$250,000 from available free cash to the Stabilization Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The finance committee is concerned with about the lack of capital improvements. We are building up the stabilization fund to enable the town to address its capital improvements.

Ray Stack (P8) made a motion to amend as follows:

*Motion to amend and increase Article 43 Stabilization Fund from \$250,000.00 to \$991,000.00, the increase of \$741,000.00 to come from Free Cash.*

Motion seconded.

**After much discussion, and a vote of yes-40 & no-38, the RTM members approved the motion to amend Article 43.**

**The RTM members defeated Article 43 as amended; with 77 members voting, yes-45 & no-32. 52 votes needed.**

Jim Wood (P8) made a motion for an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$250,000.00 from available Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.*

Motion seconded.

Mike Thompson (P1) made a motion to amend the Affirmative Action from \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00 into the Stabilization Fund from Free Cash.

Motion seconded.

**Following further discussion, the RTM members approved the motion to amend the Affirmative Action.**

**With 77 members voting, 74-yes & 3-no, the RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as amended.**

**ARTICLE 2 PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICERS' CONTRACT**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,700 or some other sum to supplement the budget of the Police Department for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the Professional Police Officers' Association Local 280 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, transfer from Article 5, Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To fund contract effective 7/1/03

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

Jim Wood (P8) asked the body to overturn the recommendation so he could present an Affirmative Action.

**After some discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee's recommendation as read.**

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,400 to supplement the budget of the Police Departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the Professional Police Officers' Association Local 280 and to transfer the sum of \$20,400 from Article 5 Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting.*

Motion seconded.

After some discussion, Diane Szpila (P2) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

### **ARTICLE 3 PATROLMEN'S CONTRACT**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,700 or some other sum to supplement the budget of the Police Department for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the North Attleborough Police Patrol Officers Association and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, transfer from Article 5, Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

#### **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

To fund contract effective 7/1/03

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

Jim Wood (P8) asked the body to overturn the recommendation so he could present an Affirmative Action.

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

Jim Wood (P8) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

*That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,300 to supplement the budget of the Police Departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for the North Attleborough Police Patrol Officers Association and to transfer the sum of \$60,300 from Article 5 Line 4C Salary Reserve of the FY 2004 Annual Town Meeting.*

Motion seconded.

**The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action as presented.**

With all business being concluded, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn the Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

Motion seconded.  
Motion carried.

It is 9:35P.M.  
The meeting is adjourned, Sine die.