

**PROCEEDINGS
SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

On Monday, October 19, 2009, Town Clerk, Maxwell Gould opened the Semi-Annual Town Meeting at 7:05PM.
"With 79 RTM members present, we have a quorum."

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Moment of silence for our men and women serving overseas in the Armed Forces.

Town Moderator, Steve Dalrymple, read the Warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
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, in said North Attleborough on:

MONDAY, THE 19th OF OCTOBER 2009 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 nineteen 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 27, 2009.

Paul J. Belham, Sr., Chairman
Mark Williamson, Vice-Chairman
Michael S. Thompson
John C. Rhyno
Christopher L. Sweet

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 nineteen (19) 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. Town Clerk's Office (leave 3 copies)

ARTICLE 2 SUPPLEMENT VETERANS FY10 CASH AID ACCOUNT

VETERANS

To see if the town will vote to increase Veterans' Services General Expenses, Article 9, Line 543B of the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2009 (FY2010) by appropriating the sum of \$125,000.00 to change the amount from \$141,520.06 to \$266,520.06. Said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash or transferred from any available funds.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Veterans' Agent

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Veterans' Services is experiencing a higher demand for assistance from our veteran population. Much of the assistance is related to the poor economy. Based upon the current enrollment (with new additions since the start of FY2010) the appropriation at the annual town meeting will be in deficit without this transfer. The town is reimbursed through the cherry sheet for the cash aid disbursed to veterans. The direct payment to the veterans is mandated by state law and if not paid by the town, the amounts are assessed on the cherry sheet at 125%.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to Supplement the Veterans' Services FY10, General Expense "Veterans Benefit Cash Aid" account by appropriating the sum of \$125,000.00. Said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.

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

ARTICLE 3 SUPPLEMENT FY10 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$123,906 to supplement the FY10 Omnibus Budget - #220 Fire Dept., Salaries (Line 220A). Said sum shall be funded by free cash, transfer of available funds, taxation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Overtime was cut this amount for FY10. This amount would restore daily staffing for all apparatus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: That at the time of voting free cash had not been certified.

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

ARTICLE 4 SUPPLEMENT FY10 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$33,989 to supplement the FY10 Omnibus Budget - #220 Fire Dept., Salaries (line 220A). Said sum shall be funded by free cash, transfer of available funds, taxation, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To restore money for 1 Firefighter Paramedic position lost in FY09 to retirement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: That at the time of voting free cash had not been certified.

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

ARTICLE 5 SUPPLEMENT FY10 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$133,386 to supplement the FY10 Omnibus Budget - #220 Fire Dept., Salaries (line 220A). Said sum shall be funded by free cash, transfer of available funds, taxation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

3 Firefighter Paramedics laid off due to budget cuts for FY10. This amount would cover the salaries for the remaining fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: That at the time of voting free cash had not been certified.

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

ARTICLE 6 SUPPLEMENT FY10 CIP – PART 3, ITEM 34 FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to supplement Article 6 FY10 CIP – Part 3, Item #34 (Ambulance/Rescue). Said sum shall be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, bonding or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

One Rescue has already been approved. This would allow the purchase of a second Rescue. Rescue 1 is 5 years old, and Rescue 2 is 9 years old. Both Rescues have serious maintenance issues.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 6 (FY10 CIP – Part 3, Item #34 (Ambulance/Rescue)) of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, in order to pay costs of purchasing an additional Ambulance/Rescue vehicle, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: With this increase the Fire Department has been allotted \$300,000.00 for which to purchase two new ambulances.

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

ARTICLE 7 CIP 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, by borrowing or otherwise, for the various capital 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 or 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 forgoing matters.

PART 1. MUNICIPAL CIP PURCHASES AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE EFFORTS FUNDED BY TAXES OR OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS

That the sum of \$85,000 or any other sum, hereby, is appropriated for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or Municipal Building Committee if applicable, said sum to raised by General Tax or other available funds; and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
1	\$49,000	Fire Alarm Maintenance Work	Fire Department
2	\$18,000	Mower	Park & Recreation Department
3	\$10,000	Fence Repair	Park & Recreation Department
4	\$ 8,000	Playground/Walkway Cover	Park & Recreation Department

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0 MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Selectmen are not recommending the funding of any of these items at this time.

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

ARTICLE 8 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WWII POOL WELL PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the installation of a well at the World War II Memorial Swimming Pool. Said money would be under the jurisdiction of the Park & Recreation Department. Said sum will be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, free cash, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Park Commissioners

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The installation of a well at the World War II Memorial Swimming Pool would allow the Park & Recreation Department to obtain free water after only three years of use. The water would allow the Department to fill the pools and run the building. \$17,240 is the cost for the well and the additional \$2,760 would be for the electrical and tie in costs. Based on current projections, it is anticipated the return on the investment will be under 3 years (summer operating seasons).

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the installation of a well at the World War II Memorial Swimming Pool. Said money would be under the jurisdiction of the Park & Recreation Department. Said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.

After some discussion, Leonard Pierce (P5) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

ARTICLE 9 SET FEE OF \$5.00 FOR WRITTEN DEMANDS

TREASURER COLLECTOR

To see if the town will vote to set the fee of \$5.00 for each written demand issued by the collector as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15. Said fee to be added and collected as part of the tax.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Under the new amendment made by outside section 15, M.G.L. c. 60, s. 15 now provides that the demand charge is "not more than \$30". Previously the charge was a flat \$5. However the amendment did not include any language indicating that the collector is to determine the actual amount to be charged within the \$30 limit. MA DOR has advised that the demand fee amount must be set by Town Meeting to fix the amount to be charged.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to set the fee of \$5.00 for each written demand issued by the collector as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15. Said fee to be added and collected as part of the tax.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.

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

ARTICLE 10 LOCAL MEALS TAX OPTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 64L, §2(a.) Local Option Excise on Restaurant meals and per the authority of the general law by majority vote to impose the meals excise at 0.75 to be effective January 1, 2010.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The acceptance of this law and the implementation of the meals tax will generate revenue for the town in excess of \$130,000 for Fiscal year 2010. The projection for Fiscal Year 2011 will be over \$260,000.00 for a 12 month period.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 64L, §2(a.) Local Option Excise on Restaurant meals and per the authority of the general law by majority vote to impose the meals excise at 0.75 to be effective January 1, 2010.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read. 80 RTM members voting, 48-yes and 32-no.

ARTICLE 11 AMEND ARTICLE XIV – JUNK DEALERS/FLEA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MARKETS BY ADDING PAWNBROKER SECTION

To see if the town will vote to amend Article XIV entitled Junk Dealers – Flea Markets, by deleting Subsections 2c, 2d, 2e and adding Section 5 to said article.

“The Board of Selectmen shall issue licenses to pawnbrokers in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations in M.G.L. Ch. 140 Sec. 70-85, inclusive and any other acts relative to the business of pawnbrokers and any acts in amendment thereto now or hereafter passed.”

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This article if passed by the deletion of subsection 2c, 2d, 2e would allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the amount of monitoring necessary in the granting of the licenses to companies that fall into this category. Presently, there are businesses that want to locate in the town but cannot be limited by the restrictions set forth in these subsections.

In addition, the article requests full compliance with state law governing pawnbrokers and all articles subject to Ch. 140 Sec. 70-85, a copy of which is provided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article XIV of the Town By-laws entitled Junk Dealers – Flea Markets, by deleting Subsections 2c, 2d, 2e and adding Section 5 to said article.

“The Board of Selectmen shall issue licenses to pawnbrokers in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations in M.G.L. Ch. 140 Sec. 70-85, inclusive and any other acts relative to the business of pawnbrokers and any acts in amendment thereto now or hereafter passed.”

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purpose and justification.

David Manoogian (P8) made a motion to amend Article 11 as follows:

Amend Article 11 by deleting the period at the end thereof and adding the following language: “, and may waive the requirements of Section 2(a) of Article XIV for good cause shown provided the license applicant is not a pawnbroker.”

Motion seconded.

Motion to amend carried.

The amended recommendation shall now read:

“The Board of Selectmen shall issue licenses to pawnbrokers in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations in M.G.L. Ch. 140 Sec. 70-85, inclusive and any other acts relative to the business of pawnbrokers and any acts in amendment thereto now or hereafter passed, and may waive the requirements of Section 2(a) of Article XIV for good cause shown provided the license applicant is not a pawnbroker.”

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

ARTICLE 12 AMEND BY-LAW ARTICLES RE: APPOINTMENTS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to accept the following amendments to the Town By-Laws.

Art. II, Section 1.g: - Solid Waste Director - “The Board of Selectmen shall have the supervision and control of garbage, refuse, and solid waste collections and the Town’s landfill operations on Mt. Hope Street.”

Add the following paragraph: “The Town Administrator shall appoint the Solid Waste Director. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Solid Waste Director will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operation of the Solid Waste Department and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Solid Waste Director subject to the provisions of the Agreement with the United Steel Workers Union.

Art. II, Section 2, B, 14: - General Appointments “The Town Administrator shall assist the Board of Selectmen in the recruitment and selection of department heads under their jurisdiction. He shall perform and conduct the annual performance review for all department heads.

Delete the first sentence, ending with the word jurisdiction and add the following: The Town Administrator shall appoint all department heads under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. All such department heads will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operations of their departments.

Art. III, Section 3. – Town Accountant

Add paragraph (f.) to read as follows: “The Town Administrator shall appoint the Town Accountant. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Town Accountant will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operation of the Town Accountant’s Department and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Town Accountant.

Art. VI, Section 6, Sub-Section 2, a: - Human Resource Director - “Appointment: A selection committee comprised of three members of the Board of Selectmen and three members of the School Committee may appoint an Administrator of Human Resources.”

Delete the first sentence, ending with the word Resources and replace with the following: “The Town Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools shall appoint the Human Resource Director. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, unless the majority of a committee made up of three members of the Board of Selectmen and three members of the School Committee votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Town Administrator and Superintendent of Schools will conduct an annual performance review for the Human Resource Director.

Art. IX, Section 1., Building Inspector

Eliminate the first sentence, ending with the word years and replace with the following: “The Town Administrator shall appoint the Building Inspector. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Building Inspector will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operation of the Building Inspector’s Department and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Building Inspector subject to the provisions of the Agreement with the United Steel Workers Union.

Delete paragraphs (b) and (c). Paragraph (d) becomes (b).

Paragraph (e) becomes (c). Delete the words “Board of Selectmen” and insert the words “Building Inspector”.

Paragraph (f) becomes (d).

Paragraph (g) becomes (e).

Art. IX, Section 5. Inspector of Electrical Wiring

Delete paragraph (a) and insert the following: (a) The Building Inspector shall appoint the Inspector of Electrical Wiring. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Town Administrator, unless the Town Administrator rejects the appointment within this period. The Inspector of Electrical Wiring will report to the Building Inspector on the day to day operation of his position. The Building Inspector will conduct an annual performance review of the Inspector of Electrical Wiring.

Paragraph (b) – delete the words “The Board of Selectmen may at any time appoint for such terms as the Building Inspector determines, but not to exceed one (1) year” and replace them with the following: The Building Inspector may at any time appoint”

Article IX, Section 6. Inspector of Gas piping and Gas Appliances in Buildings

Paragraph (a) – delete the first sentence, ending with the word year and inserting in its place the following: The Building Inspector shall appoint the Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Town Administrator, unless the Town Administrator rejects the appointment within this period. The Inspector of Gas piping and Gas Appliances will report to the Building Inspector on the day to day operation of his position. The Building Inspector will conduct an annual performance review of the Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances.

Paragraph (b) – delete the words “, but not to exceed one (1) year,”

Article IX, Section 7. Inspector of Plumbing

Paragraph (a) – delete the first sentence, ending with the word year and inserting in its place the following: The Building Inspector shall appoint the Inspector of Plumbing. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Town Administrator, unless the Town Administrator rejects the appointment within this period. The

Inspector of Plumbing will report to the Building Inspector on the day to day operation of his position. The Building Inspector will conduct an annual performance review of the Inspector of Plumbing.

Paragraph (b) – delete the words “, but not to exceed one (1) year,”

Article X, Section 1. Dog Officer and Field Driver

Delete paragraph (a) and replace with: (a) The Town Administrator shall appoint the Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer and Field Driver. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operation of the Animal Control Department and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer subject to the provisions of the Agreement with the United Steel Workers Union.

Article XII, Section 1. Police Department

Delete Paragraph (a) and insert in its place: (a) The Town Administrator shall appoint the Chief of Police, all permanent full-time members and permanent intermittent patrolmen of the Police Department in accordance with provisions of the Massachusetts Civil Service Laws and Rules. Special Police Officers may be appointed by the Town Administrator. The appointments shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointments is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the Board of Selectmen rejects the appointments within this period. The Chief shall be responsible to the Town Administrator and shall submit an annual report and such other lawful reports as may be required or requested by the Town Administrator, and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Chief of Police.

Appendix A – Veterans’ Agent

Delete paragraph (a) and replace with: (a) The Town Administrator shall appoint the Veterans’ Agent. The appointment shall become effective on the fifteenth day after the day on which notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen, unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within this period. The Veterans’ Agent will report to the Town Administrator on the day to day operation of the Veterans’ Department and the Town Administrator will conduct an annual performance review for the Veterans’ Agent subject to the provisions of the Agreement with the United Steel Workers Union. The Veterans’ Agent will oversee the disbursement of Veterans’ Benefits.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The document submitted to the Finance Committee was incomplete

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

**ARTICLE 13 AUTHORIZED THE B.O.S. TO CONVEY LAND ON
PLAIN STREET**

PETITION

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey by Quitclaim Deed the Town’s right, title and interest in the land situated on the north side of Plain Street just east of the Interstate I-95 beyond the Plain Street bridge overpass; shown as a triangular parcel of land with 17,328 square feet (formerly Plain Street proper), now a portion of the excess land known as the layout for Plain Street, abutting Plat 37, Lot 275; 388.17 feet in width, abutting the new Plain Street layout; 304.49 feet in width; with the length of 108.40 feet on the east side from the abutting point of Plat 37, Lat 275 and the new Plain Street layout; in consideration of a sum not less than \$20,000.00 Map attached.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Petition

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The land which is proposed to be sold (based upon existing codes) prohibits two parcels from any further development as said land is contiguous to the property known as Lot 275 and Plat 37 in North Attleboro and Lot 2 on Plat 1 in Mansfield because at this point the two parcels do not have any frontage on Plain Street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey by Quitclaim Deed the Town's right, title and interest in the land situated on the north side of Plain Street just east of the Interstate I-95 beyond the Plain Street bridge overpass; shown as a triangular parcel of land with 17,328 square feet (formerly Plain Street proper), now a portion of the excess land known as the layout for Plain Street, abutting Plat 37, Lot 275; 388.17 feet in width, abutting the new Plain Street layout; 304.49 feet in width; with the length of 108.40 feet on the east side from the abutting point of Plat 37, Lot 275 and the new Plain Street layout; in consideration of a sum not less than \$28,000.00 Map attached.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: By approving this article it will give the Selectmen the authorization to solicit bids for the sale of this property. If they feel the offers they receive are not adequate and in the Town's best interest then they reserve the right to decline the sale of the property.

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.

ARTICLE 14

BETTERMENT STABILIZATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash, taxation or available funds to the Betterment Stabilization Fund.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This will transfer the excess betterment funds received in FY 2008 to the Betterment Stabilization Fund to pay for future debt service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$136,095.57 into the Betterment Stabilization Account. Said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As stated in the purposed and justification.

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

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Semi-Annual Town Meeting Sine Die.

Motion to adjourn carried.

It is 8:14PM.