

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 24, 2000

William A. Moffitt, Town Clerk announced to the Moderator that we have a quorum at 7:30 PM with 86 members present.

The Moderator, Michael Duggan opened the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Pledge to the Flag.

Town Clerk, William A. Moffitt swore in any elected and newly appointed RTM members and asks that they sign the Oath Book at break.

Moderator asked for a moment of silence for our town citizens who have died since our last meeting.

Moderator, Michael Duggan addressed the body and all the citizens of North Attleborough, whether here in attendance at our annual meeting or a home watching our work on Media One Cable. It is a privilege the town has given me on April 3, 2000 by electing its Town Meeting Moderator. To follow in this mission of moderators such as Paul Armstrong, Jarvis Hunt, John Pollis, Don Dalrymple and John Burke just to name a few. This places a responsibility upon me to carry out the traditions of town meeting, the very heart of New England's democracy. My sincerest thank you for this task.

It is my intention to uphold that tradition and that responsibility and I trust you Town Meeting Members will remind me when I stray from that standard. My firmly held conviction is that full open and honest debate will reveal to the participants the wisdom of the body and our town will benefit in the long run. It is my intention to encourage such open and honest debate without ranker, personal attacks or letting our meetings slip into the category of generating more heat than light. I ask each and every town meeting member to join me in that quest. It is also a firmly held conviction of mine that each and every speaker shall have the full attention of the body and I'll be attentive to that fact. Public speaking is not easy for many of us and discussions of others or inattention sometimes makes our well thought out remarks even harder to deliver.

It is also important in debate at Representative Town Meeting that the body and the town's people have a right to know any preconceptions the speaker may have, with respect to the subject in debate. In that regard it is my hope that each speaker will voluntarily advise the body of his or her interest financial or otherwise in any article for which they take the floor. In this way the body and the town are advised fully of the factors to which may influence the debate. In some circumstances such interests may be apparent to some members but not to others and not to some towns people and therefor such disclosure will put everyone at equal footing while engaging in our debates.

It is my intention to conduct these meetings and debates in as fair and open manner as I can. Some will differ with this view and to them I say it is not my intention to hold anyone up for scorn but to fully advise the towns people for what we do here. Without such disclosure, apparently independent debate can be tarnished. With such disclosure, all facts are presented and the body makes a fully informed decision. This is the very nature of open and full debate. Further in that regard if any member of the body or any person properly addressing the body makes an inquiry of a particular department or a particular official I will direct that question to that department or person for reply. It is of course within the purview of that department or that individual to respond or not as they see fit.

Before we begin the proceedings, I wish to apologize in advance to all the officials and town meeting members for my inadequate relating of faces to names. As time goes on I'm sure this will be all too routine in recognition from the chair. But, initially I ask your indulgence.

The Moderator asks the officials on the stage too introduce themselves.

J. Moynihan, Town Administrator to address the body with some preliminary remarks.

D. Kohl, Finance Committee's Chairperson was recognized by the moderator to address the body with some preliminary remarks.

P. Bushey (P6) made the following motion:

I move that each session on this Annual Town Meeting be adjourned no later than 10pm.

Motion seconded.

RTM members approved the above motion.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH
WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2000
AT 7:30 P.M.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town 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 TWENTY-FOURTH OF APRIL, 2000 AD

At 7:30 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 2 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to consider and act upon the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Annual Report was not available for review.

The following was discussed and voted on Monday, April 24, 2000.

J. Leite (P3) will the pages on wages in the 1999 Town Report be amended - showing this information by departments, etc.?

J. Moynihan, Town Administrator we can certainly make available the listing by departments of the individuals.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

J. Moynihan, Town Administrator I think the article should be tabled until the end of the town meeting so that it can than be considered by the body.

Moderator: Can we have a motion for reconsideration of that last approval. So moved and 2nd.

RTM members approved the motion to reconsider Article 2.

Moderator: Can we have a motion to table Article 2 (until after the last article of town meeting). So moved and 2nd.

RTM members approved the motion to table Article 2(until after the last article of town meeting).

The final discussion and decision is after Article 49.

ARTICLE 3 COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to determine the compensation of Town Officers.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. Ch. 41, Sec. 108, as amended, that the compensation of elected Town Officials be as follows effective the beginning of the current fiscal year, July 1, 2000, the sums necessary for such compensation being provided for in respective departmental appropriations to be made under Article 5 of this Warrant.

Town Clerk:	\$16,259.69	Board of Selectmen:	
Tax Collector:	\$36,144.90	Chairman:	\$1,200.00
Town Treasurer:	\$61,998.28	Other (4):	\$1,000.00
Town Moderator:	\$ 150.00		
Board of Assessors:		Municipal Light Board:	
Chairman:	\$3,200.00	Chairman:	\$1,200.00
Other (2):	\$2,900.00	Other (2):	\$1,000.00
Board of Public Works:		Planning Board:	
Chairman:	\$1,200.00	Chairman:	\$ 750.00

Other (2):	\$1,000.00	Other (4):	\$ 500.00
Board of Health:		School Committee:	
Chairman:	\$ 500.00	Chairman:	\$1,200.00
Other (2):	\$ 375.00	Other (6):	\$1,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Town Treasurer received a four percent increase commensurate with other Town Employees.

RTM member approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 4 COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to determine the compensation of members of the following Boards, Commissions, or Committees:

Elections Commissioners
Fire Commissioners

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to compensate the following board/committee members the amount as stated below:

Election Commissioners:	
Chairman:	\$2,000.00
Commissioners (3):	\$1,500.00
Fire Commissioners (3):	\$ 750.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The amounts provided for stipends are appropriate.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 5 ANNUAL BUDGET

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001 and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$142,595 from Overlay Surplus, transfer the sum of \$1,584,019 from Free Cash, and to appropriate and raise the following sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2001, and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This represents budgeting for Town Government based on needs and revenues.

John Burke (P3), made motion/seconded to accept the Bourne Amendment. Motion carried.

Point of Order: John Dromsky (P3), at past meetings the vote was a show hands not voice.

The Moderator responded to the request and will ask for a show of hands.

Motion made and seconded to read line totals instead of the complete budget. Motion carried.

K. McCarthy (P3), made motion and seconded as follows:

I move that Article 5 be divided into four parts, each part to be discussed and voted upon separately.

Part 1. General Government & Schools

Part 2. Water Enterprise

Part 3. Landfill Enterprise

Part 4. Electric Dept.

RTM members approved the above motion to divide the into four parts.

C. Shuman(P2) asked if Dr. Hoffman, Superintendent of Schools could present a slide presentation.

Moderator without objection Dr. Hoffman was recognized.

Point of Order: Procedural change motion made by John Burke (P3) through the chair to read by category/department.

Point of Order: K. McCarthy (P3) didn't we vote to "Dispense with the reading"?

Though the Chair motion made and 2nd to read by category/department. Motion defeated by a count of 88 with 34 voting Yes and 54 voting No.

The chair recognized Dr. Richard Hoffman Superintendent of Schools who gave a slide presentation. Moderator, as Dr. Hoffman is going beyond the allowed 10 minutes a motion was made and 2nd to allow Dr. Hoffman to continue with his presentation. Motion carried.

C. Shuman (P2) made motion and 2nd as follows:

Action Under Article 5 – Omnibus Budget:

I move to see if the Town will vote to increase Article 5, Line 42A – School Department Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2001 by \$546,769 from \$24,803,749 to \$25,350,518. Said sum to be raised by taxation, by transfer from the stabilization fund, by transfer from the reserve fund, by transfer from free cash or any other available funds or otherwise; that said sum of \$546,769 be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

P. Veilleux, Town Accountant from what source?

C. Shuman (P2) from stabilization.

Moderator read the amended motion, which was seconded as follows:

Action Under Article 5 – Omnibus Budget:

I move to see if the Town will vote to increase Article 5, Line 42A – School Department Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2001 by \$546,769 from \$24,803,749 to \$25,350,518. Said sum to be raised by transfer from the Stabilization Fund; and that said sum of \$546,769 be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

After some discussion a 10-minute break was taken.

Discussion resumed after the break. After much debate, D. Manoogian (P6) suggested that the amendment be amended to take the money from Free Cash and not from the Stabilization Fund.

Point of Order: J. Dromsky – This is now becoming very confusing as we may be amending the original amendment Line 42A – School Department Expenses for the third time.

Moderator declined to amend to the third degree. The amendment from the School Committee stands.

After much discussion, C. Shuman (P2) made a motion to withdraw the amended motion that she presented. Motion 2nd and carried.

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Action Under Article 5 – Omnibus Budget:

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to increase Article 5, Line 42A – School Department Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2001 by \$546,769 from \$24,803,749 to \$25,350,518. Said sum to be raised by taxation by transfer from Free Cash; and that said sum of \$546,769 be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

After various points of clarification the motion to amend was 2nd and reads as follows:

Action Under Article 5 – Omnibus Budget:

That the Town Meeting will vote to amend Article 5, Line 42A – School Department Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2001 by \$546,769 from \$24,803,749 to \$25,350,518. Said sum to be transferred from Free Cash; and that said sum of \$546,769 be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

B. Fuller (P5) made a motion and 2nd to move the question. Motion Carried.

RTM members approved the amended motion with a Majority Roll Call vote. 99 members voting with 71 Yes and 28 No.

The chair recognized that it is past 10pm - will there be a motion to adjourn - so moved. Motion carried.

We will adjourn until 7pm Wednesday April 26, 2000.

The adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting resumed on April 26, 2000 at 7:04pm with 68 RTM members present.

Pledge to the Flag.

T. Simms (P6) made motion and 2nd to amend Article 5 as presented to the Moderator and to dispense with the complete reading of this amendment. This amendment would amend the original Free Cash transfer from \$1,584,019 to \$1,037,250 and would also reduce town department budgets by \$546,769. This amendment was intended to absorb the \$546,769 increase from Free Cash that the RTM had voted for the School Department at the previous session.

After much discussion, the Moderator asked the body if they would allow this discussion to continue as the 10-minute rule has been exhausted. Carried.

Discussion continued with a motion to suspend and 2nd as proposed by J. McKenna (P2) as follows:

Motion to suspend further discussion until Monday night, May 1, 2000. Specifically, suspend further discussion on a pending amendment to Art. 5 lines 4b through and including 68.

Further discussion continued with additional clarification after which the body voted to take a break and resume at 8:55pm.

Discussion on the motion to suspend continued. B. Steele (P7) made motion and 2nd to move the question. With a 2/3 vote and 82 RTM members voting 66 yes and 16 no. The question was moved (55 votes needed).

RTM members defeated Mr. McKenna's motion to suspend.

Much discussion continued, Moderator asked if the body wanted to adjourn as it is 10pm. The body responded in the negative. We will continue.

After a brief discussion the body voted to Amend Article 5 as presented earlier by T. Simms (P6):

I move that the Town vote to amend Article 5 as follows (Line 4b through Line 68 – Hand outs were provided) and to amend the original Free Cash transfer from \$1,584,019 to \$1,037,250.

Motion defeated.

Motion to adjourn and 2nd at 10:15pm until Monday, May 1st at 7pm. **Motion carried.**

William A. Moffitt, Town Clerk opened the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2000 at 7:04 with 80 RTM members present. We have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator Pro-Temp.

J. Magnan (P7) presented the following motion:

I nominate Mr. John Burke for Moderator Pro-Tempore for the duration of the Moderator's absence. Motion 2nd.

Are there any other nominations? Hearing none let's go to a vote.

RTM members voted in favor of John Burke to fill in as Moderator Pro-Tempore.

Town Clerk, William A. Moffitt swore in John Burke Moderator Pro-Tempore.

John Burke reviews procedures and that they have not changed since the last week when the Town Meeting began on April 24, 2000.

After some discussion and remarks regarding the Wednesday night meeting (April 26, 2000), the moderator opened up for discussion on Part 1 Article 5.

T. Simms (P7) made the following amendment to Article 5 and 2nd:

I move that the Town vote to Amend Line 30A. Fire Department Salaries from \$2,382,353 to \$2,397,752 an increase of \$15,399 be transferred from available Free Cash.

After some discussion, the RTM members approved the above amendment.

K. McCarthy (P3) made the following amendment to Article 5 and 2nd.

That the Town Meeting will vote to amend Article 5 as follows:

- Transfer \$300 from Line 10a, Tax Collector Salaries to Line 16b, Town Clerk General Expenses
- Transfer \$550 from Line 16a, Town Clerk Salaries to Line 16b Town Clerk General Expenses

After some discussion, the RTM members approved the above amendment.

T. Simms (P7) made the following amendment to Article 5 and 2nd:

I move that the Town vote to Amend Line 57 Town Forest General Expenses from \$0 to \$6,000. That the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated from the Town Forest Trust Fund.

After much discussion, the RTM members approved the above amendment.

After a point of clarification, through the chair a motion to vote on Article 5 Part I was 2nd. Motion Carried.

We are now on Article 5 Part 2 Water Enterprise Fund.

Article 5 Part 2 Water Enterprise Fund was 2nd and approved by the RTM members.

We are now on Article 5 Part 3 Landfill Enterprise Fund. .

After much discussion, Article 5 Part 3 Landfill Enterprise Fund was 2nd and approved by the RTM members.

We are now on Article 5 Part 4 Electric Department.

Article 5 Part 4 Electric Department was 2nd and approved by the RTM members.

ARTICLE 6 FY2001 SCHOOL DEPT. BUDGET INCREASE

SCHOOL DEPT.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,974,499 or any other sum to increase Article 5, Line 42A - School Department Expenses of the April 24, 2000 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2001. Said sum to be raised by taxation, by transfer of available funds or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

School Department

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The School Department's budget for FY00 is \$23,485,366. The School Department's budget request for FY01 is \$28,459,865. The requested increase is \$4,974,499.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Money is not available based on revenues to fund such an increase.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 7 POLICE FACILITY REMODELING/

SELECTMEN

RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000,000, or any other sum, including issuance costs, or any other sum for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs, including furnishings, equipment and related items, as deemed necessary by the Building Committee to the building located at 102 South Washington Street. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, being authorized to borrow the sum of \$5,820,000 or any other sum, including issuance costs of \$180,000 to be expended by the Town Treasurer, or by taxation, transfer of available funds or otherwise. That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint the Building Committee consisting of seven (7) registered voters for the purpose of procuring architectural services for the aforesaid purposes. And that the expenditure of the funds other than issuance costs, for the aforesaid purposes be under the control of the Building Committee, which shall be

authorized to apply for and accept any and all State and/or Federal aid and/or reimbursements that may become available for said purposes.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The closing on the building has not taken place as of the time of the Finance Committee's deliberations. Funding from a variety of sources is currently being explored in order to reduce the burden on the taxpayers. Monies are presently available to begin engineering and design work.

Discussion began with J. Dromsky (P3) asking the body to overturn the recommendation so that he can propose an Affirmative Action.

After further discussion, a motion to take a break was seconded and approved by the RTM members.

After the break, discussion resumed and L. Pierce (P5) motioned to move the question and seconded.

RTM members approved the motion to move the question.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 8 POLICE FACILITY DEBT EXEMPTION

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to seek voter approval pursuant to Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the General Laws to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One Half, so called, the sum of \$6,000,000 or any other sum, including issuance costs, or any other sum, for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs, including furnishings, equipment and related items, as deemed necessary by the Building Committee, to the building located at 102 South Washington Street. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$5,820,000 or any other sum, including issuance costs of \$180,000 to be expended by the Treasurer. That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint the Building Committee consisting of seven (7) registered voters for the purpose of procuring architectural services for the aforesaid purposes. And that the expenditure of the funds, other than issuance costs, for the aforesaid purposes be under the control of the Building Committee, which shall be authorized to apply for and accept any and all State and/or Federal aid and/or reimbursements that may become available for said purposes.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The closing on the building has not taken place as of the time of the Finance Committee's deliberations. Funding from a variety of sources is currently being explored in order to reduce the burden on the taxpayers. Monies are presently available to begin engineering and design work.

Discussion began with J. Dromsky (P3) requesting to read an Affirmative Action Motion that he would propose if the body would overturn the recommendation.

The Affirmative Action was read by J. Dromsky (3) as follows:

Move that the some of \$5,230,000 be hereby appropriated for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs including furnishing, equipment and related items and for costs incidental in related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Building Committee to the building located at 102 South Washington Street. That to meet this appropriation the sum of \$2,000,000 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen has hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,230,000 at one time or from time

to time under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(3) of the General Laws as amended or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; that of this appropriation \$5,135,000 shall be expended by the Building Committee for project cost and \$95,000 shall be expended by the Town Treasures for issuance costs. That the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to appoint a Building Committee consisting of seven (7) registered voters for purpose of procuring architectural services for the aforesaid purposes. That the expenditure of funds, other than issuance costs, for the aforesaid purposes be under the control of the Building Committee, which with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to apply for and accept any and all State and/or Federal aid and/or reimbursements that may become available for said purposes; providing that no aforesaid funds shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and that no bonds and no notes shall be issued hereunder; unless the Town shall vote have voted at a Special Town Election to exempt from the provision of Proposition 2 ½ so called the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued hereunder; and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to seek voter approval pursuant to Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the General Laws to exempt such amounts from the limitation of Proposition 2 ½ so called.

Moderator Pro Temp, John Burke stated that this is not a motion yet and wouldn't be until the RTM members overturned the recommendation.

After some discussion, the RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 9 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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 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, 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.

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2001

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 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, 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:

That the sum of **\$327,500**, or any other sum, hereby is appropriated for various capital and projects equipment as shown below, and expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, said sum to be raised by General Tax and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board Official indicated until expended or released unless transferred by Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen recommends Items 1-2: Total: \$107,000

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR
1.	\$100,000	Road and Sidewalks	Board of Public Works – Highway
2.	\$ 7,000	Sewer Connection	Animal Control Department
3.	\$ 16,000	Repair of Roof	Board of Fire Commissioners
4.	\$ 30,000	Repair of Roof	Board of Library Trustees

5.	\$ 20,000	Council on Aging LAN	MIS
6.	\$ 20,000	PC Upgrade	MIS
7.	\$ 15,000	Network Printers	MIS
8.	\$ 15,000	Software: Park Department	MIS
9.	\$ 20,000	System-Wide Software Project	MIS
10.	\$ 25,000	Upgrade Electrical Services @ Allen Avenue, Falls, NAHS and Roosevelt	School Committee
11	\$22,500	Paving Work @ Allen Avenue, Falls and Roosevelt	School Committee
12.	\$ 25,000	Fencing & Security	Board of Park Commissioners
13.	\$ 12,000	Lighting Improvements	BPW - Motor Maintenance

PART 2:

That the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$ 502,500, or any other sum, shall be undertaken and financed by grants or other funds as shown below, such grants to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated

The Board of Selectmen recommends Items 1 - 8: Total: \$474,000

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR	ANTICIPATED SOURCE OF FUNDS
1	\$156,000	Police Cars	Police Department	Police Cruiser
2.	\$ 16,000	Open Top Containers	Solid Waste Department	Landfill Reserve For Appropriation Fund
3.	\$ 17,000	Vehicle	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
4.	\$150,000	General Water Main Replacement	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
5.	\$ 70,000	High Street Tank Altitude Valve	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
6.	\$ 15,000	Cobblestone/Sagebrush Dual Hydrant for Fire Flow	BPW - Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
7.	\$ 20,000	Billing System Software & Remote Readers	BPW - Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
8.	\$ 30,000	Vehicle - Pick Up Truck	BPW - Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

9. \$ 28,500 Superintendent's Vehicle BPW - Water Department Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

PART 3: That the sum of **\$12,138,078**, or any other sum be and here by is appropriated for various capital projects and equipment purchases, including design, engineering, construction and installation and for costs incidental and related thereto, as follows

The Board of Selectmen recommend Items 1 - 11: Total: \$ 987,770
(Said total includes \$959,000 in project cost and \$28,770 in projected bonding costs)

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR	ANTICIPATED PROJECT STATUTORY CITATION, CHAPTER 44, SECTION () OR
				ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY
1.	\$150,000	WWTF - Roofs	BPW - WWTF	7(3A)
2.	\$150,000	NAHA/Landry Ave. Fire Main	BPW - Water	8(5)
3.	\$ 30,000	Jaws of Life	Board of Fire Commissioners	7(9)
4.	\$ 39,000	Licensing/System Wide Software	MIS	7(29)
5.	\$ 10,000	Networking - Electrical Wiring	MIS	7(29)
6.	\$ 20,000	Upgrade Servers	MIS	7(28)
7.	\$ 50,000	GIS - Phase I: Mapping - Photo - Digital Imaging	MIS	7(28)
8.	\$ 40,000	Pupil Data System	MIS	7(28)
9.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle - Truck	Board of Park Commissioners	7(9)
10.	\$400,000	Communications System	Police Department	7(9)
11.	\$ 30,000	Repair of Bleachers - NAHA	School Department	7(9)
12.	\$6,000,000	Police Facility	Police Department	7(3)
13.	\$148,000	Municipal Sidewalk Upgrade Program	BPW - Highway	7(6)

14.	\$850,000	NAHS - Roof Replacement	School Committee	7(3A)
15.	\$150,000	NAHS - ADA Improvements	School Committee	7(3A)
16.	\$ 52,500	School Street Renovations	School Committee	7(3A)
17.	\$ 40,000	Renovations - Hess House	Board of Park Commissioners	7(3A)
18.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle - Bus	Board of Park Commissioners	7(9)
19.	\$1,400,000	Lake Como Sewer Project	BPW - Sewer	7(1)
20.	\$980,000	BPW - Administration Bldg.	BPW - Administration	7(3A)
21.	\$325,000	Falls Pump Station Rehabilitation	BPW - Sewer	7(3A)
22.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle - One Ton Truck	BPW - Highway	7(9)
23.	\$593,130	Conversion Project - Community School	School Committee	7(3A)
24.	\$206,911	Conversion Project - Woodcock Adm. Bldg.	School Committee	7(3A)

And that the Treasurer with the approval is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of **\$12,138,078** under and pursuant to the statutes cited above, and any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of town therefore, and the requested sum of **\$11,784,541** be expended by the Town Board/Official listed and the sum of **\$353,537** be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer for issuance costs and that betterment assessments therefor shall be levied under the provisions of the Town Treasurer for issuance costs and that betterment assessments therefor shall be levied under the provisions of the Town Bylaws where applicable.

PART 4: To authorize any of the above named boards or departments to apply for, accept, and expend any state or federal grants that are or may become available for these purposes.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S CIP RECOMMENDATIONS

PART 1:

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of **\$153,000** is hereby appropriated for various capital projects and equipment purchases as shown below, and expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, said sum to be raised by General Tax and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated until expended or released unless transferred by Town Meeting:

The Finance Committee recommends Items 1-4: Total: \$153,000

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR
1.	\$100,000	Road and Sidewalks	Board of Public Works – Highway
2.	\$ 7,000	Sewer Connection	Animal Control Department
3.	\$ 16,000	Repair of Roof	Board of Fire Commissioners
4.	\$ 30,000	Repair of Roof	Board of Library Trustees

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These items are needed by the Town and have been considered through the CIP process.

The adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting resumed on Wednesday, May 4, 2000 at 7:03pm with 70 RTM members present. We have a quorum.

The body recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moderator, John Burke: We are now on Article 9, which was divided into four parts, each part to be discussed and voted upon separately. This motion was approved at the adjourned session Monday, May 1, 2000.

The Finance Committee’s recommendation was read and seconded.

After a lengthy discussion, T. Simms (P7) presented a motion to amend Part 1 as follows:

That the Town vote to amend Article 9, Capital Improvement Plan, Part 1 by deleting the words “raised by General Tax” and replace with “transferred from the Stabilization fund”.

Motion to amend was seconded.

Further discussion began on the motion to amend Part 1 of Article 9.

Moderator, John Burke reread the amendment.

RTM members approved the motion to amend Part 1 of Article 9.

Moderator, John Burke: Unanimity will dispense with a 2/3 Roll Call vote.

RTM members approved Part 1 of Article 9 unanimously. It reads as follows:

That the sum of **\$153,000** is hereby appropriated for various capital projects and equipment purchases as shown below, and expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, said sum to be ~~raised by General Tax~~ **transferred from the Stabilization Fund** and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated until expended or released unless transferred by Town Meeting:

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR
1.	\$100,000	Road and Sidewalks	Board of Public Works – Highway
2.	\$ 7,000	Sewer Connection	Animal Control Department

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| 3. | \$ 16,000 | Repair of Roof | Board of Fire Commissioners |
| 4. | \$ 30,000 | Repair of Roof | Board of Library Trustees |

PART 2:

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of **\$444,000** is hereby appropriated for the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling **\$444,000**, which projects and purchases shall be undertaken and financed by grants or other funds as shown below, such grants to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated:

The Finance Committee recommends Items 1 - 7: Total: \$444,000

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR	ANTICIPATED SOURCE OF FUNDS
1	\$156,000	Police Vehicles	Police Department	Police Reserve for Appropriation Fund
2.	\$ 16,000	Open Top Containers	Solid Waste Department	Landfill Enterprise Retained Earnings
3.	\$ 17,000	Vehicle	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
4.	\$150,000	General Water Main Replacement	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
5.	\$ 70,000	High Street Tank Altitude Valve	BPW-Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
6.	\$ 15,000	Cobblestone/Sagebrush Dual Hydrant for Fire Flow	BPW - Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
7.	\$ 20,000	Billing System Software & Remote Readers	BPW - Water Department	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These items are needed by the Town, are being purchased through grants or funds set up for that specific purpose, and have been considered through the CIP process.

The Finance Committee's recommendation was read and seconded.

Motion was made and seconded to take a recess (8:30pm). Motion carried.

After the recess (8:40pm) the body resumed on Part 2 of Article 9.

Moderator, John Burke hearing no discussion we will vote. Unanimity will dispense with a Roll Call vote.

RTM members approved the recommendation of Part 2 of Article 9 unanimously.

PART 3:

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

2/3 ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of **\$989,000** is hereby appropriated for various capital projects and equipment purchases, including design, engineering, construction and installation and for costs incidental and related thereto, as follows:

The Finance Committee recommends Items 1-3; 5, 6-11; and 22: Total: \$989,000
(Said total includes \$960,000 in project costs and \$29,000 in projected bonding costs)

ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTOR	ANTICIPATED PROJECT STATUTORY CITATION, CHAPTER 44, SECTION () OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY
1.	\$150,000	WWTF - Roofs	BPW - WWTF	7(3A)
2.	\$150,000	NAHS/Landry Ave. Fire Main	BPW - Water	8(5)
3.	\$ 30,000	Jaws of Life	Board of Fire Commissioners	7(9)
5.	\$ 10,000	Networking - Electrical Wiring	MIS	7(29)
6.	\$ 20,000	Upgrade Servers	MIS	7(28)
7.	\$ 50,000	GIS - Phase I: Mapping - Photo - Digital Imaging	MIS	7(28)
8.	\$ 40,000	Pupil Data System	MIS	7(28)
9.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle - Truck	Board of Park Commissioners	7(9)
10.	\$400,000	Communications System	Police Department	7(14)
11.	\$ 30,000	Repair of Bleachers - NAHS	School Department	7(25)
22.	\$ 40,000	Vehicle - One Ton Truck	BPW - Highway	7(9)

And that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of **\$989,000** under and pursuant to the statutes cited above, and any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of Town therefor, and the requested sum of **\$960,000** be expended by the Town Board/Official listed and the sum of **\$29,000** be expended under the direction of the Town Treasurer for issuance costs and that betterment assessments therefor shall be levied under the provisions of the Town

Treasurer for issuance costs and that betterment assessments therefor shall be levied under the provisions of the Town Bylaws where applicable.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These items are needed by the Town, are being purchased through bonding, and have been considered through the CIP process.

The Finance Committee's recommendation was read and seconded.

After some discussion, Marie Clarner (P1) made motion and 2nd for Part 3 of Article 9 as follows:

Move to Delete Item 7 from Part 3 of the CIP \$50,000-GIS-Phase I: Mapping-Photo-Digital Imaging.

RTM members defeated the amendment.

J. Kraskouskas(P2) requests a count with the approval of 18 RTM members.

RTM members defeated the amendment with 83 RTM members voting 22 Yes/ 61 No.

Discussion resumed on the recommendation of Part 3 of Article 9.

After the discussion, Moderator John Burke called for a vote stating that unanimity will dispense with a Roll Call vote.

RTM members unanimously approved the recommendation.

PART 4:

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That any of the above named boards or departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, are hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any state or federal grants that are or may become available for these purposes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This is a standard provision permitting the Town to apply for, accept, and expend state or federal grants.

The Finance Committee's recommendation was read and seconded.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 10 "ATP" INCREASE

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money 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 or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This is the annual increase for "ATP". This increase is a merit % rate.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$59,133 to be raised from Taxation to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the Personnel Bylaws "ATP" classification.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This figure represents a maximum four percent merit increase for "ATP" employees.

T. Simms (P7) made a motion to amend and 2nd as follows:

That the Town vote to amend Article 10 "ATP" Increase" by decreasing the sum from \$59,133 to \$56,551.

RTM members approved the amendment as follows;

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ~~\$59,133~~ \$56,551 to be raised from Taxation to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the Personnel Bylaws "ATP" classification.

ARTICLE 11 "M" INCREASE

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the "M" Part-time and Seasonal Employees and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This reflects a 4% increase. This is for the annual increase done in July.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,653 to be raised from Taxation to supplement the budgets of various departments for salary increases for personnel under the Personnel Bylaws "M" Part-time and Seasonal Employees classification.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This figure represents a four percent increase to "M" employees.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 12 CLERICAL CONTRACTS

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments, who employ personnel under the Clerical Union, to fund all contracts as a result of collective bargaining and to finance any changes in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Fund contract effective 7/1/00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Contractual negotiations have not concluded and the article is premature.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 13 PROFESSIONAL POLICE
OFFICER'S CONTRACTS**

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money 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, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised whether by taxation, appropriation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Fund contract effective 7/1/00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.
FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Contractual negotiations have not concluded and the article is premature.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 14 PATROLMEN'S CONTRACTS

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money 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, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised whether by taxation, appropriation or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Fund contract effective 7/1/00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Contractual negotiations have not concluded and the article is premature.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 15 LABORER'S CONTRACTS

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments, who employ personnel under the Laborers' Union, to fund all contracts as a result of collective bargaining and to finance any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Fund contract effective 7/1/00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Contractual negotiations have not concluded and the article is premature.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 16 FIRE CONTRACTS (Eff. 7/1/99)

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budget of the Fire and Ambulance Departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, appropriation, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Funding a new contract effective 7/1/99

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Contractual negotiations have not concluded and the article is premature.

T. Simms (P7) made a request to overturn the Finance Committee's recommendation and he would present an Affirmative Action.

RTM members defeated the recommendation.

T. Simms(P7) proposed the following Affirmative Action:

That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$338,850 to supplement the budgets of the Fire and Ambulance Departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise with the sum of \$110,101 to supplement the FY 2000 Budget of the Fire and Ambulance Departments and the sum of \$228,749 to supplement the FY 2001 Budget of the Fire and Ambulance Departments. Of the said sum of \$110,101 for FY2000, \$9,200 to be transferred from Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Fund, \$90,000 to be transferred from Article 5 Line 29a Police Dept Salary & Wages of the FY 2000 ATM, and \$10,901 to be transferred from available Free Cash. Of the said sum of \$228,749 for FY 2001, \$19,529 to be transferred from Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Fund, \$53,638 be transferred from available Free Cash and the balance of \$155,582 to be raised by taxation.

The affirmative action motion was seconded.

After some discussion, the RTM members unanimously approved the above Affirmative Action.

ARTICLE 17 APPOINT ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
CENSUS TAKERS

ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the General Laws to permit the Board of Election Commissioners to appoint the following Election Commissioners as compensated census takers:

Diane Brady Szpila
Eleanor M. Ruest
Barbara J. Deppisch
James A. Magnan

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Election Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Election Commissioners have been Census Takers for the past 25 years plus. We will need Election Commissioners to do some follow up work after our Annual Census by mail. Commissioners are best suited for this work because they are well acquainted with the work involved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote pursuant to Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the General Laws to permit the Board of Election Commissioners to appoint the following Election Commissioners as compensated census takers:

Diane Brady Szpila
Eleanor M. Ruest
Barbara J. Deppisch
James A. Magnan

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Finance Committee recommends appointing Election Commissioners as Census Takers since they are the most qualified for the position and deserving of compensation.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 18 CREATE ATP-3 OFFICE MANAGER NAPD

POLICE DEPT.

To see if the Town will vote to create under the Personnel By-Laws, "ATP" classification the following:

ATP-3 Office Manager North Attleboro Police Department
\$28,865 - \$35,837

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Police Department

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The position as it presently exists is classified as a G-6 and is within the Clerical Union. This represents a major conflict with this position as one of the duties is to supervise the office staff (all in the Clerical Union). All of the other office managers in the town are ATP's. Examples: Department of Public Works, Park and Recreation, Selectmen, Assessors, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to create under the Personnel By-Laws, "ATP" classification the following:

ATP-3 Office Manager North Attleboro Police Dept. \$30,761 - \$39,989

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article creates an "ATP" position involving supervision of clerical staff. The article has no financial effect, as the position will be compensated at the same rate as the present G-6 position taking into consideration the elimination of overtime pay.

T. Simms (P7)

RTM members defeated the recommendation.

D. Rogers (P1) as it is about 10pm I move to adjourn. Motion 2nd and approved.

D. Manoogian(P6) recognized John Burke for his fine efforts as Moderator Pro Temp.

The body adjourned until Monday June 8, 2000 at 7pm.

On Monday June 8, 2000 the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:04pm with 65 RTM members present. We have a quorum.

Pledge to the Flag.

Moderator thanked John Burke for substituting for him while he was away.

ARTICLE 19 CREATE & FUND ATP-5 LABORATORY SUPERVISOR POSITION

BORD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to create under the Personnel By-Laws, "ATP" classification, the position of "Laboratory Supervisor" as an ATP-5, and to appropriate the sum of \$41,300, by taxation, transfer of available funds, or otherwise to be added to the salary line item of the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Treatment Facility Division, annual budget for fiscal year 2001.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Town was recently re-issued its NPDES wastewater management permit by the USEPA and DEP, which is valid for the next five years. There are increased testing requirements by the Federal and State authorities under the Town's new discharge permit. Several major tests must now be performed twice a week. Previously these tests were required to be conducted once a week, however, the lab is staffed by only one personnel. Additionally, in order to maintain compliance with new EPA approved testing procedures, as described in "Standard Methods For The Examination Of Water And Wastewater 19th Edition", the time required to perform some tests has doubled. Past

wastewater consultant reports have noted that the laboratory section is understaffed for the workload of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The latest additional testing requirements will only exacerbate this situation. Finally, staff has had to increase record keeping to comply with recently expanded quality assurance and quality control requirements.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The position was not included in the Department's budget. No additional positions are being recommended, due to budgetary constraints.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 20 ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES FOR
TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, & TREASURER**

TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with applicable state statutes, salary ranges for certain elected officials as follows:

Town Clerk	\$14,595 to	\$18,974
Tax Collector	\$33,222 to	\$43,189
Town Treasurer	\$52,719 to	\$69,435

Said ranges to take effect at the conclusion of this Town Meeting.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

To establish a salary range for these three elected positions as discussed at previous Town Meetings. The State legislature is expected to pass either (1) an amendment to Chapter 41, Section 108 pending, which would allow towns to establish ranges for elected positions, or (2) a home rule petition allowing North Attleborough to establish such ranges. If either of these pass prior to our Town Meeting, then Town Meeting can legally approve this article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of petitioner. The article is premature.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 21 COLA FOR RETIREES

RETIREMENT BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 51 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, an act relative to the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Retirees.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Retirement Board

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This allows by local option a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in excess of the percentage increase allowed by Chapter 32, Section 103(c), up to a maximum of 3% (on the first \$12,000 of the retirement allowance). In the first year, the Retirement Board and legislative must have accepted Section 51. Once accepted, the Retirement Board elects whether to grant an increased COLA, determines the amount of COLA, up to a 3% maximum.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept Section 51 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, an act relative to the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Retirees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This will permit a maximum three percent (3%) COLA per year for retirees. This article needs to be revoted annually in order to permit the Retirement Board to implement the COLA.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 22 PARK BUS PURCHASE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the purchase of a bus and for any costs incidental and related thereto. Appropriation of said sum shall be by taxation, transfer of available funds or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Park Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Our bus has always been an instrumental part of our recreation program and all our buses have been acquired when over ten years old. Based on the cost of repairs, we feel it will be a cost savings to buy a new or newer bus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of the petitioner.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 23 PARK HESS HOUSE REPAIRS

PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the repair and renovation to the Hess House in World War I Memorial Park and for any costs incidental and related thereto. Appropriation of said sum shall be by taxation, transfer of available funds, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Park Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Hess House is over 50 years old and in need of structural repairs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of the petitioner.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 24 SECURITY SYSTEM & FENCING:

PARK COMMISSIONERS

WWI MEMORIAL PARK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 or any other sum under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the purpose of replacing and repairing zoo fencing and providing a security system at the World War I Memorial Park zoo, and for any costs incidental or related thereto. Appropriation of said sum shall be by taxation, transfer of available funds, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Park Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The security system will enable us to better protect our animals in accordance with USDA guidelines. Fencing is to replace three major sections of six foot chain link fence completing the project two years ago.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of the petitioner.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 25 DPW ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

BD. OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$980,000, plus issuance costs, or any other sum to be expended by and under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works for the purpose of constructing an addition and/or remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs including furnishings, equipment and related items to the DPW Administration Building located at 240 Smith Street, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, by taxation, transfer of available funds or by borrowing under the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44 as amended or revised. And to authorize the Board of Public Works to apply for, accept, and expend any State or Federal Grants available, or that may come available for these purposes; and that the sum of \$980,000 or any other sum be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that in addition, the sum of \$29,400.00 shall also be borrowed to be expended by the Town Treasurer for issuance costs.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Board of Public Works conducted a "Space Needs Analysis" and "Air Quality Study" in 1998/1999 for its facility at 240 Smith Street. The results of the two studies concluded that: approximately two and one half times more work space was needed for Department of Public Works operations; the current building has several code violations, and that there was dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide in the building as a result of non-existent/poor HVAC systems. Annual Town Meeting of 1999 approved \$95,000 to design the renovations/expansion work, which is now complete. Approval of this article will allow construction of the renovations to begin.

In March of 1999, the staff and visitors to the Administration/Highway building began experiencing severe health symptoms during times when a strong odor of gasoline/diesel and other fumes became noticeable within the building. There had been sporadic complaints by staff at 240 Smith Street in the past about this problem, however; recently the presence of fumes had become more intense.

As a result of these complaints, the Board of Public Works initiated an independent study of the air quality at the Department of Public Works building. OccuHealth, Inc. of Mansfield, MA conducted a Level I Indoor Air Quality Survey. The study indicated that there is migration of gas/diesel and other fumes into the Department of Public Works Administration/Highway building. Along with this problem, there have been dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide detected.

Due to the possible detrimental health effects on DPW employees and visitors, the building was abandoned and DPW staff was relocated to a leased temporary trailer located at the site. Obviously, this is not a long-term solution for housing one of the three main Town Departments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article is a capital expenditure and should properly be evaluated through the CIP process.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 26 ESTABLISH HR POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to make changes in the existing Personnel By-Laws in order to update and clarify existing language as well as establish the creation of a Human Resource Policy and Procedure manual.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Personnel By-Laws require updating to accommodate the establishment of the Human Resource Department and the Personnel Board's role with that department. Additional changes to assure compliance with current policy and practice as well as to identify By-Law language that may be more appropriately placed in a Policy Manual and to establish said manual.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of petitioner. The article is premature.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 27 NEW EVALUATION TOOL FOR
"ATP" AND "M" EMPLOYEES**

PERSONNEL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to introduce a new evaluation tool in order to more effectively implement and communicate performance standards for ATP and M classified employees.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Personnel Board

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The existing ATP evaluation is in need of updating to more accurately reflect assessment of current job duties, goals and objectives. The Personnel Board has reviewed evaluation tools and determined the tool and Performance Review System that is most applicable to ATP and M classified employees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of petitioner. The article is premature.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

B. Norton (P3) proposed the following motion:

I make a motion to take Article 28 out of order and place it after Article 30.

Motion seconded.

Deemed a 2/3 vote by the Moderator, the RTM members approved the motion to take Article 28 out of order and move it after Article 30.

**ARTICLE 29 MAYFLOWER EMERALD SQUARE
OUTPARCEL, LLC: GRAVITY SEWER
MAIN GIFT**

**BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Mayflower Emerald Square Outparcel, LLC to the Town of North Attleborough a 10 inch gravity sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main is located in South Washing Street from pole #90 northerly to the intersection of Hoppin Hill Road - a distance of approximately 2,920 feet, and East Washington Street from Hoppin Hill Road northerly to pole #65 - a distance of approximately 1,200 feet.

Copies of the plans are on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

An ongoing program to have all sewer mains under the ownership of the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept as a gift from Mayflower Emerald Square Outparcel, LLC to the Town of North Attleborough a 10 inch gravity sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main is located in South Washington Street from pole #90 northerly to the intersection of Hoppin Hill Road - a distance of approximately 2,920 feet, and East Washington Street from Hoppin Hill Road northerly to pole #65 - a distance of approximately 1,200 feet.

Copies of the plans are on file with the Town Clerk's office.
See Attached.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Proper documentation has been provided including the gifting letters; and the sewer should be accepted by the Town.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 30 OLD FARM REALTY: GIFT OF SEWER EASEMENTS

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town for municipal sewer purposes a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc., to the Town of North Attleborough the sewer easements described in Plans A, B, C.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

An ongoing program to have all sewer mains under the ownership of the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

2/3 VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town for municipal sewer purposes a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc., to the Town of North Attleborough the sewer easements described in Plans A, B, C.
See Attached.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Proper documentation has been provided including the gifting letters; and the sewer easements should be accepted by the Town.

RTM members approved the recommendation as read.

Moderator: We are now back on Article 28.

ARTICLE 28 OLD FARM REALTY: SEWER MAIN GIFT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main commences at the existing sewer main in South Washing Street, proceeding to Old Post Road approximately 778 feet through an easement, in Old Post Road approximately 1,110 feet, in Arthur Collins Circle approximately 259 feet, Old Post Road through an easement to Eden Park Drive approximately 400

feet, in Eden Park Drive approximately 746 feet, in Edgewood Drive approximately 508 feet, Eden Park Drive through easements to Colonial Road approximately 400 feet, in Colonial Way approximately 445 feet, as described in attached Plans A, B, C, D, and E.

A copy of plans are on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

An ongoing program to have all sewer mains under the ownership of the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept as a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main commences at the existing sewer main in South Washington Street, proceeding to Old Post Road approximately 778 feet through an easement, in Old Post Road approximately 1,110 feet, in Arthur Collins Circle approximately 259 feet, Old Post Road through an easement to Eden Park Drive approximately 400 feet, in Eden Park Drive approximately 746 feet, in Edgewood Drive approximately 508 feet, Eden Park Drive through easements to Colonial Road approximately 400 feet, in Colonial Way approximately 445 feet, as described in attached Plans A, B, C, D, and E.

A copy of plans are on file with the Town Clerk's office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Proper documentation has been provided including the gifting letters; and the sewer should be accepted by the Town.

After much discussion, the RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 31 ACCEPT SEWER MAIN GIFT:
O'HEAR & GAUDINO

BD. OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Joseph and Joan O'Hear and Peter and Cheryl Gaudino to the Town of North Attleborough, an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main installed in Mount Hope Street from the intersection of Hawthorne Street approximately 80 feet southerly to existing public sewer manhole.

A copy of plan is on file with the Town Clerk's office

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

An ongoing program to have all sewer mains under the ownership of the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept as a gift from Joseph and Joan O'Hear and Peter and Cheryl Gaudino to the Town of North Attleborough, an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances constructed in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main installed in Mount Hope Street from the intersection of Hawthorne Street approximately 80 feet southerly to existing public sewer manhole.

A copy of plan is on file with the Town Clerk's office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Proper documentation has been provided including the gifting letters; and the sewer should be accepted by the Town.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 32 ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY &
PERMANENT EASEMENTS:
LINDSEY ACRES AREA**

**BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town for municipal sewer and water purposes, by purchase or by gift, the following permanent and temporary easements, to install, maintain, repair and replace underground sewer and water pipes and related appurtenances in the following parcels of land.

<u>Owners</u>	<u>Plat/Lot</u>	<u>Easement Type</u>	<u>Area</u>
Todd A. & Dawn Grosse	Plat 38 Lot 654	Permanent Easement	1,300 sq. ft.
Gerhard K. & Elizabeth T. Klarwasser	Plat 38 Lot 656	Temporary Easement Permanent Easement	669 sq. ft. 1,978 sq. ft.
Town of North Attleborough	Plat 38 Lot 52	Temporary Easement Permanent Easement	2,813 sq. ft. 6,327 sq. ft.
Samuel D. & Elizabeth A. Martin	Plat 38 Lot 52-L	Permanent Easement	1,158 sq. ft.
Robert A. Hayes	Plat 38 Lot 52-M	Temporary Easement Permanent Easement	1,184 Sq.ft. 1,158 sq. ft.
Charles A. & Sharon Nicholas	Plat 38 Lot 52-A-8	Temporary Easement Permanent Easement	1,300 sq. ft. 3,250 Sq. ft.
Brian Z. & Helen E. Zibuda	Plat 38 Lot 696-Y	Temporary Easement	1,250 sq. ft.
Town of North Attleborough	Plat 38 Lot 696-X	Permanent Easement	3,125 sq. ft.
Charles A. & Susan W. Speicher	Plat 38 Lot 693-R	Permanent Easement	2,749 sq. ft.
Ian P. & Lillian M. Gregory	Plat 38 Lot 693-S	Temporary Easement	1,361 sq. ft.

Said area to be under the control and custody of the Department of Public Works and to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 or any other sum for the foregoing purposes by taxation, by transfer of available funds, or otherwise.

Said plans on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

These easements will allow the public sewer to be expanded from Horace Darling Drive north into the Lindsey Acres area.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of the petitioner.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 33 CHAPTER 90 FUNDS ACCEPTANCE

**BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This is a standard article permitting the acceptance of monies from the State.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 34 ACCEPT SEWER MAIN GIFT:
JENNISTON, INC.**

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Robert Hall, President Jenniston, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main installed in Broadway between Colburn Street and Bucklin Street a distance of approximately 247 feet.

A copy of plans is on file with the Town Clerk's office

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This is an ongoing program to have all sewer mains under the ownership of the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept as a gift from Robert Hall, President Jenniston, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough an eight inch sewer main and appurtenances in accordance with the Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer main installed in Broadway between Colburn Street and Bucklin Street a distance of approximately 247 feet.

A copy of plans is on file with the Town Clerk's office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Proper documentation has been provided including the gifting letters; and the sewer should be accepted by the Town.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 35 AMEND RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR SEWER USE

BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations for Sewer Use, as originally approved in Article 40 of the 1973 Annual town Meeting, amended by Article 5 of the June 1985 Special Town Meeting, amended by Article 3 and 4 of the February 1992 Special Town Meeting, amended by Article 16 of the June 1995 Special Town Meeting, and amended by Article 44 of the October 1995 Annual Town Meeting as set forth as follows:

Article 3A, Section 18 - Delete the "MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE CONCENTRATIONS MG/L" table in its entirety and Replace with the following:

Maximum Allowable Industrial Discharge Concentrations (mg/l)¹

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Concentration Limits (mg/l)</u>
Aluminum	2.5
Arsenic	0.4
BOD ²	
Cadmium	0.2
Chromium	1.5
Copper	1.0
Cyanide (Total)	0.25
Lead	2.0
Mercury	0.06
Nickel	1.0
Oil & Grease (Total)	100
Phosphorus	9.0
Silver	0.17
TSS ²	
Zinc	2.5
Ph	5.5-9.5

1. Values are daily averages based on composite samples except as otherwise prohibited by accepted laboratory procedures.
2. Industry monitoring only at this time.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of petitioner. The article is premature.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 36 ACCEPT PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENTS
IN LAKE COMO AREA

BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town for municipal utility purposes, by purchase, or by gift permanent utility easements for the construction, installation and maintenance of future utility service in the unaccepted roadways entitled Remington Drive, England Road, Bernice Street, Alicia Street, Sylvan Road, Heather Street, Loomis Street, and Campus Road. Said easements to be under the control and custody of the Board of Public Works. And to raise and appropriate \$11,300.00 by taxation, by transfer of available funds or by borrowing under Chapter 44, as amended of the General Laws for the foregoing purpose. And to authorize the Board of Public Works to apply for, accept and expend any State or Federal grants available, or that may become available for these purposes. The sum of \$11,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works and the sum of \$300.00 to be expended by the Town Treasurer for issuance costs.

Copies of plans are on file with the Town Clerk.
See Attached List

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Board of Public Works
See attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

To obtain easements in the Lake Como area for future sewer expansion within the unaccepted roadways.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article was indefinitely postponed at the request of the petitioner.

After a brief discussion, the RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 37 SEWER LINE GIFT: OLD FARM REALTY

PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough an eight-inch sewer line and appurtenances constructed in accordance with Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. Said sewer line commences at the existing sewer line in South Washington Street proceeding to Old Post Road, Eden Park Drive, Edgewood Drive, Colonial Way, and Arthur Collins Circle, as described in attached Plans "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E". (a total distance of approximately 3,825 feet)

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

In order to comply with agreement between the Town of North Attleborough and Old Farm Realty, Inc., dated January 31, 1985, to turn over to the Town of North Attleborough said sewer line which was constructed to sewer the subdivision of Colonial Estates which is not complete. See attached Agreement "F".

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article involves the same substantive matter as Articles 28, 29, and 30.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 38 SEWER EASEMENTS: OLD FARM REALTY

PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Old Farm Realty, Inc. to the Town of North Attleborough the sewer easements as described in Plans "A", "B", and "C" attached.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

In order to comply with agreement between the Town of North Attleborough and Old Farm Realty, Inc., dated January 31, 1985, to turn over to the Town of North Attleborough said easements in which Old Farm Realty, Inc. constructed a sewer line to service the subdivision of Colonial Estates. See attached Agreement "F".

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article involves the same substantive matter as Articles 28, 29, and 30.

THE RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 39 LAND SWAP: CARPIONATO CORP./
SAM REALTY TRUST**

PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to release 2 parcels of land from certain restrictions as set forth on the attached Exhibit "A".

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Petition

See attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Carpionato Corporation (North Attleboro Marketplace II LLC) needs to swap two small parcels of land for two others with SAM Realty Trust (Fashion Crossing) in order to build the portion of the shopping center, which will be occupied by Lowe's, as shown on plans approved by the Planning Board. The parcels going from Carpionato to Fashion Crossing needs to be free and clear of the restrictions currently in place. The parcels going from Fashion Crossing to Carpionato will be placed under those same restrictions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

2/3 VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release 2 parcels of land from certain restrictions as set forth on the attached Exhibit "A" in consideration for the same restrictions being recorded against the parcels going from Fashion Crossing to Capionato.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This article involves a land swap between two developers designed to even off property lines. There is no effect on the Town.

The moderator deemed the RTM members approved the recommendation with a 2/3 vote.

**ARTICLE 40 ACCEPT AS PUBLIC WAY:
CHIPPING STONE ROAD**

PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chipping Stone Road as a public way. Said street having been constructed and completed as per Department of Public Works, the Highway Department, and the Planning Board specifications. The section of Chipping Stone Road proposed for acceptance starts at the intersection of Cedar Ridge Road and runs approximately 654.77 to a cul-de-sac, and is shown on a plan titled Definitive Subdivision Plan of land Sheldonville Heights in North Attleborough, MA drawn for Orion Realty Company, Inc., drawn by Risser Engineering Co., North Attleborough, MA dated 2/29/96, revised 6/26/96 and recorded at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Book 357; Page 4.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Petition

See attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Chipping Stone Road, 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 consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Further work is needed in order to properly accept the road as a public way.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 41 AMEND BYLAWS: CIP CRITERIA

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.a.4. of Article III of the Town By-Laws that defines one of the criteria for a capital improvement as:

"The purchase of equipment or vehicles with a useful life of at least three (3) years and a cost exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)"

by deleting "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)" and substituting therein "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)"

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
See attached

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The differential in dollar value is not sufficiently significant to justify a by-law change.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 42 AMEND TOWN BYLAWS: CIP DATE

SELECTMEN

SUBMITTAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.c. of Article III of the Town By-Laws that provides in part for the Board of Selectmen to review, make such changes and return the proposed Capital Improvements program to the Town Administrator for presentation to the Finance Committee for its review by deleting the words:

"on or before a date agreed upon by the Finance Committee, which shall be not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting."

And by substituting the words:

"on or before January 15th for the Annual Town Meeting and on or before September 15th for the Semi-Annual Town Meeting."

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
See attached

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The stated dates will not permit the Finance Committee adequate time to hold public meetings and to make reasoned recommendations.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 43 ARTICLE 1 TOWN MEETING

BYLAW AMENDMENT

**RTM COORD.
COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to insert into Article I TOWN MEETING the following:

That the Representative Town Meeting adopt the following rule of procedure to wit: At the beginning of every Town Meeting session, the Town Accountant or designee shall certify as to the total amount of funds that are legally available for appropriation from taxation and/or free cash. All motions or amendments to

motions calling for appropriations of all funds, including the Budget Article and the Capital Improvements Program Articles, shall specify the source or sources of the funds requested for appropriation.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

RTM Coordinating Committee

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The RTM membership is asked to adopt a portion of the Bourne Amendment at Town Meeting. The RTM Coordinating Committee thought it would be best to have our own "North Attleborough Amendment" (aka Bourne Amendment) as a By-Law that would meet the same purpose as what we adopt. This new By-Law would be inserted in Article I Town Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The wording of the proposed rule requires further clarification and should not be passed in its present form.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 44 ESTABLISH VOLUNTARY SUPPLEMENTAL
EDUCATIONAL FUND**

PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 60, Section 3C of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Authorizing, subject to the approval of the commissioner (DOR), to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills or the motor vehicle excise tax bills or to mail with such tax bills a separate form, whereby taxpayers of North Attleborough can voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not less than one dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a town scholarship fund, the purpose of which shall be to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents in the accordance with this section and to establish a town educational fund, the purpose of which shall be to provide supplemental educational funding for local educational needs.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Petition

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

To provide a method to supplement the school budget with monies that are voluntarily contributed by the taxpayers of North Attleborough. Affords the opportunity by which willing town taxpayers can reduce or eliminate the difference between the School Department's requested budget monies and those lesser monies that have been allocated by the town consistently for the past five or more years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As the statute was not attached to the Warrant, the Finance Committee lacked adequate information upon which to make a reasoned recommendation. Additionally, the information presented with regard to the experience of other communities did not reflect a significant return in light of the Town monies to be spent to process any contributions.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 45 ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which allows an additional real estate tax exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Assessors

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which allows an additional real estate tax exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This will permit an increase in the real estate tax exemption for taxpayers who are blind, elderly, and veterans.

The RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 46 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: FY2000 ATM

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,055.00 to supplement Article 5, line item 32a of the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Building Department Salary & Wages. Said appropriation to be raised by taxation, by transfer of available funds or by borrowing under Chapter 44 as amended of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Building Inspector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

To cover the \$1,737.00 shortage in the Clerical's Salary & Wages. The shortage was because of the retirement of the previous secretary on July 2, 1999. Accrued Sick and Vacation time was paid to her. The Assistant Building Inspector's Salary & Wages is short \$318.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,055.00 to supplement Article 5, line item 32a of the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Building Department Salary & Wages. Said appropriation to be transferred from available Free Cash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This will cover a shortfall in the Clerical Salary and Wage account due to the retirement of an employee and will also fund a shortage in the Assistant Building Inspector's Salary and Wage account.

After a brief comment from T. Simms(7), the RTM members defeated the recommendation.

ARTICLE 47 UNPAID LANDFILL DEPT. BILL

SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws for an unpaid Landfill Department storage container rental bill incurred prior to June 30, 1999. Said appropriation to be raised from Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Two invoices - March and June - were not received for payment prior to June 30, 1999, and now funds are needed to pay the storage container rental bill incurred in fiscal year 1999.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

4/5 VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws for an unpaid Landfill Department storage container rental bill incurred prior to June 30, 1999. Said appropriation to be raised from Landfill Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This is a previously incurred bill funded from the Landfill Enterprise Fund.

This is a 4/5 vote - unanimity will dispense with a count.

RTM members unanimously approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 48 FY2000 SCHOOL BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

**SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,443 or any other sum to increase Article 5, Line 42A - School Department Expenses of the April 26, 1999 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2000. Said sum to be raised by taxation, transfer of available Chapter 70 Funds as approved by the Massachusetts General Court, by transfer of available funds or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
School Committee

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Chapter 70 state aid for education has been increased from previous figures by the state.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$243,443 to increase Article 5, Line 42A - School Department Expenses of the April 26, 1999 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2000. Said sum to be transferred from Reserve For Expenditures/State Aid (available Chapter 70 Funds as approved by the Massachusetts General Court).

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These were State Aid monies available at the Semi-Annual Town Meeting which the School Department wished to defer until the Annual Town Meeting in order to determine the appropriate manner in which to allocate the funds.

After some discussion, the RTM members approved the recommendation.

**ARTICLE 49 WOODCOCK ADA SUPPLEMENT: TRANSFER
OF FUNDS FROM FY00 SATM Article 7,
PART 4, ITEMS 35 TO 33**

**SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum to increase Article 7, Part 4, Item 33 of the FY00 Semi-Annual Meeting (Woodcock ADA work) from \$95,000 to \$125,000. Of said sum, the amount of \$30,000 or any other sum to be transferred from Article 7, Part 4, Item 35. Said Item 35 of Article 7, Part 4 (Hazardous Material Removal) shall be reduced from \$100,000 to \$70,000. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
School Committee

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The School Department needs a total of \$125,000 to complete the ADA work at the Woodcock Building. Article 7 was approved by the RTM at the Semi-Annual Town Meeting on January 10, 2000. This issue was discussed but an amendment or affirmative action to change the figures could not be made on the floor. This corrects the amount of funds needed for the Woodcock ADA project (Item 33 of Article 7, Part 4). No new or additional funds are requested.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to increase Article 7, Part 4, Item 33 of the FY00 Semi-Annual Town Meeting (Woodcock ADA work) from \$95,000 to \$125,000. That the said sum of \$30,000 be transferred from Article 7, Part 4, Item 35 of the FY00 Semi-Annual Town Meeting. Said Item 35 of Article 7, Part 4 (Hazardous Material Removal) shall be reduced from \$100,000 to \$70,000. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This will permit the School Department to reallocate previously appropriated monies in order to properly reflect actual costs. No additional funds are appropriated in this article.

RTM members approved the recommendation.

ARTICLE 2 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Motion was made to take from the table and put before the body Article 2 and 2nd by T. Simms(P7).

Motion Carried.

Moderator: Article 2 is now before the body for the adoption of the 1999 Annual Town Report with its supplement.

Moderator: We will vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation, which was to indefinitely postpone.

The RTM members defeated the recommendation.

T. Simms(P7): I move that we adopt the Annual Report (1999) which is listed as Article 2.

Motion seconded.

The RTM members approved the motion to adopt the 1999 Annual Report as presented in Article 2.

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Motion Carried.

It is 7:45pm.
Sine Die

