

**PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2015**

**On Monday, January 5, 2015, Town Clerk, Maxwell G. Gould, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:05 PM by announcing, "With 82 members present, we have a quorum."**

Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

She then called for a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

**Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl, read the warrant:**

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT  
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, January 5, 2015  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bristol, ss.**

**To either 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, in said North Attleborough on:**

**Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, A.D.**

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

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

Given our hands and seal of the Town of North Attleborough on this November 20, 2014

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Joan Marchitto, Chairman  
Mark Williamson, Vice-Chairman  
John C. Rhyno  
Patrick Reynolds  
Anne Lonzo

**Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl, then read the Return:**

**BRISTOL, ss**

Pursuant to this within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Attleborough within described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant in each of the nine (9) precincts in said town twenty-one (21) days before the time of said meeting.

Chief John J. Reilly,  
Constable, Town of North Attleboro

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

*I move that the Town Meeting adopt the Bourne Amendment: That any motion to increase the amount of money recommended for an article must specify where the additional monies will come from.*

Motion seconded.

**Motion carried.**

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

*I move that the Town Meeting adopt the procedural rule: That the count of a super majority vote, when declared obvious by the Moderator, shall not be taken unless requested by seven or more RTM members.*

Motion seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 1 - SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS FISCAL YEAR 2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement various Fiscal Year 2015 departmental operating budgets. Said sum to be funded from free cash or transfer from available funds. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** This article is being submitted to facilitate the operating expenses for various departments for the fiscal year.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0**

**MAJORITY ROLL CALL**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate \$16,205.00 from Free Cash into the Dept. 916A – Medicare Tax Account and to appropriate \$58,000.00 from Free Cash into the Police Department General Expenses Account (Dept. 210B), and to appropriate a total of \$223,938.00 into the Veterans (Dept. 543B) General Expense Account. \$222,221.00 to be paid from free cash and \$1,717.00 to be transferred from Bristol County Agricultural Expenses (Dept. 300B).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Veterans Department has seen a rapid increase in the amount of claims it receives. The Town is reimbursed 75% of the paid claim. It is anticipated that the money will be needed in the Medicare Tax account.

**By a Roll Call Vote the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation. Total voting -89; Yes- 87, No-2**

**ARTICLE 2 - AMEND ARTICLE 6 (CIP) OF THE JUNE 3, 2013 ATM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend a portion of its vote under Article 6, Part 3, of the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 3, 2013, so as to clarify the descriptions of the purpose for which funds authorized to be borrowed in Item #38 thereof may be expended. The description of the purpose originally approved was as follows.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	<u>Authority</u>
38	\$50,000.	Holmes School Interior Restoration	Historical Commission	44, 7 (3A)

The amended description of the purpose for which funds authorized to be borrowed in Item #38 of Article 6, Part 3 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on June 3, 2013 would be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	<u>Authority</u>
38	\$50,000	Holmes School Restoration	Historical Commission	44, 7(3A)

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** The description of the project listed was considered too narrow. The amended description will permit borrowing for the intended purpose.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend the description of CIP Item Number 38 of Article 6, Part 3, of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 3, 2013, to read as follows:

<b>38</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Holmes School Restoration</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>44, 7(3A)</b>
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 3 – APPROVE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE INTERAGENCY PLANNING BOARD PERMITTING BOARD**

To see if the Town will approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at Santoro Drive (Map 35 Parcels 485-488) and John Dietsch Blvd. (Map 34A, Parcel 10A) as a Priority Development Site, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** By accepting this act, the Town is able to designate specific sites (with owner’s permission) for expedited permitting. Expedited permitting allows the land owner/developer to receive all permits within 180 days. This designation is only allowed for those sites that are able to produce a minimum of 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial, commercial/ industrial or industrial zoned land. The land must be designated and approved by RTM at any Town Meeting. This act is meant to encourage growth in specific locations where it may be lacking. This is also used as a marketing tool for the Town and the designated property(s).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at Santoro Drive (Map 36\*\* Parcels 485-488) and John Dietsch Blvd. (Map 34A, Parcel 10A) as a Priority Development Site.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** As stated in the purpose and justification. \*\*The Committee wanted to point out to everyone that a Scriveners error was found in the article that incorrectly cited these lots on Santoro Drive as being on Plat 35. This is incorrect. The correct Plat number for lots 485-488 is Plat 36, as referenced in the Finance Committee Recommendation.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 4 – APPROVE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE INTERAGENCY PLANNING BOARD PERMITTING BOARD**

To see if the Town will approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at Landry Ave (Map 34 Parcel 122) as a Priority Development Site, or take any action in relation thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** By accepting this act, the Town is able to designate specific sites (with owner’s permission) for expedited permitting. Expedited permitting allows the land owner/developer to receive all permits within 180 days. This designation is only allowed for those sites that are able to produce a minimum of 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial, commercial/ industrial or industrial zoned land. The land must be designated and approved by RTM at any Town Meeting. This act is meant to encourage growth in specific locations where it may be lacking. This is also used as a marketing tool for the Town and the designated property(s).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at Landry Ave (Map 34 Parcel 122) as a Priority Development Site.**

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

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5 – APPROVE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE INTERAGENCY PLANNING BOARD PERMITTING BOARD**

To see if the Town will approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at 24 John Dietsch Square (Map 34A Parcel 371E) and 57 John Dietsch Square (Map 34A, Parcel 371C) as a Priority Development Site, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** By accepting this act, the Town is able to designate specific sites (with owner’s permission) for expedited permitting. Expedited permitting allows the land owner/developer to receive all permits within 180 days. This designation is only allowed for those sites that are able to produce a minimum of 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial, commercial/ industrial or industrial

zoned land. The land must be designated and approved by RTM at any Town Meeting. This act is meant to encourage growth in specific locations where it may be lacking. This is also used as a marketing tool for the Town and the designated property(s).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at 24 John Dietsch Square (Map 34A Parcel 371E) and 57 John Dietsch Square (Map 34A, Parcel 371C) as a Priority Development Site.**

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

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATE FREE CASH TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_to the stabilization fund. Or to do or act in any manner thereto.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:** This article is being submitted to facilitate the operation expenses for various departments for the fiscal year.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** The Committee felt that the remaining \$32,000.00 in free cash was going to be needed in the near future to fix an HVAC problem at the Police Station and therefore did not feel it necessary to place the money into the stabilization account just to have to recommend its withdrawal.

**By a majority vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation.**

**A motion to Adjourn Sine Die was approved by a majority vote of the RTM members at 8:01 PM.**