

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**JUNE 4, 2001**

William Moffitt, Town Clerk, opened the June 4, 2001 Special Town Meeting at 7:03 pm with 70 RTM members present. We have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence for the citizens of the Town that have passed since the last meeting.

Moderator, Michael Duggan read the Warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH  
WARRANT  
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bristol, ss.**

**To either of the Constables of North Attleborough:**

**GREETINGS:**

**In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of North Attleborough to meet at the North Attleborough Middle School Cafetorium, 564 Landry Avenue, in said North Attleborough on:**

**MONDAY, THE FOURTH OF JUNE, 2001A.D.**

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

As a preliminary matter the Chair entertained a motion that would allow the Moderator to count those votes that are excessive 2/3 when it is obvious to the Moderator. If there is any question as to the vote the Chair will respect the wishes of 7 voters who wish to have a count.

Do I have a motion to that effect?

So moved. Is there a second? Second.

Motion is adopted.

**ARTICLE 1 CLERICAL CONTRACT**

**SELECTMEN**

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.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To fund contract effective 7/1/01.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 – 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Negotiations have not as yet been completed. The article is therefore premature.

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

**ARTICLE 2 CHANGE “M” – PERSONNEL BY-LAWS - SCHEDULE A –  
AS RECOMMENDED BY MMA CONSULTING GROUP**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to change under the Personnel By-Laws, Schedule A, as recommended by the MMA Consulting Group the attached and to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 or any other sum of money through taxation, appropriation or otherwise effective 7/1/01.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen  
SEE ATTACHED

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This is part of the recommendations from MMA. This will be the former “M” Part-time and Seasonal Classifications.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to change under the Personnel By-Laws, Schedule A, as recommended by the MMA Consulting Group the attached, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,469 through taxation effective 7/1/01.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article adopts the findings of the MMA Consulting Group regarding reclassification and payment for M class employees.

**After some discussion the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

**ARTICLE 3 “M’s” SALARY INCREASES**

**SELECTMEN**

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 relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Salary increases are contemplated as part of Article 2 and therefore this article is not necessary if Article 2 is approved.

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

**ARTICLE 4 BUILDING INSPECTOR –STAFFING INCREASE**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 or any other sum for the purpose of increasing Article 5, Line Item #33a Building Department Salaries of the FY2002 Annual Town Meeting. Said sum to be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Building Inspector

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**The Building Department is in the process of increasing their Building Permit Fees. If fees are approved, the additional revenue would allow the Building Department to potentially create additional personnel staffing. This would also increase the level of code enforcement which will bring in additional revenue.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article creates and funds a new position and increases an existing position. Articles involving departmental budget increases and new positions should be part of the overall budgeting process at the Annual Town Meeting and should not be contemplated at a Special Town Meeting.

Discussion began with Jim Wood (p7) reading an Affirmative Action for the information of the body on behalf of the Board of Selectmen should the RTM members vote to overturn the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**After much discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

Jim Wood (p7) presented the following Affirmative Action:  
That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,635 for the purpose of increasing Article 5, Line Item 33A-Building Department Salaries of the FY 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Said sum to be raised by taxation.

Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt this recommendation.

**After some discussion, the RTM members approved the Affirmative Action.**

**ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - SALARY – SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$1,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #4a, Board of Selectmen – Salaries and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To ensure sufficient funds related to departmental overtime generally related to providing administrative/clerical support to municipal boards and commissions.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 - 1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$1,000 to supplement Line Item #4A, Board of Selectmen – Salaries. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting Line 69 - Liability Insurance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will allow for overages in the overtime budget for the reprinting of the by-laws.

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

**ARTICLE 6 PARKING CLERK SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$3,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #39, Parking Clerk and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To ensure sufficient funds for this department – increased expenses related to departmental expenses (tickets and overdue violations).**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 - 1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$3,000 to supplement Line Item #39, Parking Clerk. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting Line 69 - Liability Insurance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will allow for the payment of an additional bill from processing of Christmas parking tickets at the mall.

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

**ARTICLE 7 LABOR NEGOTIATION SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$15,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #24 Labor Negotiations and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This funding is needed for anticipated additional legal expenses through the end of the fiscal year.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to supplement Line Item #24 Labor Negotiations. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting Line 69 - Liability Insurance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will allow for payment of the Labor Negotiator’s bills due to extended contractual negotiations.

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

**ARTICLE 8 TOWN COUNSEL SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$5,000 or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #11b, Town Counsel and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This funding is needed for anticipated additional legal expenses through the end of the fiscal year.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 - 1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Sufficient funds remain in this account at the present time.

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

**ARTICLE 9 TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE EXPENSE SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$3,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #22b, Town Hall Maintenance, General Expenses, and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This funding is needed to ensure sufficient funds for Town Hall operations, and purchases of supplies through the end of the fiscal year**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Sufficient funds remain in this account at the present time.

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

**ARTICLE 10 LE STAGE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of \$20,000, or some other sum for the purpose of performing engineering and surveying related work upon town property commonly known as 217 High Street and 123 Broadway consisting of three parcels (Lot 29 on Assessors' Plat 19 and Lots 1 and 6 on Plat 20). Said sum to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To provide funds needed to survey the property including identifying possible building sites and areas for recreation.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Further information is needed with regard to the work contemplated to be done with this money. Additionally information is needed with regard to what work was previously performed by engineering firms prior to the purchase of the property by the Town.

Jim Wood (p7) and member of the Board of Selectmen began discussion by asking the body to overturn the recommendation of the Finance Committee so the Board of Selectmen could come back with an Affirmative Action.

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

**ARTICLE 11 SNOW AND ICE SUPPLEMENT**

**SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting, line 46, Snow & Ice and to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 or some other sum. Said sum shall be raised by transfer of available funds or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To cover expenditures and to remove currently existing deficit.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town will vote to amend Article V of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting, line 46, Snow & Ice and to appropriate the sum of \$175,000. Said sum shall be appropriated from the Additional State Lottery Aid - Reserved for Expenditures Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This money is needed to pay for snow and ice removal. Additional Lottery Aid will be used to fund this article.

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

**ARTICLE 12 TRANSFER \$316,000 FROM INTERIOR**

**POLICE FACILITY BLDG COMM**

**DEMOLITION TO DESIGN AND ENGINEERING**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$316,000, or some other sum, from Article 8 of the June 2000 Special Town Meeting ("Interior Demolition & Building Committee") to Article 33 of the June, 1999 Special Town Meeting ("Design & Engineering for New Police Department Facility").

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.  
Police Facility Building Committee

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This funding is needed to ensure sufficient funds for the Police Facility Committee to contract for engineering work related to the restoration of the Barrows Building.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$215,757 from Article 8 of the June 2000 Special Town Meeting (“Interior Demolition & Building Committee”) to Article 33 of the June, 1999 Special Town Meeting (“Design & Engineering for New Police Department Facility”).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article will transfer unused funds from a prior article. Cost savings were realized in demolition work. These monies will be used to assist in the payment of the engineering contract.

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

**ARTICLE 13 APPROPRIATE \$824,000 VIA BONDING FOR INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL FIBER NET SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Electric Commissioners to appropriate the amount of \$824,000, or some other sum via bonding for the installation of a municipal fiber net.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Allow for enhanced connections by general government and schools among departments and to the internet with savings in telephone charges.**

**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 Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

**ARTICLE 14 APPROPRIATE \$24,500 TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE UPGRADES MIS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,500 or any other sum to purchase software upgrades. Said sum to be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, by borrowing or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.  
MIS

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Funds will be used to purchase an upgrade to the existing application suite used by the Town computers.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** Upgrading of the software is not necessary at this time.

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

**ARTICLE 15 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,700.00 from the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting, Line 29a Salaries and Wages to Line 29b, General Expenses.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This transfer, if approved, will be used to cover the expenses related to increase costs in fuel and electricity, and training mandated through contractual obligation.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$24,700 from the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting Line 29A Police Department - Salaries and Wages, to Line 29B, Police Department - General Expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This transfer will allow for increases in general expense areas including fuel, seminars and training. The monies are available as the result of the date of hiring of new officers.

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

**ARTICLE 16 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFER - NEW WEAPONS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Capital Improvements Plan submitted in October of 2000 for the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 6 CIP Omnibus Article to fund the purchase of new weapons for the police officers of the North Attleborough Police Department and approve the transfer of \$21,125.00 from FY2001 ATM Line 29A Salaries and Wages, to Line 29B, General Expenses.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Police Department

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This transfer, if approved, will allow the department to upgrade the weapons presently used by the officers. The weapons being used are over 12 years old and pose a serious potential threat to the safety of the officers. The weapons have misfired in firearms and re-certification training.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to fund the purchase of new weapons for the police officers of the North Attleborough Police Department and approve the transfer of \$21,125 from FY2001 ATM Line 29A Police Department - Salaries and Wages, to Line 29B, Police Department - General Expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This transfer will allow for the purchase of new weapons. The monies are available as the result of the date of hiring of new officers.

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

**ARTICLE 17 FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL EXPENSES SUPPLEMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000, or other sum to increase Article 5 line 30B Fire Department General Expenses of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting appropriation, 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.

Fire Commissioners

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Natural Gas cost rose 50% during the Fiscal Year. Gasoline cost rose 47% during the Fiscal Year. Fuel, Diesel Fuel cost rose 42%. Extraordinary apparatus repairs. Central Fire Station Furnace repairs**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to increase Article 5 line 30B Fire Department General Expenses of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting appropriation. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting Line 69 - Liability Insurance

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This money is needed to supplement general expenses including fuel costs and furnace repairs.

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

**ARTICLE 18 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARY SUPPLEMENT**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 or any other sum to increase Article 5, line 30A Salaries and Wages of the FY2001, Annual Town Meeting appropriation, 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.  
Fire Commissioners

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Two firefighters have been out of work due to line of duty injuries for the entire FY2001 Fiscal pay thereby creating a strain on the Department overtime account. Two firefighters and one Dispatcher have been out for three (3) months due to surgery related issues.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to increase Article 5, line 30A Fire Department Salaries and Wages of the FY2001, Annual Town Meeting appropriation. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting Line 69 - Liability Insurance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This money is needed as the result of overtime requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 19 PARK DEPARTMENT TRANSFER**

**PARK AND REC.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum from Line 60A to Line 60B.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To augment general expense budget with projected surplus in salary and wage as a result of a new hire who started after projected starting date.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** No information was provided to justify the transfer.

Tony Calcia (Parks and Recreation) spoke to the body asking them to overturn the recommendation of the Finance Committee and allow for an Affirmative Action to be presented.

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

Paul Belham(p4) presented the following Affirmative Action:  
Move that the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$2,000.00 from Line 60A to Line 60B.

Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt this recommendation.

**After no further discussion the RTM members approved the Affirmative Action.**

**ARTICLE 20 ACCEPT GIFT OF THE PERMANENT STAGE AT MASON FIELD FROM KID’S DAY ASSOCIATION**

**PARK AND REC.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the permanent stage constructed at Mason Field by the Kid’s Day Association. Said stage to be used for storage by the Kid’s Day Association and for Town use under the jurisdiction and permitting of the Park Commissioners.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Park Commissioners

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To accept this generous gift from Kid’s Day Association. The stage will be a multi-functional venue for many organizations and events.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to accept the gift of the permanent stage constructed at Mason Field by the Kid’s Day Association. Said stage to be used for storage by the Kid’s Day Association and for Town use under the jurisdiction and permitting of the Park Commissioners.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the acceptance of the gift of a permanent stage at Mason Field.

Roger Horton Chairman of the Park Commission took the opportunity to thank Kids Day members publicly for their donation.

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

**ARTICLE 21 ELECTIONS TRANSFER**

**ELECTIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$1,000.00 from 17A (Election – Salaries and Wages) to 17B (Election – General Expenses).

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Election Commissioners

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Funds are available in Salary and Wages due to the fact it was not necessary to conduct a preliminary election this year. There is inadequate funding in General Expense (postage) due to the rise in postage costs and the ever-increasing number of mailings we are required to do. Our training account is also low as of this time.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article V of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$1,000 from 17A (Election – Salaries and Wages) to 17B (Election – General Expenses).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This transfer is to supplement general expenses including the increased cost of postage.

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

**ARTICLE 22 TREASURER TRANSFERS**

**TREASURER**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Town Meeting by the following transfers:

\$3,000 from Line 9E Social Security to Line 9C Medicare Taxes

\$14,000 from Line 63 Maturing Debt to Line 9C Medicare Taxes

\$1,500 from Line 63 Maturing Debt to Line 65F Retirement

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Town Treasurer

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To fund Medicare Tax due to increased liability on higher than budgeted wage base. To increase retirement appropriation to offset state charge-back from previous year for a deceased retiree.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Town Meeting by the following transfers:

\$3,000 from Line 9E Social Security to Line 9C Medicare Taxes  
 \$14,000 from Line 63 Maturing Debt to Line 9C Medicare Taxes  
 \$1,500 from Line 63 Maturing Debt to Line 65F Retirement

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** These transfers are needed to supplement Medicare taxes.

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

**ARTICLE 23 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS BPW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items:

Item 51a (WWTF)	\$8,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 51b (WWTF)	General Expenses	
Item 50a (Sewer Collection)	\$10,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 50b (Sewer Collection)	General Expenses	
Item 50a (Sewer Collection)	\$5,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 45b (Administration)	General Expenses	
Item 51a (WWTF)	\$10,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 49b (Motor Maint.)	General Expenses	
Item 41a (Forestry)	\$5,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 41b (Forestry)	General Expenses	
Item 51a (WWTF)	\$2,000.00 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 49a (Motor Maint.)	Salaries and Wages	

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 the Town vote to amend Article V of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following item:

Item 50A (WWTF)	\$2,000 Salaries and Wages	to
Item 48A (Motor Maint.)	Salaries and Wages	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit supplementation of the Motor Maintenance account that has insufficient funds.

Bob Norton(p3) Board of Public Works, asked that the RTM members vote no on this Article and that he would present a motion for an Affirmative Action that would read as is stated in the Warrant. He stated that situations have occurred that would necessitate these transfers being made.

**Without any further discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read.**

**Motion made by Bob Norton (p3) Board of Public Works, and seconded, for an Affirmative Action motion to read as follows: That the Town vote to: Amend Article 5, of the FY 2001 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items:**

Item 50a (WWTF)	\$8,000.00 Salary & Wages	to
Item 50b (WWTF)	General Expenses (\$8,000)	
Item 49a (Sewer Collection)	\$10,000.00 Salary & Wages	to

<b>Item 49b (Sewer Collection)</b>	<b>General Expenses (\$10,000)</b>	
<b>Item 49a (Sewer Collection)</b>	<b>\$5,000.00 Salary &amp; Wages</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>Item 44b (Administration)</b>	<b>General Expenses (\$5,000)</b>	
<b>Item 50a (WWTF)</b>	<b>\$10,000.00 Salary &amp; Wages</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>Item 48b (Motor Maint.)</b>	<b>General Expenses (\$10,000)</b>	
<b>Item 40a (Forestry)</b>	<b>\$5,000 Salary &amp; Wages</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>Item 40b (Forestry)</b>	<b>General Expenses (\$5,000)</b>	
<b>Item 50a(WWTF)</b>	<b>\$2,000 Salary &amp; Wages</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>Item 48a (Motor Maint.)</b>	<b>Salary &amp; Wages (\$2,000)</b>	

After some discussion, the RTM approved the Affirmative Action as presented.

**ARTICLE 24 VETERANS EXPENSES TRANSFER VETERANS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$4,500 from the Prior Year Veterans’ General Expenses to supplement Line Item #55b – Veterans’ Services General Expenses.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**This is to pay the wages for a temporary secretary, who is covering the medical leave of the Veterans’ Clerk.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$4,500 from the Prior Year Veterans’ General Expenses to supplement Line Item #55B – Veterans’ Services General Expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the transfer of previously encumbered funds from this department to pay for clerical expenses incurred due to the extended illness of the clerk.

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

**ARTICLE 25 APPROPRIATE \$60,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
A SPECIAL NEEDS VEHICLE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 or any other sum, to be expended under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purchase of a special needs vehicle to be used for the transportation of students and for any costs incidental and related thereto. Said sum shall be raised by taxation, transfer of available funds, bonding or otherwise.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**The Special Education Director recently removed one 35-passenger bus from service for safety and economic reasons. This bus was purchased in 1986 and currently has accrued over 208,000 miles. The body has extensive exterior rust and transmission is burning up to four quarts of oil a day. Cost to repair/replace the transmission is \$3,000. Additional significant costs would be incurred to remove body rust.**

**Garage mechanics have indicated that this bus would not pass inspection at its next review. If this bus is not replaced, it will mean a reduction of field trips for all students next year as well as create a significant number of problems, issues and delays with regard to daily transportation of special education students.**

**Additionally, it would become necessary to request contract services from private vendors at a minimum of \$700-\$1000 per month.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be expended under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purchase of a special needs vehicle to be used for the transportation of students and for any costs incidental and related thereto. Said sum shall be transferred from Article 5 of the FY01 Annual Town Meeting, Line 63 - Maturing Debt.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the purchase of a new Special Needs bus due to the mechanical failure of one of the present buses. The cost of renting a bus far exceeds the cost of purchase.

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

**ARTICLE 26 FY01 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE TRANSFER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,000, or any other sum, from FY2000 School Department encumbered funds to Article 5 Line 42A – School Department Expenses of the April 2000 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2001.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

School Committee

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**These funds will be used to purchase instructional supplies for each school building.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 - 1**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$24,000 from FY2000 School Department encumbered funds to Article 5 Line 42A – School Department Expenses of the April 2000 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2001.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the transfer of encumbered funds to be used for supply purchases.

Catherine Shuman(p2) and Chairman of the School Committee made a motion to Amend this Recommendation by \$10,000.00. Motion seconded.

**Amended recommendation: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 or any other sum, from FY2000 School Dept. encumbered funds to Article 5 Line 42A-School Dept. Expenses of the April 2000 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2001.**

**After no further discussion, the RTM members approved the recommendation as amended.**

**ARTICLE 27 FY02 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE TRANSFER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$96,883.60, or any other sum, from Article 10 of the October 18, 1999 Semi-Annual Town Meeting, to supplement Article 5 Line 43A – School Department Expenses of the April 2001 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2002.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

School Committee

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**The funds in Article 10 were appropriated for textbooks and educational material. The School Department would use these funds to supplement the Textbook line item in the FY 2002 operating budget.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This article is not necessary as the funds in Article 10 of the 10/99 SATM were allocated for school textbooks. A transfer is not needed in order to expend the funds for textbooks as contemplated by the School Dept.



NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02761”, said plan being recorded at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Taunton, Massachusetts in Plan Book 385, Page 79, and a copy is attached hereto, and on file with the Town Clerk, in consideration of R and H Development Corp. conveying to the Town for nominal consideration for municipal drainage purposes the 30’ Wide Municipal Drainage Easement in and over a portion of Lot 16B as shown on a plan entitled “PLAN OF LAND IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR R AND H DEVELOPMENT CORP. 20 NATALIE DRIVE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02760 SCALE 1” = 40’ DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2001 PREPARED BY TILTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. ONE GEORGE LEVEN DRIVE, SUITE 100 PO BOX 467 NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA 02760”, said plan being recorded in the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 395, Page 70, and a copy is attached hereto, and on file with the Town Clerk. Said easement area to be under the control and custody of the Department of Public Works.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Planning Board  
SEE ATTACHED

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To allow a municipal drainage easement associated with the Cedar Hill subdivision to conform with amended subdivision plans approved by the Planning Board.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** No information was available from the Planning Board as the Public Hearing had not been held at the time of the Finance Committee voting.

Discussion began with David Manoogian (p6) asking the body to overturn the recommendation of the Finance Committee so he could present an Affirmative Action Motion, stating that since the Finance Committee met, the Planning Board has given the Finance Committee a recommendation. He asked through the Moderator that the Town Planner, Donald Johnson, read the recommendation of the Planning Board into the record. Town Planner Donald Johnson then addressed the body. The Moderator asked that Mr. Johnson begin by reading the letter from the Planning Board to the Finance Committee into the record.

Dear Ms. Kohl:

At their meeting held on May 31, 2001, the Planning Board voted to recommend to the June 4, 2001 Special Town Meeting that Article 30 on the warrant for said Town Meeting be approved. The Planning Board submitted this article at the request of the developer of the Cedar Hill subdivision in order to move the location of an easement due to a change in lot lines within the subdivision, which the Board authorized. The Planning Board finds this acceptable.

Enclosed please find a proposed affirmative action motion for this article.  
Please let us know if there are any other questions on this matter.

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

The Moderator made note that the Affirmative Action motion is identical to the Article in the Warrant.

**With no further discussion, the RTM members defeated the Finance Committee’s recommendation.**

Mr. Johnson then read the following Affirmative Action motion:

**That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release to R and H Development Corp., a Massachusetts business coporation, and its successors and assigns, of 20 Natalie Drive, North Attleborough, Massachusetts, all its rights, title and interest in the Variable Width Municipal Drainage Easement in and over Lot 18 as shown on that plan of land entitled “LOT LAYOUT-SHEET 3 DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN ‘CEDAR HILL’ IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR ROGER**

**SAUVAGEAU 20 NATALIE LANE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02760 SCALE: 1"=40' DATE: MAY 21, 1996 PREPARED BY TILTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. P.O. BOX 467 ONE GEORGE LEVEN DRIVE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02761", said plan being recorded at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Taunton, Massachusetts in Plan Book 385, Page 79, and a copy is attached hereto, and on file with Town Clerk, in consideration of R and H Development Corp. conveying to the Town for nominal consideration for municipal drainage purposes the 30' Wide Municipal Drainage Easement in and over a portion of Lot 16B as shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR R AND H DEVELOPMENT CORP. 20 NATALIE DRIVE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02760 SCALE: 1"=40' DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2001 PREPARED BY TILTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. ONE GEORGE LEVEN DRIVE, SUITE 100 P.O. BOX 467 NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA 02760", said plan being recorded at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 395, page 70, and a copy is attached hereto, and on file with the Town Clerk. Said easement area to be under the control and custody of the Department of Public Works.**

Point of Order: Dave Manoogian(p6) thanked Mr. Johnson for reading the motion and said since Mr. Johnson was not an RTM member and could not present a motion, that he himself would have presented the same motion. He then asked the body through the Chair that the motion as read be adopted as his (Mr. Manoogian) motion to the body as an RTM member.

Moderator asked if there were any objections, seeing none, it was adopted.

Motion for the Affirmative Action was made and seconded.

**With no further discussion, and a 2/3 vote obvious to the chair, the RTM members approved the Affirmative Action motion.**

**ARTICLE 31 AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS – ACCESSORY USE**

**PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- i) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #10, by deleting the words "such as a trailer";
- ii) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #11, by adding in line one after the words "accessory outside storage" the phrase " , not within a portable structure.,";
- iii) Amend Section VI.H.3., by adding the phrase "proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;" after the words "...parking purposes expressed in square feet);" and before the words "and names and location of all..."
- iv) Amend Section VI.N.12.f., by adding the phrase "proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;" after the words "...parking purposes expressed in square feet):" and before the words "and names and location of all..."
- v) Amend Section IX.B., **Selected Words and Terms**, by adding definitions of the following terms:
  - **Structure, Portable.** Any vehicle, trailer or container, either with or without wheels, that has no motive power of its own, but which can be drawn by, or placed on, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, excluding a solid waste container.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Planning Board  
SEE ATTACHED

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To modify the text of the Zoning By-Laws by addressing an item in the By-Laws that has been difficult for the Building Inspector to enforce, while still giving viable alternatives to the business and industrial community for allowing accessory storage in a fair and equitable manner.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** No information was available from the Planning Board as the Public Hearing had not been held at the time of the Finance Committee voting.

**ARTICLE 31 AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS – ACCESSORY USE PLANNING BOARD**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- i) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #10, by deleting the words “such as a trailer”;
- vi) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #11, by adding in line one after the words “accessory outside storage” the phrase “, not within a portable structure.”;
- vii) Amend Section VI.H.3., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- viii) Amend Section VI.N.12.f., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- ix) Amend Section IX.B., **Selected Words and Terms**, by adding definitions of the following terms:
  - **Structure, Portable.** Any vehicle, trailer or container, either with or without wheels, that has no motive power of its own, but which can be drawn by, or placed on, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, excluding a solid waste container.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Planning Board  
SEE ATTACHED

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**To modify the text of the Zoning By-Laws by addressing an item in the By-Laws that has been difficult for the Building Inspector to enforce, while still giving viable alternatives to the business and industrial community for allowing accessory storage in a fair and equitable manner.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 -0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** No information was available from the Planning Board as the Public Hearing had not been held at the time of the Finance Committee voting.

The Moderator read the following letter from the Planning Board into the minutes:

Dear Mr. Duggan:

Article 31 of the June 4, 2001 Special Town Meeting is to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws. Pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Planning Board held a duly called public hearing on this proposed amendment on May 24, 2001.

At their meeting held on May 24, 2001, the Board voted to recommend that this article be approved. The affirmative action motion would read as follows:

That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- i) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #10, by deleting the words “such as a trailer”,

- ii) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #11, by adding in line one after the words “accessory outside storage” the phrase “,not within a portable structure,” ;
- iii) Amend Section VI.H.3, by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- iv) Amend section VI.N.12f., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- v) Amend Section IX.B., **Selected Words and Terms**, by adding definition of the following terms:
  - **Structure Portable.** Any vehicle, trailer, or container, either with or without wheels, that has no motive power of its own, but which can be drawn by, or placed on, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, excluding a solid waste container.

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

**With no further discussion, RTM members defeated the recommendation of the Finance Committee.**

Richard Thimot (P4) presented an Affirmative Action as follows:

That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- i) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #10, by deleting the words “such as a trailer”;
- ii) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #11, by adding in line one after the words “accessory outside storage” the phrase “, not within a portable structure,”;
- iii) Amend Section VI.H.3.,by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- iv) Amend Section VI.N.12.f., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- v) Amend Section IX.B., **Selected Words and Terms**, by adding definitions of the following terms:
  - **Structure, Portable.** Any vehicle, trailer or container, either with or without wheels, that has no motive power of its own, but which can be drawn by, or placed on, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, excluding a solid waste container.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Ken Phipps(P1) and seconded to amend the Affirmative Action as follows:PartV. Change “Structure, Portable” to “Storage Structure, Portable”

**RTM members approved the amendment as read.**

**Amended Affirmative Action:**

That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- i) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #10, by deleting the words “such as a trailer”;
- ii) Amend Section V., Schedule B, ACCESSORY USE #11, by adding in line one after the words “accessory outside storage” the phrase “, not within a portable structure,”;
- iii) Amend Section VI.H.3., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet);” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- iv) Amend Section VI.N.12.f., by adding the phrase “proposed location(s) of accessory storage, if any;” after the words “...parking purposes expressed in square feet):” and before the words “and names and location of all...”
- v) Amend Section IX.B., Selected Words and Terms, by adding definitions of the following terms:
  - Storage Structure, Portable. Any vehicle, trailer or container, either with or without wheels, that has no motive power of its own, but which can be drawn by, or placed on, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, excluding a solid waste container.

**RTM members approved the amended affirmative action as read 2/3 vote obvious to the Moderator.**

**ARTICLE 32 HOME RULE PETITION – RETIREMENT EXEMPTION POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SGT. BRIAN F. COYLE**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 to the Amendments to the Constitution for a special act exempting Police Sgt. Brian F. Coyle from the requirements of mandatory retirement at the age of 65 as set forth in Section 5(1) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws until June 30, 2003, in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate therefore.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Sgt. Coyle has been the court prosecutor for the North Attleborough Police Department since 1982, over 19 years. The position requires extensive knowledge of the court process and existing laws of the Commonwealth. To effectively assist the transition of a new court prosecutor, it will be necessary for Sgt. Coyle to remain in his present position to provide the expertise to educate the new court prosecutor and work daily to instruct, monitor and fully prepare the individual through hands-on training. It is estimated the transitional period would be approximately 18 months.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 to the Amendments to the Constitution for a special act exempting Police Sgt. Brian F. Coyle from the requirements of mandatory retirement at the age of 65 as set forth in Section 5(1) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws until June 30, 2003, in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate therefore.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the Legislature to be petitioned to extend the service of Sgt. Coyle. This will allow the Police Department to engage in a transitional program to train the new Police Prosecutor.

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

**ARTICLE 33 HOME RULE PETITION – ARTICLE 1 – TOWN ELECTION SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 to the Amendments to the Constitution for the following act:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special act or by-law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the Town of North Attleborough at its Annual Town Election held on April 2, 2001, and all actions taken pursuant thereto, are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed to the same extent as if the posting of the warrant for such election had been in full compliance with the law.”

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 - 0**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** That the Town vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 to the Amendments to the Constitution for the following act:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special act or by-law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the Town of North Attleborough at its Annual Town Election held on April 2, 2001, and all actions taken pursuant thereto, are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed to the same extent as if the posting of the warrant for such election had been in full compliance with the law.”

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON:** This will permit the Legislature to be petitioned to cure a technical error in the April 2001 election.

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

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Motion carried.

It is 9:23pm.  
Sine Die