

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 9, 2003**

Town Clerk, Maxwell G. Gould, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 P.M. with 90 RTM members present. We have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Steve Dalrymple read the Warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 9, 2003 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 NINTH OF JUNE, 2003 A.D.

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

BRISTOL, ss.

Pursuant to this within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Attleborough within described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant in seventeen (17) public places in said town twenty-one (21) days before the time of said meeting.

**Chief Michael P. Gould, Sr.
Constable
Town of North Attleborough**

- 1. Central Fire Station**
- 2. Richards Memorial Library**
- 3. Town Offices**
- 4. Cushman Union Church**
- 5. Oldetown Church**
- 6. Bristol County Savings Bank**
- 7. Falls Post Office**
- 8. Cumberland Farms - Kelley Boulevard**
- 9. Registry of Motor Vehicles**
- 10. Housing for the Elderly (Circle Court)**
- 11. Housing for the Elderly (Center)**
- 12. Housing for the Elderly (Elm Terrace)**
- 13. Attleboro Toyota**
- 14. Fleet Bank (Center)**
- 15. Fireside Nissan**
- 16. Department of Public Works (Smith Street)**
- 17. North Attleborough Federal Credit Union**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to the end of the Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourned session-June 9, 2003/Special Town Meeting

Town Clerk, Maxwell Gould, opened the adjourned session of the Special Town Meeting at 7:10pm on June 16, 2003. With 80 RTM members present, we have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

John Donahue (P7) made a motion to accept the Bourne Amendment as follows:

Any RTM member wishing to increase money in any article that has been recommended by the Finance Committee, must specify where the additional monies will come from.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

John Donahue (P7) made a motion as follows:

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

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1 AMEND LINE ITEM 42e CHARTER SCHOOL TUITION BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY03 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$100,000 or any other sum to supplement Line 42e Charter School Tuition 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 article is submitted in case the actual amount assessed to the Town is greater than the amount appropriated. The actual amount assessed to the Town is usually not provided until June.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Board of Selectmen has advised the committee that the funds are not needed at this time.

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

ARTICLE 2 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT FY03 BOARD, PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to increase its snow and ice budget by \$295,000.00. 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

The inordinate amount of snowstorms this past winter has increased costs for snow and ice control.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$198,116 from free cash to FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line Item No. 46 "Snow & Ice".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This number reflects the actual costs incurred by the Town.

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

ARTICLE 3 AMEND LINE ITEM 11b, TOWN COUNSEL-GEN. EXP BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2003 Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating the sum of \$20,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #11b, Town Counsel-General Expenses, and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by transfer of available funds, taxation, borrowing or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 by transferring the sum of 10,000 from Line Item 69 "Liability Insurance" to FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line Item No. 11b "Town Counsel-General Expenses".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Board of Selectmen has advised the Finance Committee that additional funding is necessary to cover the expenses incurred from the legal expenses incurred this fiscal year.

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

ARTICLE 4 AMEND LINE ITEM 24, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY2003 Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating the sum of \$20,000, or some other sum, to supplement Line Item #24, Labor Negotiations, and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by transfer of available funds, taxation, borrowing or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 by appropriating \$13,000 from free cash to supplement Line Item No. 24 "Labor Negotiations".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Board of Selectmen has advised the Finance Committee that additional funding is necessary to cover the expenses incurred from the labor negotiations incurred this fiscal year.

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

ARTICLE 5 AMEND LINE ITEM 22A, TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY03 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$1,000.00 to Line Item 22A, Town Hall Maintenance Part-time Salary and Wage account 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 request is necessary to ensure that Town Hall will be able to continue to host public meetings at least three nights a week for the balance of the fiscal year. The line item is depleting due to illness of the part-time custodian and the need for the full-time custodian to fill in on his behalf. As a member of a collective bargaining unit, the full-time custodian received over-time wages for his efforts, which utilized a major portion of this line item.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 by appropriating the sum of \$1,000 from free cash to Line Item No. 22a "Town Hall Maintenance Salaries".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Board of Selectmen has advised the Finance Committee that additional funding is necessary to provide that appropriate staff at Town Hall during the evening hours.

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

ARTICLE 6 AMEND LINE ITEM 23, TOWN HALL TELEPHONE BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY03 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating the sum of \$7,500 or any other sum to supplement Line 23 Town Hall Telephone 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. Town Accountant

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The contract for the Town Hall Centrex System unexpectedly expired during Fiscal Year 2003. The centrex system is now on a contract with Verizon that was negotiated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There was one time costs associated with transferring to the Commonwealth rates as well as an increase in the monthly charges.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 by transferring \$2,500 from Line Item No. Line 26, "Annual Audit Expenses" to Line Item No. 23, "Town Hall Telephone Expense."

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The contract for the Town Hall telephone system expired. The additional expenses are a result of one-time fees connection fees with Verizon and an increase in the monthly charges.

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

ARTICLE 7 TRANSFER TO LINE ITEM 10b, GENERAL EXPENSES

TAX COLLECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following sums:

From:	Article 5 FY2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 9a. (Town Treasurer salaries)	\$2,000.00
To:	Article 5 FY2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 10b. (Tax Collector General Expenses)	\$2,000.00

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To ensure that funds are available for postage required to mail the tax bills for the first quarter of fiscal year 2004.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line Item No. 9a "Town Treasurer Salaries" to FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line Item No. 10b "Tax Collector General Expenses".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The transfer of these funds will allow for postage and the subsequent mailing of the FY04 First Quarter tax bills.

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

ARTICLE 8 TRANSFER TO LINE 9d, COMPENSATING BANK

TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following sums:

From:	Town Treasurer prior year General Expenses	\$1,800
	Tax Title Foreclosure prior year General Expenses	\$1,800
	Article 5 FY2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 15. (Tax Title Foreclosure)	\$4,000
To	Article 5 FY2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 9d. (Compensating Bank)	\$7,600

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To provide funds for payroll services. These charges are usually offset by interest earned on bank deposits, however the historically low short-term interest rates have caused a deficit situation with the bank as it has in the last 2 years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That Town vote to transfer the amount of \$1,800 from "Town Treasurer Prior Year General Expenses, transfer the amount of \$1,800 from "Tax Title Foreclosure Prior Year General Expenses" and the amount of \$4,000 from Line Item No. 15, "Tax Title Foreclosure" to FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 Line Item No. 9d, "Compensating Bank".

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to supplement Article 5, Line 30A Fire Department salary and wage of the FY2003 Annual Town Meeting. Said to be raised by appropriation, taxation, transfer of available funds. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Fire Department has had several long-term vacancies due to on-duty and off duty injuries, including: Fire Chief out for six months, 2 Firefighters out, injured entire year, four firefighter positions were vacant for four months due to retirements in July 2002. These vacancies required overtime expenses to maintain staffing levels, which have exceeded the budget appropriation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from free cash to FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 Line Item 30A, "Fire Department Salary & Wage".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This transfer is necessary to supplement the overtime expenses that were incurred in an effort to maintain appropriate staffing of the fire department.

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

ARTICLE 11 E-RATE REIMBURSEMENT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,382.55, or any other sum, for the purpose of providing technology and/or telecommunication related supplies, equipment or services to the North Attleborough Public Schools. Said sum to be transferred from the E-Rate reimbursement Reserved for Expenditures Fund.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,382.55 for the purpose of providing technology and/or telecommunication related supplies, equipment or services to the North Attleborough Public Schools. Said sum to be transferred from the E Rate Reimbursement Reserved for Expenditures Fund.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This will permit the use of these monies by the School Department.

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

ARTICLE 12 CLEAN UP OF AUTHORIZED, UNISSUED DEBT

TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5 of the FY2003 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$9,000 from line 63, Maturing Debt to the following previously approved projects:

Article 14 of the FY1999 Annual Town Meeting (School Bus) \$5,000

Article 9 of the FY2001 Annual Town Meeting (Pupil Data System and Park Truck) \$4,000

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To make funds available to these projects to pay for the minor amounts outstanding rather than borrowing. If you refer to the rescission article, you will see these amounts being rescinded. This article is part of our efforts to "clean up" the authorized un-issued debt on the Town's books.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line Item No. 63, "Maturing Debt" to FY99 Annual Town Meeting Article 14, "School Bus" and transfer \$1,011.65 from FY03 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 Line Item 63, "Maturing Debt" to FY01 Annual Town Meeting Article 9, "Pupil Data System and Park Truck".

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: In an effort to clean up the authorized un-issued debt on the Town's books, the Treasurer has advised the Finance Committee that these transfers will eliminate the need for unnecessary debt.

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

ARTICLE 13 RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization for the following articles and following un-issued amounts:

Meeting Date	Article	Project Authorization	Issue Cost Authorization	Total Authorization Rescinded
4/28/97	37	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 3,668.00	\$ 44,668.00
4/27/98	14	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
6/14/99	33		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
4/24/00	9	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
10/16/00	29	\$1,085,314.44	\$ 78,685.56	\$1,164,000.00
6/10/02	25		\$178,000.00	\$ 178,000.00
4/23/01	6	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 67,002.76	\$ 507,002.76
10/21/02	8		\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
10/21/02	9		\$ 4,460.00	\$ 4,460.00
10/21/02	11		\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00
10/21/02	13		\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
6/10/02	35		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
6/10/02	33		\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,160.00
6/24/02	6		\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The actual costs of these completed projects and the related issuance expenses were less than the amounts authorized. Those authorized, un-issued amounts need Town Meeting approval in order to be removed from the Town's books.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to rescind the borrowing authorization for the following articles and following un-issued amounts:

Meeting Date	Article	Project Authorization	Issue Cost Authorization	Total Authorization Rescinded
4/28/97	37	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 3,668.00	\$ 44,668.00
4/27/98	14	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
6/14/99	33		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
4/24/00	9	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
10/16/00	29	\$787,000.00	\$ 78,685.56	\$865,685.56
6/10/02	25		\$178,000.00	\$178,000.00
4/23/01	6	\$440,000.00	\$ 67,002.76	\$507,002.76
10/21/02	8		\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
10/21/02	9		\$ 4,460.00	\$ 4,460.00
10/21/02	11		\$1,410.00	\$1,410.00
10/21/02	13		\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
6/10/02	35		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
6/10/02	33		\$4,160.00	\$4,160.00
6/24/02	6		\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: It is necessary for Town Meeting to approve the rescission of past bonding articles before the Town Treasurer can remove these bonding projects from the Town's books.

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

ARTICLE 14 SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE 25 (6/10/02)

BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$32,214.79, or some other sum from Article 1 of the December 6, 1999 Special Town Meeting (“Barrows Land Acquisition”) to supplement Article 25 of the June 10, 2002 Special Town Meeting for the purposes of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs, including furnishings, equipment and related items. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Town purchased the property where the new police facility is being constructed for less than the appropriated amount. The funds in question can be used now to assist in the funding of the construction of the new police facility.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: There was no specific need indicated regarding the transfer of the funds.

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

ARTICLE 15 TRANSFER FUNDS – POLICE FACILITY

BOARD, SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,117.50, or some other sum, from Article 26 of the October 16, 1995 Semi-Annual Town Meeting (“Police Facility – Development Costs”) to supplement Article 25 of the June 10, 2002 Special Town Meeting for the purposes of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs, including furnishings, equipment and related items. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

There is not further need of expenditures from this article. The funds in question can be used now to assist in the funding of the construction of the new police facility.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: There was no specific need for the transfer of these funds.

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

ARTICLE 16 FUNDING FOR CIVIL WAR STATUE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to accept under Section 5.e. of Article V of the Town By-Laws the sum of \$5,731.06 to be transferred from the Common Veteran Revolving Account, and any future sums to establish the Common Veteran Trust Fund, which will be a permanent fund from which interest can be used by the Park and Recreation Department for the care and upkeep of the Civil War statue known as the “Common Veteran” at the Baptist Common. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Park Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To maintain the Civil War statue and, ensure that it remains a proper tribute to our Civil War ancestors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept under Article III, “Town Finances”, Section 5 “Town Treasurer”, paragraph (e) the sum of \$5,731.06, and any future sums to establish the “Common Veteran Trust Fund” which will be a permanent fund from which interest can be used by the Park and Recreation Department for the care and upkeep of the Civil War Statue know as the “Common Veteran” at the Baptist Common. And that the sum of \$5,731.06 shall be transferred from the Common Veteran Revolving Fund.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The money is needed by the Park Commissioners so that they can maintain the Civil War statue.

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

ARTICLE 17 FY04 APPROPRIATION: FORESTRY SALARY & WAGE BOARD, PUBLIC WRKS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to increase Article 5, FY 2004 operating budget, Line 40a, Forestry Department Salaries of the May 2003 ATM. Said appropriation to be transferred from Article 9, Capital Improvement Plan, Part 1, Item 1 of the April 2000 ATM by reducing the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$25,000. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Public Works

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This will allow the continued existence of the Forestry Section by providing funding for its two personnel. After a ten-year absence, Representative Town meeting approved funding for these positions again in 1999. The Forestry Section is responsible for removing dead and dangerous trees, pruning of trees, brush clearance along stream banks, weed removal and assists with snow removal operations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Due to the anticipated shortfall in Chapter 90 allotments, the funds should remain in the above-referenced article for the maintenance Town's infrastructure.

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

ARTICLE 18 AMEND TOWN BY LAW: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section 2.a.2 of the Town By-Laws as follows:

"The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. He shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous experience to perform the duties of the office. His education shall consist of a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration or related field; a Master's Degree in Public Administration is preferred."

The section currently reads as follows:

"The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. His education shall consist of a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration or a related field; a Master's Degree in Public Administration is preferred. His work experience shall consist of eight (8) years of which shall have been in municipal management, three (3) years of which shall have been as a Chief Administrator or assistant administrator in municipal organization. He shall not have served in an elective or appointive office in or for the Town of North Attleborough for at least twenty-four (24) months prior to his appointment."

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Prior experience in North Attleborough town government should not exclude a potential candidate from being considered for the position of Town Administrator. Specific work experience for consideration of a candidate should not be specifically referenced in the by-law.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend the Town's By Law, Article II, "Town Administration", Section 2: Town Administrator, A: Appointment and Removal, paragraph 2. as follows:

"The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. He shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous experience to perform the duties of the office. His education shall consist of a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration or related field; a Master's Degree in Public Administration is preferred."

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The new language proposed in this article will provide greater flexibility to the Board of Selectmen when they are reviewing potential candidates.

After much discussion, Chris Noll (P8) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

With 92 RTM members voting, yes-12 & no-80, the Finance Committee's recommendation is defeated.

ARTICLE 19 AMEND BY LAWS: GRANT COORDINATOR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section 2.b.8. of the Town By-Laws by adding the following verbiage at the end of said by-law.

“All departments, boards and commissions shall present grant information to the Town Administrator, as Grant Coordinator, in a timely fashion, prior to filing said application on behalf of the Town of North Attleborough.” The Town Administrator will be responsible for evaluating all Town grants prior to their submission to assess the fiscal and personnel impact of said grants upon the Town of North Attleborough.

This section will then read: The Town Administrator shall act as the grant coordinator of the Town. He shall collect and distribute information on grants, establish uniform procedures for grant applications, prepare or assist in developing grant proposals and shall monitor all town grants to ensure fiscal and program compliance. All departments, boards and commissions shall present grant information to the Town Administrator, as Grant Coordinator, in a timely fashion, prior to filing said application on behalf of the Town of North Attleborough. The Town Administrator will be responsible for evaluating all Town grants prior to their submission to assess the fiscal and personnel impact of said grants upon the Town of North Attleborough.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

By amending this article, the Town will be better able to assess and plan for the fiscal and organizational obligations of grants that the Town might receive. Grants can impact upon the Town’s anticipated services and obligations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article II, “Town Administration”, Section 2: Town Administrator, B: Duties, paragraph 8 by adding the following:

“All departments, boards, and commissions shall present grant information to the Town Administrator, as Grant Coordinator, in a timely fashion, prior to filing said application on behalf of the Town of North Attleborough.” The Town Administrator will be responsible for evaluating all Town grants prior to their submission to assess the fiscal and personnel impact of said grants upon the Town of North Attleborough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Passage of this article will provide some oversight to the grant process.

Brian Geoghegan (P7) made a motion as follows:

That the Finance Committee’s recommendation for Article 19 be amended as follows: In the first sentence after the word “commissions” insert, “with the exception of the school department,”; and in the second sentence after the word “grants” insert “, with the exception of those grants applied for and/or obtained by the school department,”; so that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, would read, as amended, as follows:

That the Town vote to amend Article II “Town Administration”, Section 2: Town Administrator, B: Duties, paragraph 8 by adding the following: "All departments, boards, and commissions, with the exception of the school department, shall present grant information to the Town Administrator, as Grant Coordinator, in a timely fashion, prior to filing said application on behalf of the Town of North Attleborough." The Town Administrator will be responsible for evaluating all Town grants, with the exception of those grants applied for and/or obtained by the school department, prior to their submission to assess the fiscal and personnel impact of said grants upon the Town of North Attleborough.

Motion seconded.

After much discussion, Roger Horton (P6) made a motion to move the question and go directly to a vote on the amendment.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

The RTM members approved the motion to amend Article 19.

Following further discussion, Christine Schromm (P1) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

Motion made by the Moderator to adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm on Monday, June 16, 2003.

Sine Die.