

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 18, 2007**

On Monday, June 18, 2007, Town Clerk, Maxwell Gould opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:04PM. "With 75 RTM members present, we have a quorum."

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

Town Moderator, Steve Dalrymple, read the warrant.

**TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, ss.

To either Constables of North Attleborough:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of North Attleborough to meet at the North Attleborough Middle School Cafetorium, 564 Landry Avenue, in said North Attleborough on: MONDAY, THE 18th OF JUNE 2007 A.D. AT 7:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

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

Given our hands and seal of the Town of North Attleborough on this Thursday, May 10, 2007

William A. Moffitt, Chairman
John C. Rhyno, Vice-Chairman
Marjorie A. Kraskouskas
Dale Langille
Paul J Belham, Sr.

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 – Town Clerk
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. Boch Toyota
14. TD Banknorth (Center)
15. Nissan Village
16. Department of Public Works (Smith Street)
17. North Attleborough Federal Credit Union

Bart Steele (P7) made a motion as follows:

I move that we adopt the Bourne Amendment for this Special Town Meeting. "Petitioner must state where the money is coming from"

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

John Donahue (P7) made a motion as follows:

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

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1 TAX EXEMPTION

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Passage of this article will return qualified property owners a tax exemption equal in value to exemptions established in 1979.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This is an annual article that increases the real estate exemption for the elderly, blind or veteran taxpayer.

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

ARTICLE 2 SUPPLEMENT FY07 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000, or some other sum of money, to supplement the FY07 budget for the Unemployment Compensation line, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The request for funding is made at this time due to unforeseen costs in this line relating to employee layoffs/terminations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$30,000 from free cash to Line Item 65, "Unemployment General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 3 UNPAID BILL

CONSERVATION COMM.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$65.00, or some other sum, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws for an unpaid pre-employment physical expense incurred prior to June 30, 2006, and to determine whether said sum shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Conservation Commission See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Conservation Commission never received the original 6/21/06 invoice for the pre-employment physical of the current Conservation Agent prior to the end of fiscal year 2006. There was a mix-up with Sturdy Memorial Hospital billing, which was not discovered until January 2007. Sturdy Memorial Hospital bills the Human Resource Department for employment physicals but also bills the Police Department for officer physicals. Payments made were posted to the incorrect account by Sturdy Memorial Hospital, which was later discovered. The bill was then forwarded to the Commission at the time it was discovered. The services do represent a legitimate municipal obligation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

9/10 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$65.00 under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws for an unpaid pre-employment physical expense incurred prior to June 30, 2006, and said sum to be transferred from Free Cash.

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

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

ARTICLE 4 LABORERS' LOCAL 1144 CONTRACT

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Laborers Local 1144 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2007

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

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

*This article was reconsidered after Article 15.

ARTICLE 5 FIREFIGHTERS' LOCAL 1992 CONTRACT

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of Fire Department and Ambulance for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Firefighters Local 1992 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2007

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

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

ARTICLE 6 UNITED STEEL WORKERS' CONTRACT HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel ByLaws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for United Steelworkers of America, and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2007

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: This contract was funded at the Annual Town Meeting.

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

ARTICLE 7 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: LABOR NEGOTIATOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$11,000.00 from FY07 Annual Town Meeting Omnibus Budget Article 6, Line Item 4A Board of Selectmen Salaries to Labor Negotiator General Expenses, Line 13. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Increased amount of labor relations work due to arbitration following Drown dismissal by Board of Health

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$11,000 from Line Item 4A, "Board of Selectmen Salary & Wages" to Line Item 13, "Labor Negotiator General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 8 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: TOWN COUNSEL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the FY07 Annual Town Meeting, Omnibus Budget Article 6, Line Item 4A Board of Selectmen Salaries to Town Counsel General Expenses, Line 14B. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Increased amount of court case-oriented work by the new Town Counsel

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$10,000 from Line Item 4A, "Board of Selectmen Salaries & Wages" to Line Item 14B, "Town Counsel General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 9 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the May, 2006 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$2,400 from Line Item 4A, "Board of Selectmen – Salary and Wages" to line Item 26A "Town Hall Maintenance – Salary & Wages." Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This funding is needed to ensure sufficient funds to pay for Town Hall Maintenance staff through to the end of the fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$2,400 from Line Item 4A, "Board of Selectmen Salary & Wages" to Line Item 26A, "Town Hall Maintenance Salary & Wages."

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

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

ARTICLE 10 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: POLICE DEPT. SALARIES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000.00 from the FY07 Annual Town Meeting, Omnibus Budget Article 6, Line Item 66 Health Insurance General Expenses to Police Department Salary and Wages, Line 31A. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To provide additional revenue necessary to fund the Police Chief's contract and portions of the Patrolmen's and Superior Officers' Contracts, which were negotiated during the fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$40,000 from Line Item 66, "Health Insurance General Expenses" to Line Item 31A, "Police Department Salary & Wages."

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

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

ARTICLE 11 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: TREASURER EXPENSES TREASURER/COLLECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) from Article 6 FY2007 Annual Town Meeting Omnibus Budget Town Treasurer Dept #145 Line 11A Salaries to Line 11B General Expenses. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Treasurer/Collector

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

A vacancy in the Treasurer's office during the fiscal year has provided the opportunity to make use of some consulting services for the MUNIS system to help during this period of transition, and FY07 year-end.

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

FROM: 145-011458-511100 Treasurer Part Time Clerical Wages \$3,000

TO: 145-011459-530007 Treasurer Consulting Services \$3,000

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$3,000 from Line Item 11A, "Town Treasurer Salary & Wages" to Line Item 11B, "Town Treasurer General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 12 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: FIRE DEPT. EXPENSES FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2006 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$14,000 from Line Item 32a, "Fire Dept. Salary & Wages" to Line Item 32b, "Fire Dept. Expenses". Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

\$9000 to cover the high cost of Diesel, Apparatus Maintenance, monthly bills

\$5000 to cover the cost for an emergency fire alarm cable that was cut near the Mall which connects communication between Elm Street Station and Allen Ave. Station.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$14,000 from Line Item 32A, "Fire Department Salary & Wages" to Line Item 32B, "Fire Department Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 13 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: FIRE DEPT. EXPENSES

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2006 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$5600 from Line Item 33a, "Ambulance Salary & Wages" to Line Item 32b, "Fire Dept. Expenses". Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

\$5600 to cover the cost for an emergency fire alarm cable that was cut near the Mall which connects communication between Elm Street Station and Allen Ave. Station.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

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

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

ARTICLE 14 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: MIS EXPENSES

MIS DIRECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from Article 6 FY2007 Annual Town Meeting Omnibus Budget MIS Dept #155 Line 16A Salaries to Line 16B General Expenses. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. MIS Director

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

A vacancy in the MIS Department during the fiscal year has provided the financial opportunity to take care of some maintenance/software issues that were included in an earlier non-funded CIP article and to further satisfy some contractual obligations for MUNIS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION : That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$12,000 from Line Item 16A, "MIS Salary & Wages" to Line Item 16B, "MIS General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 15 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: DPW GENERAL EXPENSES

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: Item 46A DPW Administration \$20,100 Salaries to

Item 46B DPW Administration General Expenses

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To supplement the shortfall in the DPW Administration budget appropriations for unexpected cost of the apportionment of the Town's Connect-CTY system, the purchase of micro-desk software and other office supplies.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$20,100 from Item 46A, "DPW Administration Salary & Wages" to Item 46B, "DPW Administration General Expenses."

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 4.

The RTM members approved the motion to reconsider. 2/3's vote obvious to the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4 LABORERS' LOCAL 1144 CONTRACT

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By-Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Laborers Local 1144 and to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2007

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting, this contract was not settled.

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

Walter Janick (P6) made a motion for Affirmative Action as follows:

That the Town vote to appropriate \$40,116.00 for the purpose of financing any changes made in the Personnel By Laws, as a result of collective bargaining and otherwise for salary increases for Laborer's Local 1144-said appropriation to be transferred from Selectmen's Salary Reserve Account.

Motion seconded.

The RTM members approved the Affirmative Action motion as presented.

ARTICLE 16 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: DPW HIGHWAY EXPENSES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: Item 47A DPW Fleet Maintenance \$6,000.00 Salaries to

Item 47B DPW Highway General Expenses

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

With the Highway Budget funded at the FY 2000 level, this is to supplement the shortfall in the Highway Division budget appropriations for maintenance of storm water systems and for increased costs associated with roadway maintenance materials such as asphalt, cement, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007

Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$6,000.00 from Line Item 47A, "DPW Fleet Maintenance Salaries & Wages" to Line Item 47B, "DPW Highway General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 17 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: HIGHWAY EXPENSES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following

items: Item 41A DPW Forestry \$8,000 Salaries to
Item 47B DPW Highway General Expenses

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

With the Highway Budget funded at the FY 2000 level, this is to supplement the shortfall in the Highway Division budget appropriations for maintenance of storm water systems and for increased costs associated with roadway maintenance materials such as asphalt, cement, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$8,000 from Line Item 41A, "DPW Forestry Salaries" to Line Item 47B, "DPW Highway General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 18 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: HIGHWAY EXPENSES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following

items: Item 47A DPW Highway \$4,000 Salaries to
Item 47B DPW Highway General Expenses

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION With the Highway Budget funded at the FY2000 level, this is to supplement the shortfall in the Highway Division budget appropriations for maintenance of storm water systems and for increased costs associated with roadway maintenance materials such as asphalt, cement, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$4,000 from Line Item 47A, "DPW Highway Salaries & Wages" to Line Item 47B, "DPW Highway General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 19 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: WATER EXPENSES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following

items: Item 72A Water Enterprise \$49,500.00 Salaries to
Item 72B Water Enterprise General Expenses

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To supplement the shortfall in the Water Enterprise budget appropriations for unexpected cost of the apportionment of the Town's Connect CTY system, increased fuel and materials expenses, GIS services, and increased building maintenance costs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by transfer of the following items: \$49,500 from Line Item 72A, "Water Enterprise Salary & Wages" to Line Item 72B, "Water Enterprise General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 20 LINE ITEM TRANSFER: WWII POOL

PARK COMMISSIONERS

To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for major repairs at the WWII Memorial pool from Article 6, Line 58A Salaries FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting Park & Recreation Department #650. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Park Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The money transferred will be used for major repairs for the World War II Memorial Pool. Items such as electrical upgrades and bathroom repairs along with emergency exit doors that are not usable need to be replaced. These funds are available from the absences of two-full time staff members who are currently on workers compensation.

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

FROM: 650 016508 511008 Park Full Time Salaries \$35,000.00

TO: A/20/07 JUNE STM – WWII Memorial Pool Repairs \$35,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for repairs to the WWII Memorial Pool and to meet said appropriation by transferring \$35,000 from Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting Line Item 58A, "Park & Recreation Salary & Wages" to Line Item 57B, "WWII Pool General Expenses."

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

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

ARTICLE 21 E RATE REIMBURSEMENT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,947.57, 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 \$9,947.57 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: As stated in the purpose and justification.

Dave Manoogian (P8) made a motion to amend Article 21 as follows:

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,743.67 for the purpose of providing technology, and/or telecommunications 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.

Motion seconded.

The RTM members approved the motion to amend.

The RTM members approved Article 21 as amended.

ARTICLE 22 ACCEPT INSURANCE PROCEEDS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to accept the insurance proceeds from Claim No. MAS-0058526 in the amount of \$49,572.70 and to appropriate said amount to the town’s insurance revolving fund to be expended for the repair of the damage to Martin School which occurred on 3/21/2007. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Pursuant to Mass. G.L. Ch. 44 §53, insurance proceeds in excess of \$20,000 require town meeting appropriation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept the insurance proceeds from Claim No. MAS-0058526 in the amount of \$49,572.70 and to appropriate said amount to the town’s insurance revolving fund to be expended for the repair of the damage to Martin School which occurred on 3/21/2007.

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

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

ARTICLE 23 SOLID WASTE RETAINED EARNINGS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate \$74,620.49 from Solid Waste Retained Earnings into Post Closure Account. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Unspent funds from post closure appropriation for FY06 closed into retained earnings and need to be returned to the post closure account.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to reappropriate \$74,620.49 from Solid Waste Retained Earnings into Post Closure Account

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

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

ARTICLE 24 FY07 SNOW & ICE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000, or any other sum, to supplement Article 6, Line 48B, Snow and Ice, of the Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2007. Said sum shall be raised by taxation, by transfer of available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Public Works

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This line item has been budgeted for \$100,000 for over ten years, but it has not been adjusted for inflationary increases during that time period. However, the cost of road salt, labor and fuel related to snow removal work has increased tremendously over the past decade.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by supplementing Line Item 48B, “Snow & Ice” by the amount of \$105,000. Said sum shall be transferred from available free cash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The snow and ice account is presently in deficit and needs this transfer to meet its outstanding obligations.

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

ARTICLE 25 FY08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, PART I

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$955,390.00 or any other sum of money for various capital projects and equipment as shown below (Part 1 of the FY 2008 Capital Improvement Program), to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or Municipal Building Committee if applicable, said sum to be raised by General Tax or other available funds; and provided further that any funds appropriated hereunder

shall remain within the capital budget under the jurisdiction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Part 1 of the FY2008 Capital Improvement Program was determined by the Finance Committee to be more appropriately dealt with at the June 18, 2007 Special Town Meeting and therefore totally IPed (Indefinitely Postponed) as presented to the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Consideration of these items should be postponed until our Semi-Annual Town Meeting in October.

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

ARTICLE 26 RETROFIT DPW VEHICLE #18

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,500.00, or any other sum, for the retrofit of Town DPW vehicle #18 and for costs incidental and related thereto for the Board of Public Works. And to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, by taxation, by transfer of available funds, by borrowing or otherwise. The funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Public Works. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Public Works

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This article seeks funding to retrofit an existing Town DPW truck to allow for the DPW to clean over 3,000 storm water catch basins annually. New federal regulations require increased attention to the management of stormwater by communities. Previously, catch basin cleaning has been contracted out to private firms. However, due to increased contract catch basin cleaning costs, it is more efficient to utilize an existing town truck to perform this work in-house with DPW crews. Additionally, this vehicle would also be available to snow plow as well.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

2/3'S VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of seventy-four thousand five hundred (\$74,500) dollars is hereby appropriated to pay costs of the retrofit of the Town DPW Vehicle #18 and for costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

After some discussion, John Donahue (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

With 85 RTM members voting, 75-yes & 10-no, the Finance Committee's recommendation passes. (57 votes needed.)

ARTICLE 27 SUPPLEMENT FY07 LINE ITEM 44B

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600,000, or any other sum, to supplement article 6, line 44B, School Department general expenses, of the FY 07 Annual Town Meeting. Said sum to be appropriated by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. School Committee

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

A shortfall in the School Department's FY 07 special education budget, approximately \$600,000, is related to:

- Students new to the Town of North Attleborough since the start of FY 07 who are serviced in out-of-district placements.
- North Attleborough students who have been transferred from in-district to out of-district placements since the start of FY 07.

- Increases during FY 07 in costs related to special education services provided to in-district students with special needs.

All of the services provided to these students are mandated by state and federal law. The School Department needs the funds requested in this article to address a percentage of these costs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to amend Article 6 of the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting by supplementing Line Item 44B, "School Department – General Expenses" by the amount of \$260,000. Said sum shall be transferred from available free cash.

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

After some discussion, John Donahue (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

ARTICLE 28 CODDING/LESTAGE ANR PLAN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Planning Board the attached ANR (Approval Not Required) Plan entitled "Plan of Land in North Attleborough prepared for the Town of North Attleborough, prepared by W.T. Whalen Engineering, January 25, 2007" in order to formally establish a new lot of approximately four acres around the existing Coddington/LeStage house and barn. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Filing for automatic Planning Board approval of this "Form A" subdivision plan will enable the Town to move forward with finding an appropriate use for the Coddington/LeStage house and barn while leaving untouched for future use (with proper access) the greater balance of the LeStage land now owned by the Town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: We approved this article for the FY08 Annual Town Meeting.

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

ARTICLE 29 GOLF CLUB GROUP LEASE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to approve the lease negotiated by the Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, with the North Attleborough Golf Club Group as authorized by the Massachusetts General Court through Chapter 13 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Seven. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto. Board of Selectmen See Attached Legislation and Lease

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

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

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

Motion made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting Sine Die.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

It is 8:28 PM.