

**PROCEEDINGS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016**

On June 6, 2016, Town Clerk, Kevin Poirier, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30pm by announcing , “with 110 RTM members present, we have a quorum.”

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

She then called for a moment of silence for the Men and Women service in our Armed Forces

She then called for a moment of silence for a former RTM member, Leonard Pierce.

Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl read the warrant

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Monday June 6, 2016

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss.

To either Constables of the Town of North Attleborough:

GREETINGS:

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

Monday the 6th of June 2016, A.D.

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

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

Given our hands and seal of the Town of North Attleborough on this March 17, 2016.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Paul Belham, Chairman

Joan Marchitto, Vice-Chairman

John C. Rhyno

Patrick Reynolds

Anne Lonzo

Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl, then read the Return:

BRISTOL,ss

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

Chief John J. Reilly, Constable
Town of North Attleborough

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

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

Motion seconded

Motion carried.

Robert Nerz (P7) made a motion as follows:

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

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN REPORTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

As per Article V, Section 6a of the Town By-Laws, each department, Board and Committee of the town shall annually present a full report of its acts for the previous year. RTM members vote to accept the report at Annual Town Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

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

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

ARTICLE 3 – ANNUAL COMPENSATION - ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to determine the annual compensation of the elected Town Officers. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Clerk | \$20,124.00 Annual | <u>Municipal Light Board</u> | |
| Treasurer/Collector | \$83,602.00 Annual | Chairman | \$1200.00 |
| Town Moderator | \$100.00 per meeting/ Maximum \$1200.00 | Members | \$1000.00 |
| <u>Board of Assessors</u> | | <u>Planning Board</u> | |
| Chairman | \$3200.00 | Chairman | \$750.00 |
| Members (2) | \$2900.00 | Members (4) | \$500.00 |
| <u>Board of Public Works</u> | | <u>Board of Health</u> | |
| Chairman | \$1200.00 | Chairman | \$650.00 |
| Members (2) | \$1000.00 | Members (2) | \$500.00 |
| <u>Board of Selectmen</u> | | <u>School Committee</u> | |
| Chairman | \$1200.00 | Chairman | \$1200.00 |
| Members (4) | \$1000.00 | Members | \$1000.00 |

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The compensation for Town Officials must be approved by Town Meeting annually.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to determine the annual compensation of the elected Town Officers.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Clerk | \$20,511.00 Annual | <u>Municipal Light Board</u> | |
| Treasurer/Collector | \$86,046.00 Annual | Chairman | \$ 0 |
| Town Moderator | \$ 0 | Members | \$ 0 |
| | | | |
| <u>Board of Assessors</u> | | <u>Planning Board</u> | |
| Chairman | \$ 0 | Chairman | \$ 0 |
| Members (2) | \$ 0 | Members (4) | \$ 0 |
| | | | |
| <u>Board of Public Works</u> | | <u>Board of Health</u> | |
| Chairman | \$ 0 | Chairman | \$ 0 |
| Members (2) | \$ 0 | Members (2) | \$ 0 |
| | | | |
| <u>Board of Selectmen</u> | | <u>School Committee</u> | |
| Chairman | \$ 0 | Chairman | \$ 0 |
| Members (4) | \$ 0 | Members | \$ 0 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At this time the Town does not have the funds to compensate these positions.

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

**ARTICLE 4 – ANNUAL COMPENSATION – APPOINTED
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to determine the annual compensation for the following appointed boards, commissions or committees. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Election Commissioners (4)

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Chairman | \$2000.00 |
| Members (3) | \$1500.00 |

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The compensation for these appointed boards, commissions, or committees must be approved by Town Meeting Annually.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to determine the annual compensation for the following appointed boards, commissions or committees:

Election Commissioners (4)

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Chairman | \$ 0 |
| Members (3) | \$ 0 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At this time the Town does not have the funds to compensate these positions.

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

ARTICLE 5 – OMNIBUS BUDGET FOR FY 17

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray town charges for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and expressly for the following purposes to wit. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-2

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray town charges for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and expressly for the following purposes to wit: (See Attached Budget)

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

John Donohue, made a motion to divide Article 5 into 7 parts.

- #1 *Vote Landfill Enterprise Budget*
- #2 *Vote use of Sewer Betterment Stabilization fund for sewer Budget*
- #3 *Vote Sewer Enterprise Budget*
- #4 *Vote Water Enterprise Budget*
- #5 *Vote use of Betterment Stabilization to fund Debt in town Budget*
- #6 *Vote General Government Budget*
- #7 *NAED Pilot*

Motion seconded

Motion Carried

The RTM members approved #1 Landfill Enterprise Budget as read in the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

The RTM members approved #2 Sewer Betterment fund Budget as read in the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

The RTM members approved #3 Sewer Enterprise Budget as read in the Finance committee’s recommendation.

The RTM members approved #4 Water Enterprises Budget as read in the Finance committee’s recommendation.

The RTM members approved #5 Betterment Stabilization to fund Debt in the town Budget as read in the Finance Committee’s recommendation .

The RTM members approved #6 General Government Budget as read in the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

The RTM members approved #7 NAED Pilot as read in the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

**ARTICLE 6A – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES, AND ON-GOING
MAINTENANCE EFFORTS FUNDED BY TAXES OR OTHER
AVAILABLE FUNDS**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, to be expended under the direction of Town Board/Official indicated or Municipal Building Committee if applicable. Said sum to be raised by General Tax or 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.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Elections | Office Furniture | \$5,500 |
| 2. Assessors | Revaluation for FY17 & FY20 | \$45,000 |
| 3. Park & Rec. | Playground/walkway cover | \$9,000 |

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| 4. Water | Refurbish Whiting Treatment Filters | \$125,000 |
| 5. Water | Adamsdale Well Motor Replacement | \$25,000 |
| 6. Water | Replace Vehicle 33 | \$45,000 |
| 7. Water | Replace Vehicle T-39 | \$180,000 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$625,500.00, shall be undertaken and financed by Retained Earnings, from the Enterprise Funds or other funds as shown below. Such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Board/Official indicated, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, until expended or released, unless transferred by Town Meeting.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Sewer | Truck 56 Replacement | \$85,500 |
| 2. Sewer | Rebuild Aerator Drives | \$75,000 |
| 3. Sewer | Replace Loader 3 | \$90,000 |
| 4. Water | Refurbish Whiting Treatment Filters | \$125,000 |
| 5. Water | Adamsdale Well Motor Replacement | \$25,000 |
| 6. Water | Replace Vehicle 33 | \$45,000 |
| 7. Water | Replace Vehicle T-39 | \$180,000 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These items are necessary to their respective Departments.

By unanimous vote the RTM members approved the Finance committee’s recommendation

**ARTICLE 6C – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EFFORTS FUNDED BY BORROWING OR OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$_____ or any other sum to hereby be appropriated for various capital projects and equipment purchases, including design, engineering, construction and installation thereto, as listed below:

That said sum for any project listed in Article C be raised by General Tax, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$_____ (total of projects listed in Article C of this article) or any other sum, under and pursuant to the statutes cited or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that the requested sum of \$_____ be expended for project costs by the Town Board/Official listed, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable, and the sum of - 0 – be expended for issuance costs under the direction of Town Treasurer; and that betterment assessments therefore shall be levied under the provisions of Town By-Laws where applicable: or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| 1. Board of Selectmen | Security System- Ongoing project from 2015 | \$250,000 | 44, 7(9) |
| 2. Board of Selectmen | Town-Wide Technology Plan | \$160,000 | 44, 7(28) |
| 3. Conservation | Whiting’s Pond Dam – Repair Channel Walls | \$25,000 | 44, 7(5) |

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| 4. Police | Vehicle Replacement | \$205,265 | 44, 7(9) |
| 5. DPW – Highway | Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks | \$500,000 | 44, 7(5, 6) |
| 6. DPW – Highway | Downtown Revitalization Project (Design/Constr.) | \$250,000 | 44, 7(5, 6) |
| 7. DPW – Highway | Asphalt Management Plan for parking lots and walkways | \$200,000 | 44, 7(6) |
| 8. DPW – Highway | Replace Sweeper - SW1 | \$240,000 | 44, 7(9) |
| 9. School | District Technology Plan | \$300,000 | 44, 7(28) |
| 10. School | Community Gym Windows | \$92,000 | N/A |
| 11. School | Community Gym Windows | \$158,000 | 44, 7(3A) |
| 12. School | SPED Buses | \$95,000 | 44, 7(9) |
| 13. School | Field Use Needs | \$400,000 | 44, 7(25) |

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-1

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,275,265 for various Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases, including design, engineering, construction and installation costs incidental and related thereto, as listed in below:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>M.G.L. Enabling Authorization</u> |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Board of Selectmen | Security System – Ongoing project from 2015 | \$250,000 | 44, 7(9) |
| 2. Board of Selectmen | Town-Wide Technology Plan | \$160,000 | 44, 7(28) |
| 3. Conservation | Whiting’s Pond Dam – Repair Channel Walls | \$25,000 | 44, 7(7) |
| 4. Police | Vehicle Replacement | \$205,265 | 44, 7(9) |
| 5. DPW – Highway | Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks | \$500,000 | 44, 7(5, 6) |
| 6. DPW – Highway | Downtown Revitalization Project (Design/Constr.) | \$250,000 | 44, 7(5, 6) |
| 7. DPW – Highway | Asphalt Management Plan for parking lots and walkways | \$200,000 | 44, 7(6) |
| 8. DPW – Highway | Replace Sweeper – SW1 | \$240,000 | 44, 7(9) |
| 9. School | District Technology Plan | \$300,000 | 44, 7(28) |
| 10. School | Community Gym Windows | \$250,000 | 44, 7(3A) |
| 11. School | SPED Buses | \$95,000 | 44, 7(9) |

12. School Field Use Needs \$800,000 44, 7(25)

and that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$92,000.00, representing the balance of proceeds from the sale of bonds for completed projects, be re-appropriated in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws as follows:

\$92,000 to be applied to 10. Community Gym Windows to be funded from remaining balances in the following projects:

- \$1,505.25 - 1995 Oct SATM Art. 37 (Remedial Septic)
- \$20.92 - 2007 May ATM Art. 6 #52 (Eng. For St. Marks Pond Dam Rehab)
- \$6,883.70 - 2008 May ATM Art. 10 #39 (Fisher St Bridge Culvert Replacement)
- \$604.30 - 2011 June 27 STM Art. 3 (Supplement to Town Hall heating system)
- \$160.00 - 2012 June ATM Art. 6 #25 (District Carpet)
- \$1,004.00 - 2013 June ATM Art. 9 (Consulting Services for Security)
- \$29,980.00 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6 #13 (Community School Ceilings)
- \$1,020.00 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6 #17 (Main Zoo Boiler Replacement)
- \$4,632.81 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6 #30 (Replace Sanders # 1 & 3)
- \$871.10 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6 #35 (Playground Equipment)
- \$20,160.00 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6 #45 (Roosevelt Rooftop HVAC)
- \$21,662.92 - 2013 June ATM Art. 6- #6 (Repair Amvet Gym Floor)
- \$500.00 - 2014 Oct SATM Art 5 #1 (Walk-In Freezer Replacement)
- \$589.56 - 2014 Oct SATM Art 5 #3 (WWI Park Garage Doors)
- \$2,405.44 - 2014 June ATM Art. 6C #16 (6 Wheel Truck, Sander w/Plow)

and that the authorization for borrowing of \$400,000 – 2015 June ATM Art. 6C #13 New High School Grass Field is rescinded and replaced and included in item 12. Field Use Needs;

and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,183,265 or any other sum, under and pursuant to the statutes cited or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; and that the requested sum of \$3,275,265 be expended for project costs by the Town Board/Official listed, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable; and that betterment assessments therefore shall be levied under the provisions of Town By-Laws where applicable.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: These items are necessary to their respective Departments.

Garrett Plath: Motion made to amend Article 6C as follows:

12. School Field Use Needs \$800,000 44, 7(25)

- A. That of the \$800,000 no more than \$100,000 be expended for Design and Engineering to reconstruct Beaupre field and construct new fields #3 and #4 at the High School Site.
- B. That of the \$800,000 no more than \$700,000 be expended for construction of two fields at the High School site on fields #3 and #4 and for Beaupre field.

Motion seconded.

The RTM members approved the motion to amend Article 6C as read.

Steven Dailey: Motion made to amend Article 6C as follows:

12. School High School Grass Fields \$400,000 44, 7(25)

and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,183,265 or any other sum, under and pursuant to the statutes cited or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; and that the requested sum of \$3,275,265 be expended for project costs by the Town Board/Official listed, or the Municipal Building Committee if applicable; and that betterment assessments therefore shall be levied under the provisions of Town By-Laws where applicable

Motion seconded.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question and go directly to a vote on the amendment..

Motion seconded

Motion carried.

The RTM members defeated the motion to amend Article 6C as read.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question and go directly to a vote on the recommendation as amended by Garrett Plath..

Motion seconded

Motion carried

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation as amended. Moderator declared 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE 6D – STATE AND/OR FEDERAL GRANTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to authorize any boards, commissions, committees or departments listed in Article 6C to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that are, or may become available for these purposes under the provisions of the Town By-Laws where applicable. Or to do or act in any matter relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to authorize any boards, commissions, committees or departments listed in Article 6C to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that are, or may become available for these purposes under the provisions of the Town By-Laws where applicable.

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

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

ARTICLE 7 – APPROPRIATION TO THE OPEB TRUST FUND

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the following amounts into the OPEB (Other post-employment benefits) Trust Fund. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

- \$103,824.00 from the General Fund to be funded through Taxation
- \$136,479.00 from Water Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings
- \$150,967.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings
- \$42,371.00 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

A trust fund was established to address the ongoing issue of the town’s liability as a result of OPEB. The Enterprise funds have transferred from the Retained Earnings Account for past year’s schedule. This action will occur again for the new fiscal year in addition to the Town’s contribution deposit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0-1

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the following amounts into the OPEB (Other post-employment benefits) Trust Fund.

- \$103,824.00 from the General Fund to be funded through Taxation**
- \$136,479.00 from Water Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings**
- \$150,967.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings**
- \$42,371.00 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to be funded from Retained Earnings**

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

By unanimous vote the RTM members approved the Finance committee’s recommendation

Motion made to waive the reading of Article 8

Motion seconded

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8 – RE-AUTHORIZE THE USE OF REVOLVING FUNDS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To see if the town will vote to re-authorize the attached list of Revolving Funds under M.G.L.

Chapter 44 §53E ½. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Revolving funds authorized under this chapter and section of the law need to be re-authorized each year.

| <u>Revolving Account</u> | <u>Spending Authority</u> | <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>Allowed Expenses</u> | <u>Expenditure Limits</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| E-Rate Fund | School Committee | E-Rate funds | To be used to help schools improve and expand telecommunications and technology, including training for staff and students | \$40,000 |
| Fire Alarm Fund | Fire Department | Fire Alarm Fees | To be used to purchase, support and maintain all communication supplies and services related to the fire alarm service/operation | \$50,000 |
| WW II Memorial Pool Fees Fund | Park Commission | Swimming pool program fees | To be used to support the operating expenses and programs of the WWII Memorial Pool | \$50,000 |
| Gas Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Gas Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Gas inspections | \$50,000 |

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| Plumbing Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Plumbing Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Plumbing inspections | \$60,000 |
| Electrical Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Electrical Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Electrical inspections | \$120,000 |
| Clinic Receipts Fund | Board of Health | Clinic related receipts from the provisions of public health services to citizens | To be used for payment of costs directly related to the performance of said clinics | \$10,000 |
| | | | TOTAL SPENDING | \$380,000 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to re-authorize the following Revolving Funds under M.G.L. Chapter 44 §53E ½.

| <u>Revolving Account</u> | <u>Spending Authority</u> | <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>Allowed Expenses</u> | <u>Expenditure Limits</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| E-Rate Fund | School Committee | E-Rate funds | To be used to help schools improve and expand telecommunications and technology, including training for staff and students | \$40,000 |
| Fire Alarm Fund | Fire Department | Fire Alarm Fees | To be used to purchase, support and maintain all communication supplies and services related to the fire alarm service/operation | \$50,000 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|------------------|
| WW II Memorial Pool Fees Fund | Park Commission | Swimming pool program fees | To be used to support the operating expenses and programs of the WWII Memorial Pool | \$50,000 |
| Gas Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Gas Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Gas inspections | \$50,000 |
| Plumbing Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Plumbing Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Plumbing inspections | \$60,000 |
| Electrical Inspections Fund | Inspections | 75% of Electrical Inspection Fees | To be used to pay the inspectors performing these Electrical inspections | \$120,000 |
| Clinic Receipts Fund | Board of Health | Clinic related receipts from the provisions of public health services to citizens | To be used for payment of costs directly related to the performance of said clinics | \$10,000 |
| | | | TOTAL SPENDING | \$380,000 |

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

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

ARTICLE 9 – ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Passage of this article will return qualified property owners a tax exemption that compensates for the effects of inflation, since the exemptions were initially established.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0-1

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: As stated in the purpose and justification.

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

**ARTICLE 10 – APPROVE THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)
417 JOHN DIETSCH BLVD.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan and Tax Increment Financing Agreement with the owners of the property located at 417 John Dietsch Boulevard shown on Assessor’s Map Parcel ID 34/A Lot 16/B pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 59 on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The RTM favorable vote is required to provide Tax Increment Financing for the property. This action embodies one of the better examples of government working with business to foster job creation, tax base increase, building rehabilitation and future utilization of Town property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-1

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan and Tax Increment Financing Agreement with the owners of the property located at 417 John Dietsch Boulevard shown on Assessor’s Map Parcel ID 34/A Lot 16/B pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 59 on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk.

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

By a Majority Vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

ARTICLE 11 – UNION DUES

PRIVATE PETITIONER

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Town of North Attleboro withholding of Town Employees’ Union Dues. The provision to be initiated at the conclusion of each existing labor contract and the provision cannot be included in any new contract. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Although an employee is not required to become a member of the appropriate union, the employee is required to pay dues. The Town of North Attleboro should not be facilitating the forced financial enrollment of an organization he/she does want to be a member.

Since Massachusetts is not a Right-to-Work State, this article does not question forced union enrollment only the town facilitating the forced enrollment. This action would not become enforceable until the conclusion of each separate union contract.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0-1

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Labor Counsel advised that the adoption of this article would be unlawful.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question and go directly to a vote of the recommendation.

Motion seconded.

Motion Carried.

By a Majority Vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

Motion made to extend past 10pm to complete the warrant.

Motion seconded

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 12 – CIVIL SERVICE

PRIVATE PETITIONER

To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the former Section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts voted under Article 23 of the Warrant for the 1937 Annual Town Meeting, and any amendments thereto insofar as such chapter and section relate to the Civil Service status of regular, permanent, or call fire forces of the Fire Department of the Town of North Attleborough, so that the regular, permanent, or call members of the Fire Department shall no longer be subject to the provisions of Chapter 31 and the rules and regulations relating thereto except that such revocation shall not affect any Civil Service rights which have come into existence between the Town and any employee of the Fire Department as a result of the original acceptance of such Section. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The North Attleboro Fire Department is the only town department whose employment practices continue to be controlled by civil service, a century old Massachusetts bureaucracy which hinders North Attleboro's Fire Department employee selection.

Last year or the year before we hired six firefighters. None of the firefighters submitted by Civil Service meet North Attleboro's minimum requirements but we were forced, never-the-less, to hire from THEIR submitted candidates list.

Conversely, after we eliminated Civil Service's interference from the Police Department, they hired additional police officers through a normal search program and received in excess of one hundred sixty (160) applications (I believe). This provided extensive options as opposed to what Civil Service would have provided.

Since current Firefighters remain covered under the Civil Service Laws, they do not lose a single benefit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-1-1

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: Labor Counsel advised that this is something that needs to be negotiated with the Union.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question and go directly to a vote on the recommendation.

Motion seconded

Motion carried.

By a Majority Vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation.

By a majority vote the RTM members approved a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 10:04pm on June 6, 2016