

**PROCEEDINGS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 1, 2015**

On June 1, 2015, Town Clerk, Kevin Poirier, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:45pm by announcing there were 121 RTM members signed in for the adjourned Special Meeting and that the quorum continues to be available.

Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl read the warrant

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

Monday June 1, 2015

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss.

To either Constables of the Town of North Attleborough:

GREETINGS:

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

Monday the 1st of June 2015, 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 12, 2015.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Town Moderator, Deborah Kohl, then read the Return:

BRISTOL,ss

Pursuant to this within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Attleborough within described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting an 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 fore 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.

On June 3, 2015 at 7:08pm Town Clerk, Kevin Poirier opened theAdjourned session of the Annual Town meeting with 112 RTM present..

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

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: 8-0

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.

Town Clerk	\$20,124.00 Annual	<u>Municipal Light Board</u>	
Treasurer/Collector	\$83,602.00 Annual	Chairman	\$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

Town Moderator- \$1200.00 - To be paid at rate of \$100.00 per town meeting session with and annual cap of \$1200.00

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-2

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the annual compensation for the following

electd officers: Town Clerk - \$20,124.00 Annual
Treasurer/Collector - \$81,962.00 Annual

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The majority of the Committee felt that due to the current financial situation in Town and difficult cuts being made that the stipends should not be funded.

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

ARTICLE 4 – ANNUAL COMPENSATION – APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 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: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote the annual compensation of zero dollars for the Appointed Boards / Committees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Committee felt that due to the current financial situation in Town and difficult cuts being made that the stipends should not be funded.

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

ARTICLE 5 – OMNIBUS BUDGET

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, 2016 and expressly for the following purposes to wit. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 4-3

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, 2016 and expressly for the following purposes to wit. (See Attached Recommended Budget).

John Donohue, made a motion to divide Article 5 into 6 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*

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

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

James McKenna made a motion to move that Article 5 of the June 2015 North Attleboro Annual Town Meeting be amended as follows: That the following line items be adjusted: SEE ATTACHED

ARTICLE 5 - OMNIBUS BUDGET FY16

Reduce the following line items:

line item	fincom-recomm	reduced by.329019	new sum .6609807 percent of fin com recom
115A RTM-GE	\$ 214.00	\$ 72.64	\$ 141.36
116A BY-LAW-GE	\$ 49.00	\$ 16.63	\$ 32.37
122A BOS-TH-SALARIES	\$ 319,561.43	\$ 108,475.92	\$ 211,085.51
122B BOS-TH-GE	\$ 113,112.90	\$ 38,396.46	\$ 74,716.44
131A FIN-COM-SALARIES	\$ 10,567.00	\$ 3,586.99	\$ 6,980.01
131B FIN-COM-GE	\$ 478.42	\$ 162.40	\$ 316.02
132A RESERVE-GE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
135A TOWN ACCT- SALARIES	\$ 228,542.00	\$ 77,579.15	\$ 150,962.85
135B TA-GE	\$ 4,936.00	\$ 1,675.54	\$ 3,260.46
136A ANNUAL AUDIT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
141A ASSESSOR- SALARIES	\$ 204,880.00	\$ 69,547.03	\$ 135,332.97
141B ASSESS-GE	\$ 30,510.34	\$ 10,356.81	\$ 20,153.53
145A TREAS-COLLEC- SALARIES	\$ 355,918.29	\$ 120,817.35	\$ 235,100.94
145B TREAS-COLLEC-GE	\$ 118,878.00	\$ 40,353.43	\$ 78,524.57
151A TOWN-ATTY- SALARIES	\$ 22,164.00	\$ 7,523.62	\$ 14,640.38
151B TOWN-ATTY-GE	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 33,945.25	\$ 66,054.75
152A HR-SALARIES	\$ 217,587.34	\$ 73,860.56	\$ 143,726.78
152B HR-GE	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,425.70	\$ 2,774.30
155A IT-SALARIES	\$ 199,461.64	\$ 67,707.75	\$ 131,753.89
155B IT-GE	\$ 275,773.55	\$ 93,612.02	\$ 182,161.53
161A TOWN CLERK- SALARIES	\$ 79,307.00	\$ 26,920.96	\$ 52,386.04
161B TOWN CLERK-GE	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 857.12	\$ 1,667.88
162A ELECTIONS- SALARIES	\$ 106,118.00	\$ 36,022.02	\$ 70,095.98
162B ELECTION-GE	\$ 41,617.00	\$ 14,126.99	\$ 27,490.01
171A CONSER-COMM- SALARIES	\$ 79,761.00	\$ 27,075.07	\$ 52,685.93
171B CONSER-COMM-GE	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 6,856.94	\$ 13,343.06
175A PLANING BD-SALA	\$ 111,760.00	\$ 37,937.21	\$ 73,822.79
175B PLANNING-BD-GE	\$ 7,348.00	\$ 2,494.30	\$ 4,853.70
176A ZONING-SALARIES	\$ 11,929.84	\$ 4,049.61	\$ 7,880.23
176B ZONING-GE	\$ 145.00	\$ 49.22	\$ 95.78
241A BUILD-INSP- SALARIES	\$ 244,963.00	\$ 83,153.30	\$ 161,809.70
241B BUILD-INSP-GE	\$ 4,599.88	\$ 1,561.44	\$ 3,038.44
292A ANIMAL-CONR- SALARIES	\$ 100,511.44	\$ 34,118.86	\$ 66,392.58
292B ANIMAL-CONR-GE	\$ 23,763.00	\$ 8,066.41	\$ 15,696.59
421A DPW SALARIES	\$ 321,826.00	\$ 109,244.64	\$ 212,581.36
421B DPW GE	\$ 13,310.00	\$ 4,518.11	\$ 8,791.89
422A HIGHWAY-SALARIES	\$ 740,574.17	\$ 251,389.75	\$ 489,184.42
422B HIGHWAY-GE	\$ 197,239.00	\$ 66,953.27	\$ 130,285.73
511A BD OF H-SALARIES	\$ 240,344.56	\$ 81,585.56	\$ 158,759.00
511B BD OF H-GE	\$ 4,614.47	\$ 1,566.39	\$ 3,048.08
541A COA-SALARIES	\$ 128,571.24	\$ 43,643.83	\$ 84,927.41
541B COA-GE	\$ 40,068.06	\$ 13,601.20	\$ 26,466.86
543 VETERANS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
610A LIB - SALARIES	\$ 442,236.60	\$ 150,118.31	\$ 292,118.29
610B LIB -GE	\$ 105,159.40	\$ 35,696.62	\$ 69,462.78
650A PARK-REC- SALARIES	\$ 358,990.44	\$ 121,860.20	\$ 237,130.24
650B PARK-REC-GE	\$ 75,021.34	\$ 25,466.18	\$ 49,555.16
691A HIST-COMM-GE	\$ 895.16	\$ 303.86	\$ 591.30
	\$ 5,710,232.51	\$ 1,938,352.64	\$ 3,771,879.87

Increase the following line items:

line item	fin-com-recommend	increase by:	new sum/total
210A POLICE SALARIES	4,334,825.75	204,898.00	4,539,723.75
210B POLICE GE	474,573.06	0.00	474,573.06
220A FIRE SALARIES	4,236,725.86	168,811.00	4,405,536.86
220B FIRE GE	424,813.70	29,788.00	454,601.70
300A SCHOOL GE	36,026,291.37	1,534,855.64	37,561,147.01
		1,938,352.64	

At the request of 18 RTM members a motion was made to have a Roll Call vote on the amendment.

Motion seconded
Motion carried.

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

Motion seconded
Motion carried.

By Roll call vote, the RTM member defeated the amendment as read, with 115 members voting. Yes-11 No-104.

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to move the question.

Motion seconded
Motion defeated

Motion made to move the question and go directly to a vote on #6 General Government Budget.

Motion seconded
Motion carried.

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

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

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$127,276 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.

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Fire	Power Cot for Rescue Operations	\$18,000
2.	Fire	Protective Gear and Breathing Apparatus	\$45,000
3.	Park & Recreation	Protective Ground Cover for Play Areas	\$ 9,000
4.	Police	Crossmatch Live Scan Fingerprint Machine	\$15,276
5.	Assessors'	1/3 rd Tri-Annual Revaluation	\$40,000

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to appropriate \$54,000 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.

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2.	Fire	Protective Gear and Breathing Apparatus	\$45,000
3.	Park & Recreation	Protective Ground Cover for Play Areas	\$ 9,000

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Committee feels these items are necessary.

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

Motion made to waive the reading of Article 6B.

Motion seconded

Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 6B – MUNICIPAL, CIP PURCHASES AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EFFORTS FUNDED BY RETAINED EARNINGS/ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$325,000 or any other sum, 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>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Solid Waste	Pick-up Truck with snow plow	Solid Waste Retained Earnings	\$45,000
2.	Sewer	Truck 50 Replacement	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$42,000
3.	Sewer	SCADA Upgrades	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$48,000
4.	Water	Refurbish Whiting Treatment Fillers	Water Retained Earnings	\$125,000
5.	Water	Truck 27 Replacement with plow	Water Retained Earnings	\$65,000

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below and totaling \$565,858 or any other sum, 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>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Fire	Power Cot for Rescue Ops. (Originally # 1 in 6A)	2011 Jan STM Art. 11 (\$1,700) 2012 June ATM Art. 6-28 (\$16,300)	\$18,000
2.	Police	Crossmatch Live Scan	2012 June ATM Art. 6-28	\$15,276

Fingerprint Machine
(Originally # 4 in 6A)

3. Assessors'	1/3rd Tri-Annual Revaluation (Originally # 5 in 6A)	2012 June ATM: Art. 6-28 (\$33,709.41) Art. 6-30 (\$6,290.59)	\$40,000
4. Fire Dept.	Remove Fire Alarm wire from Utility poles (Originally # 4 in 6C)	2008 May ATM Art. 10-46	\$65,546
5. School	District Hazardous Materials (Originally # 14 in 6C)	2012 June ATM: Art. 6-30 (\$11,270) Art 6-17 (\$10,350) Art. 6-26 (\$78,911) 2013 Jan STM Art. 7 (\$1,505)	\$102,036
6. Solid Waste	Pick-up Truck with snow plow (Originally # 1 in 6B)	Solid Waste Retained Earnings	\$45,000
7. Sewer	Truck 50 Replacement (Originally # 2 in 6B)	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$42,000
8. Sewer	SCADA Upgrades (Originally # 3 in 6B)	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$48,000
9. Water	Refurbish Whiting Treatment Fillers (Originally # 4 in 6B)	Water Retained Earnings	\$125,000
10. Water	Truck 27 Replacement w/Plow (Originally # 5 in 6B)	Water Retained Earnings	\$65,000

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Committee feels these items are necessary.

Raymond Stack, made a motion to amend Article 6B by adding line 30 from Article 6C, I.I to Article 6B and increase the total sum in 6B by \$1,000,000.00 from sewer Retained earnings for a new total of \$1,565,858.00

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

After much discussion the RTM members defeated the motion to amend Article 6B.

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

Christopher Sweet, Town Treasure, there is aa scrivener's error the MGL for #30 should read 44 7(1) and #31 Should read 44 8(5)

**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 \$6,707,426 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 \$6,707,426 (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 \$6,707,426 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:

	<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.	Con. Com.	Maintenance and Rehabilitation Of the Falls Pond Dam	\$ 144,000	44, 7(5)
3.	Fire Dept.	Replace Station 2 Back-up Generator	\$ 25,000	44, 7(9)
4.	Fire Dept.	Remove Fire Alarm wire from Utility poles.	\$ 70,000	44, 7
5.	Fire Dept.	Replace Rescue 2	\$ 250,000	44, 7(9)
6.	Police Dept.	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 190,756	44, 7(9)
7.	School	Replace Food Delivery Truck	\$ 39,000	44, 7(9)
8.	DPW – Highway	Repair, Maintenance and Replacement of Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks	\$ 500,000	44, 7(5)
9.	DPW – Highway	10 Mile River Improvements	\$ 250,000	44, 7(7)
10.	DPW – Highway	Asphalt Management Plan for Park Lots and Walkways	\$ 200,000	44, 7(6)
11.	School	District Technology Plan	\$ 400,000	44, 7(28)
12.	School	SPED Buses	\$ 120,000	44, 7(9)
13.	School	New High School grass field	\$ 400,000	44, 7(25)
14.	School	District Hazardous Materials	\$ 120,000	44, 7(31)
15.	DPW – Highway	Replace T15 w/ 6-Wheel Truck, Sander & Plow	\$ 210,000	44, 7(9)
16.	DPW – Highway	Replace Sweeper SW1	\$ 195,000	44, 7(9)
17.	Elections	Storage Trailer & Voting Furniture	\$ 25,000	44, 7(9)
18.	Park & Rec	Backhoe	\$ 120,000	44, 7(9)
19.	Park & Rec	Mason Windows, Siding, & Roof	\$ 28,000	44, 7(3A)
20.	Park & Rec	Playground Equipment – Mason	\$ 30,000	44, 7(9)
21.	School	District Cafeteria Tables – Comm, Roosevelt, Allen, & Amvet	\$ 30,000	44, 7(9)

22.	School	Comm. Gym Windows	\$ 250,000	44, 7(3A)
23.	School	District Carpet Replacement	\$ 30,000	44, 7(3A)
24.	School	Martin Synchronized Clocks	\$ 25,000	44, 7(9)
25.	School	HS/MS Energy Management System	\$ 350,000	44, 7(3B)
26.	School	Upgrade to Energy Efficient Lighting	\$ 50,000	44, 7(3B)
27.	Health	Health Department Vehicle	\$ 24,670	44, 7(9)
28.	Park & Rec	Irrigation Petti	\$ 24,000	44, 7(9)
29.	School	District Filing System-Woodcock	\$ 32,000	44, 7(9)
30.	Sewer	I & I Removal Program	\$1,000,000	44, 8(5)
31.	Water	Water Main Replacement	\$1,325,000	44, 7(1)

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,136,720 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 this Article be raised 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 \$5,136,720 (total of projects listed), 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 \$5,136,720 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:

M.G.L. Enabling

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
1	Board of Selectmen	Security System – Ongoing Project from 2015	\$ 250,000	44, 7(9)
2.	Con. Com.	Maintenance and Rehabilitation Of the Falls Pond Dam	\$ 144,000	44, 7(5)
3.	Fire Dept.	Replace Station 2 Back-up Generator.	\$ 25,000	44, 7(9)
5.	Fire Dept.	Replace Rescue 2	\$ 250,000	44, 7(9)
6.	Police Dept.	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 190,756	44, 7(9)
7.	School	Replace Food Delivery Truck	\$ 39,000	44, 7(9)
8.	DPW – Highway	Repair, Maintenance and Replacement of Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks	\$ 500,000	44, 7(5)
9.	DPW – Highway	10 Mile River Improvements	\$ 250,000	44, 7(7)

10. DPW – Highway	Asphalt Management Plan for Park Lots and Walkways	\$ 200,000	44, 7(6)
11. School	District Technology Plan	\$ 400,000	44, 7(28)
12. School	SPED Buses	\$ 120,000	44, 7(9)
13. School	New High School grass field	\$ 400,000	44, 7(25)
14. School	District Hazardous Materials	\$ 17,964	44, 7(31)
17. Elections	Storage Trailer & Voting Furniture	\$ 25,000	44, 7(9)
30. Sewer	I & I Removal Program	\$1,000,000	44,7(1)
31. Water	Water Main Replacement	\$1,325,000	44, 8(5)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: The Committee feels these items are necessary.

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

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: 8-0

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: Town meeting must authorize grant applications annually.

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

ARTICLE 7 – 53RD WEEK PAY

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$108,385 to be accrued for Fiscal Year 2016 to pay salary and wages calculated for the next 53rd pay week and to determine how said sum shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise. Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Town Accountant has proposed a “53rd Week Salary Reserve Account” be established to accrue funds needed to meet obligations to the town for salary and wage calculations in excess of the normal 52 week pay periods budgeted annually.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to appropriate \$108,385 to be accrued for Fiscal Year 2016 to pay salary and wages calculated for the next 53rd pay week. Said sum shall be raised through taxation.

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

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

David Chee, Made a motion to reconsider Article 5. 2/3 vote required.

Motion seconded
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 8 – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money into the OPEB Trust Fund from available funds.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To transfer various amounts from the Retained Earnings of the three Enterprise Accounts to cover their portion of this year’s schedule for deposit into the Other Post Employment Trust Fund.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY ROLL CALL

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to transfer a total of \$369,716.00 into the OPEB Trust Fund. Said sum shall be funded through the following sources:

General Taxation:	\$51,912.00
Water Retained Earnings:	\$132,205.00
Sewer Retained Earnings:	\$144,111.00
Solid Waste Retained Earnings:	<u>\$41,488.00</u>
	\$369,716.00

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

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

ARTICLE 9 – FIREFIGHTERS 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting the contract had not been settled.

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

ARTICLE 10 – USW 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 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting the contract had not been settled.

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

ARTICLE 11- AFSCME 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 AFSCME Local 1702 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting the contract had not been settled.

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

ARTICLE 12 – LABORERS 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At the time of voting the contract had not been settled.

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

ARTICLE 13 – PTS SALARY INCREASES

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budgets of various departments for the salary increases for personnel under the Personnel By-Laws, "PTS" Classification, to amend the "PTS" wage and salary scale by the percentage increase approved by the Town Meeting 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.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To provide funds to allow an increase for the Part-time and Seasonal Employees, effective July 1, 2015.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: At this time there are no additional funds to grant increases.

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

ARTICLE 14 – 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: 8-0-1

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 15 – REAUTHORIZATION 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.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, § 53E½ for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015; or act in any other manner in relation thereto:

<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 Commission	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
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: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to re-authorize the above list of (7) Revolving Funds under M.G.L. Chapter 44§ 53E ½ with a total expenditure limit of \$380,000.00.

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

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 9:50pm on June 3, 2015