

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011**

On Monday, January 10, 2011, Town Clerk, Maxwell G. Gould opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:04PM.
"With 65 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, Deborah Kohl, read the warrant.

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH WARRANT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
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, in said North Attleborough on:

MONDAY, THE 10TH OF JANUARY 2011 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 ten 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 November 18, 2010.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Michael S. Thompson ., Chairman
Mark Williamson, Vice-Chairman
John C. Rhyno
Christopher L. Sweet
Joan Marchitto

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 nineteen (19) 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. Town Clerk's Office (leave 3 copies)
3. Nissan Village

4. Housing for the Elderly - Center
5. Housing for the Elderly - Elm Terrace
6. Boch Toyota South
7. Shaws Supermarket
8. Cumberland Farms - Kelley Boulevard
9. Allen Avenue Fire Station
10. Richards Memorial Library
11. Hockomock YMCA
12. Falls Post Office
13. A&J Restaurant – 560 Kelley Boulevard
14. Housing for the Elderly - Circle Court
15. Sharon Credit Union
16. Bristol County Savings Bank
17. Cushman Union Church - 2 May Street
18. Bank of America - Center
19. Stop & Shop

Matthew Trowbridge (P2) 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.

Matthew Trowbridge (P2) 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 an article must specify where the additional monies will come from.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1 PATROLMENS CONTRACT

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budget of the Police Department 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 Police Officers Association Local 550 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, 2009

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.

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

ARTICLE 2 PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICERS CONTRACT

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to supplement the budget of the Police Department 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 Professional Police Officers' Association Local 280 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, 2009

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.

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

ARTICLE 3 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.

Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2010

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.

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

ARTICLE 4 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.

Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To fund contract effective July 1, 2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town vote to approve the contract negotiated between the Board of Selectmen and the Laborers Local 1144.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: There were no monetary increases allocated within this contract so the Committee felt that there would be no negative impact on the Town.

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

ARTICLE 5 PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

HUMAN RESOURCES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills relating to expenses incurred in prior fiscal years, and to determine whether said sum shall be paid from free cash, transfer from available funds or otherwise. (amount to be determined).

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Human Resources

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

To pay for medical related expenses incurred by police officers, with a work related injury, prior to July 1, 2010.

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 there were no prior fiscal year outstanding bills.

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

**ARTICLE 6 AMEND PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION FOR ARTICLE 8 FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE JANUARY 5, 2009, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Purpose and Justification of A8/09 STM for repairs to the Traffic Control System in the amount of \$14,000 to read various traffic signals.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Fire Commissioners
See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This would give the Fire Alarm Superintendent the opportunity to repair others that need fixing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to amend the Purpose and Justification of A8/09 STM for repairs to the Traffic Control System in the amount of \$14,000 to read various traffic signals.

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

After some discussion, Christopher Sweet (P8) made a motion to move the question.
Motion seconded.
Motion carried.

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

**ARTICLE 7 TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL EXPENSES TO TREASURER/COLLECTOR
SALARIES**

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 5 of the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$3,293.38 from Treasurer/Tax Collector Expenses Line 145B to Treasurer/Tax Collector Salaries Line 145A.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

When constructing the FY 2011 budget and addressing the mandatory budget cuts, one (1) AFSCME clerical employee's hours in the Tax Collector's Office were reduced. However, as of the date of the submission of this article, the AFSCME Clerical wage reduction can now be partially offset by a reduction in the expenses in the Treasurer – Tax Collector's Office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to transfer the sum of \$3,293.38 from Treasurer/Tax Collector Expenses Line 145B to Treasurer/Tax Collector Salaries Line 145A.

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

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

**ARTICLE 8 TRANSFER FUNDS FROM SALARIES TO GENERAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT
EXPENSES**

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,750.00 from Department #135 Town Accountant – General Salaries. The sum of \$1,750.00 to be allocated to Department #136 Town Audit and the sum of \$5000.00 allocated to Department #135 Town Accountant - General Expenses.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Town Accountant

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Due to the vacancy in staff within the Town Accountant's office throughout the last year, it is necessary to re-allocate funding to the General Expenses line item for additional trainings, staff development, etc. Also the additional allocation of funding to the Town Audit department will supplement funding for additional audit compliance requirements provided by independent audit (i.e., ARRA grants)

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-3

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to transfer the sum of \$6,750.00 from Department #135 Town Accountant – General Salaries. The sum of \$1,750.00 to be allocated to Department #136 Town Audit and the sum of \$5000.00 allocated to Department #135 Town Accountant - General Expenses.

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

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

At 7:30PM the RTM members voted to adjourn the first Special Town Meeting in order to open the second Special Town Meeting.

At 8:37 PM on Monday, January 10, 2011 the first Special Town Meeting resumed. The quorum of members still stands.

Dave Manoogian (P8) made a motion to take Article 16 out of order.

Motion seconded.

Motion defeated.

**ARTICLE 9 APPROPRIATE \$26,000 TO INCREASE FIRE / FIRE COMMISSIONERS
AMBULANCE OVERTIME SALARIES**

To see if the town will vote to increase Fire/Ambulance Dept. Salaries Article 5, Line 220A of the Annual Town Meeting June 7, 2010 (FY 2011) by adding \$26,000 for Overtime. Said sum to be transferred from available funds, free cash, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

This would give one additional (24 hours) shift per week to allow us to maintain staffing of 10 starting 1/1/11 to 6/30/11.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REASON: As explained in Jack's cover letter.

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

**ARTICLE 10 APPROPRIATE \$18,500 TO INCREASE FIRE /
AMBULANCE SALARIES**

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To see if the town will vote to increase Fire/Ambulance Dept. Salaries Article 5, Line 220A of the Annual Town Meeting June 7, 2010 (FY 2011) by adding \$18,500 to change the amount from \$4,090,653.56 to \$4,109,153.56. Said sum to be transferred from available free cash or any other available funds.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Fire Commissioners

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Contractual amount for Unused Sick Leave. Funds are for sick leave incentive. Requested but not funded.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-2

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to supplement the Fire/Ambulance Dept. Salaries Article 5, Line 220A of the Annual Town Meeting June 7, 2010 (FY 2011) by appropriating the sum of \$18,500 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriation Account.

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

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

**ARTICLE 11 APPROPRIATE \$17,500 FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN OF A PERIMETER DRAIN SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL**

B.O.S.

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$17,500 or any other amount to pay costs of architectural and engineering design work, associated with the design of a perimeter drainage system in the Town Hall, and to determine whether this amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing, or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Town Hall experienced major damage and loss due to the flood in March of 2010. This article will allow for the Town to research the cost of proposed remediation work to be performed at Town Hall to prevent future problems due to area flooding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of \$17,500 is appropriated to pay costs of architectural and engineering design work associated with the design of a perimeter drainage system in the Town Hall, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

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. 2/3's majority vote obvious to the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 12 APPROPRIATE \$12,000 FOR ENGINEERING & DESIGN
FOR A NEW TOWN HALL HEATING SYSTEM**

B.O.S.

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$12,000.00 for engineering design services to replace the existing electric heating boiler and replace with new higher efficient gas-fired systems and to determine whether this amount should be raised by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION :

The present boiler is over 35 years old and was repaired in November to provide heat for the upcoming winter season. The present service maintenance vendor has informed that the boiler will not last much longer and needs to be replaced. The engineering design service will allow the board to investigate and research the most economical and practical type of replacement boiler.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0 **2/3 MAJORITY VOTE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of \$12,000 is appropriated to pay costs of engineering design services to replace the existing electric heating boiler at the Town Hall with a new higher efficiency gas fired system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

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

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read. 2/3's majority vote obvious to the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13 APPROPRIATE \$13,000 TO REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to replace the fire alarm system at the Richards Memorial Library. Said sum to be transferred from available funds or free cash or borrowing or otherwise.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.
Library Trustees

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The town previously voted to appropriate \$11,000 for the replacement of the fire alarm panel at the library. The panel is at the end of its serviceable life. When engineering work for the project was done, it was determined that the entire system needed to be replaced; the sensors and other components of the system were too old to communicate with a modern panel. The estimated cost for the entire new system is approximately \$22,000. The additional \$13,000, combined with the remainder of the previous appropriation (\$9,000 remains after the engineering fee) should cover the cost of the new system.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0 **2/3 MAJORITY VOTE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the sum of \$13,000 is appropriated to pay costs of replacing the fire alarm system at the Richards Memorial Library, and for the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(14) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

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

The RTM members approved the Finance Committee's recommendation as read. 2/3's majority vote obvious to the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14 APPROPRIATE \$495,000 FOR NEW WINDOW & DOORS AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000), to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee to pay costs for window and door replacements at the Falls Elementary School, located at 2 Jackson Street. This proposed

repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the educational program, for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) ___ percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

MOTION

That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000), to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee to pay costs for window and door replacements at the Falls Elementary School, located at 2 Jackson Street. This proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the educational program, for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"); that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L., Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) ___ percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and MSBA. No funds shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have entered into a Project Funding Agreement or any similar agreement with the MSBA for the receipt of grant funds in aid of this project.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

School Committee

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The purpose of the Falls Elementary School's window and door projects is to assist with improving the energy efficiency as well as and more importantly the safety and comfort of its students and staff. The windows and doors at the Falls School are in deplorable condition. We additionally feel that with the current temperature fluctuations, (too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer) that these conditions negatively affect the learning process of our students.

At the present time, the teachers are unable to open the windows in fear the glass will fall out. The glazed single pane windows and un-insulated doors are inefficient in regard to our energy conservation efforts and fuel consumption. We believe that this issue can be eliminated with the installation of new double hung, double paned, thermal windows and insulated doors.

Through the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), the School Department applies annually with Statements of Interest (SOI) for such projects. The MSBA this year started a new initiative called the MSBA Green Repairs Program. We have applied with an SOI and have been provisionally approved for approximately 52% reimbursement to the cost of the windows and door replacements at the Falls Elementary School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

2/3 ROLL CALL VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000), to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee to pay costs for window and door replacements at the Falls Elementary School, located at 2 Jackson Street. This proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the educational program, for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"); that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and

any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) ____percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. No funds shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have entered into a Project Funding Agreement or any similar agreement with the MSBA for the receipt of grant funds in aid of this project.
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.

By Roll Call vote, the RTM members approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation as read. 75 members voting, 69-yes & 6-no. 50 votes required for 2/3’s

ARTICLE 15 VOTE TO AMEND MULTIPLE ARTICLES TO PERMIT BORROWING OF ANY AUTHORIZED/UNUSED AMOUNTS TO PAY COSTS OF MAKING FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM AND OTHER FIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS **B.O.S.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend each of the votes adopted under the following warrant articles, so as to permit the borrowing of any authorized but unissued amounts hereunder to pay costs of the fire safety system(s) and other fire safety improvements to school buildings throughout the School Department.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Town Meeting Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Unissued Amount</u>
11	May 15, 2006 ATM	\$205,000.00	\$130,000.00
14	May 21, 2007 ATM	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00
17	May 19, 2008 STM	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00

And to appropriate the unexpended amount of borrowed money approved by vote of the Town under Article 12 of the Warrant of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting held on May 15, 2006, to pay additional costs of the fire safety system(s) and other fire safety improvements described herein.

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

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The ability to amend the votes will enable the Municipal Building Committee to seek the most affordable pricing for the fire safety system and improvements by combining the work and advertising as a complete project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0 **2/3 ROLL CALL VOTE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That each of the votes adopted under the following warrant articles is hereby amended, so as to permit the borrowing of any authorized, but unissued amounts thereunder, to pay additional costs of making fire safety system and other fire safety improvements to school buildings throughout the School Department:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Town Meeting Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Unissued Amount</u>
11	May 15, 2006 ATM	\$205,000.00	\$130,000.00
14	May 21, 2007 ATM	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00
17	May 19, 2008 STM	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00

and, further, that the following unexpended balance of borrowed funds, shall be appropriated to pay additional costs of making fire safety system and other fire safety improvements to school buildings throughout the School Department:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Town Meeting Date</u>	<u>Amount Borrowed</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>
12	May 15, 2006 ATM	\$278,000	\$233,004.80

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

After some discussion, Greg St. Lawrence (P7) made a motion to move the question.
Motion seconded.
Motion carried.

The Moderator declared that unanimity would dispense with a Roll Call Vote.

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

ARTICLE 16 HOME RULE PETITION – HEALTH PLANS

B.O.S

To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court to authorize the Board of Selectmen to include as part of the health plans (HMO's PPO's) that it offers to its employees and retirees (and their dependents) co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) that are not greater in dollar amount than the highest co-payments, deductibles, and tiered provider network copayments (or other plan design features) provided in any of the same class (HMO's PPO's) of health plans offered by the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) pursuant to Chapter 32A of the General Laws.

The above authorized dollar amounts for co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) shall be increased whenever the GIC increases the dollar amount of co-payments and/or deductibles and/or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) on the health plan that it offers.

The Town of North Attleboro may include in the health plans that it offers to its employees and retirees (and their dependents) such co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) up to the above-referenced amounts without being obligated to bargain pursuant to Chapter 150E of the General Laws concerning the decision to do so or the impact of the decision.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See Attached

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The ability to authorize the town to make health insurance changes independent of Collective Bargaining agreements will produce thousands of dollars in savings for the town and the employees. The cost of health insurance for cities and towns in the Commonwealth increases each year and without institutional control and limits the associated costs of providing health insurance to our employees will dramatically impact the available funds for sustaining town services and department operational budgets. This article will allow the town to have the same flexibility the Commonwealth has in dealing with the issues of providing quality health care to the employees at an affordable cost to the participants and the town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-0

MAJORITY VOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the town vote to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court to authorize the Board of Selectmen to include as part of the health plans (HMO's PPO's) that it offers to its employees and retirees (and their dependents) co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) that are not greater in dollar amount than the highest co-payments, deductibles, and tiered provider network copayments (or other plan design features) provided in any of the same class (HMO's PPO's) of health plans offered by the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) pursuant to Chapter 32A of the General Laws.

The above authorized dollar amounts for co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) shall be increased whenever the GIC increases the dollar amount of co-payments and/or deductibles and/or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) on the health plan that it offers.

The Town of North Attleboro may include in the health plans that it offers to its employees and retirees (and their dependents) such co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) up to the above-referenced amounts without being obligated to bargain pursuant to Chapter 150E of the General Laws concerning the decision to do so or the impact of the decision.

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

Thomas Corrigan (P9), made a motion to extend the meeting past 10:00PM.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

After much discussion, Bart Steele (P7) made a motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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

The Moderator read the following letter into the minutes:

Deb Kohl
Town Moderator
43 South Washington Street
North Attleborough, MA 02760

RE: Special Town Meeting Article #17 - Deer Hollow Road

Dear Madam Moderator,

The Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the recommendation of the Board of Public Works to indefinitely postpone the acceptance of Deer Hollow Road. The current policy for road acceptance requires the developer to submit an article for acceptance prior to releasing the remaining bond funds. Unfortunately, this has not always happened as is the case with Deer Hollow Road. The developer is also required to get recommendations from several departments. If the article is submitted for acceptance and the RTM denies, the road will be left in limbo and thus the residents without a publically accepted road. At the Annual Town Meeting, the Planning Board submitted 28 miscellaneous roads for acceptance. This project looked at outstanding roads within subdivisions throughout Town from a master subdivision list. It is obvious from this submitted article, not all outstanding roads were on this list. Moving forward, the Planning Board looks forward to working with the Department of Public Works, Conservation Commission, Board of Health and North Attleborough Electric Department to develop a policy that all parties can adhere to and that protects the Town. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

On behalf of the Planning Board,
Mary E. Burgess
Town Planner

ARTICLE 17 STREET ACCEPTANCE OF DEER HOLLOW ROAD

PETITION

To see if the town will vote to accept Deer Hollow Road as a public way. Deer Hollow Road is located off Huntsbridge Road and Mendon Road.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Petition.

See Attached

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 Department of Public works still had some outstanding issues and requested that the committee indefinitely postpone this article until they can be addressed.

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

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting Sine Die.

Motion to adjourn carried at 10:26 PM.