

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 9, 2009

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM in the town hall auditorium following the Special Town Meeting. The Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:56 PM and reconvened at 2:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1.

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 2.

The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F).

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 3.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town during Fiscal Year 2010 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 4.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the Selectboard to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 5.

Article 5 was postponed until June 15, 2009.

A resolution was passed by voice vote to inform our State Legislators that Town Meeting Members supported in principal, the establishment of a local option meals tax identical or similar to what was currently being debated in the Massachusetts Legislature.

ARTICLE 6.

The Town voted to accept the sum of \$388,722.00, or other such sum as may be available, for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; and to authorize the Selectboard to borrow and expend in anticipation of state aid for such projects.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPERATING BUDGET**

ARTICLE 7.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500.00 to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 8.

A motion to postpone Article 8 failed.  
Standing Vote  
Yes – 39 No-58

The motion was moved that the Town fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 as provided Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 42, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector as follows was seconded:

Moderator	\$ 1.00	per year
Selectboard:		
Chair	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Vice-Chair	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Clerk	\$ 2,000.00	per year

4 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2,000.00	per year
5 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2,000.00	per year
Clerk/Treasurer	\$51,000.00	per year
Collector	\$54,353.00	per year
Board of Assessors:		
Chair	\$ 2,500.00	per year
Clerk	\$ 2,500.00	per year

Amendment by Town Meeting Member Robert Robertson:  
 Moved that the Town fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officials as stated in the original motion except the Clerk/Treasurer. He moved that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be set at \$46,253.03.

Amendment 2 by Edward Boiselle:  
 He moved to table the amendment as well as the motion on the floor until June 15, 2009 when a Salary Survey Committee would report on their findings.

Motion carried by voice vote

ARTICLE 9.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,743,096.00 for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
 Majority Vote  
 Motion Carries

ARTICLE 10.

Moved to postpone consideration of this article until after Article 8 on June 15, 2009.

Majority Vote  
 Motion Carries

ARTICLE 11.

Moved to postpone consideration of this article until after Article 10 on June 15, 2009..

Majority Vote  
 Motion Carries

ARTICLE 12.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,496,497.00, and transfer the sum of \$56,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Fund, totaling \$2,552,497.00, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2010.

Police	Personal Services	\$	2,087,549.00
	Other Expenses	\$	348,931.00
Matron	Personal Services	\$	500.00
Emergency Mgt.	Personal Services	\$	5,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,500.00
Forest Warden	Personal Services	\$	500.00
	Other Expenses	\$	200.00
Building Commissioner	Personal Services	\$	61,763.00
	Other Expenses	\$	2,700.00
Wiring Inspector	Personal Services	\$	21,884.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,680.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Personal Services	\$	6,215.00
	Other Expenses	\$	400.00
Dog Officer	Personal Services	\$	11,615.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,860.00
Parking Collection	Other Expenses	\$	200.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 13.

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$13,244.00 from the Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for its share of indirect costs.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 14.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,223,531.00, transfer the sum of \$959,590.00 from the Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts, transfer the sum of \$1,151,344.00 from the Waste Water Treatment Enterprise Fund Receipts, and transfer the sum of \$80,788.00 from the Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Balance,  
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totaling \$3,415,253.00 for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 2010 as follows:

Administration	Personal Services	\$	101,748.00
	Other Expenses	\$	21,610.00
Construction & Maintenance	Personal Services	\$	319,228.00
	Other Expenses	\$	135,400.00
Sanitary Landfill	Personal Services	\$	161,262.00
	Other Expenses	\$	798,328.00
Parks	Personal Services	\$	282,760.00
	Other Expenses	\$	130,335.00
Tree Services	Personal Services	\$	5,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$	60,100.00
Water Pollution Control	Personal Services	\$	566,332.00
	Other Expenses	\$	665,800.00
Vehicle Maintenance	Personal Services	\$	46,350.00
	Other Expenses	\$	121,000.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
 Unanimous Affirmative  
 Motion Carries

#### ARTICLE 15.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,003.00 for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways in FY 2010 as follows:

Personal Services	\$20,380.00
Other Expenses	\$79,623.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
 Unanimous Affirmative  
 Motion Carries

#### ARTICLE 16.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,345.00, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2010 as follows

Personal Services	\$225,655.00
Other Expenses	\$ 70,690.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
 Unanimous Affirmative  
 Motion Carries

ARTICLE 17.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2010 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 18.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$507,334.00 and transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Dog Revolving Fund, and transfer the sum of \$11,644.00 from State Aid to Libraries, totaling \$528,978.00, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2010as follows:

Personal Services	\$348,353.00
Other Expenses	\$180,625.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 19.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2010.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 20.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 and for engaging a consultant to perform an actuarial study for compliance with the federally mandated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for health insurance for retirees.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 21.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$55,630.00 for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2010 as follows:

Personal Services	\$45,630.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 22.

Moved to postpone consideration of this article until after Article 11.  
Majority Vote  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 23.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,202.00 for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2010 as follows:

Personal Services	\$105,752.00
Other Expenses	\$6,450.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 24.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,797,672.00 and transfer the sum of \$39,810.00 from Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts, and transfer the sum of \$646,810.00 from Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts, and transfer the sum of \$401,726.00 from the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts, totaling \$3,886,018 for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2010.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 25.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Boat Excise Fund the sum of \$5,500 for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2010.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 26.

The Town voted to appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund the sum of \$55,100.00 for the purpose of providing for expenses in FY 2010 related to the operation of the Town Ambulance in FY 2009 as follows:

Personal Services	\$53,100.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 27.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$405,461.00 and appropriate from the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$517,248.00 totaling \$922,709.00, for the operation of the Ledges Golf Club Expenses for FY 2010 as follows:

Personal Services	\$140,954.00
Other Expenses	\$781,755.00

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 28.

The Town voted to transfer from the Canal Park Donation Account the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for the Fiscal Year 2010.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 29.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2010.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 30.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a mandated revaluation of the Town's real and personal property.

Appropriations Committee – we unanimously support this article  
Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

## FISCAL YEAR 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET

### ARTICLE 31.

Moved to postpone consideration of Articles 31, 32, 34, 36, and 37 until after Article 22.

Standing Vote  
Yes – 52 No-33  
Motion Carries

### ARTICLE 33.

No motion was offered on this Article.

### ARTICLE 35.

No motion was offered on this Article.

### ARTICLE 38.

The Town voted to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 , to establish in the Town Treasury a revolving fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the Treasurer, and in which shall be deposited the receipts received that may be spent by the Selectboard or its designee, without further appropriation during FY 2010 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, and in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 from the receipt of all fees and charges during Fiscal Year 2010 for the purpose of providing for programs, activities, maintenance, and related administrative costs related to the Park's operations.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

### ARTICLE 39.

The Town voted to amend the General By-laws by adding the following Right to Farm Bylaw:

#### Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to restate the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of South Hadley restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This general By-law supports the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of South Hadley by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies, when done in compliance with state laws and town bylaws

and regulations. Nothing in this By-law should be construed to allow a use not already permitted by the Zoning By-law, private covenant, or state or local law.

## Section 2 Definitions

The word “farming” or “agriculture” or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land;
- breeding of livestock including horses;
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and furbearing animals such as mink.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving and/or oversized farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- use of legally established rights of way over private property;
- control of pests and application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides, as permitted under and in compliance with state law;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm; maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of agricultural products, insofar as not in conflict with town by-laws; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations, insofar as permitted by the Wetlands Protection Act and town regulations.

## Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of South Hadley. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices and local zoning and other regulations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law, or other bylaw or regulation.

## Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after his bylaw becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the town hall the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and support the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the town may be affected by commercial agricultural operations.”

#### Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

#### Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of South Hadley hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

#### ARTICLE 40.

The Town voted to amend the General By-Laws by adding the following Agricultural Commission Bylaw:

The Agricultural Commission shall represent the South Hadley farming community. Said Commission shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in the town both as a business and a resource, the preservation of farmland, the promotion of agricultural-based economic opportunities, and the visibility of farming in South Hadley.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectboard. Two members shall be appointed for a three year term; two members for a term of two years, and three years thereafter, and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority based on recommendations of the Commission, for the unexpired term of the vacancy. At least three of the members shall be actively engaged in agriculture.

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to:

- Advising the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and other local organizations, on projects and activities, including acquisitions and other transactions, involving agricultural lands in town.
- Helping to facilitate the resolution of any farm-related grievance or concern filed with the Town authorities.
- Engaging in projects and activities to promote the business of farming activities and traditions and farmland protection in town, including programs and community events.
- Reporting on its projects and activities on an annual basis within the town report.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

#### ARTICLE 41.

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Flood Plain Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (L) Flood Plain Regulations, paragraph 3 Permitted Uses to remove the requirement that the lowest floor be at least one foot above the elevation of the flood plain limits by deleting the phrase “of at least one (1) foot” from the first sentence of said paragraph 3.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion Carries by a 2/3rds Majority Voice Vote

#### ARTICLE 42.

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Sign Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (F) Signs, paragraph 7 - Illumination of Signs to provide standards for approval/disapproval of illumination of signs by adding the following subparagraph “b” to read as follows:
  - b. Adverse to surrounding neighborhood or community. Signs which illuminate more than what is necessary to convey the message or name being promoted or create glare which may impact motorists are generally considered to have an adverse impact on the community. Such adverse impact arises from excessive light pollution. Therefore, in determining whether to approve the illumination of a sign, the Planning Board shall:

- 1.) consider and minimize the illumination impact of the signage illumination on the surrounding properties; and,
- 2.) only approve internally-illuminated signs where only the lettering or logo of the enterprise or message being promoted are illuminated; and,
- 3.) ensure that the illuminated sign does not illuminate adjoining or nearby residential properties or pose a danger to motorists on adjoining or nearby roadways which might arise from glare from the illumination source; and,
- 4.) not approve exposed or illuminated neon signs; and,
- 5.) require that illumination sources not illuminate the background or field of a sign except to the extent that the background or field (due to the shape of the sign area) is clearly a logo of the company or enterprise being advertised.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds Majority Vote  
Yes – 48 No – 48  
Motion Defeated

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Town Meeting voted to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2009 in the Town Hall Auditorium for the purpose of completing the business of the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting reconvened on June 15, 2009 at 7:06 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

#### ARTICLE 43.

No motion was offered on this Article.

#### ARTICLE 44.

The Town voted to ratify the Fifth Amendment entered into between into between South Hadley Land Fill, Inc./Northeast Waste Services, Inc. successor in interest to Biosafe Inc. and the Town of South Hadley signed on or about December 4, 2007 for the operation of the South Hadley Land Fill which amendment amended a prior agreement and amendments entered into between the Town and Biosafe.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

#### ARTICLE 45.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a new agreement with South Hadley Landfill, LLC. for the purpose of operating the South Hadley Landfill, said agreement to take effect on or about June 23, 2009, and which will include terms and conditions regarding the rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the operation

of the landfill, as well as proposed vertical expansion to the existing site assigned area and expanding the footprint of the exiting landfill.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 5

The Town voted to approve any increases in the statewide meals and rooms taxes and approve the maximum local option meals tax, not to exceed 2% by accepting the appropriate statute or statutes that may be subsequently enacted by the Commonwealth for Fiscal Year 2010.

ARTICLE 8

Prior to discussion, the Town Moderator recognized Robert Robertson. Mr. Robertson withdrew his original motion to amend the article. Town Moderator recognized Mr. Sheehan from the Selectboard.

Mr. Sheehan moved to amend the motion as written.

The Town fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 as provided Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 42, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector as follows was seconded:

Appropriation Committee approves by majority vote but recommends a sub committee be appointed to further establish policy in determining elected officials salary ranges.

Moderator	\$ 1.00	per year
Selectboard:		
Chair	\$ 2000.00	per year
Vice-Chair	\$ 2000.00	per year
Clerk	\$ 2000.00	per year
4 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2000.00	per year
5 <sup>th</sup> Member	\$ 2000.00	per year
Clerk/Treasurer	\$58,000.00	per year
Collector	\$57,450.00	per year
Board of Assessors:		
Chair	\$ 2,500.00	per year

Clerk	\$ 2,500.00	per year
3 <sup>rd</sup> Member	\$ 2,500.00	per year

Majority voice vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 10

The original motion was read as follows:

Move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,459.00 and transfer from Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$2,225.00, and transfer the sum of \$4,607.00 from Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts, and the sum of \$709.00 from Cable Studio Account, said sum totaling \$54,000.00 for the purpose of funding wage and merit increases in Personnel Services for covered employees and to further provide in this sum, continued funding of the Employee Assistance Program for municipal employees.

Appropriation Committee unanimously approved.

Amended motion was offered by Pam Lannon to move to amend Article 10 to give the non-union employees a 3% across the board increase starting July 1, 2009. The increase in funding is approximately \$25,000.00 to \$26,000.00. Monies would be made available through free cash or available funds.

Motion was defeated

Amended motion was offered by Kevin Taugher to move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,459.00 and transfer from Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$2,225.00, and transfer the sum of \$4,607.00 from Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund Receipts, and the sum of \$709.00 from Cable Studio Account, said sum totaling \$80,000.00 for the purpose of funding wage and merit increases in Personnel Services for covered employees and to further provide in this sum, continued funding of the Employee Assistance Program for municipal employees.

Majority vote  
Motion carries

ARTICLE 11.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,523,059.00 for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2010 as follows:

Moderator	Personal Services	\$1.00
Appropriations Committee	Other Expenses	\$450.00
Selectboard	Personal Services	\$278,510.00
	Other Expenses	\$38,425.00
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Human Resources	Personal Services	\$42,673.00
	Other Expenses	\$3,350.00
Accountant	Personal Services	\$134,034.00
	Other Expenses	\$2,150.00
Clerk/Treasurer	Personal Services	\$149,937.00
	Other Expenses	\$28,555.00
Collector	Personal Services	\$92,831.00
	Other Expenses	\$22,040.00
Assessors	Personal Services	\$132,428.00
	Other Expenses	\$12,200.00
Election & Registration	Personal Services	\$7,425.00
	Other Expenses	\$12,300.00
Town Hall	Personal Services	\$18,590.00
	Other Expenses	\$118,100.00
Town Counsel	Personal Services	\$2,600.00
	Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
Personnel Board	Other Expenses	\$5,320.00
Office of Management Information/IT	Personal Services	\$103,253.00
	Other Expenses	\$96,235.00
Technology Committee	Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Planning Board	Personal Services	\$68,988.00
	Other Expenses	\$5,250.00
Board of Appeals	Other Expenses	\$675.00
Conservation Commission	Personal Services	\$40,028.00
	Other Expenses	\$424.00
Recreation	Personal Services	\$67,452.00
	Other Expenses	\$3,835.00

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 12

Mrs. Ishler moved to reconsider Article 12.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,406,497.00, and transfer the sum of \$56,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Fund, totaling \$2,462,497.00, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2010.

Police	Personal Services	\$	1,997,549.00
	Other Expenses	\$	348,931.00
Matron	Personal Services	\$	500.00
Emergency Mgt.	Personal Services	\$	5,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,500.00
Forest Warden	Personal Services	\$	500.00
	Other Expenses	\$	200.00
Building Commissioner	Personal Services	\$	61,763.00
	Other Expenses	\$	2,700.00
Wiring Inspector	Personal Services	\$	21,884.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,680.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Personal Services	\$	6,215.00
	Other Expenses	\$	400.00
Dog Officer	Personal Services	\$	11,615.00
	Other Expenses	\$	1,860.00
Parking Collection	Other Expenses	\$	200.00

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 22

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,540,962.00 for the purpose of funding FY 2010 Unclassified Accounts as follows:

Retirement Fund	\$ 1,678,108.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 145,000.00
Street and Traffic Lights	\$ 118,189.00
General Liability Insurance	\$ 201,400.00

Employee and Retiree Group Health Insurance	\$ 4,078,430.00
Memorial Day Markers & Flags	\$ 2,800.00
Damage to persons & Property	\$ 10.00
Town Report and Meeting Materials	\$ 3,500.00
FICA/Medicare	\$ 305,300.00
Old Firehouse Museum	\$ 6,225.00
South Hadley Historical Commission	\$ 2,000.00

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 31

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 to replace the current MUNIS server.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 32

No motion was offered on this Article.

ARTICLE 34

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to widen the entry to the MESM parking lot, create a drop-off zone at the sidewalk adjacent to the school, and create a new parking lot on the westerly side of the school.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 36

No motion was offered on this Article.

ARTICLE 37

No motion was offered on this Article.

ARTICLE 42

Town Meeting member John Scibak asked for reconsideration of Article 42. Town Moderator reconsidered.

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Sign Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (F) Signs, paragraph 7 - Illumination of Signs to provide standards for approval/disapproval of illumination of signs by adding the following subparagraph “b” to read as follows:
  - c. Adverse to surrounding neighborhood or community. Signs which illuminate more than what is necessary to convey the message or name being promoted or create glare which may impact motorists are generally considered to have an adverse impact on the community. Such adverse impact arises from excessive light pollution. Therefore, in determining whether to approve the illumination of a sign, the Planning Board shall:
    - 1.) consider and minimize the illumination impact of the signage illumination on the surrounding properties; and,
    - 2.) only approve internally-illuminated signs where only the lettering or logo of the enterprise or message being promoted are illuminated; and,
    - 3.) ensure that the illuminated sign does not illuminate adjoining or nearby residential properties or pose a danger to motorists on adjoining or nearby roadways which might arise from glare from the illumination source; and,
    - 4.) not approve exposed or illuminated neon signs; and,
    - 5.) require that illumination sources not illuminate the background or field of a sign except to the extent that the background or field (due to the shape of the sign area) is clearly a logo of the company or enterprise being advertised.

Unanimous Affirmative  
Motion Carries

A true copy attest:

Carlene C. Hamlin  
Town Clerk