

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 21, 2009, 2009
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM
7:00 PM

The Town Moderator, Mr. Edward Ryan, Jr. opened the special meeting at 7:05 PM. There were 77 town meeting members present. Selectboard Chairman Mr. Gregory Sheehan led the body when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ARTICLE 1. The Town voted to rescind the appropriation of \$18,743,096.00 for Support and Maintenance of Schools for FY10 pursuant to Article 9 of the May 9, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and in its place voted to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of **\$18,441,790.00**, and transfer the sum of \$148,000.00 from available funds in the Treasury for a total of **\$18,589,790.00**, a net reduction of \$153,306.00.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Support
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 2. The Town voted to rescind the action taken pursuant to Article 10 of the May 9, 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for wage and merit increases and in its place voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of **\$64,459.00**, transfer the sum of \$3,003.00 from the Landfill Enterprise Fund, transfer the sum of \$7,634.00 from the Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund, and transfer the sum of \$858.00 from the Cable Studio Account, for a total of **\$75,954.00**.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Support
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 3. The Town voted to rescind the portion of its vote under Article 12 (Protection of Persons and Property) of the May 12, 2009 Annual Town Meeting as it pertained to the amount appropriated for the Police Personal Services line item and in its place, voted to reduce that amount (\$1,997,549.00) by the sum of **\$30,000.00** for a new total of \$1,967,549.00 thereby reducing the total amount appropriated under Article 12 of the May 12, 2009 Annual Town Meeting to **\$2,432,497.00**.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Support
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 4. The Town voted to rescind that portion of its vote under Article 22 (Unclassified Accounts) of the May 12, 2009 Annual Town Meeting as it pertained to the amount appropriated for the Unemployment Compensation line item and in its place voted to reduce that amount (\$145,000.00) by the sum of \$95,000.00 for a new total of

\$50,000.00, and thereby reducing the total amount appropriated under Article 22 of the May 12, 2009 Annual Town Meeting to **\$6,445,962.00**.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Support
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 5. The Town voted to transfer from the FY10 Conservation Personnel Services Account to the Conservation Other Expense Account the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the purpose of reallocation of funds.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 6. The Town voted to transfer from the Treasury the sum of **\$16,400.00** for the purpose of funding the FY10 collective bargaining agreement for the South Hadley Department of Public Works.

Free Cash	\$9,829.00
Landfill Enterprise	\$ 812.00
Waste Water Enterprise	\$5,759.00

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 7. The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$8,100.00** for the purpose of purchasing the Treasury Management module for MUNIS to support the Treasurer's office.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 8. The Town voted to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the purpose of conducting a pay survey.

Appropriation Committee – Did not support
Motion defeated

ARTICLE 9. The Town voted to transfer from free cash available the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the purpose of funding the two additional Senate elections.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 10. The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of **\$8,000.00** for the purpose of making upgrades to the sound and broadcast system of Town Hall auditorium and the Cable Studio.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 11. The Town voted to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserves Account the sum of **\$2,000.00** to Ambulance Other Expenses for the purpose of paying anticipated expenses related to the collection of ambulance fees.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimous Affirmative
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 12. The Town voted to establish a Town Meeting Electronic Communication Advisory Committee, comprised of 5 Town Meeting members, who will be appointed by the Town Moderator to ensure that electronic communication to Town Meeting members is effective and efficient.

Appropriations Committee – Unanimously Support
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carried

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:37 PM.

A true copy, Attest:



Carlene C. Hamlin
Town Clerk