

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
Special Fall Town Meeting
November 9, 2010
Town Hall Auditorium 7:00 PM

The Town Moderator, Edward Ryan announced the presence of a quorum with 96 Town Meeting Members in attendance. The total number of Town Meeting Members was 117 with a quorum of 59. The Special Fall Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the town hall auditorium. Town Clerk, Carlene Hamlin certified quorum and Town Moderator waived the greetings to the body. The Moderator appointed Peter Gagne and Dale Johnston as tellers. All materials and power point presentation are included with these minutes. The body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 1.

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$750,000 dollars for a feasibility study/schematic design to determine whether to renovate, add and renovate or replace the Plains School, located at 267 Granby Road, South Hadley, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the South Hadley Selectboard, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Majority vote
Motion carries

ARTICLE 3.

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$723,000 for the purpose of acquiring land and buildings from Holyoke Water Power Company (HWP), a wholly owned subsidiary of Northeast Utilities (NU), on both sides of the street at the intersection of Main and Canal Streets in South Hadley and further that the portion of the land on the south side of Main and Canal Street be used as the future site of the new Town library, and to meet said appropriation the Town with the approval of the South Hadley Selectboard be authorized to borrow said sum under Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and/or authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire the same from Holyoke Water Power Company (HWP)/Northeast Utilities.

App. Comm. - 4 in favor, 1 opposed 1 abstention
2/3 majority vote
66 in favor – 28 against
Motion passes

ARTICLE 2.

A motion was given and seconded that the body discuss Article 2 and Article 3 together. Motion passed. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to vote Article 3 before Article 2. Motion passed on a stand up count.

The Town voted to accept the preliminary design for the South Hadley public Library building, contingent on the receipt of a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program grant, as presented by the Library Board of Trustees.

Majority vote
Motion carries

ARTICLE 4.

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$51,500 from the Ledges Farm Tax Account and \$20,000 from the Conservation Land Fund, for a total of \$71,500.00, for the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on approximately 100 acres of farmland belonging to Stephen D. McCray off Alvord Street (a portion of Map 42, Parcel 1) and authorize the Treasurer to accept gifts, bequests, and grants from individuals, groups and corporations for the purpose of acquiring this APR restriction.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
2/3 vote required – Unanimous affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 5.

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to acquire, jointly with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on 100 acres of farmland belonging to Stephen D. McCray off Alvord Street (a portion of Map 42, Parcel 1).

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

Moderator moved to Article 13

ARTICLE 6.

The Town voted to accept a 20-foot wide easement for drainage purposes across land owned by James J. Moore and Alice M. Moore located at 16 Berwyn Street, also known as Assessor's Map 27, Parcel 44, and further, that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,500 from the Infiltration & Inflow Mitigation project monies for purchase of said easement.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 7.

The Town voted to accept a 20-foot wide easement for drainage purposes across land owned by Joseph C. and Juliette P. Quenneville located at 20 Leahey Avenue, also known as Assessor's Map 41, Parcel 30, and further, that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,500 from the Infiltration & Inflow project monies for purchase of said easement.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 8.

The Town voted to rescind the appropriation of \$18,939,853.00 for Support and Maintenance of Schools for FY11 pursuant to Article 8 of the May 8, 2010 Annual Town Meeting and in its place vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$18,692,347.00 and transfer the sum of \$100,661.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$18,793,008.00, a net reduction of \$146,845.00, for the Support and Maintenance of Schools for FY 11.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 9.

The Town voted to transfer from the Town Hall Personnel Services account the sum of \$19,006.00, from the Police Department Personnel Services account the sum of \$9,464.00 and from the Group Health Insurance account the sum of \$2,415.00 for a total of \$30,885.00, to the Town Hall Other Expense budget for the purpose of covering the new custodial service contract.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 10.

The Town voted to transfer \$856.00 from the FY 2011 Library Personnel Services Account to the Library Other Expense Account for the purpose of reallocating funds.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 11.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$13,062.00, to replenish the Reserve Fund for a transfer made to the Liability Insurance Account, and that the Town also transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Liability Insurance Account.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 12.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00, and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000.00, for a total of \$75,000.00, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Veterans Services Budget for FY 2011.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 13.

The Town voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$200,000.00, for the purpose of preparation of a preliminary design and bid specifications for replacement of the Town Hall roof and for actual replacement of the roof.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 14.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$32,214.00 to be expended under the direction of the Selectboard for the cost of an investment grade energy audit to be conducted by Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purpose of developing an energy infrastructure and renewable energy program under which the Town would purchase infrastructure improvements including but not limited to heating and ventilation, lighting and controls, energy management systems, insulation, equipment, materials and supplies for Town owned buildings, under which program funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from grants, rebates and savings derived from energy conservation measures, for a period of up to a twenty (20) year Energy Savings Performance Contract between the Town and Siemens Energy, Inc.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 15.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an investment grade energy audit agreement as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the previous Article.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 16.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000.00 for zoning bylaw review and revisions and for design review assessment.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 17.

NO MOTION

ARTICLE 18.

The Town voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a local meals excise tax.

Appropriation Committee – 5 voted in favor 1 against
Majority vote
Motion carries

ARTICLE 19

The Town voted to transfer from the FY 2011 Selectboard Personnel Services budget the sum of \$2,000.00 to a special account for the purpose of funding programs and services of the South Hadley Youth Commission.

Appropriation Committee – voted unanimously to support the article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 20.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$167,400.00, and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account, the sum of \$48,300.00, for a total of \$215,700.00, to settle ongoing contract negotiations with the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO).

Appropriation Committee – 3 in favor – 3 against
Majority vote
Motion carries

Moderator called for motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded.

Meeting ended at 10:40 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest



Carlene C. Hamlin
Town Clerk