

**Town of South Hadley
Annual Town Meeting
May 14, 2011**

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Mr. Edward Ryan, Jr. at 9:07AM in the town hall auditorium. There were 86 town meeting members present. After greetings were delivered by the Moderator the members pledged allegiance to the flag. Joan Rosner received the Lion's Club Citizen of the Year Award. All newly elected Town Meeting Members were sworn in. A review of the how the meetings would proceed was reviewed and Mr. Ryan appointed Dale Johnston and Larry Dubois as tellers. A statement was read by the Chair of Appropriation Committee Tom Terry. He spoke to the body on the financial state of affairs.

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, 2011, 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 2012, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

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 2012 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 5.

The Town voted to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 6.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 7.

The Town voted to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 8.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$19,252,563.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 9.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,653,492.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – no recommendation
Majority vote
Motion carries

ARTICLE 10.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,479,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 11.

The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$26,378.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 12.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,289,338.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 13.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,005.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways in FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 14.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$315,018.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 15.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$215,300.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2012 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 16.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$510,417.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2012 or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 17.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$12,350.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 18. The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$28,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2011 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 19.

The Town voted to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$78,306.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 20.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$6,842,253.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding FY 2012 Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 21.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$112,984.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

Lunch break 1:00PM – Meeting convened at 2:00PM

Town Moderator reappointed Ira Brezinsky, Rick Constant and Andy Beaudry to Appropriations Committee for a three year term.

ARTICLE 22.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,437,377.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 23.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 24.

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$396,673.00, and transfer from the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$499, 180.00 totaling \$895,853.00 for the operation of the Ledges Golf Club for FY 2012.

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 25.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$900.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 26.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 27.

The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the revaluation of real property.

Motion Fails

ARTICLE 28.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Sewer Fund the sum of \$200,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the following capital projects, or take any other action relative thereto:

- a. \$150,000.00 to repair the concrete surface in the aerator tanks at the Waste Water Treatment Plant;
- b. \$50,000.00 for work needed to abandon the Sycamore Knolls Pump Station, including excavation and removal of underground sewage piping and realignment of remaining piping, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 29.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$155,194.00, and transfer from free cash \$4,806.00 for funding the following capital projects:

- a. \$20,000 to purchase a new vibratory roller compactor for the DPW
- b. \$50,000.00 to replace floor tiles at Mosier School
- c. \$25,000.00 to replace floor tiles at the High School
- d. \$40,000.00 to replace the freezer/cooler at Mosier School
- e. \$25,000.00 to purchase a computerized point of sale system for school meal programs

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 30.

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 2012 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 2012 for the purpose of providing for programs, activities, maintenance and related administrative costs related to the Parks operations.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 31.

The Town did not vote to amend Section 801 of the General Bylaws to prohibit the use of ATV's on commercial/industrial property for recreational purposes.

Motion Failed

ARTICLE 32.

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to petition the Legislature to enact legislation which would seek to extend the geographical limits of Fire District #2 in South Hadley to conform with boundaries of the Town of South Hadley in the area of the northern end of District #2 by annexation or take any other action relative thereto; provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 33.

The Town did not vote to amend the General Bylaws to add a section prohibiting commercial traffic on Old Lyman Road except for the purpose of making a delivery.

Motion Failed

ARTICLE 34.

The Town voted to transfer from Dog License Fees in the Treasury the sum of \$5,550.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of purchasing the Animal License module for MUNIS to support the Clerk's office, or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee – supported this article
Unanimous Affirmative
Motion carries

ARTICLE 35.

The Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to take such actions as may be required to enter the Town into membership with the Hampshire Council of Governments. 1) The Town of South Hadley commits to belong to Hampshire Council of Governments for a minimum of three years, 2) The effective date of membership shall be the first day of FY2012, pending a two-thirds

affirmative vote of acceptance of the councilors of the Hampshire Council of Governments, and
3) The Town of South Hadley agrees to be bound by the Hampshire Council of Governments
Charter and administrative code, and all amendments thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

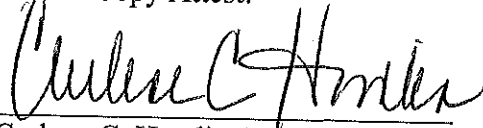
ARTICLE 36.

The Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D providing for a
municipal board or commission member who was absent from an adjudicatory hearing to vote on
the matter, or take any other action relative thereto.

Unanimous Affirmative
Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30P.M.

A True Copy Attest:



Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk