

**Town of South Hadley**  
**Special Town Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2011**

**The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Mr. Edward Ryan, Jr. at 7:00PM in the town hall auditorium. There were 51 town meeting members present. After a brief discussion the meeting was reconvened to November 10, 2011 due to lack of a quorum. On November 10<sup>th</sup> the Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Mr. Edward Ryan at 7:04PM in the town hall auditorium. There were 69 Town Meeting Members Present, quorum was 61. Greetings were delivered by the Moderator and the members pledged allegiance to the flag. A review of the how the meetings would proceed was reviewed and Mr. Ryan appointed John Gerry L Paul and Dale Johnson as tellers. A moment of silence was given in memory of Anthony Farnum who passed away November 2, 2012. Chair of Appropriation Committee Tom Terry was absent and Priscilla Mandrachia was appointed spokesperson for the Committee.**

**ARTICLE 1**

The Town voted to rescind the appropriation of \$895,853.00 for the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Budget for FY 12 pursuant to Article 24 of the May 14, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and in its place voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$552,526.00 and transfer from the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$343,327.00 totaling \$895,853.00, for the operation of the Ledges Golf Club for FY 12.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Majority Vote – Motion carried

**ARTICLE 2**

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$79,739.00, for the purpose of funding the FY 2011 Retained Earnings deficit of the Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Majority Vote – Motion carried

ARTICLE 3

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$39,982.00, for the purpose of paying Meadowbrook Golf for services rendered to the Ledges Golf Course during FY11.

Appropriation Committee – 3 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention

Majority Vote – Motion carried

ARTICLE 4

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$8,000.00, to the Liability Insurance Account for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Liability Insurance Account for FY 2012.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Unanimous Affirmative – Motion carried

ARTICLE 5

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$29,530.00, to replenish the Reserve Fund.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Unanimous Affirmative - Motion carried

## ARTICLE 6

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$14,180.00, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Elections budget.

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Unanimous Affirmative - Motion carried

## ARTICLE 7

The Town voted to transfer from the Cable Studio Account, the sum of \$25,000.00, for the purchase of remote production equipment for live broadcast from Town Hall.

Appropriation Committee unanimously supported this article

Capital Planning Committee unanimously supported this article

Unanimous Affirmative - Motion carried

## ARTICLE 8

The Town voted to transfer from the Landfill Enterprise Fund Balance, the sum of \$3,713.78, for the payment of unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year for the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Appropriation Committee – unanimously supported this article

Unanimous Affirmative - Motion carried

ARTICLE 9

The Town voted to amend the Town Bylaw Section 200 as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of the first sentence of Section 200, the annual election of Town Officers for the year 2012 shall be held on March 6, 2012 and further that the effective date for the new term of office to which a candidate may be elected shall only commence after they take the oath of office but sooner than the first Tuesday in April 2012. This amendment shall be effective for the annual town election for 2012 only with the current bylaw to be followed thereafter.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 10

The Town vote to amend Section 7, Subpart (D) of the Zoning By-Law in regard to Agricultural, Horticultural and Floricultural uses, particularly keeping of poultry in the Residence A-1 Zoning District, to allow keeping of chickens in said zoning district.

Planning Board unanimously recommended

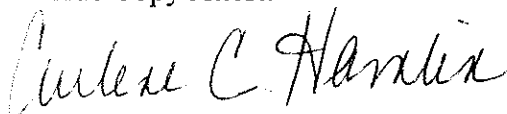
Standing count

49 in favor -17 opposed

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

A True Copy Attest:



Carlene C. Hamlin