

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
October 13, 2009**

Pursuant to the within warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately held at the Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road was called to order Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:33 P.M. by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley. There were fifteen voters present.

Article 1. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$5,000** to the ¾ Ton Pick-up truck account for the water department to be added to the \$27,000 voted at the April 28, 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$24,000** to pay the tuition and transportation costs of a Smith Vocational Student.

Article 3. Motion was made as follows and seconded,

Joyce Palmer Fortune moved that the town vote to accept G. L. c. 64L, §2(a) to impose a local meals excise tax of .75 percent.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Stephen Kloc, Jr. speak at the meeting. Vote was taken and carried to allow Mr. Kloc to speak.

Mr. Kloc was concerned that the increase in meals tax will further hurt his business and the tips that his staff receive. The down turn in the economy has already affected his business and this added tax will only make things worse.

Residents were concerned about yet another tax. Selectmen responded that the State is allowing the towns to increase their revenue streams by this method. Next year is likely to be another tough year. This may keep employees from losing their jobs. Mr. Williams felt that there are other ways to cut budgets such as lowering the percentage of health insurance that the town pays for its employees to make up for this small revenue stream.

Lynn Sibley moved the question. This motion passed.

Original motion was brought to a vote and did not pass.

Article 4. Motion was made as follows and seconded,

Jonathan Edwards moved that the town vote to amend its local room occupancy excise under G. L. c 64G, § 3A from 4 percent to the rate of 6 percent.

Residents also objected to this additional tax for the same reasons as Article 3.

Motion was brought to a vote and did not pass.

Article 5. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town amend Article 7 of the April 28, 2009 Annual Town Meeting regarding the omnibus budget by lowering the Elementary Roof long term debt line item from **\$86,200** to **\$65,900.94**.

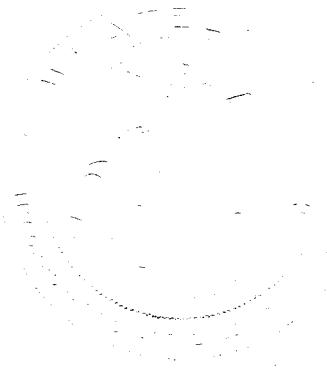
Article 6. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$2,500** to a Special Elections account to cover the costs of two special elections in FY 2010.

Motion was made to dissolve this meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the vote was carried.

A true record,

Attest:


Lynn M Sibley, CMC, CMMC
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Town Clerk of Whately