

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
March 14, 2016**

Pursuant to the recorded warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately held at the Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane was called to order Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Richard Smith. Town Clerk, Lynn Sibley, read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$9,940** to be added to Account # 001-192-5400, Town Building Operations, to pay the expenses related to the upgrade of the HVAC software at the new Sandy Lane Town Office Building.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

Clerk's note: Money was provided by Western Mass Regional Library System at the time of the purchase of the building but rolled into Free Cash.

ARTICLE 2: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$8,000** to pay for the cost of meeting room chairs, tables, and furnishings at the new Sandy Lane Town Office Building.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 3: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$3,960** to be added to Account #001-192-5400, Town Building Operations, to pay for the cost of necessary roof repairs at the new Sandy Lane Town Office Building.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 4: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$26,939** to account # 501-300-4540, to restore the balance of the Elementary School Circuit Breaker Grant Account.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

Clerk's Note: DOR enforced a rule this year that had not been enforced in the past that all unused Circuit Breaker Grant money be turned back to the town if it had not been used. This article transfers the money back to the school and will used to fund a salary for FY16.

ARTICLE 5: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$5,000** to fund a salary survey and study of the Town's current salaries, job descriptions, and personnel policies.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 6: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$15,000** for electrical upgrades and safety improvements at the Highway Garage.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

Clerk's note: It was suggested that the town look into various energy programs such as Mass Save.

ARTICLE 7: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$7,000** for additional unemployment insurance, to be added to account #001-913-5400.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 8: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from account number 001-1230-212, (the FY 2012 Overlay account), the following sums: **\$631.12**, to account number 001-1230-204 (FY 2004 Overlay account), **\$377.72** to account number 001-1230-205 (FY 2005 Overlay account), and **\$315.56** to account number 001-1230-207 (FY 2007 Overlay account).

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 9: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$151.75** for payment of a prior fiscal year electric bill of the Police Department.

9/10 vote required

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative
Vote was unanimous

ARTICLE 10: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash), the sum of **\$23.09** for the cost of outstanding postage receipts from the prior fiscal year (FY2015), said sum to be added to the Treasurer-Collector expense account #001-145-5400.

9/10 vote required

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative
Vote was unanimous

ARTICLE 11: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town release its rights in the easement granted to the inhabitants of the Town of Whately by easement deed dated August 24, 2009 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 5783, Page 327.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

Clerk's Note: This easement refers to a water easement at Pine Plains Estates.

ARTICLE 12: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings (Free Cash), the sum of **\$16,400** for the debt service payment on the water meter installations for the fiscal year 2016.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings (Free Cash), the sum of **\$15,000** to pay expenses related to Manganese management.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings (Free Cash), the sum of **\$1,650** to pay for expenses related to excavations needed for water line repairs and installations.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings (Free Cash), the sum of **\$11,000** to pay for the additional expenses related to water meter replacements and installations.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings (Free Cash), the sum of **\$6,500** to be added to account #610-450-5110, to cover the additional unforeseen expenses in the Water Commissioner salary account for the balance of FY16.

Moderator declared the vote passed in the affirmative

Motion was made to adjourn without date at 7:33 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest:

Lynn M. Sibley, MMC, CMMC
Town Clerk of Whately