

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
February 10, 2015**

Pursuant to the recorded 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, February 10, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Paul Fleuriel, Jr. There were 67 voters in attendance. Town Clerk, Lynn Sibley, read the return of the warrant. The Moderator reminded the audience that only registered voters from Whately were allowed to speak.

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$9000** to be added to Account # 001-122-5100 Selectmen's Expenses to pay for salary and other related expenses for the town administrator search.

Motion Carried in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$370.00** to Account # 001-220-5400 Fire Department Expenses to pay for FY 14 electric bills.
(9/10th vote required)

Motion passed unanimously

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$3000.00** to be added to Account #001-913-5400 Unemployment Insurance to pay for the unemployment of town employees.

Motion carried in the affirmative

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Water Enterprise Free Cash the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to Account #610-450-5400 Water Department Operations for J.S. Rae to put service under Chestnut Plain Road for a resident.

Motion carried in the affirmative

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Water Enterprise Free Cash the sum of **\$1,282.50** to be added to Account #610-450-5400 Water Department Operations for Berkshire Engineering work on the manganese issue.

Motion carried in the affirmative

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Water Enterprise Free Cash the sum of **\$1,233.62** to be added to Account #610-450-5400 Water Department Operations for payment of the Hampshire Power invoice.

Motion carried in the affirmative

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$3,008.00** to be added to Account #001-541-5400 Council on Aging Expenses for payment of the increased assessment for the South County Senior Center to the Town of Deerfield.

Motion carried in the affirmative

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion made and seconded and a short period of discussion, it was

Voted that the Town borrow the sum of **\$71,400.00** for the purchase of new water meters, with the principal and interest to be paid by the Water Enterprise Fund, and authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, §7 (9), or any other general or special law, for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Moderator declared a clear 2/3rds vote per his authority.

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion made and seconded and a period of discussion, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from free cash a sum **\$50,000.00** to develop cost estimates for conceptual designs of the options resulting from the outcome of the Town Office facilitation process.

Motion carried in the affirmative. There was one vote opposed.

Clerk's Note: There was some discussion on what was expected for the deliverables for this money. Selectmen answered that they were expecting conceptual but not bid-ready designs and cost estimates for the main choices identified in the facilitation process; the Western Mass Regional Library Building and a downsized project at the Town Hall either for town offices or for community purposes. The facilitation process also identified what the residents were most willing to pay for the projects. This will help in creating the conceptual drawings. There was also some discussion on identifying revenue from the possible sale of the DiMaio restaurant property, Center School and/or Town Hall. These figures can be used for a cost/benefit analysis of all the options. Operating costs for the various options will also need to be considered.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to adjourn this Special Town Meeting at 7:38. The Moderator thanked everyone for the respectful way the meeting was conducted.

A true copy,

Attest:

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