

Copy of vote taken at Special Town Meeting December 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Moderator John Bowen. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk Denise MacAloney.

Lorraine Emerson, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee gave a final report on this past year's events and extended a thank you to all who assisted in the celebration. A presentation of a quilt made by Jessica Leger and containing the signatures of town officials serving on the boards and committees during this year of celebration was made to the Board of Selectmen.

Newly elected Laila Michaud was introduced and welcomed. Citations from the State House and Senate were read and presented to Lois Luniewicz, retired chairman of the Conservation Commission for her many years of dedication and service to the Town of Westminster.

An affirmative vote was taken at this time to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 15, which allows the Moderator to dispense with a count in matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute, where the vote is unanimous or clearly overwhelming at this Special Town Meeting.

The votes taken are as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Voted to amend the amounts appropriated for various departmental budgets under Article 8 of the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, as follows:

Department #	Department/Account Name	Increase/(Decrease)
114	Moderator – Salary	(-100)
122	Selectmen-Stipends	(-900)
131	Advisory Board – Expenses	(-1,200)
132	Reserve Fund – Expenses	+22,000
141	Assessors – Stipends	(-1,972)
141	Assessors – Expenses	(-450)
147	Treasurer/Collector – Expenses	(-1,000)
152	Personnel Administration – Expenses	(-1,170)
155	Data Processing – Expenses	(-1,000)
161	Town Clerk – Expenses	(-1,700)
172	Town Planner – Salaries	(-20,000)
192	Public Buildings – Salaries	(-2,000)
192	Public Buildings – Expenses	(-500)
199	Crocker Pond – Expenses	(-2,970)
210	Police/Dispatch – Salaries	(-29,000)
220	Fire – Salaries	(-17,996)
220	Fire – Expenses	(-8,000)
241	Building Department – Salaries	(-11,375)
294	Tree Warden – Salary	(-1,000)
422	Highway – Salaries	(-2,500)
422	Highway – Expenses	(-12,500)
510	Board of Health – Salaries	(-1,530)
541	Council on Aging – Expenses	(-1,000)
544	Veterans’ Assistance – Expenses	(-5,000)
610	Library – Salaries	(-1,000)
610	Library – Expenses	(-4,000)
630	Parks and Recreation – Expenses	(-2,500)
914	Group Health Insurance – Expenses	(-25,000)
915	Group Life Insurance – Expenses	(-2,000)
	TOTAL	(-137,363)

Further, that the total appropriation for Article 8 of the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting be reduced by \$137,363 for a revised total of \$16,977,556, and to meet this revised appropriation as follows:

Raise and appropriate \$16,753,425

Transfer \$141,814 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account, with any unused balance from this transfer reverting to that account at the end of the fiscal year (as previously voted at the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting).

Transfer \$3,000 from the Wetlands Filing Fees Account, with any unused balance from this transfer reverting to that account at the end of the fiscal year (as previously voted at the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting).

Transfer \$2,346 from the balance remaining in Acct. #01.220.125.5871.09 (Fire Dept. Car 1 replacement)

Transfer \$645 from the balance remaining in Acct. #01.220.131.5871.08 (Fire Dept. E5 purchase)

Transfer \$27,975 from the balance remaining in Acct. #01.123.121.5400.09 (Public Buildings Dept. supplemental utilities article)

Transfer \$10,851 from the balance remaining in Acct. #01.610.302.5380.08 (Library relocation article)

Transfer \$37,500 from the balance remaining in Acct. #01.210.117.5871.10 (Police Dept. cruiser)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,552 to retroactively compensate two police officers for corrected wages owed.

ARTICLE 3. Passed Over (to transfer \$30,000 from Free Cash to increase the Outside Police Detail Account.)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of a used pickup truck and related equipment for the Maintenance Department, and to meet that appropriation, transfer said amount from the Capital Equipment and Improvements Stabilization Account; said sum to be spent under the direction of the Town Coordinator.

(2/3 vote required)

2/3 affirmative vote recognized (MGL Ch 39, Sect 15)

ARTICLE 5. Voted that the sum of \$525,000 is hereby appropriated to pay expenses incurred as a result of the December 2008 Ice Storm Emergency, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

(2/3 vote required)

2/3 affirmative vote recognized (MGL Ch 39, Sect 15)

ARTICLE 6. Did not carry (To transfer \$50,000 from free cash to the Stabilization Fund.)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to pass over this article (transfer to Information Technology & Telecommunications Stabilization Fund)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to pass over this article (transfer to Capital Equipment and Improvements Stabilization Fund)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to pass over this article (transfer from free cash to Building Maintenance and Repair Stabilization)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to transfer \$590,000 from free cash to balance the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. MacAloney, CMMC/MMC
Town Clerk