

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

Three (3) Constables for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

Question #1

Shall the Town of Stoneham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to:

- Remodel the Stoneham Arena;
- Remodel and Furnish the Senior Center;
- Construct the Par 3 Golf Course;
- Remodel the Unicorn Pro Shop/Golf Course;
- Repair and Replace the DPW Building Roof;
- Construct the Town Common/Public Parking Lot;
- Construct and Remodel the Police Station;
- Improve the Town Drainage System;
- Purchase Street Lights;
- Improve Drainage at Elm Street and Franklin Street;
- Repair and Replace the East School Boiler;

Refurbish Fire Engine #4;
Purchase Police Cruisers (May 8, 2003 Annual Town Meeting);
Purchase Police Cruisers (October 24, 2005 Special Town Meeting);
Repair and Replace the Middle School and the High School Doors; Repair and Replace the High School and the Middle School Roof; Repair and Replace Ceiling Tiles, Plexiglas Windows, the Electrical System and the Heating System at the Middle School and High School; Repair and Replace the Middle School Boiler (October 27, 2003 Special Town Meeting, May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting, and May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting);
Construct, Reconstruct and Repair the Sidewalks;
Purchase a Fire Pick-up Truck;
Improve the Fire Station Ventilation System; and
Repair the High School Bleachers (October 24, 2005 Special Town Meeting and May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting)?

YES _____
NO _____

Question #2
Non-Binding Public Advisory Question

Should the Board of Selectmen vote to continue the current trash fee for Fiscal Year 2007, (July, 2006 – June, 2007)? The annual trash fee is \$150 per dwelling unit (\$100 for senior citizens who qualify for a real estate tax exemption) and includes the cost of a Stevens Street recycling sticker that otherwise has a \$20 cost. The trash fee results in approximately Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) in revenue to pay for trash pick-up, recycling and disposal. Residents (dwelling units) who have secured an alternative disposal means are not required to pay the trash fee.

YES _____
NO _____

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the **Town Hall** at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 1, 2006, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 275 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:36 PM. Moderator Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2006/2007 fiscal year as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$56,773

**Jeanne E. Craigie 53 Duncklee Avenue made an amendment to article 4 as follows:
Move to approve the expenditure of salaries for fiscal year 2006/2007 for
elected officials & Town Boards where applicable.**

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200 each
Board of Selectmen	\$0 (Reduce by \$15,000)
Town Clerk	\$56,773

Total new appropriation \$60,573.

*During discussion of article on Town Meeting floor, Carol Feke 25 Oak Street mentioned Moderator Michael Rotondi's budget and he stepped down as Moderator for the remainder of discussion and vote on the article. Motion was made and seconded for Ron Fiore 7 Arlene Avenue to act as Temporary Moderator- Passes Unanimous by Town Meeting body. Town Clerk John Hanright sworn in Mr. Fiore.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Amendment
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered
Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Main Motion as Amended
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaws, amending Section 4.1.3.1 by adding the following sentence at the end of said Section: "An area of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the net floor area of a public building may be used for a non-public office use(s)."

Section 4.1.3.1, as amended would read as follows:

4.1.3 *Uses Permitted in All Districts:*

4.1.3.1 Public Building or use, but not including a correctional institution or a mental hospital. An area of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the net floor area of a public building may be used for a non-public office use(s).

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaws, amending Section 4.1.3.1 by adding the following sentence at the end of said Section: “An area of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the net floor area of a public building may be used for a non-public office use(s).”

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4.1.3.1 Public Building or use, but not including a correctional institution or a mental hospital. An area of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the net floor area of a public building may be used for a non-public office use(s).

Passes Unanimous

**Sent to the Attorney General for Approval May 10, 2006*

**Approved by Attorney General August 9, 2006*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land including any appurtenant rights in Fallon Road, a private way, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land. Said parcel of land was acquired by the Town as part of a taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts evidenced in a document recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 12186, Page 621. Said parcel of land is located between Fallon Road and the previous layout of Fallon Road. Said parcel contains 2,608 square feet more or less and is more particularly described as follows:

NORTHERLY: twenty-four and five hundredths (24.05) feet as shown on a plan entitled “The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Stoneham Middlesex County Altered and laid out as a State Highway by the Department of Public Works” dated March 29, 1972, drawn by Frederick Esper R.L.S. and recorded with said Registry as Plan No 350 of 1972;

NORTHEASTERLY: seventy-six and sixty-two hundredths (76.62) feet as shown on said Plan;

SOUTHERLY: forty-one and twenty-five hundredths (41.25) feet by Fallon Road (Not an accepted Town L.O.) as shown on said Plan and

WESTERLY: ninety and seventy-six hundredths (90.76) feet as shown on said Plan.

**Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive**

Article 6. Voted that the Town authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land including any appurtenant rights in Fallon Road, a private way, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land. Said parcel of land was acquired by the Town as part of a taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts evidenced in a document recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 12186, Page 621. Said parcel of land is located between Fallon Road and the previous layout of Fallon Road. Said parcel contains 2,608 square feet more or less and is more particularly described as follows:

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SOUTHERLY: forty-one and twenty-five hundredths (41.25) feet by Fallon Road (Not an accepted Town L.O.) as shown on said Plan and

WESTERLY: ninety and seventy-six hundredths (90.76) feet as shown on said Plan.

Charles Houghton 15 Kimball Avenue made an amendment to Article 6 as follows:

Move to add to the end of the article "And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said land in accordance with applicable law."

Andrew Celentano 64 Newcomb Road made an amendment in addition to Mr. Houghton's amendment to Article 6 as follows:

Move to add to the end of the article "But in no event should it be sold for less than the market value."

**Amendment by Andrew Celentano
Passes per Moderator
Amendment by Charles Houghton
Passes per Moderator
Main Motion as Amended
Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote
Passes Unanimous**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to

a. Authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land no longer needed for school or school related purposes, located between the main driveway of the Stoneham High School and Emerald Court; said property is a portion of No. 152 on Assessors Map 8, between parcel 155 to the South and parcels 153 and 154 to the North containing approximately 13,500 square feet of land, to the Board of Selectmen – all according to the Plan of Lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts” by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as show, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws – for: (i) municipal purposes, including, but not limited to Department of Public Works purposes and/or (ii) for purposes of sale, and

b. Authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator to sell said parcel of land referenced in Subparagraph (a) above in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 7.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes per Moderator**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to pass an act abolishing the Town of Stoneham Retirement Board and transferring all of the responsibilities and duties of the Stoneham Retirement Board to the State [Commonwealth of Massachusetts] Retirement Board. The Town employees will remain employees of the Town and will not become employees of the Commonwealth. The Town will remain liable for any unfunded liability existing as of the date of the transfer, and shall annually reimburse the state board of retirement for the employer’s normal cost, as determined by the actuary, of benefits earned during each year by such Town employees who are members of the state employees’ retirement system. The actuary shall determine such cost as a percentage of the payroll of the Town for such employees based upon the most recent actuarial valuation of the state retirement system. Said

reimbursed amount shall be deposited in the pension reserve fund of the state employees’ retirement system. And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen or its authorized

agents to take any action necessary to carry out this vote. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. **Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature to pass an act regarding the abolition of the Town of Stoneham Retirement Board and the transfer of all of the responsibilities and duties of the Stoneham Retirement Board to the State Board of Retirement. The Town employees will remain employees of the Town and will not become employees of the Commonwealth. The Town will remain liable for any unfunded liability existing as of the date of the transfer, and shall annually reimburse the State Board of Retirement for the employer's normal cost, as determined by an actuary for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of benefits earned during each year by such Town employees who are members of the state employees' retirement system. An actuary for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall determine such cost as a percentage of the payroll of the Town for such employees based upon the most recent actuarial valuation of the state retirement system. Said reimbursed amount shall be deposited in the pension reserve fund of the state employees' retirement system.

Said Act to further provide that the abolition of the Town of Stoneham Retirement Board and the transfer of the responsibilities and duties of said Board to the State Retirement Board shall not occur unless each of the following pre-requisites have been met:

1. The State Board of Retirement or such other appropriate office or division of the State Treasurer's Office has provided the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham with: (i) a complete and detailed estimate of the annual administrative cost that will be charged the Town of Stoneham by the State Board of Retirement and/or the State Treasurer's Office for annually administering the Stoneham retirement system as part of or together with the State Board of Retirement's existing system obligations, and (ii) a written description of how the State Board of Retirement proposes to administer the Stoneham retirement system.

2. An independent actuary, retained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham documents and certifies, in writing, that the administrative cost savings resulting from the transfer of the above referenced responsibilities and duties from the Stoneham Retirement Board to the State Board of Retirement will be equal to or greater than fifty percent (50%) of the administrative costs (not including investment management fees) of the Stoneham Retirement Board as specified in the Board's budget for the fiscal year in which said certification is made; and

3. Subject to the above prerequisites being satisfied, the Board of Selectmen would have to vote to abolish the Stoneham Retirement Board and transfer the responsibilities and duties of the Stoneham Retirement Board to the State Board of

Retirement. Said vote must take place no later than six (6) months after the report of the independent actuary, referenced in subparagraph (2) above.

Said Act to further require the State Treasurer's Office and the State Board of Retirement to provide the information described in subparagraph (1) above to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham in a timely manner and to cooperate with the Town with respect to this matter.

The Board of Selectmen or its authorized agents are authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Fails Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 1 of Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005.

Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

(e) Any member of Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 4, who is a veteran as defined in section 1, shall receive an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 for each year of creditable service or fraction thereof, but the total amount of this additional yearly retirement allowance shall not exceed \$300. This paragraph shall only take effect upon its acceptance by the majority vote of the board of a system, subject to the approval of the legislative body. For purposes of this paragraph, legislative body shall mean in the case of a city the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town the town meeting, in the case of a county the county retirement board advisory council, in the case of a district the district members, in the case of an authority the governing body and in the case of a regional retirement system, the regional retirement board advisory council.

Stoneham Retirement Board

Article 9. **Voted** that the Town accept Section 1 of Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005.

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(e) Any member of Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 4, who is a veteran as defined in section 1, shall receive an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 for each year of creditable service or fraction thereof, but the total amount of this additional yearly retirement allowance shall not exceed \$300. This paragraph shall only take effect upon its acceptance by the majority vote of the board of a system, subject to the approval of the legislative body. For purposes of this paragraph, legislative body shall mean in the case of a city the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town the town meeting, in the case of a county the county retirement board advisory council, in the case of a district the district members, in the case of an authority the governing body and in the case of a regional retirement system, the regional retirement board advisory council.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed \$200,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2006 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed \$200,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2006 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through permit fees charged for field usage at Broadway Park, Recreation Park, Pomeworth Park, East School Field, Colonial School Field, Robin Hood Field, and the High School Field to pay the costs of maintaining these fields, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed \$125,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 which may be made from such fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #11.

Passes per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to lease or rent any or all of the following portions of the second floor of the Stoneham Senior Center (located at 136 Elm Street) for a period of up to ten (10) years: four contiguous (4) rooms totaling approximately seven hundred fifty (750) square feet.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. **Voted** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to lease or rent any or all of the following portions of the second floor of the Stoneham Senior Center (located at 136 Elm Street) for a period of up to ten (10) years: four contiguous (4) rooms (three (3) of the rooms facing west, and the fourth (4th) room facing west and south) of the Senior Center, totaling approximately seven hundred fifty (750) square feet.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes per Moderator**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting office space at the Senior Center to pay the cleaning and maintenance costs of the Senior Center, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2006 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting office space at the Senior Center to pay the cleaning and maintenance costs of the Senior Center, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2006 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Passes Unanimous

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease of up to three (3) years with up to two (2) additional option years (which option(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Town, through its Town Administrator) for the Stoneham Arena's Concessions, Pro Shop, and/or Vending Machines so as to allow a third-party to operate all or any one of these operations for uses which shall include, but not be limited to, those uses currently serving Stoneham residents and organizations, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. **Voted** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease of up to three (3) years with up to two (2) additional option years (which option(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Town, through its Town Administrator) for the Stoneham Arena's Concessions, Pro Shop, and/or Vending Machines so as to allow a third-party to operate all or any one of these operations for uses which shall include, but not be limited to, those uses currently serving Stoneham residents and organizations.

Andrew Celentano 64 Newcomb Road mad an amendment to Article 14 as follows:

Move to add to the end of the article "The Town Administrator assures that at least 3 independent bids are sought and that these bids are not affiliated with any Town employee or member of any Town Board or Committee."

Vote on Amendment
Passes per Moderator
Main Motion as Amended
Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to design and construct a Stoneham sports facility behind the Stoneham (Unicorn) Arena, to include: (i) an indoor facility and field for athletics, sports and related events, including, but not limited to, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey, and (ii) an additional skating facility, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to effectuate said design and construction; or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) to design and construct a Stoneham sports facility behind the Stoneham (Unicorn) Arena, to include: (i) and indoor field and facility for athletics, sports and related events, including, but not limited to, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey, and (ii) an additional skating facility, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to effectuate said design and construction; and to meet this appropriation the Town treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Dan Doherty 124 Forest Street made an amendment to Article 15 as follows:

Move to indefinitely postpone in order to conduct a feasibility study first.

**Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Town Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY07 Budget.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16. Voted that the Town transfer \$550,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY07 Budget.

**Requires 2/3 Vote
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered**

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 PM until Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 7:30 PM.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall on May 4, 2006 and the checklist showed 150 voters were inside the meeting.

Town Meeting was brought to order at 7:38 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

Moderator Michael Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting continued with Article 17.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$60,000 to purchase Firefighter Turnout Gear and Equipment, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to purchase Firefighter Turnout Gear And Equipment; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote
Passes Unanimous**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$30,000 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery by purchasing equipment, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. Voted that the Town transfer and appropriate from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Fund the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery by purchasing equipment.

**Requires Majority Vote
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate from Estimated Water Receipts the sum of Three hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town.

Requires Majority Vote
Passes Unanimous

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate from Estimated Sewer Receipts the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

Requires Majority Vote
Passes Unanimous

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$309,211 to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds account Chapter 291B of the Acts of 2005, Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. **Voted** that the Town appropriate \$309,211 to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds account Chapter 291B of the Acts of 2005, Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure.

Requires Majority Vote
Passes Unanimous

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow \$35,000 to fund additional costs associated with the replacement of wood decking on the High School bleachers as originally approved under Article 12 of the October 24, 2005 Town Meeting.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 22. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to fund additional costs associated with the replacement of wood decking on the High School bleachers as originally approved under Article 12 of the October 24, 2005 Town Meeting; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) under Chapter 44 of the Mass General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote
Passes Unanimous

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow \$215,000 to fund costs associated with the repair and replacement of approximately 20,000 square feet of roofing at the High School.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 23. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000) to fund costs associated with the repair and replacement of approximately 20,000 square feet of roofing at the High School; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000) under Chapter 44 of Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote
Passes Unanimous

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 department budgets approved under Article 23 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 24. **Voted** that the Town transfer the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$297,440) to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 Departmental Budget voted under Article 23 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, and as described in handout entitled "Exhibit A".

Article 24, Exhibit A-Said sum to be transferred as follows:

Increase the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
135	Town Accountant		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Consultant was used instead of Asst Acct
141	Assessors	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	THEA Contract Settled
155	MIS Department		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	New Postage Machine
162	Elections and Registrations		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Election Recount
182	Planning Board/Board of Appeals	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	Staff Turnover and new staff training
241	Building Dept.		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Hired Temp. for employee on sick leave
300	School Department		\$74,940.00	\$74,940.00	Health Insurance Shortfall
398	Minuteman Voc. School		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Tuition for one student
440	Sewer	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	Manhole collapsed/Pump Station Failure
400	DPW	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	Snow & Ice Removal deficit
610	Library		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Utility cost increases
630	Unicorn Recreation	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$65,000.00	Replace emp. on military leave/Utility costs
910	Non Contributory Pension	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	COLA Adjustment
Total FY06 Budget Increases		\$93,500.00	\$203,940.00	\$297,440.00	

Decrease the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
132	Finance Board Reserve Fund		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Reserve Fund Balance
145	Treasurer	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	Employee dropped health ins.
241	Building Dept.	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	Reduced hours of employee on sick leave
440	Sewer		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Lower MWRA Assessment
510	Board of Health	\$16,000.00		\$16,000.00	Vacancy not filled immediately
610	Library	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00	Employee dropped health ins.
710	Debt Service		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	Funds Borrowed at a lower interest rate
919	Unclassified		\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	Health Ins. Savings from increased copays and Health Risk Assessment Survey
Total FY06 Budget Decreases		\$35,500.00	\$187,000.00	\$222,500.00	

Transfer from School Prior Year Encumbrances

\$74,940.00

Total Funds Available for Transfer

\$297,440.00

**Requires Majority Vote
Passes Unanimous**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to pay prior year invoices, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 25. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #25.

**Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Indefinitely Postponed
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 26. **Voted** that the Town raise, transfer from available funds, and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$56,861,008 to defray Town charges including debt and interest and a reserve fund for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; said sum as itemized on “Exhibit A-Spending” and “Exhibit B-Revenues”.

Jeanne E. Craigie 53 Duncklee Avenue made an amendment to article 26 as follows:

**Move to amend the following budget line items as was presented and to
Decrease Dept #918 by \$15,000 and Increase Dept. # 610 Library by \$15,000 to
Operating.**

Article 26

Exhibit A – Spending

Department Budget:	Personnel	Operating	Total
114 Town Moderator	\$5,466	\$0	\$5,466
122 Board of Selectmen	\$61,490	\$14,447	\$75,937
123 Town Administrator	\$297,787	\$78,379	\$376,166
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$78,796	\$78,796
135 Town Accountant	\$167,459	\$3,050	\$170,509
141 Board of Assessors	\$155,439	\$13,325	\$168,764
145 Town Treasurer	\$240,214	\$31,005	\$271,219
151 Town Counsel	\$98,830	\$17,225	\$116,055
155 MIS/GIS	\$7,500	\$57,400	\$64,900
161 Town Clerk	\$145,471	\$5,845	\$151,316
162 Elections & Registrations	\$32,386	\$41,400	\$73,786
172 Whip Hill Park	\$47,867	\$10,950	\$58,817
182 Planning/Appeals Bd./Conservation	\$21,733	\$1,950	\$23,683
192 Public Property Maintenance	\$30,945	\$85,112	\$116,057
210 Police Department	\$3,308,031	\$311,822	\$3,619,853
211 Traffic Directors	\$97,900	\$4,500	\$102,400
212 Dispatchers	\$320,865	\$6,220	\$327,085
220 Fire & Emergency Rescue	\$2,628,785	\$141,659	\$2,770,444
241 Building & Wire Inspections	\$171,979	\$12,600	\$184,579
291 Emergency Management	\$23,920	\$5,050	\$28,970
300 Public Schools		\$22,844,333	\$22,844,333
398 Minuteman Vocational School		\$30,000	\$30,000
399 Northeast Regional Vocational		\$409,762	\$409,762
400 Public Works-Admin./Highway	\$707,529	\$2,213,705	\$2,921,234
440 Sewer Department	\$570,630	\$3,655,395	\$4,226,025
450 Water Department	\$595,496	\$2,775,057	\$3,370,553
510 Public Health Services	\$138,203	\$5,240	\$143,443
541 Council on Aging	\$130,604	\$46,596	\$177,200
543 Veterans Services	\$10,455	\$55,257	\$65,712
610 Library Department	\$587,778	\$160,899	\$748,677
630 Unicorn Golf/Arena	\$409,763	\$617,012	\$1,026,775
710 Mat Debt & Interest		\$5,138,751	\$5,138,751
910 Non Contributory Pension		\$61,768	\$61,768
911 Contributory Pensions		\$4,013,085	\$4,013,085
918 Capital Improvements		\$37,225	\$37,225
919 Unclassified		\$2,826,434	\$2,826,434
920 Non - Departmental		\$35,229	\$35,229
Total Budget	\$11,014,525	\$45,846,483	\$56,861,008

Article 26

Exhibit B - Revenues

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:

Revenue of the Current Year	\$47,738,180
By transfer from the Board of Health Stockwell Fund	\$7,500
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Fund	\$28,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Reserve for Appropriations	\$40,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust Fund	\$10,000
By transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account	\$342,000
By transfer from the Stabilization Fund	\$550,000
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:	
Department #450 Water Department	\$3,370,553
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$12,280
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$16,338
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$3,894
Department #911 Contributory Pensions	\$158,397
Department #919 Unclassified	\$21,373
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:	
Department #440 Sewer Department	\$4,226,025
Department #710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$97,559
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$15,351
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$20,422
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$5,493
Department #911 Contributory Pensions	\$158,068
Department #919 Unclassified	\$39,575
Total Estimated Revenues	\$56,861,008

Motion to Move the Question

Question is Moved

Vote on Amendment

Requires Majority Vote

Amendment Fails

Motion for Hand Count

Yes No

49 81

Amendment Fails

Vote on Main Motion

Requires Majority Vote

Passes Unanimous

Motion to Dissolve.

Town Meeting Dissolved at 8:55 PM.

John J. Hanright, CMC

Town Clerk

