

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

Pursuant to the Selectmen's warrant of March 28, 2006, posted by the Constable on April 20, 2006, the annual town meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Newman at 7:05 p.m. in Hugh Mill Auditorium at Hale School.

The meeting was led in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* by two Destination Imagination teams that will be participating in competitions later in the month in Tennessee. Proclamations on behalf of the Town were presented by Selectman Carole Makary in recognition of their accomplishments. Moderator Newman recited an invocation.

At the request of Mr. Newman, the meeting approved appointment of Elizabeth Painter as Deputy Moderator and Gary Horowitz as Assistant Moderator. The Moderator introduced the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Finance Committee members and other town officials in attendance. Volunteers who assist in setting up and maintaining the sound system and video taping were recognized.

Selectman Chair Edward Perry, Jr. presented resolutions from the Massachusetts House of Representatives to Selectman John Clayton, Jr. and to former Selectmen Kathleen Farrell, Gregory Jones and Douglas Hyde in recognition of their service to the Town in that capacity. Town Administrator William Wrigley presented a House resolution to Mr. Perry. Messrs. Clayton and Perry were not seeking re-election.

On motion of Selectman Edward Perry, it was voted unanimously that the reading of the warrant and return of the constable thereon be waived but made a part of the record of this meeting, and that the Moderator be permitted to refer to each article by subject matter instead of reading each article in its entirety.

ARTICLE 1. Town Officers Not Elected by Ballot

On motion of Selectman John Clayton, it was voted unanimously that the members of the Board of Selectmen be elected to serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. Reports of Selectmen and Other Officers and Committees

On motion of Selectman Stephen Dungan, it was voted unanimously that the reports of the Selectmen and other Town Officers, Boards, Committees and Commissions be accepted as printed in the Town Report for 2005.

ARTICLE 3. Reports of Special Committees

On motion of Selectman Carole Makary, it was voted unanimously that the reports of the Ancient Documents Committee, Cable License Advisory Committee, Charter Review Committee, Community Preservation Committee, General Bylaw Review Committee, Housing Partnership, Local Access Channel Advisory Committee, Master Plan Committee, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Municipal Land Use Committee and School Building Committee be accepted as printed in the Town Report for 2005.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Selectman Janet Wheeler, it was voted unanimously to take the following articles out of the order in the warrant and take action on Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, as said motions are printed in the Consent Calendar, a copy of which has been provided to the voters at this meeting, without debate on any such articles, including the following change: the sum to be moved in Article 25 from the FY2005 Overlay Surplus account is \$25,950.82, and provided that upon the request of any voter at this meeting made before the vote is taken on this motion, an article shall be dropped from the Consent Calendar and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course and order of business at this town meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the articles within the Consent Calendar. The report of the Community Preservation Committee is to be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

ARTICLE 7. Reserve Fund

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006.

ARTICLE 8. Tax Title Proceedings

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for Land Court proceedings for tax taking and land court foreclosure, including costs and legal expenses related thereto, to be expended by the Treasurer-Collector.

ARTICLE 9. Audit of Financial Records

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,800.00 to fund the Town's annual financial audit.

ARTICLE 10. Revolving Fund for Inspection Fees

Voted to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, a revolving fund for certain inspection fees, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, to which shall be credited all permitting fees received for wire, gas, plumbing and fire alarm permits and for weights and measures sealing, to a limit of \$40,000.00 for Fiscal 2007, to be expended by the Selectmen without further appropriation for the purpose of payment of fees to the inspectors administering such permits and reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Town.

ARTICLE 11. Revolving Fund for Advanced Life Support Services

Voted to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, to which shall be credited all fees received for advanced life support services provided by the Town of Stow to a limit of \$40,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2007, to be expended by the Fire Department without further appropriation for the purpose of payment of all costs associated with providing advanced life support services.

ARTICLE 12. Transfer to Conservation Fund

Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Conservation Land Maintenance Account to the Conservation Fund the sum of \$1,100.00, to be expended by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 13. Conservation Fund Addition

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the balance remaining in the Conservation Fund, to be expended by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 14. Transfer from Wetlands Protection Fund

Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Wetlands Protection Fund the sum of \$10,795.00 as an additional appropriation to the Conservation Commission, to be expended by the Conservation Commission in performing its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act.

ARTICLE 15. Update of Property Valuations

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the balance remaining from the amount previously appropriated for the purpose of updating property valuations in the town to full and fair cash value; to be expended by the Assessors.

ARTICLE 16. Town Records Binding and Repair

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be added to any balance previously appropriated for the purpose of binding and repairing town records in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 66, Section 9; to be expended by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 17. Highway Department

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Highway Department purposes, as set forth below:

1. For the Road Machinery Account: the sum of \$32,127.00
2. For repairs on private ways: the sum of \$10,000.00

ARTICLE 18. Federal Safe Drinking Water Act

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation for the purpose of satisfying the compliance requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, in accordance with State regulations; to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 19. Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation, to be expended by the Board of Health for the purpose of providing for household hazardous waste collection.

ARTICLE 20. Emerson Hospital Home Care

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of providing home care services and communicable disease follow-up services to Stow residents.

ARTICLE 21. Solid Waste Disposal Container

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of renting a container and disposing of solid waste which has been dumped on town land and roadsides.

ARTICLE 22. Stow Cultural Council

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriations, to produce cultural activities and programming in Stow, including \$2,000.00 of these funds to be used to support Springfest activities; to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

ARTICLE 23. Planning Board Engineering/Consulting and Master Plan Expenses

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, to be added to any balance and previously appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the Planning Board for Planning Board engineering and consulting services and Master Plan expenses.

ARTICLE 24. Purchase of Information Technology Equipment

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,553.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator for the purchase of computer equipment and software for various town departments; and to authorize the Town Administrator to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of existing equipment in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 25. FY2006 Legal Services

Voted to appropriate from the FY2004 Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$2,361.28, and appropriate from the FY2005 Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$25,950.82, both account balances to be transferred to the Town's FY2006 general Legal account. (total \$28,312.10)

ARTICLE 26. FY2007 Legal Services

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriation, for the purpose of funding the Town's FY2007 Legal Account.

ARTICLE 27. Policemen and Firemen Medical Payments

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated, in anticipation of possible claims presented to the Town under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100 of the General Laws, for the payment of medical and other allowable expenses incurred by police officers or firefighters injured in the performance of and within the scope of duty.

ARTICLE 28. Community Preservation Committee Expenses

Voted to appropriate from FY2007 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues the sum of \$35,000.00 to be expended for wages and expenses associated with the creation, implementation and maintenance of Community Preservation programs, in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to office supplies, clerical assistance, property surveys, appraisals, attorneys' fees and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for Fiscal Year 2007, in accordance with a budget to be prepared for the Town Administrator.

ARTICLE 29. Community Preservation Reserves

Voted to reserve for later appropriation monies collected from Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues for the undertaking of Community Preservation projects:

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| Acquisition and Preservation of Historic Buildings and Landscapes: | \$75,000.00 |
| Acquisition and Preservation of Open Space and Recreation Land: | \$75,000.00 |
| Acquisition and Support of Affordable Housing: | \$75,000.00 |

Report of Community Preservation Committee to Town Clerk:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the two warrant articles submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for the 2006 Stow Annual Town Meeting – appropriating funds for administrative expenses and setting aside the reserves required by law – were unanimously approved by the CPC at a property posted meeting of that committee, with a quorum present, held on March 13, 2006.

===== End of Consent Calendar =====

ARTICLE 4. Wage and Salary Schedules

On motion of Selectman Edward Perry, it was voted unanimously to amend Article 11 of the General Bylaws of the Town, Personnel Administration, by deleting from Section 20.h. the existing Salary Schedules A, B, C, D, E and F and inserting in place thereof new Schedules A, B, C, D, E and F, as printed in the warrant.

**TOWN OF STOW
WAGE & SALARY SCHEDULES
Effective July 1, 2006 (3%)**

**SCHEDULE A
ANNUAL RATE POSITIONS**

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Police Chief | \$65,927 | \$68,325 | \$71,921 | \$77,913 | \$88,132 |
| Supt. of Streets | 58,989 | 62,674 | 66,364 | 70,048 | 73,738 |
| Fire Chief | 58,509 | 60,850 | 64,362 | 70,216 | 76,063 |
| Town Accountant | 54,117 | 57,480 | 60,866 | 64,250 | 67,636 |
| Police Lieutenant | 59,652 | 64,154 | 67,531 | 70,907 | 73,159 |
| Treasurer-Collector | 46,544 | 49,454 | 52,363 | 55,270 | 58,180 |
| Building Inspector | 45,563 | 48,409 | 51,257 | 54,106 | 56,954 |
| Planning, Zoning & Environmental Coord. | 46,153 | 49,039 | 51,922 | 54,811 | 57,696 |
| Library Director | 43,357 | 46,068 | 48,777 | 51,491 | 54,198 |
| Town Clerk | 38,963 | 41,278 | 43,707 | 46,132 | 48,561 |

**SCHEDULE B
HOURLY RATE POSITIONS**

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>GROUP A</u> | | | <u>Maximum</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | |
| Parks & Commons Worker | \$9.90 | \$10.75 | \$11.66 | \$12.51 | \$13.37 |
| Cemetery Worker | 9.90 | 10.75 | 11.66 | 12.51 | 13.37 |
| Custodian | 9.90 | 10.75 | 11.66 | 12.51 | 13.37 |

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>GROUP B</u> | | | <u>Maximum</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | |
| Assistant Town Clerk | \$14.60 | \$15.72 | \$16.89 | \$18.30 | \$19.66 |
| Capital Prog. Comm. Secretary. | 11.24 | 12.09 | 13.00 | 14.08 | 15.13 |

| | <u>GROUP C</u> | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Board of Appeals Secretary | \$15.36 | \$16.73 | \$18.05 | \$19.44 | \$20.76 |
| Town Secretary | 12.09 | 13.17 | 14.21 | 15.31 | 16.36 |
| Highway/Tree/ Grounds Worker | 12.09 | 13.17 | 14.21 | 15.31 | 16.36 |

| | <u>GROUP D</u> | | | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Highway/Tree Grounds Driver- Laborer | \$14.97 | \$15.92 | \$16.85 | \$17.77 | \$18.69 |

| | <u>GROUP E</u> | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Highway Dept. Equipment Operator | \$16.35 | \$17.37 | \$18.38 | \$19.42 | \$20.41 |
| Tree Worker (Moth) | 16.35 | 17.37 | 18.38 | 19.42 | 20.41 |
| Maintenance Person | 16.35 | 17.37 | 18.38 | 19.42 | 20.41 |

| | <u>GROUP F</u> | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Highway Dept. Mechanic | \$17.33 | \$18.34 | \$19.51 | \$20.59 | \$21.65 |
| Crew Chief | 18.03 | 19.08 | 20.29 | 21.41 | 22.52 |

| | <u>GROUP G</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Highway Dept. Foreman | \$19.25 | \$20.46 | \$21.64 | \$22.85 | \$24.03 |

SCHEDULE C
SINGLE RATE POSITIONS PAID ANNUALLY

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Registrar of Voters | \$116 |
| Assistant Registrar of Voters | 233 |
| Animal Control Officer | 14,757 |
| Director of Summerthing | 2,337 |
| Beach Director | 5,035 |
| Cemetery Superintendent | 29,973 |
| Animal Inspector | 3,063 |
| Veterans' Agent | 1,266 |
| Council on Aging Secretary | 810 |

SCHEDULE D
SINGLE RATE POSITIONS PAID HOURLY

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
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| Election Warden | \$8.90 |
| Election Clerk | 8.90 |
| Election Teller | 7.88 |
| Election Clerical Assistance | 7.88 |
| Lifeguard | 9.79 |
| Lifeguard (W.S.I.) | 11.55 |
| Beach Checker | 7.88 |
| Street Lister | 8.50 |
| Street Listing Clerk | 7.88 |
| Street Numberer | 7.88 |
| Per Diem Firefighter (call) | 12.36 |
| Apprentice Firefighter (call) | 11.98 |
| Firefighter (call) | 13.69 |
| Emergency Medical Technician (call) | 13.69 |
| Firefighter/EMT (call) | 14.31 |
| EMT - w/Defib & Epi Pen (call) | 14.94 |
| Firefighter/EMT - w/Defib & Epi Pen (call) | 15.56 |
| Officers - Fire or Medical (call) | 16.82 |
| Police Officer, part-time | 19.14 |

Schedule D (continued)

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| Police Matron | \$16.88 |
| Auxiliary Police Officer | 12.49 |
| Dispatcher, part-time | 12.49 |
| Summerthing Assistants | 7.88 |

SCHEDULE E
FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SINGLE RATES

| <u>Position Title</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Deputy Fire Chief (call) | \$845 |
| Fire Engineer | 732 |
| Fire Captain (call) | 562 |
| Fire Lieutenant (call) | 450 |
| Fire Medical Officer | 338 |
| EMS Quartermaster | 225 |
| EMS Schedule Coordinator | 170 |
| EMS Assistant Coordinator | 282 |
| EMS Records Coordinator | 338 |

An employee who qualifies to receive benefits from the Town's Educational Incentive Program will earn a 5%, 10% or 15% annual bonus above his or her base Step Schedule wage or salary.

SCHEDULE F
FEE RATE POSITIONS

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| Wire Inspector | 90% of fees collected |
| Deputy Wire Inspector | 90% of fees collected |
| Gas Inspector | 90% of fees collected |
| Assistant Gas Inspector | 90% of fees collected |
| Animal Disposal Officer | \$10 per animal |
| Sealer of Weights & Measures | Total fees collected |

Jason Robart of the Finance Committee gave a brief overview of the Town's financial situation and the fact that the budget proposed for FY2007 is presented without a request for Proposition 2-1/2 override.

Robert Wilber of the Community Preservation Committee presented an overview of accomplishment since adoption of the Community Preservation Act in October 2002. The Town has received 100% match from the State of the 3% tax surcharge that resulted in \$1,145,631 to the Town.

Elizabeth Painter of the Charter Review Committee called attention to the annual town election ballot and the eighteen questions, representing amendments to the Charter that the voters are requested to ratify. The amendments were voted at the 2005 annual town meeting and have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's office.

ARTICLE 5. General Budget for Fiscal Year 2007

Selectman John Clayton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,565,614.00, as recommended by the Town Administrator and Selectmen for Items 1 through 74 inclusive, as printed in the warrant under the column entitled, "FY2007 Budget Town Admin/Selectmen Recommended", each item to be considered a separate appropriation for the purposes designated and the same to be expended only for such purposes.

Moderator Newman read off each group of line items. No requests to "hold" for discussion or clarification were forthcoming from the floor. It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,565,614.00 for Items 1 through 74 inclusive.

General Government

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|----|--|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Moderator Salary | \$ | 35.00 |
| 2 | Moderator Expenses | | 43.00 |
| 3 | Selectmen Administrative Asst. Salary | | 40,121.00 |
| 4 | Selectmen Expenses | | 8,611.00 |
| 5 | Town Administrator Salary | | 98,194.00 |
| 6 | Town Administrator Expenses | | 500.00 |
| 7 | Town Building Clerical Wages | | 14,898.00 |
| 8 | Finance Committee Wages | | 3,302.00 |
| 9 | Finance Committee Expenses | | 375.00 |
| 10 | Accountant Salary | | 35,338.00 |
| 11 | Accountant Clerk Salary | | 4,254.00 |
| 12 | Accountant Expenses | | 1,525.00 |
| 13 | Principal Assessor's Salary | | 53,906.00 |
| 14 | Assessors' Clerical Wages | | 50,804.00 |
| 15 | Assessors' Expenses | | 6,600.00 |
| 16 | Treasurer-Collector Salary | | 49,955.00 |
| 17 | Treasurer-Collector Clerical Wages | | 40,636.00 |
| 18 | Treasurer-Collector Expenses | | 37,600.00 |
| 19 | Town Clerk Salary | | 48,561.00 |
| 20 | Town Clerk Other Wages | | 23,067.00 |
| 21 | Town Clerk Expenses | | 12,785.00 |
| 22 | Conservation Commission Wages | | 55,915.00 |
| 23 | Conservation Commission Expenses | | 4,280.00 |
| 24 | Planning Board Wages | | 93,090.00 |
| 25 | Planning Board Expenses | | 4,510.00 |
| 26 | Board of Appeals Wages | | 6,832.00 |
| 27 | Board of Appeals Expenses | | 3,420.00 |
| 28 | Municipal Building & Property Wages | | 23,514.00 |
| 29 | Municipal Building & Property Expenses | | 65,422.00 |
| 30 | Town Reports Expenses | | <u>9,000.00</u> |
| | General Government Total | | \$797,093.00 |

Public Safety

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|----|----------------------------|----|------------|
| 31 | Police Chief Salary | \$ | 88,632.00 |
| 32 | Police & Dispatch Wages | | 950,563.00 |
| 33 | Police & Dispatch Expenses | | 81,430.00 |

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| 34 | Fire Chief Salary | 76,063.00 |
| 35 | Fire & EMS Wages | 393,860.00 |
| 36 | Fire & EMS Expenses | 74,114.00 |
| 37 | Building Inspector Salary | 56,954.00 |
| 38 | Building Dept. Clerical Wages | 15,495.00 |
| 39 | Building Department Expenses | <u>4,975.00</u> |

Public Safety Total \$1,742,086.00

Public Works and Facilities

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| 40 | Supt. of Streets Salary | \$ 70,548.00 |
| 41 | Highways & Grounds Wages | 393,295.00 |
| 42 | Highways & Grounds Expenses | 103,500.00 |
| 43 | Snow & Ice Removal Expense | 100,000.00 |
| 44 | Municipal Lighting | 12,558.00 |
| 45 | Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Expense | 55,000.00 |
| 46 | Cemetery Salary & Wages | 36,134.00 |
| 47 | Cemetery Expenses | <u>5,214.00</u> |

Public Works and Facilities Total \$ 776,249.00

Human Services

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| 48 | Sanitary Agent Wages | \$ 17,471.00 |
| 49 | Health Department Wages | 71,782.00 |
| 50 | Health Department Expenses | 8,000.00 |
| 51 | Council on Aging Executive Director Salary | 43,384.00 |
| 52 | Council on Aging Wages | 55,120.00 |
| 53 | Council on Aging Expenses | 13,811.00 |
| 54 | Veterans' Agent Salary | 1,265.00 |
| 55 | Veterans' Agent Expenses | <u>200.00</u> |

Human Services Total \$ 211,033.00

Culture and Recreation

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| 56 | Library Director Salary | \$ 54,748.00 |
| 57 | Library Wages | 69,101.00 |
| 58 | Library Expenses | 52,929.00 |
| 59 | Recreation Wages | 42,665.00 |
| 60 | Recreation Expenses | 22,150.00 |
| 61 | Lake Boon Commission Wages | 2,745.00 |
| 62 | Lake Boon Commission Expenses | 710.00 |
| 63 | Historical Commission Expenses | 500.00 |
| 64 | Memorial Day Expenses | 950.00 |
| 65 | Lighting of Clock Expenses | <u>100.00</u> |

Culture and Recreation Total \$ 246,598.00

Town-Wide Expenses

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| 66 Educational Incentive | \$ 37,000.00 |
| 67 Group Insurance | 503,850.00 |
| 68 Insurance & Bonds | 114,700.00 |
| 69 Telephone | <u>22,000.00</u> |
| Town-Wide Expenses Total | \$ 677,550.00 |

Education

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| 70 Nashoba Regional School District Assessment | \$11,522,329.00 |
| 71 Minuteman Voc-Tech Assessment | <u>971,371.00</u> |
| Education Total | \$12,493,700.00 |

Debt Service

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| 72 Principal, Long-Term Debt | \$ 1,115,000.00 |
| 73 Interest, Long-Term Debt – Bonds | 503,305.00 |
| 74 Interest, Temporary Loans – Revenue | <u>3,000.00</u> |
| Debt Service Total | \$1,621,305.00 |

TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET.....\$18,565,614.00

ARTICLE 6. Rescission of Borrowing under Article 44 of 2004B

On motion of Selectman Stephen Dungan, it was voted unanimously to rescind the borrowing authority granted under Article 44 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting to purchase an interest in a certain parcel of land between Sudbury Road and White Pond Road, formerly owned by Boston & Maine Railroad, and shown on a plan marked "Land in Stow and Maynard, Mass. Boston and Maine Railroad – to George Morey, JF Kerwin, Asst. Chief Engineer 1961", recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 9920, Page 557, a portion of the so-called Assabet River Rail Trail.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

ARTICLE 7. Reserve Fund : See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 8. Tax Title Proceedings: See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 9. Audit of Financial Records: See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 10. Revolving Fund for Inspection Fees: See Consent Calendar

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ARTICLE 27. Policemen and Firemen Medical Payments: See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 28. Community Preservation Committee Expenses: See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 29. Community Preservation Reserves: See Consent Calendar

ARTICLE 30. Capital Requests

On motion of Selectman Carole Makary, it was voted unanimously to discuss the items of this article individually and vote upon each separately as to the amount to be appropriated for each item, as set forth in separate motions proposed.

ARTICLE 30-1. Cemetery Truck

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,298.00 for the purpose of purchasing a truck for use by the Cemetery Department.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-2. Highway Backhoe

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe for use by the Highway Department.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-3. Police Department Four-Wheel Drive SUV

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a four-wheel drive SUV for use by the Police Department.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-4. Hale School Roof Repair

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of repairing the Hale School roof, for use by the Nashoba Regional School District.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-5. Hale School Air Conditioning

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to take **no action** on this article that had originally sought appropriation of \$125,000.00.

ARTICLE 30-6. Hale School Locker Replacements

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500.00 for the purpose of replacing lockers at the Hale School, for use by the Nashoba Regional School District.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-7. Hale School Kitchen Updates

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,675.00 for the purpose of kitchen updates at the Hale School, for use by the Nashoba Regional School District.

The Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee were in favor.

ARTICLE 30-8. Center School Ceiling Repair

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted by majority to take **no action** on this article that had originally sought appropriation of \$50,000.00. There are existing funds to cover this expenditure.

ARTICLE 30-9. Center School Floor and Ceiling Replacements

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to take **no action** on this article that had originally sought appropriation of \$15,000.00.

ARTICLE 30-10. Pompositticut School Driveway Repair

On motion of Selectman Makary, it was voted unanimously to take **no action** on this article that had originally sought appropriation of \$15,000.00.

ARTICLE 31. New High School Athletic Track

On motion of Selectman John Clayton, it was voted to take **no action** on this article that sought approval of borrowing \$170,000.00 by the Nashoba Regional School District to construct a new athletic track at the high school.

ARTICLE 32. Transfer of Funds to School Building Task Force

On motion of Selectman Stephen Dungan, it was voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$43,258.14 remaining from the various School Building Committee accounts: from the Feasibility account, as established by an affirmative vote on Article 28 at the annual town meeting in May 2002 (**\$931.78*); from the Conceptual Planning account, as established by an affirmative vote on Article 30 at the annual town meeting in May 2004 (**\$19,880.64*); from the Land Exploration account, as established by an affirmative vote on Article 34 at the annual town meeting in May 2004 (**\$11,749.49*); from the Pompositticut Amphitheater account, as established by an affirmative vote on Article 35-3 at the annual town meeting in May 2004 (**\$2,471.74*); and from the Evaluations account, as established by an affirmative vote on Article 36 at the annual town meeting in May 2005 (**\$8,224.49, for a total of \$43,258.14*); and further to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$73,997.00, for a total of \$117,255.14, all for the purpose of funding the work of the School Building Task Force, including but not limited to site evaluations, building upgrades/renovations, new construction, preparation of cost estimates, conceptual plans, and other documents required to submit one or more proposals at a future town meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**NOTE: The figures in italics were not included in the motion and are added for future reference..*

At this point, Deputy Moderator Elizabeth Painter assumed the gavel.

ARTICLE 33. Senior Tax Relief

On motion of Selectman Janet Wheeler, it was voted unanimously to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, as amended by Chapter 136, Section 1 of the Acts of 2005, from eight (8) percent to four (4) percent, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

ARTICLE 34. Senior Tax Relief

On motion of Selectman Edward Perry, it was voted unanimously to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and further to act under the aforesaid statutes to increase by 100 percent the amount of property tax exemption granted to persons who qualify for said exemption under Clauses 17, 17C, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Acts and amendments thereof or additions thereto.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

ARTICLE 35. Land Management Transfer to Conservation Commission

On motion of Selectman John Clayton, it was voted unanimously to take **no action** that sought transfer to the management of the Conservation Commission a 23-acre parcel of land off West Acton Road shown on Stow Property Map R-20 as parcels 31 and 31A.

ARTICLE 36. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Drainage

On motion of Selectman Stephen Dungan, it was voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 3.8.1.9 by deleting subsection 2, so that Section 3.8.1.9 shall read in its entirety as printed in the warrant.

3.8.1.9 Drainage - When a subdivision approval or a Site Plan Approval or a Special Permit is required, drainage shall be designed so that the following conditions shall be met during an after construction and development:

1. Pre-development surface water runoff rates and volumes shall not be increased;
2. - *This subsection deleted at the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting -*
3. Pre-development erosion and sedimentation rates shall not be increased; and
4. No building permit, special permit or subdivision approval shall be granted if these

conditions cannot be met.

Report of the Planning Board re Article 36:

The Planning Board held a duly noticed public hearing on March 21, 2006 in the Stow Town Building to consider the following proposed amendments to the Stow Zoning Bylaw:

Section 3.8.1.9 - This proposed change eliminates the provision that requires there be no increase in groundwater infiltration rates on sites being developed. The loss of annual recharge to groundwater as a result of the proliferation of impervious surfaces has been recognized as a significant problem in the Assabet River Basin. The current language also conflicts with language in the DEP Stormwater Policy Handbook that states that the loss of annual recharge to groundwater should be minimized through the use of infiltration measures to the maximum extent practicable.

At its meeting of March 21, 2006, the Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting ADOPT the proposed amendment to Section 3.8.1.9 by deleting subsection 2, as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 37. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Phasing of Growth

On motion of Selectman Carole Makary, it was voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw Sections 8.6.1.2 and 8.6.1.3 to read in their entirety as printed in the warrant.

8.6.1.2 DWELLING UNITs shall be considered as part of a single development if located either on a single parcel or contiguous parcels of land which have been in the same ownership at any time subsequent to the date of adoption of this Section.

8.6.1.3 All newly authorized residential units for which individual or several building permits have been issued pursuant to the Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR shall count toward the growth rate limit of 35 DWELLING UNITs defined in Section 8.6.2.1 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Report of the Planning Board re Article 37:

The Planning Board held a duly noticed public hearing on March 21, 2006 in the Stow Town Building to consider the following proposed amendments to the Stow Zoning Bylaw:

Sections 8.6.1.2 and 8.6.1.3 - The proposed amendment of Section 8.6.1.2 to insert the word "same" is for clarification purposes.

The proposed amendment to Section 8.6.1.3 deletes the section number reference to the Massachusetts State Building Code because the current section number is incorrect, and because the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards is currently preparing the 7th Edition of the State Building Code, which may change section numbers.

At its meeting of March 21, 2006, the Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting ADOPT this proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as printed in the warrant.

Note: The amendments to the Zoning Bylaws adopted under Articles 36 and 37 were approved by the Attorney General on June 14, 2006. Posted as a Town Bulletin on June 21, 2006.

ARTICLE 38. Street Acceptance - Farm Road

On motion of Selectman Janet Wheeler, it was voted unanimously to accept the laying out of Farm Road and establish it as a town way, together with all drainage and other easements related thereto and included in the Order of Layout, the boundaries and measurements shown on the plan referred to in the description, which plan shall be included in the Order of Layout of the Selectmen to be adopted with respect to such way and related easements and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, Section 21-23, shown on the plans referred to therein: (1) dated January 14, 1988, revised March 4, 1988, revised March 23, 1988; (2) dated December 21, 1988, revised January 27, 1989; and (3) dated March 8, 1989; and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise for highway purposes the fee or any lessor interests that may be necessary for such town ways.

ARTICLE 39. Street Acceptance - Militia Circle

On motion of Selectman Edward Perry, it was voted unanimously to accept the laying out of Militia Circle and establish it as a town way, together with all drainage and other easements related thereto and included in the Order of Layout, the boundaries and measurements shown on the plan referred to in the description, which plan shall be included in the Order of Layout of the Selectmen to be adopted with respect to such way and related easements and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, Section 21-23; shown on the plans referred to therein: (1) dated January 14, 1988, revised March 4, 1988, revised March 23, 1988; (2) dated December 21, 1988, revised January 27, 1989; and (3) dated March 8, 1989; and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise for highway purposes the fee or any lessor interests that may be necessary for such town ways.

ARTICLE 40. Street Acceptance - Trefry Lane

On motion of Selectman John Clayton, it was voted to take **no action** on the proposal to accept Trefry Lane as a public way as several requirements necessary for acceptance are incomplete.

ARTICLE 41. Street Acceptance - Whispering Way (portion)

On motion of Selectman Stephen Dungan, it was voted unanimously to accept the laying out of Whispering Way in the Wildlife Woods Subdivision from Station 0+48.16 to Station 9+85.83 and establish it as a town way, together with all drainage and other easements related thereto and included in the Order of Layout, the boundaries and measurements shown on the plan referred to in the description, which plan shall be included in the Order of Layout of the Selectmen to be adopted with respect to such way and related easements and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21-23; shown on the plan referred to therein dated May 15, 1997 and revised through October 27, 1999; and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise for highway purposes the fee or any lessor interests that may be necessary for such town ways.

At this point, Moderator Edward Newman assumed the gavel.

ARTICLE 42. Stabilization Fund

On motion of Selectman Carole Makary, it was voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

ARTICLE 43. Balance the FY2007 Budget

On motion of Selectman Janet Wheeler, it was voted to take **no action** on this article.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

ARTICLE 44. Town Election

On motion of Selectman John Clayton, it was voted unanimously that the meeting be adjourned until the Annual Election on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, commencing at 7:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 44 for such election of officers and ballot questions as listed in the warrant; and thereafter, at the close of the polls, to dissolve this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to reconvene on May 9, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. for the Annual Election.

Checkers at the Door: Janet Derby, Carol Dudley, Utahna Hallet, Nancy Harris, Elizabeth MacGilvra, Eila Makey, Judith Scraggs, Newton Wesley

Tellers for the Town Meeting: Robert Aldape, Allan Fierce, Margaret Lynch, Richard Mortenson, Joanne Newman, Robin Riley, Marcia Rising, Thomas Ruggiero, Thomas Ryan, Kent Seith, Kathleen Sferra, Elizabeth Tobey, Pamela Weathers, Robert Wilber

Timekeeper: Catherine Desmond

Number of Voters Checked: 199

Number of Registered Voters: 4,353

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