

WARRANT FOR

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

**with
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 12, 2009**



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Schedule of Events (as of 4/02/09):

Friday, May 15

What: Ice Cream Social -- Mmmmmmm!
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Center School Gym

What: Silent movie night showing Buster Keaton's "The General" sponsored by the Stow Lions. Featuring Richard Hughes at the piano. Children welcome with their parents.
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Where: Town Hall (popcorn provided)

Saturday, May 16

What: Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Friends of the Council on Aging
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Where: St. Isidore's Parish Hall

What: Lego Contest drop off
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Where: Center School gym

What: Kid's Costume Parade, sponsored by the Stow Lions
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Fire Station to Center School

What: Grand Parade including Firetrucks
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Steps off Brookside Cemetery, goes to Center School

What: Stow SpringFest Activities
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Where: Center School fields and gym

What: Stow Trolley Tour: 365 Facts About Stow (tickets sold in advance) sponsored by Stow Historical Society
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Where: Center School field

What: Food 'n Flicks: bring a picnic and enjoy cartoons outdoors
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: Center School field

Sunday, May 17

What: Stow Conservation Trust's Run for the Woods
Time: 7:00 am -- race registration
9:00 am -- 1-Mile Children's Race
10:00 am -- 5K Run/Walk
Where: Hale School

What: Sounds of Stow Festival Chorus
Time: 4:00 pm
Where: First Parish Church



TOWN OF STOW

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

7:00 P.M.

HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Annual Report of Officers and Committees
Available at Town Building, Police Station
and Randall Library

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Finance Committee Report

Annual Town Meeting May 4, 2009

The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed Town budget for the upcoming fiscal year FY2010, which runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Despite the extraordinary economic times we are going through, we believe that the town can be cautiously optimistic that the town departments and schools can maintain level or near-level services without proposition 2½ overrides, draining our reserves, pay freezes, or other extraordinary means.

On the expense side, all departments did their part to help keep expenses down. The Nashoba School District came in with the smallest requested percent budget increase since we regionalized K-12. Minuteman had a net reduction in Stow students that caused a significant drop in Stow's assessments in that school district, but even without the reductions from fewer students, the new Minuteman superintendent is working to restructure programs to reduce costs. The town municipal budget was kept to level services. We were also lucky that health insurance premiums came in at with a lower increase than in many prior years. All combined, the proposed budget increases spending 0.95% over the current year, or 1.9% if the Community Preservation articles are removed.

On the income side, the town projects a 12.5% drop in state aid over the current year, and local receipts to be about the same as the current year. New growth in property taxes due to new construction, additions, and renovations is expected to drop significantly over the current year. CPA revenue, which can only be used for Community Preservation projects, will drop this year due to a lower state match.

In summary, the low income growth made for a challenging year, but budget tightening in both the schools and the municipal budget allows for a balanced budget. Employees in both school districts, as well as town employees, will receive planned cost-of-living (COLA) increases, as well as step increases based on years of service. The budget includes no layoffs in the municipal departments. Stow depends less on direct state aid than some of our neighboring towns, and many towns in the state expect little or no "new growth" in property taxes this year at all (as opposed to our reduced new growth), which puts us in somewhat better shape than many nearby communities, many of which expect a net drop in revenue.

EXPENSES: THE BIG PICTURE

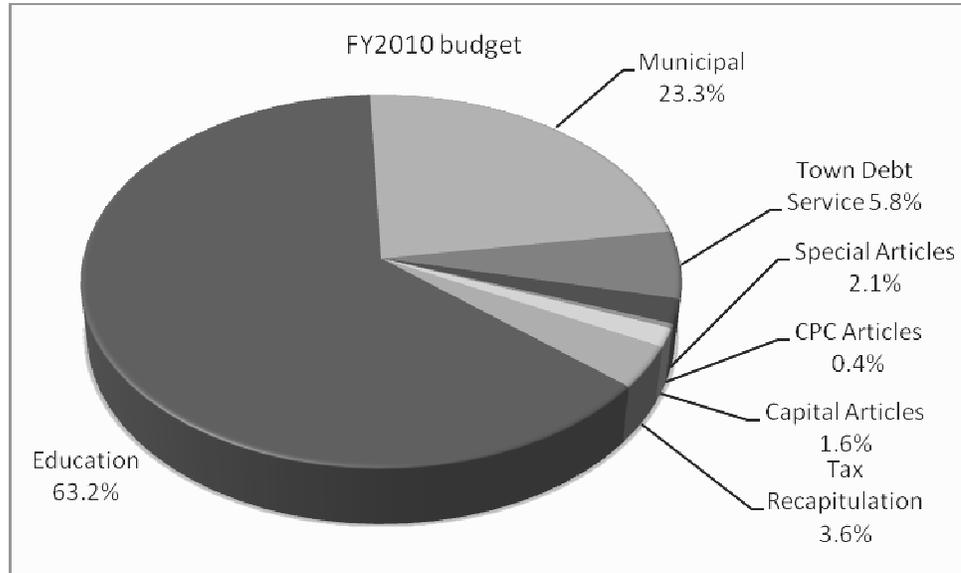
How do we spend our money? As you can see from this chart, in FY 2010 the Minuteman and Nashoba school assessments make up approximately 63% of our annual operating budget. The Municipal budget, including police, highway and fire, accounts for about 23%, town debt takes almost 6%, and the rest of the municipal budget combined consumes about 8% of our operating expenses.

The Nashoba Regional amount includes two Proposition 2½ override debt payments to the district: the Nashoba High School building project from several years ago, as well as payments for the so-called "deficit bond" the district was allowed to take out by the state to cover the financial problems in the district a couple of years ago.

Town debt is about half due to the Hale School addition/renovation, with the Flagg Hill purchase, Center/Pompo renovations, a fire truck, and the Snow property recreation fields rounding out the rest of the existing debt.

COMPLETE SPENDING PICTURE

The proposed FY 2010 budget, including article 5 (the operating budget) and special articles increases spending by \$206,541 compared to FY2009.



Expenditures	FY09	FY10	Change FY09 - FY10	Percent Total
Education, Total	13,571,181	13,843,439	2.01%	63%
Nashoba Regional	12,607,229	13,043,439	3.46%	60%
Minuteman Regional	963,952	800,000	-17.01%	4%
Municipal, Total	4,953,973	5,099,003	2.93%	23%
Police & Dispatch	1,220,274	1,238,269	1.47%	6%
Highway Department	765,971	785,221	2.51%	4%
Fire & EMS	584,045	607,782	4.06%	3%
Group Insurance	559,698	579,700	3.57%	3%
Randall Library	191,104	196,063	2.59%	1%
Other Municipal	1,632,881	1,691,968	3.62%	8%
Town Debt Service	1,323,188	1,275,591	-3.60%	6%
Special Articles	463,006	457,446	-1.20%	2%
CPC Articles	284,000	84,750	-70.16%	0%
Capital Articles	347,600	348,000	0.12%	2%
Tax Recapitulation	748,158	789,418	5.51%	4%
County Retirement	458,974	499,317	8.79%	2%
Other Tax Recap	289,184	290,101	0.32%	1%
Total Expenditures	21,691,106	21,897,647	0.95%	100%

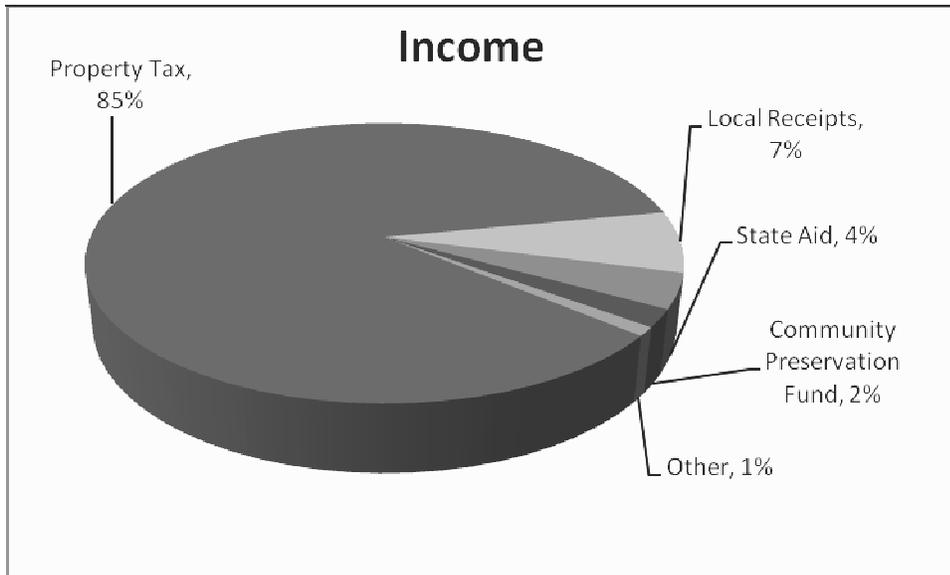
CAPITAL REQUESTS

The capital budget as of March 28 was essentially flat from FY2009 to FY2010. It includes regular annual requests such as a new police cruiser and a continuation of the local grade school capital maintenance program. The largest request is for a new ambulance to replace the current one.

We propose to move \$50,000 from Free Cash to Stabilization this year. This is part of the town’s attempt to rebuild its financial reserves over time. These reserves may be needed next year if the economy does not improve.

INCOME

Revenue to fund the FY 2010 budget is projected to increase by just over \$470,000, to \$22.5 million. The most substantial increase is tied to property tax revenue, which is expected to increase \$695,000, including new growth (new construction, additions, and renovations), allowable increases under Proposition 2½ and prior debt exclusions. The proposed FY 2010 budget does not include any new borrowing. Following are the revenue sources we expect to use in the next fiscal year.



Income	FY09	FY10	Change 09 - 10	Percent total
Property Tax	18,368,956	19,063,749	3.78%	85%
Local Receipts	1,527,300	1,527,300	0.00%	7%
State Aid	1,040,358	978,253	-5.97%	4%
Community Preservation Fund	284,000	84,750	-70.16%	2%
Other	656,507	337,527	-48.59%	1%
Total Income	21,877,121	21,991,579	2.48%	

The Community Preservation Fund income in this table is only the Community Preservation Act funds appropriated for spending in the warrant, for easier comparison to the expenditures. The total CPA income raised in FY10 is expected to be approximately \$598,000, including an estimated \$420,000 from local tax surcharge, and about \$178,000 in state match. The state match estimate is a significant drop from the current year, in which we received over \$369,084 in state matching funds. This drop is due to a combination of more towns joining CPA and lower state income from Registry of Deeds fees, which funds the state match.

BOTTOM LINE

Our income is increasing slightly faster than our expenses, mostly due to controlling budget growth, giving Stow a small positive budget balance again in FY2010.

The Stow Finance Committee

Charles Kern - Chairman
David Walrath - Vice Chairman
Gary Bernklow, Henry Hagopian, James Salvie - Members
Ann Deluty, Christopher Sarno - Associate Members

Reserve Fund Transfer Details

The Finance Committee is a standing committee of Town Meeting, representing town meeting voters within the town government; in this role the Finance Committee's main role in Stow is to review town meeting warrant articles and makes recommendations to the voters, with special emphasis on the financial aspects of each article.

The Finance Committee also administers Stow's Reserve Fund, which is used for unexpected or emergency expenses during the fiscal year. For the past several fiscal years, \$70,000 has been put into the Reserve Fund. Unexpended funds each year return to the Town's General Fund as Free Cash, for use in the following fiscal year.

The following table shows all Reserve Fund transfers since the 2008 annual warrant report. As the chart shows, there were unusually few reserve fund transfer requests so far this year.

Date	Description	Amount
	FY08	
22-April-08	Town Accountant – GASB 45 compliance	\$1,500
24-June-08	Highway Department – unleaded gas	\$4,250
	FY09	
10-Feb-09	Fire Department Wages	\$15,000
19-Mar-09	Municipal Water System maintenance	\$2,998

The Finance Committee did not reject any Reserve Fund requests in late FY08 or in FY09.



WARRANT FOR 2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stow, in the County of Middlesex, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stow, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble in

HUGH MILL AUDITORIUM AT THE HALE SCHOOL

In said Town on

MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY 2009

AT 7:00 P.M.

Then and there to act on the following Articles, namely:

Article 1. Town Officers Not Elected By Ballot

To choose all other necessary Town Officers who will not be elected by ballot at the Annual Election on May 12, 2009.

Article 2. Reports Of Selectmen And Other Officers And Committees

To hear the reports of the Selectmen and other Officers and Committees of the Town for 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

Article 3. Reports Of Special Committees

To hear the reports of special committees of 2008, including the final report of the Land Use Task Force; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

Article 4. Wage And Salary Schedules

To see if the Town will vote 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, and E, and inserting in place thereof the following new Schedules; or take any other action thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Town employees are receiving a 3% cost of living increase for FY 2010, which is contractually obligated for many employees and is the same increase they have received for the past several years.

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	72,040	74,661	78,590	85,138	96,304
Supt. of Streets	64,459	68,486	72,518	76,542	80,576
Fire Chief	63,934	66,493	70,330	76,727	83,116
Town Acct.	59,135	62,809	66,510	70,208	73,908
Police Lieut.	65,184	70,103	73,793	77,482	79,943
Treas. Collector	50,859	54,040	57,219	60,395	63,575
Bldg. Inspector	49,788	52,898	56,010	59,123	62,236
Library Director	47,378	50,340	53,299	56,266	59,224
Town Clerk	42,576	45,105	47,760	50,409	53,065

SCHEDULE B
HOURLY RATE POSITIONS

GROUP A

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Parks & Commons Worker	10.83	11.74	12.74	13.68	14.61
Cemetery Worker	10.83	11.74	12.74	13.68	14.61
Custodian	10.83	11.74	12.74	13.68	14.61

SCHEDULE B
HOURLY RATE POSITIONS

GROUP B

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Assistant Town Clerk	15.95	17.18	18.46	20.00	21.49
Capital Prog. Comm. Secy.	12.29	13.20	14.20	15.39	16.53

GROUP C

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Bd. of Appeals Secretary	16.78	18.28	19.72	21.24	22.68
Town Secretary	13.20	14.40	15.53	16.73	17.88
Highway/Tree/ Grounds Worker	13.20	14.40	15.53	16.73	17.88

GROUP D

<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	16.36	17.40	18.42	19.42	20.42

GROUP E

<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	17.87	18.98	20.09	21.22	22.30
Tree Worker (Moth)	17.87	18.98	20.09	21.22	22.30

SCHEDULE B
HOURLY RATE POSITIONS

GROUP E

Maintenance Person	17.87	18.98	20.09	21.22	22.30
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GROUP F

<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	18.94	20.04	21.32	22.51	23.66
Crew Chief	19.70	20.85	22.18	23.39	24.62

GROUP G

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Assistant Superintendent of Streets	23.14	24.61	26.04	27.48	28.92
Highway Dept. Foreman	21.03	22.35	23.65	24.98	26.25

SCHEDULE C
SINGLE RATE POSITIONS PAID ANNUALLY

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Registrar of Voters	127
Assistant Registrar of Voters	254
Animal Control Officer	16,439
Director of Summerthing	2,553
Beach Director	5,502
Cemetery Superintendent	39,942
Animal Inspector	3,412
Veterans' Agent	1,342
Council on Aging Secretary	400

SCHEDULE D
SINGLE RATE POSITIONS PAID HOURLY

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Election Warden	9.73
Election Clerk	9.73
Election Teller	8.61
Election Clerical Assistance	8.61
Lifeguard	10.69
Lifeguard (W.S.I.)	12.63
Beach Checker	8.61
Street Lister	9.29
Street Listing Clerk	8.61
Street Numberer	8.61
Per Diem Firefighter (call)	13.50
Apprentice Firefighter (call)	13.09
Firefighter (call)	14.96
Emergency Medical Technician (call)	14.96
Firefighter/EMT (call)	15.64
EMT - w/Defib & Epi Pen (call)	16.33
Firefighter/EMT - w/Defib & Epi Pen (call)	17.01
Officers - Fire or Medical (call)	18.38
Police Officer, part-time	20.91
Police Matron	18.45
Auxiliary Police Officer	13.65
Dispatcher, part-time	17.38
Summerthing Assistants	8.61

SCHEDULE E
FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SINGLE RATES

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Deputy Fire Chief (call)	923
Fire Engineer	800
Fire Captain (call)	614
Fire Lieutenant (call)	492
Fire Medical Officer	369

SCHEDULE E
FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SINGLE RATES

EMS Quartermaster	246
EMS Schedule Coordinator	185
EMS Assistant Coordinator	308
EMS Records Coordinator	369

Article 5. General Budget For Fiscal Year 2010

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the Town, as set forth in the following line items, or any other sums; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the FY 2010 operating budget. Expenditures are in line with revenue projections that are realistic for the current fiscal climate. The budget funds contractual obligations, provides level services, provides for no additional municipal positions, and does not require an override to balance.

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
	<u>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</u>	LINES 1 - 70			
	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	LINES 1 - 32			
Line No.					
	MODERATOR				
1	MODERATOR SALARY	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
2	MODERATOR EXPENSES	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
	TOTAL MODERATOR	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00
	SELECTMEN				

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
3	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY	42,999.00	46,150.00	46,150.00	46,150.00
4	SELECTMEN EXPENSES	11,770.00	9,470.00	9,470.00	9,470.00
5	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	104,172.00	107,299.00	107,299.00	107,299.00
6	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	159,441.00	163,419.00	163,419.00	163,419.00
	TOWN BUILDING CLERICAL				
7	TOWN BUILDING CLERICAL WAGES	7,241.00	8,130.00	8,130.00	8,130.00
	TOTAL TOWN BUILDING CLERICAL	7,241.00	8,130.00	8,130.00	8,130.00
	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
8	FINANCE COMMITTEE WAGES	3,735.00	3,513.00	3,513.00	3,513.00
9	FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	450.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
	TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,185.00	4,063.00	4,063.00	4,063.00

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
10	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	42,436.00	45,831.00	45,831.00	45,831.00
11	ACCOUNTANT CLERK SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	1,525.00	1,525.00	1,525.00	1,525.00
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	43,961.00	47,356.00	47,356.00	47,356.00
	ASSESSORS				
13	PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR'S WAGES	57,189.00	61,980.00	61,980.00	61,980.00
14	ASSESSORS CLERICAL WAGES	56,454.00	59,364.00	59,364.00	59,364.00
15	ASSESSORS EXPENSES	7,650.00	7,650.00	7,650.00	7,650.00
	TOTAL ASSESSORS	121,293.00	128,994.00	128,994.00	128,994.00
	TREASURER-COLLECTOR				
16	TREASURER-COLLECTOR SALARY	55,552.00	58,807.00	58,807.00	58,807.00
17	TREASURER-COLLECTOR CLERICAL WAGES	43,499.00	44,789.00	44,789.00	44,789.00
18	TREASURER-COLLECTOR EXPENSES	38,800.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
	TOTAL TREASURER-COLLECTOR	137,851.00	142,596.00	142,596.00	142,596.00
	ITAC				
19	ITAC CLERICAL WAGES	16,890.00	20,952.00	20,952.00	20,952.00
20	ITAC EXPENSES	52,530.00	51,524.00	51,524.00	51,524.00
	TOTAL ITAC	69,420.00	72,476.00	72,476.00	72,476.00
	TOWN CLERK				
21	TOWN CLERK SALARY	51,519.00	53,065.00	53,065.00	53,065.00
22	TOWN CLERK OTHER WAGES	25,736.00	23,173.00	23,173.00	23,173.00
23	TOWN CLERK EXPENSES	14,745.00	16,124.00	16,124.00	16,124.00
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	92,000.00	92,362.00	92,362.00	92,362.00
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
24	CONSERVATION COMMISSION CLERICAL WAGES	60,840.00	68,253.00	68,253.00	68,253.00
25	CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES	4,280.00	4,280.00	4,280.00	4,280.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	65,120.00	72,533.00	72,533.00	72,533.00

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
	PLANNING BOARD				
26	PLANNING BOARD CLERICAL WAGES	98,723.00	105,856.00	105,856.00	105,856.00
27	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	4,510.00	4,510.00	4,510.00	4,510.00
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	103,233.00	110,366.00	110,366.00	110,366.00
	BOARD OF APPEALS				
28	BOARD OF APPEALS CLERICAL WAGES	6,996.00	6,964.00	6,964.00	6,964.00
29	BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES	3,370.00	2,940.00	2,940.00	2,940.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	10,366.00	9,904.00	9,904.00	9,904.00
	MUNICIPAL BUILDING				
30	MUNI BUILDING & PROPERTY WAGES	24,983.00	26,973.00	26,973.00	26,973.00
31	MUNI BUILDING & PROPERTY EXPENSES	60,488.00	60,488.00	60,488.00	60,488.00
	TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUILDING	85,471.00	87,461.00	87,461.00	87,461.00

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	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
32	TOWN REPORTS EXPENSES	9,050.00	9,050.00	9,050.00	9,050.00
	TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	9,050.00	9,050.00	9,050.00	9,050.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	908,714.00	948,792.00	948,792.00	948,792.00
-	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> LINES 33 - 41				
	POLICE DEPT				
33	POLICE CHIEF SALARY	93,499.00	96,304.00	96,304.00	96,304.00
34	POLICE & DISPATCH WAGES	1,040,475.00	1,049,665.00	1,049,665.00	1,049,665.00
35	POLICE & DISPATCH EXPENSES	86,300.00	92,300.00	92,300.00	92,300.00
	TOTAL POLICE DEPT	1,220,274.00	1,238,269.00	1,238,269.00	1,238,269.00
	FIRE AND EMS				
36	FIRE CHIEF SALARY	80,695.00	76,727.00	76,727.00	76,727.00
37	FIRE AND EMS WAGES	423,872.00	466,055.00	451,055.00	451,055.00
38	FIRE AND EMS EXPENSES	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00

BUDGET LINE NO.	DEPARTMENT	FY2009 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY2010 BUDGET REQUESTED	FY2010 BUDGET TOWN ADMIN/ SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED	FY2010 BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
	TOTAL FIRE AND EMS	584,567.00	622,782.00	607,782.00	607,782.00
	BUILDING INSPECTOR				
39	BUILDING INSPECTOR WAGES	60,423.00	62,236.00	62,236.00	62,236.00
40	BUILDING DEPT CLERICAL WAGES	25,855.00	31,765.00	31,765.00	31,765.00
41	BUILDING DEPT EXPENSES	5,625.00	4,675.00	4,675.00	4,675.00
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	91,903.00	98,676.00	98,676.00	98,676.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,896,744.00	1,959,727.00	1,944,727.00	1,944,727.00
	<u>PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</u>				
	LINES 42 - 49				
	HIGHWAY AND GROUNDS				
42	SUPT OF STREETS SALARY	78,229.00	80,576.00	80,576.00	80,576.00
43	HIGHWAY & GROUNDS WAGES	427,168.00	442,209.00	442,209.00	442,209.00
44	HIGHWAY & GROUNDS EXPENSES	112,600.00	112,600.00	112,600.00	112,600.00
45	SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL EXPENSE	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00

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	TOTAL HIGHWAY & GROUNDS	767,997.00	785,385.00	785,385.00	785,385.00
	OTHER PUBLIC WORKS				
46	MUNICIPAL LIGHTING	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
47	GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL EXPENSE	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	TOTAL OTHER PUBLIC WORKS	103,500.00	103,500.00	103,500.00	103,500.00
	CEMETERY DEPT				
48	CEMETERY SALARY AND WAGES	39,882.00	46,582.00	46,582.00	46,582.00
49	CEMETERY EXPENSES	9,915.00	10,165.00	10,165.00	10,165.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY DEPT	49,797.00	56,747.00	56,747.00	56,747.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORK & FACILITIES	921,294.00	945,632.00	945,632.00	945,632.00
	<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>	LINES 50 - 57			
	HEALTH DEPT				
50	SANITARY AGENT WAGES	17,995.00	17,995.00	17,995.00	17,995.00

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51	HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAGES	74,662.00	77,707.00	77,707.00	77,707.00
52	HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	8,560.00	7,475.00	7,475.00	7,475.00
	TOTAL HEALTH DEPT	101,217.00	103,177.00	103,177.00	103,177.00
	COUNCIL ON AGING				
53	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY	51,138.00	52,672.00	52,672.00	52,672.00
54	COUNCIL ON AGING WAGES	76,584.00	80,800.00	80,800.00	80,800.00
55	COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES	12,408.00	12,292.00	12,292.00	12,292.00
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	140,130.00	145,764.00	145,764.00	145,764.00
	VETERANS' DEPT				
56	VETS' SERVICES OFFICER SALARY	1,303.00	1,342.00	1,342.00	1,342.00
57	VETS' SERVICES OFFICER EXPENSES	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
	TOTAL VETERANS' DEPT	1,503.00	1,542.00	1,542.00	1,542.00
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	242,850.00	250,483.00	250,483.00	250,483.00

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	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>	LINES 58 - 67			
	LIBRARY DEPT				
58	LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	57,499.00	59,224.00	59,224.00	59,224.00
59	LIBRARY WAGES	76,913.00	80,326.00	80,326.00	80,326.00
60	LIBRARY EXPENSES	56,692.00	56,513.00	56,513.00	56,513.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY DEPT	191,104.00	196,063.00	196,063.00	196,063.00
	RECREATION COMMISSION				
61	RECREATION WAGES	45,263.00	46,621.00	46,621.00	46,621.00
62	RECREATION EXPENSES	23,550.00	23,550.00	23,550.00	23,550.00
	TOTAL RECREATION COMMISSION	68,813.00	70,171.00	70,171.00	70,171.00
	LAKE BOON COMMISSION				
63	LAKE BOON COMMISSION WAGES	2,745.00	2,745.00	2,745.00	2,745.00
64	LAKE BOON COMMISSION EXPENSES	710.00	700.00	700.00	700.00

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	TOTAL LAKE BOON COMMISSION	3,455.00	3,445.00	3,445.00	3,445.00
	OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION				
65	HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXPENSES	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00
66	MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00
67	LIGHTING OF CLOCK EXPENSES	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION EXPENSES	264,947.00	271,254.00	271,254.00	271,254.00
	<u>TOWN WIDE EXPENSES</u>	LINES 68 - 70			
68	GROUP INSURANCE	559,698.00	579,700.00	579,700.00	579,700.00
69	INSURANCE AND BONDS	128,800.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
70	TELEPHONE	25,956.00	28,500.00	28,500.00	28,500.00
	TOTAL TOWN WIDE EXPENSES	714,454.00	733,200.00	733,200.00	733,200.00

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	MUNICIPAL BUDGET TOTAL	4,949,003.00	5,109,088.00	5,094,088.00	5,094,088.00
	<u>EDUCATION</u>	LINES 71 - 72			
	SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
71	NASHOBA REG SCHOOL DIST ASSESSMENT	12,607,229.00	13,043,439.00	13,043,439.00	13,043,439.00
72	MINUTEMAN VOC TECH ASSESSMENT	963,952.00	800,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00
	TOTAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	13,571,181.00	13,843,439.00	13,843,439.00	13,843,439.00
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	LINES 73 - 75			
	PRINCIPAL				
73	MATURING PRIN LONG-TERM DEBT	847,000.00	880,000.00	880,000.00	880,000.00
	TOTAL MATURING PRINCIPAL	847,000.00	880,000.00	880,000.00	880,000.00
	INTEREST				
74	INT ON LONG-TERM DEBT - BONDS	473,188.00	392,591.00	392,591.00	392,591.00
75	INT ON TEMPORARY LOANS - REVENUE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT	476,188.00	395,591.00	395,591.00	395,591.00

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	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,323,188.00	1,275,591.00	1,275,591.00	1,275,591.00
	TOTAL	19,843,372.00	20,228,118.00	20,213,118.00	20,213,118.00

BEGINNING OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Article 6. Reserve Fund

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000), or any other sum, for a Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this appropriation to unforeseen expenditures that may occur in fiscal year 2010. Based on historical use of the reserve fund, we feel that this is an appropriate contingency amount.

Article 7. Tax Title Proceedings

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for Tax Title proceedings for tax taking and/or Land Court foreclosure, including costs and legal expenses related thereto, to be expended by the Treasurer-Collector; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this expenditure. From time to time there are properties in Stow for which no taxes are paid. When it becomes clear that taxes are not forthcoming, the Treasurer-Collector takes legal action to take these properties that are subsequently auctioned or used for town purposes.

Article 8. Audit Of Financial Records

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$10,600), or any other sum, for a Town financial audit; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this expenditure as both sound financial control and as a state requirement.

Article 9. Revolving Fund For Inspection Fees

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, a revolving fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for FY 2010, 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 Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for FY 2010, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends support of this revolving fund. This allows the inspectors to be paid from fees collected in the current year. It is revenue neutral.

Article 10. Revolving Fund For Advanced Life Support Services

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for FY 2010, to which shall be credited all fees received for advanced life support services provided by the Town of Stow, to a limit of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for FY 2010, to be expended by the Fire Department without further appropriation, for the purpose of payment of all costs associated with providing advanced life support ambulance services; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends support of this revolving fund. This fund will help in keeping the Advanced Life Support services solvent and available to the Town by providing third party billing services. It is revenue neutral.

Article 11. Transfer To Conservation Fund – Land Maintenance

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Conservation Land Maintenance Account to the Conservation Fund the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$3,395), or any other sum, to be expended by the Conservation Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

The Finance Committee recommends support of this article. This is a transfer of funds to the Conservation Fund that is necessary so that the Conservation Commission can actually spend the funds. This article transfers existing funds and has no direct impact on the tax rate.

Article 12. Addition To Conservation Fund

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or any other sum, to be added to the balance remaining in the Conservation Fund, to be expended by the Conservation Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is an annual appropriation to fund many of the costs related to managing the town's conservation lands and for other conservation purposes.

Article 13. Transfer From Wetlands Protection Fund

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Wetlands Protection Fund the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,305.50) or any other sum, as additional appropriation to the Conservation Commission, to be expended by the Conservation Commission in performing its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act and Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this transfer. This is an annual transfer of money collected from certain fees that allows the Conservation Commission to use the funds for costs associated with the Wetlands Protection Act. This article transfers existing funds and has no direct impact on the tax rate.

Article 14. Update Of Property Valuations

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$25,700), or any other sum, to be added to the balance previously appropriated for the purpose of updating property valuations in the Town to full and fair cash value, to be expended by the Assessors; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Assessors)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this expenditure. This is an annual appropriation to fund consultants to assist the assessors in evaluating property at fair market value as required for fair taxation and State DOR compliance.

Article 15. Town Records Binding And Repair

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), or any other sum, to be added to any balance previously appropriated for the purpose of binding and repairing Town records in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 66, Section 9, to be expended by the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this annual appropriation to provide for the routine and ongoing expense of maintaining the integrity of town records.

Article 16. Highway Road Machinery And Private Ways

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sums of money for Highway Department purposes as set forth in the schedule below, or any other sums; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

Expense	Amount
1. For the Road Machinery Account	\$40,591
2. For Repairs on Private Ways	\$15,000

The Finance Committee recommends approval of these routine annual appropriations to maintain road machinery and repair private ways.

Article 17. Highway Road Construction

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow the sum of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$208,934) from FY 2009 Apportionment or any other sum, for construction, reconstruction and/or improvements to Town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this annual appropriation, which is reimbursed by state funds, for improvements on town roads.

Article 18. Safe Drinking Water

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance previously appropriated 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Health)

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation to continue compliance with federal and state regulations for public drinking water supplies.

Article 19. Household Hazardous Waste Collection

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from the previous appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of providing for household hazardous waste collection; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Health)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This allows the Board of Health to arrange for a collection of materials that are not accepted by trash collection services and dispose of them properly.

Article 20. Municipal Solid Waste Disposal

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from the 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Health)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The town must unfortunately collect and dispose of trash dumped on town land.

Article 21. Medical Reserve Corps

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500), or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of providing equipment and operating expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Health)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is an annual appropriation that will pay for office supplies, training, and some technology items for Stow's Medical Reserve Corps.

Article 22. Stow Cultural Council

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriations, to produce cultural activities and programming in Stow, including Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) of these funds to be used to support Springfest activities; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this expenditure. As a percentage of the total budget, this is a small expenditure, yet it will help continue the popular Springfest community event, as well as provide other local cultural programs.

Article 23. Selectmen's Engineering/Consulting Expenses

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for engineering and consulting services, including but not limited to the implementation of the Town's Master Plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The town is completing an updated master plan, and this will help pay for parts that may be implemented by the selectmen.

Article 24. Planning Board Engineering/Consulting And Master Plan Expenses

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the Planning Board for Planning Board engineering/consulting services and master plan expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Planning Board)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is a periodic appropriation to help pay for the town's master plan expenses.

Article 25. Employee Educational Incentive Program

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) or any other sum, for funding the Town's employee educational incentive program; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Town Administrator)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is an annual appropriation that, in previous years, was part of article 5. This program permits a pay bonus to municipal employees (except the town administrator and accountant) who have college degrees relevant to their jobs. Currently 15 employees are eligible for this benefit.

Article 26. Legal Services

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from any previous appropriation, for the purpose of funding the Town's general Legal account; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Town Administrator)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This will be used to fund necessary legal services in FY10.

Article 27. Police Officer & Firefighter Medical Payments

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated, in anticipation of possible claims presented to the Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 100, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This appropriation is a small sum of money to pay for certain medical expenses for police officers and firefighters injured in the line of duty that are not covered by insurance.

Article 28. Construction and Maintenance of Water Holes for Firefighting Operations

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water holes and hydrants to support firefighting operations; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Fire Rescue Department)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This appropriation allows the Town to continue to develop and maintain water holes and dry hydrants throughout the Town.

Article 29. Weights And Measures Testing

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from a previous appropriation, for the purpose of funding the Town's Weights and Measures testing; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The town must fund weights and measures testing.

Article 30. SwiftReach 911 Notification System

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500), or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Chief of Police, for the purpose of paying for a town-wide telephonic emergency notification system known as "SwiftReach Networks," or take any other action relative thereto.

(Police Department)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This will fund the so-called "reverse 911" system used for important notifications to the town.

Article 31. Addition to Agricultural Commission Account

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining, as additional appropriation to the Agricultural Expense Account, to be expended by the Agricultural Commission, for the purpose of agricultural preservation activities; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Agricultural Commission)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 32. Community Preservation Expenses

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000), or any lesser sum, to be expended for wages and expenses associated with the creation, implementation and maintenance of Community Preservation programs, in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to office supplies, clerical assistance, property surveys, appraisals, attorney's fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2010, in accordance with a budget to be prepared for the Town Administrator; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Community Preservation Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. Funds appropriated for the Community Preservation Committee administrative budget come from the dedicated Community Preservation Fund, and have no direct impact on the tax rate.

Article 33. Community Preservation Reserves

(CONSENT CALENDAR)

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Balance collected from both the Community Preservation Act Surcharge and the State Trust Fund Distribution and collected from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues, in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, for the undertaking of Community Preservation projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

Reserves:	Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Revenues:
1. Preservation of Historic Resources	\$60,000
2. Preservation of Open Spaces	\$60,000
3. Affordable Housing	\$60,000

(Community Preservation Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Community Preservation Act requires that the town appropriate or reserve at least 10% of Community Preservation Fund revenues each year for each of these three purposes. This “housekeeping” article reserves these funds as required, but does not authorize the spending of any of these funds.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Article 34. Capital Requests

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate and transfer from available funds, or borrow the sums of money as set forth below, or any other sums, for the purposes indicated in the recommended Capital Outlay Program; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Capital Planning Committee)

	Department	Expense	Amount
1	Building Dept	Emergency generator for Town Building	\$75,000
2	Building Dept	Energy efficient lighting for Town Building	\$10,000
3	Building Dept	Expansion of Town Building parking lot	\$50,000
4	Fire/Rescue Dept	Replace ambulance	\$200,000
5	Fire Rescue Dept	Replace turnout gear	\$53,000
6	Highway Dept	Replace ¾-ton pick-up truck	\$40,000
7	Highway Dept	Replace air compressor	\$15,000
8	Police Dept	Replace police cruiser	\$33,000
9	School District	Hale School roof repairs	\$60,000
10	School District	Center School floor and ceiling tiles	\$15,000

The Capital Planning Committee will make recommendations at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 (Energy lighting, Fire ambulance, Fire turnout gear, Highway dump truck, Highway air compressor, Police cruiser, Center floor/ceiling).

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting for items 1, 3 and 9 (Generator, Parking lot and Hale roof repairs).

Article 35. Amend Article 36, May 7, 2007: Elementary School Building Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the Town passed under Article 36 of the warrant for the May 7, 2007 annual town meeting to read as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

“that, \$1,900,000.00, or any other sum not to exceed \$2,200,000.00, is appropriated for engineering and architectural services, Owner’s Project Manager and any other Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”) related program requirements and related activities in compliance with MSBA regulations, for the design and development, and preparation of plans and specifications, through the bidding phase of the project, for the purpose of the renovation of the Pompositticut School and the renovation of and construction of an addition to the Center School, the total project cost of which is estimated to be \$30,080,000; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,900,000.00, or any other sum not to exceed \$2,200,000.00, under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that if it is determined (i) that the renovation of and construction of an addition to the Center School is to be undertaken and (ii) that the renovation of the Pompositticut School is not to be undertaken, the custodial control of the Pompositticut School shall return back to the Town following the completion of the renovation of and construction of an addition to the Center School; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized by this vote having been excluded from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) by a vote of the Town passed at the May 15, 2007 town election.”

(Elementary School Building Committee)

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 36. Public Health Nurse

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$10,400), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining from the 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 to Stow residents; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Health)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is the continuation of a new program in the current fiscal year that replaced a prior annual article that provided similar services through Emerson Home Care.

Article 37. Snowblower Attachment for Cemetery Tractor

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Sale of Lots Account the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Committee for the purpose of purchasing a snowblower attachment for the Cemetery tractor; or take any other action thereto.
(Cemetery Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Cemetery Superintendent plans to use the snowblower to clear a path to the plot before a service.

Article 38. Fence Section for Brookside Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500), or any other sum, for the purpose of erecting a new section of wood and granite fence at Brookside Cemetery, or take any other action thereto.
(Cemetery Committee)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 39. Community-wide Historic Properties Inventory

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or any lesser sum, from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Historic Preservation purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to be expended under the direction of the Historical Commission for the purpose of creating a town-wide historic properties inventory, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Community Preservation Committee and Historical Commission)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. This effort to preserve and enhance the availability of local historical records uses existing Community Preservation funds and has no direct impact on the tax rate.

Article 40. Purchase of Historic Musket

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,750), or any lesser sum, from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Historic purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to be expended under the direction of the Stow Historical Commission, in combination with private funds raised for this purpose, for the purchase of the 18th-century Stow family musket understood to be used in the American Revolution; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the gift of private funds donated for this purpose; or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Community Preservation Committee and Historical Commission)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Town's share of this purchase is relatively small, uses existing Community Preservation funds and has no direct impact on the tax rate.

Article 41. Senior Tax Relief

To see if the Town will vote 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, for FY 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Council on Aging)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is a reaffirmation of a prior Town meeting vote that will maintain the Town's level of Senior tax relief at twice the amount set by the state. This article will have a small tax effect.

Article 42. Add to Unemployment Compensation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), or any other sum, to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated to the Unemployment Compensation Fund of the Town for the purpose of reimbursing the Commonwealth for expenses attributed to the Town of Stow for unemployment compensation benefits; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. Stow had to pay out an unemployment claim in the current fiscal year and this article replenishes the fund. The town did not lay any employee off this year, nor does the town plan to in FY 2010. Due to an oddity in Massachusetts unemployment rules, when a Stow employee took a new job elsewhere and was laid off very soon after by the new employer, Stow was required to pay the unemployment claim rather than the new employer.

Article 43. Increase Demand Fee on Delinquent Tax Bills

To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Collector a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of June 1, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. When a tax bill is delinquent, it costs the town money to send reminders and this will allow the town to recoup that extra cost. This increases the fee from \$5 to \$10.

Article 44. Accept MGL C 32B, s 18: Requirement for Medicare Part A Enrollees

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18, so as to require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town; or take any action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is a change strongly recommended by our current group insurance provider, and is required if the town ever wants to convert to the state group insurance plan. There may be a small financial benefit for the town, but this is mostly revenue and cost neutral.

Article 45. Permitting Authority for Trench Safety Regulations

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate a permitting authority to issue permits and otherwise implement the provisions of the Excavation and Trench Safety regulations (including the regulation of trenches, as that term is defined by M.G.L. c. 82A, s.4 and 520 CMR 14.00), as promulgated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Safety; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The article facilitates a requirement of state law that the Town appoint a permitting authority for the opening of trenches. With no local enforcement mechanism, it should have little or no effect on the Town's operating budget.

Article 46. Minuteman Regional Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town of Stow will approve the establishment of a stabilization fund by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, beginning July 1, 2009, under MGL Chapter 71, Section 16G1/2; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This article would only establish the Minuteman Regional High School Stabilization fund and would not allocate any funds to the stabilization fund. Once established, any funding would be part of the annual Minuteman Regional High School budget and funds could only be allocated out of the stabilization fund by a vote of two thirds of the Minuteman School Committee. Stabilization funds are generally used for capital expenditures and can act as an alternative to a bond issuance to fund significant capital expenditures. In some ways, they are also analogous to a town's reserve fund, which covers unforeseen expenses, up to the amount that is in the fund, without having to call a town meeting. Minuteman Regional is a school in which the facility, as well as capital intensive equipment and machinery, play a much more integral part in the school's education than they typically do in a traditional school district. Furthermore, by having 16 member towns, Minuteman Regional High School has a much more arduous task than most school districts if they should need approval on a bond article or if they should have an unforeseen capital request between Town Meetings. Minuteman Regional's facilities are also showing their age and, due to the school's unique situation, a stabilization fund may be the most economically prudent tool that could be available to the school to combat this problem.

Article 47. Land Acceptance -- Open Space in Wildlife Woods

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed conveying the fee interest in certain parcels of land shown as Open Space "A1", Open Space "A2", Open Space "A3", Open Space "A4", Open Space "B", Open Space "C", Open Space "D", Open Space "E", and Open Space "F" on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Wildlife Woods, Stow Massachusetts" dated May 15, 1997 and revised through October 27, 1999 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 1013 of 2000; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the conveyance. Furthermore, acceptance of the land will increase the Town's open spaces.

Article 48. Road Acceptance – Foxglove Lane STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Foxglove Lane (STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8), as shown on the plans entitled:

- “Roadway As-Built Foxglove Lane (STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8),” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 23, 2008
- “Street Acceptance Plan Woodland Way, Foxglove Lane, Ladyslipper Lane & Whispering Way,” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 15, 2008

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 49. Road Acceptance – Ladyslipper Lane STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Ladyslipper Lane (STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8), as shown on the plans entitled:

- “Roadway As-Built Ladyslipper Lane (STA 0+00 to STA 6+47.8),” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 23, 2008
- “Street Acceptance Plan Woodland Way, Foxglove Lane, Ladyslipper Lane & Whispering Way,” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 15, 2008

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 50. Road Acceptance – Whispering Way STA 10+00 to STA 13+00

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Whispering Way (STA 10+00 to STA 13+00), as shown on the plans entitled:

- “Roadway As-Built Whispering Way (STA 10+00 to STA 13+00),” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 23, 2008
- “Street Acceptance Plan Woodland Way, Foxglove Lane, Ladyslipper Lane & Whispering Way,” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 15, 2008

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 51. Road Acceptance – Woodland Way STA 0+81.95 to STA 19+81.37

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Woodland Way (STA -0+81.95 to STA 19+81.37), as shown on the plans entitled:

- “Roadway As-Built Woodland Way (STA -0+81.95 to STA 19+81.37),” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 23, 2008
- “Street Acceptance Plan Woodland Way, Foxglove Lane, Ladyslipper Lane & Whispering Way,” prepared for Bentley Builders, dated December 15, 2008

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 52. Road Acceptance – Cider Mill Road

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Cider Mill Road, as shown on the plan entitled:

- “Street Acceptance Plan, Cider Mill Road, Hiley Meadows Estates, Stow, Massachusetts,” prepared for John Anderson, 20 Main Street, Acton, MA, dated November 20, 2008

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 53. Road Acceptance – Kettell Plain Road

To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the following named 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 82, Section 21-23.

The length of the road shown as Kettell Plain Road, as shown on the plan entitled:

- “Street Acceptance Plan of Kettell Plain Road, Stow, MA,” prepared for the Town of Stow by InLand Survey, Inc. DBA Zanca Land Surveying, dated June 19, 2008, revised through March 17, 2009.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the development of the street. Furthermore, acceptance of the street will increase the Town’s share of state highway assistance funds under M.G.L. c. 90.

Article 54. Amend General Bylaw: Use of Paper Ballots at Town Meetings

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 1, by adding a NEW SECTION 4 and Article 2, by adding a NEW SECTION 11 to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Votes taken on any warrant article that contains a request to spend Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) or more shall be by the use of paper ballots. This section shall not

apply to votes taken with regard to the General Budget article at Annual Town Meeting or individual items contained therein.

SECTION 11. The Moderator shall call for a paper ballot on any warrant article that contains a request to spend Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) or more. This section shall not apply to votes taken with regard to the General Budget article at Annual Town Meeting or individual items contained therein.”

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 55. Amend Zoning Bylaw: Active Adult Neighborhood

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending Sections 5.4.3, 5.4.6, and 5.4.9 to read in their entirety as stated below in subsections (A), (B), and (C) of this article; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Zoning Bylaw; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Planning Board)

The Finance Committee recommends support of the article. The purpose of the article is not to change the intent of the Active Adult Neighborhoods Zoning Bylaw but to make it consistent in the Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw.

(A) Amend Section 5.4.3 to read in its entirety as stated below:

5.4.3 AAN District

This district shall be an overlay district and shall include parcels of land depicted on a map dated May 13, 2002 and entitled “Active Adult Neighborhood District”, or any amendments thereto. This map is hereby adopted coincident with the adoption of this Bylaw. Development in an AAN District is subject to all provisions of the remainder of the Zoning Bylaw, except to the extent provided in Section 5.4, ACTIVE ADULT NEIGHBORHOOD (AAN). Section 8.9, Inclusion of Affordable Housing, applies to the AAN District, except for the restriction in Section 8.9.5.1.C.iii, which states that the total number of MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS shall not exceed 10% of the lots in the development.

(B) Amend Section 5.4.6 to read in its entirety as stated below:

5.4.6 Dimensional Requirements - There shall be no minimum LOT area, FRONTAGE, FLOOR AREA RATIO, LOT width or YARD requirements within an AAN or for any LOT or BUILDING within an AAN except as provided in this section. However, an AAN shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Water Resource Protection and Flood Plain/Wetlands Districts. The Planning Board may impose appropriate additional conditions on the location, layout and size of BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES and OPEN SPACE.

An AAN shall be built according to the following dimensional standards:

Minimum TRACT OF LAND area	25 acres
Minimum frontage of TRACT OF LAND	No Minimum Required
Minimum TRACT OF LAND width	No Minimum Required
Minimum SIDE and REAR YARDS of TRACT OF LAND	No Minimum Required
Minimum setback of BUILDINGS, pavement areas other than	50 feet

ACCESS DRIVEWAYs and walkways from all boundaries of the TRACT OF LAND	
Minimum separation between BUILDINGS and/or STRUCTURES	20 feet
Maximum height of Principal and Accessory STRUCTURES	35 feet
Minimum OPEN SPACE	40% (OPEN SPACE shall not contain more than 50% wetlands, as defined in MGL Ch. 131, S.40 and the Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw.)
Maximum density	3 DWELLING UNITS per acre of DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA
Maximum DWELLING UNITS per BUILDING	4

(C) Amend Section 5.4.9 to read in its entirety as stated below:

- 5.4.9 Occupancy Income Range - The AAN shall be designed to provide housing for occupants earning a broad range of incomes, as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Town of Stow. The AAN shall comply with the provisions of Section 8.9, Inclusion of Affordable Housing. In addition, at least 5% of the DWELLING UNITS shall be built to sell at a price affordable to middle income households, as defined by Executive Order 418 for the Town of Stow. All low income and moderate income and middle income DWELLING UNITS shall contain deed restrictions and comply with the provisions of MGL Ch. 184, s.31 as to resale price and shall provide for notice of any proposed resale and a right of first refusal to the Town of Stow, prior to any such sale.
- A. Low income or moderate income DWELLING UNITS created under this section shall be restricted as such in perpetuity and comply with the provisions of MGL Ch. 184, s.31. Middle income DWELLING UNITS created under this section shall be restricted as such in perpetuity and comply with the provisions of the Regulations promulgated in accordance with this Section 5.4.
 - B. - This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -
 - C. - This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -
 - D. - This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -
 - E. - This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -
 - F. - This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -
 - G. Rights and privileges - QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURCHASERS and middle income purchasers shall have all rights, privileges and responsibilities given to owners or renters of market rate DWELLING UNITS, including access to all amenities within the development.
 - H. A Special Permit issued under this Bylaw shall include the provision that no building permit shall be issued in reliance on said Special Permit, unless and until the Town of Stow has received written correspondence from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that the low or moderate income DWELLING UNITS, authorized as a result of the Special Permit, will be included in DHCD's Subsidized Housing Inventory of low income or moderate income housing DWELLING UNITS for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B, § 20-23. The correspondence from DHCD must provide documentation that the low or moderate income DWELLING UNITS will be treated as if they were created pursuant to an application for a Comprehensive Permit and qualifying programs thereunder.
 - I. Purchaser/tenant selection - Procedures for the selection of purchasers and/or tenants shall be subject to approval by the Town of Stow or its designee.

- J. Timing of commitments - All contractual agreements with the Town of Stow and other documents necessary to ensure compliance with this Section shall be executed prior to and as a condition of the issuance of any Special Permit required to commence construction.
- K. Timing of construction - As a condition of the issuance of a Special Permit under this Section, the Planning Board may set a time schedule for the construction of both low income or moderate income and market-rate DWELLING UNITS. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for any market-rate DWELLING UNIT in a development, subject to the requirements of this Section, until there have been issued Certificates of Occupancy for low income or moderate income DWELLING UNITS in an amount equal to the percentage of low income or moderate income UNITS, which are to be constructed in the development or provided off-site.
- L. The above provisions apply to all on-site, off-site, buildings and existing housing stock made affordable with AAN provided funds.

PLANNING BOARD SUMMARY

This article is meant to clarify inconsistencies between the provisions of Section 8.9, Inclusion of Affordable Housing, and Section 5.4, Active Adult Neighborhood, by removing the existing language relative to affordable housing requirements and referencing Section 8.9, Inclusion of Affordable Housing.

Annotated Version

Additions are underlined

Deletions are ~~strike through~~

5.4.3 AAN District

This district shall be an overlay district and shall include parcels of land depicted on a map dated May 13, 2002 and entitled “Active Adult Neighborhood District”, or any amendments thereto. This map is hereby adopted coincident with the adoption of this Bylaw. Development in an AAN District is subject to all provisions of the remainder of the Zoning Bylaw, except to the extent provided in Section 5.4, ACTIVE ADULT NEIGHBORHOOD (AAN). Section 8.9, Inclusion of Affordable Housing, ~~does not apply~~ applies to the AAN District, except for the restriction in Section 8.9.5.1.C.iii, which states that the total number of MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS shall not exceed 10% of the lots in the development.

5.4.6 Dimensional Requirements - There shall be no minimum LOT area, FRONTAGE, FLOOR AREA RATIO, LOT width or YARD requirements within an AAN or for any LOT or BUILDING within an AAN except as provided in this section. However, an AAN shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Water Resource Protection and Flood Plain/Wetlands Districts. The Planning Board may impose appropriate additional conditions on the location, layout and size of BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES and OPEN SPACE.

An AAN shall be built according to the following dimensional standards:

Minimum TRACT OF LAND area	25 acres
Minimum frontage of TRACT OF LAND	No Minimum Required
Minimum TRACT OF LAND width	No Minimum Required
Minimum SIDE and REAR YARDs of TRACT OF LAND	No Minimum Required
Minimum setback of BUILDINGS, pavement areas other than ACCESS DRIVEWAYs and walkways from all boundaries of the TRACT OF LAND	50 feet
Minimum separation between BUILDINGS and/or STRUCTURES	20 feet
Maximum height of Principal and Accessory STRUCTURES	35 feet

Minimum OPEN SPACE	40% (<u><i>OPEN SPACE shall not contain more than 50% wetlands, as defined in MGL Ch. 131, S.40 and the Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw.</i></u>)
Maximum density	3 DWELLING UNITS per acre of DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA
Maximum DWELLING UNITS per BUILDING	4

5.4.9 Occupancy Income Range - The AAN shall be designed to provide housing for occupants earning a broad range of incomes, as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Town of Stow. ~~*At least 10% of the DWELLING UNITS shall be built, or otherwise provided in accordance with this Bylaw, to sell at a price affordable to low income and/or moderate income QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURCHASERS, and an additional The AAN shall comply with the provisions of Section 8.9 Inclusion of Affordable Housing. In addition, at least 5% of the DWELLING UNITS shall be built to sell at a price affordable to middle income households, as defined by Executive Order 418 for the Town of Stow. All low income and moderate income and middle income DWELLING UNITS shall contain deed restrictions and comply with the provisions of MGL Ch. 184, s.31 as to resale price and shall provide for notice of any proposed resale and a right of first refusal to the Town of Stow, prior to any such sale.*~~

A. Low income or moderate income DWELLING UNITS created under this section shall be restricted as such in perpetuity and comply with the provisions of MGL Ch. 184, s.31. Middle income DWELLING UNITS created under this section shall be restricted as such in perpetuity and comply with the provisions of the Regulations promulgated in accordance with this Section 5.4.

B. ~~*- This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -*~~

~~*The Planning Board may approve compliance through using the following methods and provisions for AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS.*~~

~~*i. On-site location - If all AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS are to be constructed on site, then 10% of the DWELLING UNITS shall be for low income or moderate income QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURCHASERS.*~~

~~*ii. Off-site AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS - The developer may provide off-site AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS from existing Stow housing stock by the conveyance of land and/or building or by providing cash payments in lieu of DWELLING UNITS. If this option is chosen, at least half of the required 10% AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS shall be constructed on-site and 150% of the remaining AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS provided by one of the following approaches. In all cases, deed restrictions shall be placed on all DWELLING UNITS to provide for AAN restrictions and/or Low/Moderate income restrictions in perpetuity, as the Planning Board may determine.*~~

~~*a. Providing off-site DWELLING UNITS - Affordable off-site DWELLING UNITS may be located in an existing DWELLING UNIT, provided that the requirement that said DWELLING UNITS be designated as qualifying low or moderate income DWELLING UNITS under the Subsidized Housing Inventory compiled by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).*~~

~~*b. Conveyance of land and/or buildings - The developer may donate to the Town of Stow or its designee, and the Town of Stow or its designee may accept land and/or buildings suitable for housing use. The developer shall document fee simple title ownership of said land and/or buildings or a legal right to purchase the same, at the time of application for a Special Permit. Such land and/or building shall have a current appraised fair market value no less than the value determined in accordance with the method below. Donations of land and/or buildings for said purchase shall be conveyed to the Town of Stow, or its designee,*~~

~~and shall be used solely for purposes of providing AAN housing affordable to a QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURCHASER.~~

~~c. Cash Payment—Cash payments may be made in lieu of the above options. The cash payment shall be determined by the following formula:~~

~~• Cash Payment = The number of required off-site units times 35% of the average sale price of new construction AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS.~~

~~• Incremental payments will be made in accordance with the AAN Rules and Regulations. Such cash payments shall be made payable to the Town of Stow. Such payments shall be reserved by the Town of Stow in a separate account, independent and distinct from the Town's general fund, and shall be used solely for the purpose of the creation or continuation of low income and moderate income housing.~~

~~C. This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -Restrictive documents—Each low income or moderate income DWELLING UNIT shall be rented or sold, subject to applicable deed covenants, contractual agreements and/or other mechanisms, restricting such features as the USE and occupancy, rent levels, and sales prices of such DWELLING UNITS to assure their affordability.~~

~~D. This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -Resale controls—Each low income or moderate income DWELLING UNIT created in accordance with this Section 5.4 shall have limitations governing its resale that must be satisfied before its owners can sell the property. The purpose of these limitations is to preserve the long-term affordability of the DWELLING UNIT and to ensure its continued availability to low income or moderate income households. The resale controls shall be established through deed or lease restrictions or otherwise, subject to approval by the Planning Board, and shall be perpetual and in compliance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 184, s.31. The Town of Stow, through standard procedures provided by applicable state law, shall establish the resale controls in such a manner so as to be enforceable.~~

~~E. This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -Resale Price—Resale price shall be determined at the time of issuance of a Special Permit, in accordance with existing laws that apply to resale of affordable units.~~

~~F. This subsection deleted at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting -Right of first refusal purchase—The Planning Board shall include as a condition of a Special Permit approval, the requirement that the purchaser of an affordable housing DWELLING UNIT created as a result of this Bylaw shall agree to execute a deed rider prepared by the Town of Stow, granting, among other things, the Town of Stow's right of first refusal for a period of not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days to purchase the property or assignment thereof, in the event that despite diligent and documented efforts to sell the property, a subsequent qualified purchaser cannot be located. The offered price to the Town of Stow shall be the lesser value of the resale price, as determined in Paragraph 5.4.9 E above or the appraised value of the DWELLING UNIT determined by a Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved appraiser.~~

G. Rights and privileges - QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURCHASERS and middle income purchasers shall have all rights, privileges and responsibilities given to owners or renters of market rate DWELLING UNITS, including access to all amenities within the development.

I. A Special Permit issued under this Bylaw shall include the provision that no building permit shall be issued in reliance on said Special Permit, unless and until the Town of Stow has received written correspondence from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that the low or moderate income DWELLING UNITS, authorized as a result of the Special Permit, will be included in DHCD's Subsidized Housing Inventory of low income or moderate income housing DWELLING UNITS for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B, § 20-23. The correspondence from DHCD must provide documentation that the low or moderate income DWELLING UNITS will be treated as if they were created pursuant to an application for a Comprehensive Permit and qualifying programs thereunder.

- I. Purchaser/tenant selection - Procedures for the selection of purchasers and/or tenants shall be subject to approval by the Town of Stow or its designee.
- J. Timing of commitments - All contractual agreements with the Town of Stow and other documents necessary to ensure compliance with this Section shall be executed prior to and as a condition of the issuance of any Special Permit required to commence construction.
- K. Timing of construction - As a condition of the issuance of a Special Permit under this Section, the Planning Board may set a time schedule for the construction of both low income or moderate income and market-rate DWELLING UNITS. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for any market-rate DWELLING UNIT in a development, subject to the requirements of this Section, until there have been issued Certificates of Occupancy for low income or moderate income DWELLING UNITS in an amount equal to the percentage of low income or moderate income UNITS, which are to be constructed in the development or provided off-site.
- L. The above provisions apply to all on-site, off-site, buildings and existing housing stock made affordable with AAN provided funds.

Article 56. Amend Zoning Bylaw: Developable Site Area

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending Section 1.3, 9.3.11.2 and 4.1.7 to read in their entirety as stated below in subsections (A), (B), and (C) of this article; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Zoning Bylaw; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Planning Board)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This article is largely a clarification of the definition of a Developable Site Area, clarifying that it applies to individual lots and what may be located outside the area. Further, due to inconsistencies within the Zoning Bylaw, it eliminates from the Developable Site Area definition the requirement of not including portions of the site with grades greater than 15% in the calculation of the Developable Site Area. Within the Zoning Bylaw, grading issues are dealt with in subsection 3.8.1.10, which deals with erosion control.

(A) Amend Section 1.3 by amending the definition for DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA to read in its entirety as stated below:

DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA - The DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA of existing or proposed LOT(s) shall be calculated by subtracting from the LOT area all land, which is located in:

- a wetland, which shall mean a "freshwater wetland" as defined in Chapter 131, Section 40 of the General Laws and the Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Article 9 of the General Bylaws;
- a Flood Plain/Wetlands District as defined in the Stow Zoning Bylaw;
- another zoning district in which the principal use of the LOT is not also permitted; and
- an access or right of way easement.

(B) Amend Section 4.1, Standard Dimensional Provisions, by adding a new subsection 4.1.7 to read in its entirety as stated below:

4.1.7 No BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES, except driveways, roads and septic systems, shall be located outside the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA.

(C) Amend Section 9.3, Site Plan Approval, by amending subsection 9.3.11.2 to read in its entirety as stated below:

9.3.11.2 No BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES, except driveways, roads and septic systems, shall be located outside the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA, and the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA shall be clearly identified on the plan and shall meet the requirements of the definition in Section 1.3;

PLANNING BOARD SUMMARY

This article is intended to clarify that "DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA" applies to individual lots and that driveways, roads and septic systems may be located outside the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA.

Annotated Version

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DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA - The DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA of existing or proposed LOT(s) shall be calculated by subtracting from the LOT area all land, which is located in:

- a wetland, which shall mean a "freshwater wetland" as defined in Chapter 131, Section 40 of the General Laws and the Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Article 9 of the General Bylaws;
- a Flood Plain/Wetlands District as defined in the Stow Zoning Bylaw;
- another zoning district in which the principal use of the LOT is not also permitted; **and**
- an access or right of way easement, ~~and~~
- ~~any portion of the site with grades greater than 15%.~~

4.1.7 No BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES, except for driveways, roads and septic systems, shall be located outside the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA.

9.3.11.2 ~~The DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA shall be clearly identified on the plan and shall meet the requirements of the definition in Section 1.3;~~ No BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES, except driveways, roads and septic systems, shall be located outside the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA, and the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA shall be clearly identified on the plan and shall meet the requirements of the definition in Section 1.3;

Article 57. Amend Zoning Bylaw: Zoning District Map

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending Section 2.2 to read in its entirety as stated below; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Zoning Bylaw; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Planning Board)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This article is intended to make the Zoning Map reference in the Bylaw consistent with the most recently amended Zoning Map, while also allowing the reference to appropriately accommodate future amendments to the Zoning Map. This article does not amend the Zoning Map, only the Bylaw reference to the Zoning Map.

2.2 Zoning Map

Said districts are hereby established as shown, located, defined and bounded on a map entitled "Town of Stow Zoning District Map", dated May 1, 1995, amended through May 17, 2004 and as may be amended, and filed with the office of the Town Clerk; which map shall also constitute an index map of all zoning districts, and together with all the maps referred to in Section 2.3 and all explanatory matter thereon shall constitute the Zoning Map of the Town, herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Bylaw.

PLANNING BOARD SUMMARY

This article is intended update the Zoning Map reference to reflect amendments adopted through May 17, 2004 and as may be amended at future town meetings.

Annotated Version

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2.2 Zoning Map

Said districts are hereby established as shown, located, defined and bounded on a map entitled "Town of Stow Zoning District Map", ~~prepared by Metropolitan Area Planning Council~~ dated May 1, 1995, amended through May 17, 2004 and as may be amended, and filed with the office of the Town Clerk; which map shall also constitute an index map of all zoning districts, and together with all the maps referred to in Section 2.3 and all explanatory matter thereon shall constitute the Zoning Map of the Town, herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Bylaw.

Article 58. Transfer To Snow and Ice Account

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000), or any other sum, from the Town's Interest on Long-Term Debt Account and Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), or any other sum, from the Town's Interest on Temporary Loans Account to the Town's FY 2009 Snow and Ice Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Town Administrator)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this appropriation due to unforeseen expenditures that occurred in Fiscal Year 2009 because of the ice storm and number of snowstorms.

Article 59. Transfer To The Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or any other sum, to be added to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Treasurer-Collector)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This transfer is part of a multi-year effort to rebuild the town's financial reserves after having spent most of our reserves several years ago.

Article 60. Transfer to Stabilization Fund: Clean Up Of Special Articles

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars and Three Cents (\$20,882.03), or any other sum, from the associated accounts to be added to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Finance Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. When the town votes to fund a capital article or similar project through a special article, there are sometimes funds left in that account after the work or purchase has been completed. Funds in these accounts that are created by town meeting vote usually remain indefinitely –that is, they carry over into future fiscal years -until they are spent for the original purpose, or a later town meeting votes to move them to some other account. This article “cleans up” some of these old accounts by moving the funds to the Stabilization Fund for future use.

Account Number	Purpose	Amount
0200-10-192-70-78500-0000	3rd Floor Workspace in Town Building	979.67
0200-10-192-70-79838-0000	Town Building Roof Replacement	19,000.00
0200-20-210-70-70834-0000	Police Station Air Conditioning Unit	30.00
0200-20-220-70-78504-0000	Purchase Pumper and Rescue Trucks	576.49
0200-20-220-70-78516-0000	Fire Dispatch Communications Equipment	295.05
0200-50-510-70-73560-0000	Concord Family Youth Service	0.82
Total		20,882.03

Article 61. Balance The Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use a sum of money from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer-Collector in reducing the tax rate (balancing the budget) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Finance Committee)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 62. Town Election

To vote by ballot on May 12, 2009 at the Hale Middle School Gymnasium in said Town of Stow the following officers:

- Two Board of Selectmen members for three years
- One Board of Assessors member for three years
- One Nashoba Regional School District Committee member for three years
- One Board of Health member for three years
- One Planning Board member for five years
- Two Trustees, Randall Library Funds for three years
- One Stow Housing Authority member for five years
- One Stow Housing Authority member for three years

And also to vote by ballot on May 12, 2009 at the Hale Middle School Gymnasium in said Town of Stow the following question:

Question 1: Shall the Town of Stow cease assessing the excise imposed under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, s.8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you calling same at the Town Building and at each of at least seven (7) other public places at least seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or Selectmen on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th of March in the year 2009.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen M. Dungan
Kathleen King Farrell, Clerk
Jason S. Robart
Thomas H. Ruggiero, Chairman
Ellen S. Sturgis

Consent Calendar Procedures

As part of an effort to make our Town Meeting time more productive, and save time for discussion of key issues, the Board of Selectmen and Moderator have implemented the “Consent Calendar.”

Each year there is a number of warrant articles for which past experience suggests that the **action will be routine, non-controversial and predictable**. Again at this annual meeting these articles will be selected for inclusion in the Consent Calendar. As one of the first items of business there will be a motion to take all of these articles as identified in the warrant and **act upon these as a group by a single brief affirmative main motion**, referred to as the Consent Calendar, which will also contain separate and specific motions for each such article included in the Consent Calendar. The language and the amount of money specified in the articles included in the Consent Calendar as printed in the warrant are subject to change. The motion made at Town Meeting will include any changes. The use of the Consent Calendar speeds the passage of warrant articles which the Selectmen and Moderator, in consultation with Town Counsel and the Finance Committee, believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate.

At the motion of the Consent Calendar, the Moderator will call out the number of each of the articles, one by one. If any voter has doubt about passing any motion, or wishes an explanation of any article included in the Consent Calendar, the voter should say the word “hold” in a loud voice when the article number is called by the Moderator. The Moderator will then inquire as to whether the request to hold is for a question or for debate. If the purpose of the request was merely to ask a question, an attempt to obtain a satisfactory answer will be made, and if this occurs the article will remain on the Consent Calendar. If the purpose of the request was to hold the article for debate, the article will be dropped from the Consent Calendar and restored to its original place in the warrant to be brought up, debated and voted on in the usual way. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Calendar only in cases of genuine concern. After calling the individual articles on the Consent Calendar, the Moderator will ask that all articles remaining be **PASSED AS A UNIT** by a unanimous vote after a brief affirmative main motion is made inclusive of all articles remaining on the Consent Calendar.

Please review the proposed motions for the articles for the Consent Calendar and the related comments that follow. Complete articles are found in the warrant. Please review them carefully.

THE CONSENT CALENDAR WILL BE TAKEN UP AS ONE OF THE FIRST ORDERS OF BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

Please do your homework before coming to Town Meeting. If you have any questions about the articles included in the Consent Calendar, motions or procedure please feel free to call the Town Administrator (978-897-2927) **before** Town Meeting.

Note: The language and the amount of money specified in the articles included in the Consent Calendar as printed in the warrant are subject to change. The motion made at Town Meeting will include any changes.

Consent Calendar Motions

Move that the Annual Town Meeting take the following Articles out of the order in the warrant and take action on Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 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, 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.

Article 6. Reserve Fund

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for a Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

Article 7. Tax Title Proceedings

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for Tax Title proceedings for tax taking and/or Land Court foreclosure, including costs and legal expenses related thereto, to be expended by the Treasurer-Collector.

Article 8. Audit Of Financial Records

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$10,600) for a Town financial audit.

Article 9. Revolving Fund For Inspection Fees

Move to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, a revolving fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for FY 2010, 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 Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for FY 2010, 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 10. Revolving Fund For Advanced Life Support Services

Move to authorize, upon the recommendation of the Selectmen, the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for FY 2010, to which shall be credited all fees received for advanced life support services provided by the Town of Stow, to a limit of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for FY 2010, to be expended by the Fire Department without further appropriation, for the purpose of payment of all costs associated with providing advanced life support ambulance services.

Article 11. Transfer To Conservation Fund – Land Maintenance

Move to appropriate and transfer from the Conservation Land Maintenance Account to the Conservation Fund the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$3,395) to be expended by the Conservation Commission.

Article 12. Addition To Conservation Fund

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the balance remaining in the Conservation Fund, to be expended by the Conservation Commission.

Article 13. Transfer From Wetlands Protection Fund

Move to appropriate and transfer from the Wetlands Protection Fund the sum of Two Thousand Three hundred Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,305.50) as additional appropriation to the Conservation Commission, to be expended by the Conservation Commission in performing its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act and Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Article 14. Update Of Property Valuations

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$25,700) to be added to the balance 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 15. Town Records Binding And Repair

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to be added to any balance previously appropriated for the purpose of binding and repairing Town records in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 66, Section 9, to be expended by the Town Clerk.

Article 16. Highway Road Machinery And Private Ways

Move to raise and appropriate the sums of money for Highway Department purposes as set forth in the schedule below.

Expense	Amount
1. For the Road Machinery Account	\$40,591
2. For Repairs on Private Ways	\$15,000

Article 17. Highway Road Construction

Move to appropriate and borrow the sum of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$208,934) from FY 2009 Apportionment for construction, reconstruction and/or improvements to Town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Article 18. Safe Drinking Water

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to any balance previously appropriated 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

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to any balance remaining from the previous appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of providing for household hazardous waste collection.

Article 20. Municipal Solid Waste Disposal

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to any balance remaining from the 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 21. Medical Reserve Corps

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the purpose of providing equipment and operating expenses.

Article 22. Stow Cultural Council

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be added to any balance remaining from previous appropriations, to produce cultural activities and programming in Stow, including Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) of these funds to be used to support Springfest activities.

Article 23. Selectmen's Engineering/Consulting Expenses

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for engineering and consulting services, including but not limited to the implementation of the Town's Master Plan.

Article 24. Planning Board Engineering/Consulting And Master Plan Expenses

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the Planning Board for Planning Board engineering/consulting services and master plan expenses.

Article 25. Employee Educational Incentive Program

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) for funding the Town's employee educational incentive program.

Article 26. Legal Services

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000) to be added to any balance remaining from any previous appropriation, for the purpose of funding the Town's general Legal account.

Article 27. Police Officer & Firefighter Medical Payments

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) to be added to any balance remaining and previously appropriated, in anticipation of possible claims presented to the Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 100, 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. Construction and Maintenance of Water Holes for Firefighting Operations

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water holes and hydrants to support firefighting operations.

Article 29. Weights And Measures Testing

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600) to be added to any balance remaining from a previous appropriation, for the purpose of funding the Town’s Weights and Measures testing.

Article 30. SwiftReach 911 Notification System

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) to be expended under the direction of the Chief of Police, for the purpose of paying for a town-wide telephonic emergency notification system known as “SwiftReach Networks.”

Article 31. Add To Agricultural Commission Account

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) to be added to any balance remaining, as additional appropriation to the Agricultural Expense Account, to be expended by the Agricultural Commission, for the purpose of agricultural preservation activities.

Article 32. Community Preservation Expenses

Move to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) to be expended for wages and expenses associated with the creation, implementation and maintenance of Community Preservation programs, in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to office supplies, clerical assistance, property surveys, appraisals, attorney’s fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2010, in accordance with a budget to be prepared for the Town Administrator.

Article 33. Community Preservation Reserves

Move to reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Balance collected from both the Community Preservation Act Surcharge and the State Trust Fund Distribution and collected from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues, in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, for the undertaking of Community Preservation projects.

Reserves:	Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Revenues:
1. Preservation of Historic Resources	\$60,000
2. Preservation of Open Spaces	\$60,000
3. Affordable Housing	\$60,000



STOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FORM

This survey is being sent town wide in order to identify Stow residents who might need special assistance in an emergency. Being prepared, before a town emergency strikes, is the best way to protect yourself and assist emergency responders.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED ONLY FOR STOW'S EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PLANNING. IT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND USED ONLY BY FIRST RESPONDERS.

FILL OUT FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER, use additional paper to list all household members that may need help.

Name	D.O.B.
Street	Phone #
Emergency Contact	EC Phone #
Primary Doctor	Dr. Phone#
Pharmacy	RX Phone#

Check off all that apply to you:

- I do have a completed File of Life on my refrigerator.
- I would need help if power went out for more than a day.
- I do not have an emergency kit prepared (flashlight, radio, 3 days of food, water & medicine)
- I do not have an emergency plan for my pet. Types and number of pets: _____
- I would need transportation to a shelter.
- I would need help leaving my home.
- I would not be willing to leave my home.
- I would arrange to stay with family or friends, if needed.
- I give my permission to be contacted for further information.
- I have special needs. Please be specific and explain how you will need help: blindness, hearing loss, physical limitations, confusion, etc.

- Please list any medical equipment required. (oxygen, wheelchair, walker, insulin, wound care, IV, therapy, dialysis, nebulizer, etc.)

Please return form to Stow Fire Dept. P.O. Box 11 Stow, MA 01775

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