



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2011

STABILIZATION: \$356,347.30

FREE CASH: NOT YET CERTIFIED

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the voters of the Town of Hubbardston assembled at the Center School gymnasium to act on the articles in said warrant. Present were Moderator Edward Leonard; Board of Selectmen members Matt Castriotta (Chair), Michael Stauder, and Ernest Newcomb; Town Clerk Joyce Green; Finance Committee members Edward Blanchard (Chair), David Simmerer, Benjamin Prentiss, Patrick Girouard, James Pitney, and Chris Norcross; Interim Town Administrator Brian Bullock; and representative for Town Counsel, Joel Bard.

A total of 115 registered voters were checked in by Marcia Howlett and Kellianne Becker. A quorum of 50 voters was present throughout the meeting.

Moderator Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. The following actions were taken on the articles presented in the aforesaid warrant:

ARTICLE 1. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote to **transfer** the sum of **\$15,811.72** (Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars and Seventy Two Cents) **from the Highway Winter Wage Account (#01-423-5101) to the Winter Materials Account (01-423-5400)** and to **transfer** the sum of **\$5,818.45** (Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty Five Cents) **from the Winter Maintenance Fuel Account (01-422-5402) to the Winter Fuel Account (01-423-5402)**.

(FinCom Recommends)

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 2. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote **to amend the action taken at the June 1, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, Article #23**, in the amounts recommended by the **Community Preservation Committee** for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses (5%) **\$3,102.74 (no change)**

Reserves:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve (10%) **\$6,205.74 to \$5,818.05**

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve (10%) **\$6,205.74 to \$5,818.05**

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve (10%) **\$6,205.74 to \$5,818.05**

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve (65%) **\$40,335.56 to \$37,817.32**

(Fin Com Recommends)

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 3. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote **to transfer \$2,200.00 (Two Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) from funds remaining in appropriation** voted as Article 15 of the Annual Town meeting of June 1, 2010 for a an exterior message board **to the Assessors Expense (01-141-5201)** for the upgrade of software that will allow online access of property record cards.

(Fin Com Recommends)

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 4. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote to **transfer** the amount of **\$184,406.16** (One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Six and 16/100)said amount being the **balance of the FY 10 Certified Free Cash to the Municipal Capital Stabilization Account.** (Fin Com Recommends)
2/3 Vote Required

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Unanimous in favor

ARTICLE 5. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote **to transfer the amount of \$2,100.00** (Two Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) **from Hubbardston Center School Water Tank** (01-300-5810), **\$1,114.50** (One Thousand, One Hundred Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars) from **New Electrical Heat/Upgrade** (01-610-5800), **\$91.11**(Ninety- one and 11/100 Dollars) from **New Telephone System** (01-122-5202-0009), **\$183.64** (One Hundred Eighty-Three and 64/100 Dollars) from **Agricultural Commission Expense (01-650-5200)** and **\$9,719.21** (Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen and 21/100 Dollars) **from Insurance Expense** (01-945-5700), to pay the interest accrued on a previously approved tax abatement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 58A, section 13. (Fin Com Recommends)

2/3 Vote Required

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Unanimous in favor

ARTICLE 6: Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town vote **to amend the Hubbardston General Bylaws, Chapter XXIV, Public Safety, Section 2, “Property, Numbering of”** by deleting sub-section 4, *“Assignment of Assessors, filing: The numbers shall be assigned to each structure by the Assessors and filed in the office of the Town Clerk”* from the Bylaw.

Second: Ernest Newcomb

Vote: Motion Carries; Yes-114, No-1, Abstain-0

The Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:12pm and announced that Annual Town Meeting would be starting in 18 minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce E. Green
Town Clerk

(Town Seal)