

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 5, 2006 PROCEEDINGS

The Moderator Arthur W. Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Non Residents were allowed into the meeting:

Michael McCue, Admin. Asst. BOS

Gail Wellman, Admin. Asst. Planning Board

Christine Kupstats, Treasurer

Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent, Blackstone Valley Technical

Pamela Ratcliffe, Senior Center Director

Joseph Kogut, Treasurer MU reg. School Dist.

Melissa Madden

Keith Madden

Dana Perry, Boy Scout

Christina Leduc, child

Jean Berthold, Asst. Assessor

Stan Weinberg, Town Counsel

Melissa Earls, Asst. Super. MU Reg. Sch. Dist.

Paul Daigle, Superintendent, MU Reg. Sch. Dist.

ARTICLE 2 Voted that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting shall be **OUT OF ORDER** unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, or article that will be reduced by the same amount.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3 Voted to amend Town Clerk's salary to \$36,761.44 with the difference of \$823.44 being taken from free cash.

MAJORITY HAND COUNT

Voted to fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town for FY07 as follows:

Moderator	\$100
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$2,200
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$2,000
Board of Assessors	\$2,600 each member
Town Clerk	\$36,761.44
Highway Surveyor	\$63,519
Board of Health, Chairman	\$225
Board of Health, Member	\$200
Planning Board, Chairman	\$225
Planning Board, Member	\$175
Park Commissioners	-0-
Tree Warden	\$9.54 per hour
Water Commissioners	-0-
Taft Library Trustees	-0-
Mendon-Upton Regional Library Dist. Trustee	-0-
Mendon-Upton School Comm. Mem.	-0-
Blackstone Valley School Com. Mem.	-0-

- ARTICLE 4** Voted to raise and appropriate and/ transfer \$10,000 from the Wetlands Protection Fund to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, with the exception of the following line items: 122E, 161A, and 220A4.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 122E-Selectmen –Audit voted to raise and appropriate \$10,500 for line item 122E.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Line Item 161A-Town Clerk-Salaries & Wages- Defeated a motion to increase the salary for line item 161A to \$7574 contingent upon approval from the Dept. of Revenue.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Line item 220 A4-Fire Dept. Full Time Salaries & Wages Voted to raise and appropriate \$290,000 for line item 220A4.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 5** Voted to amend the Mendon Town Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 8 by replacing current text with “There shall be a Capital Planning Committee consisting of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms such that the term of office of at least one member but no more than two expire each year”.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 6** Defeated a motion to amend Mendon Town Bylaws; Chapter II entitled “Town Meetings” as Follows;

Replace Section 1. With - The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Mendon for the transaction of business relating to the affairs for the Town, shall be held on the first Friday in May. Time and place for the Annual Town Meeting shall be designated by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the General Laws.

Replace Section 2. With - The annual Town Meeting for the elections of Town officers shall be held on the Tuesday occurring eleven days after the first Friday in May.

Replace Section 3. With - The polls for the annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be opened at seven (7) o'clock in the forenoon and shall remain open until eight (8) o'clock in the evening.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 7** Voted to raise and appropriate \$421,044 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund Mendon’s portion of the operational budget of the Mendon-Upton Regional School

District for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2006; provided that such appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot vote in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21 C (m).

MAJORITY HAND COUNT

YES 173

NO 73

ARTICLE 8 Voted to transfer \$22,500 from Fino Land Use Plan Account to Land Bank account.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9 Voted to transfer \$5000 from Stabilization Account for replacement/repair of the septic systems at the Town Beach. **2/3 vote needed**
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10 Voted to transfer \$18,500 from Stabilization Account for decontamination equipment for the Fire Station. **2/3 vote needed**
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of property at 23 Main Street, Mendon, or at any other place within the Town, for the purpose of providing living quarters for on-duty firefighters, said lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and further, to raise and appropriate \$18,000 to carry out the intent and purpose of this Article.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12 Voted to transfer \$20,000 from Stabilization Account for Town Hall billing software.
2/3 Vote needed
2/3 vote declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 13 Voted to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to enter into an agreement for the posting of signs on the chain link fence in the outfield of the baseball field at Memorial Field.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14 Voted, pursuant to the provisions of Article XIII. F. of the Town's Zoning Bylaws, to extend the Rate of Development Bylaw as follows: (a) by changing the date in Section XIII. C. from May 12, 2001 to May 12, 2006; and (b) by changing the date in Section XIII. F. from June 30, 2006 to June 30, 2011. **2/3 vote needed**
2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 15 Voted to raise and appropriate \$278,971.60 to fund the new construction/renovation capital account of the Mendon-Upton Regional School debt exclusion.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16 Voted to raise and appropriate \$514,472.31 to fund the Clough School new construction capital account of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District debt exclusion.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17 Voted to Passover this article to raise and appropriate or transfer from available sources a sum of money for the Three Year Audit Account.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain a section in the road in front of 7 Vincent Road, a previously accepted public way, as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Blueberry Estates in Mendon, Mass." Prepared for High Point Realty Trust, which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deed in Plan Book 633, Plan 15, and in consideration pay the amount of \$1.00 from the Stabilization Account.
2/3 vote needed
2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer \$20,000 from Stabilization Account to the Hartford Avenue East Engineering account. 2/3 vote needed
2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 20 Voted to raise and appropriate \$7000 to fund the FY07 portion of the Update Valuation Account.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21 Voted to raise and appropriate \$5000 for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22 Voted to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department may provide and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 type money allocated the Town.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23 Voted to approve the Mendon Land Use Committee's Five Year Land Use Plan.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- ARTICLE 24** Voted to transfer \$101,000 from Community Preservation Funds account to fund the Fino Land purchase debt exclusion.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 25** Voted to raise and appropriate \$27,471.75 from Community Preservation Funds account to fund the Fino Land purchase debt exclusion.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 26** Voted to transfer \$6500 from Community Preservation Funds account to fund the repairs at the Records Room.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 27** Voted to transfer \$61,200 from Community Preservation Funds account to fund the completion of the Babe Ruth baseball field.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 28** Voted to transfer \$25,000 for Highway, \$15,000 for Council of Aging, and \$2000 for the Library totaling \$42,000 from the Capital Expenditures Account for the Capital Improvements Projects of the repair and replacement of roofs of Town-owned buildings.
2/3 vote needed
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 29** Voted to transfer \$25,000 for carpeting, \$1300 for a Book Drop Indoor, and \$5000 for a book drop outdoors for the library totaling \$31,300 from the Capital Expenditures Account for the Capital Improvements Project at the Public Library. 2/3 vote needed
2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR
- ARTICLE 24** Voted to reconsider Article 24.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 24** Voted to transfer \$101,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve to fund interest payments for the Fino Land purchase debt exclusion borrowing.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 26** Voted to reconsider Article 26.
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 26** Voted to transfer \$6500 from the Community Preservation Funds Historical Preservation account to fund the repair of the Records Room.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 27** Voted to reconsider Article 27.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- ARTICLE 27** Voted to transfer \$61,200 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve to fund the completion of the Babe Ruth baseball and all purpose fields.
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 30 Voted to Passover this article to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Improvements Project of the purchase of a pickup truck for the Parks and Recreation Department.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 31 Voted to Passover this article to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Improvements Project of outfitting Town Hall with an electronic document filling system, laptop computer, projector, and screen and conference phone.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 32 Defeated the motion to, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 108C, and any other law pertaining thereto, to adopt the Town of Mendon Personnel Policy adopted May 25, 1999 as amended through January 22, 2003, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office and the Taft Public Library, as a town personnel bylaw.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 33 Voted to Passover this article that would authorize the establishment of an insurance payment schedule of 80 percent Town of Mendon contribution and 20 percent employee contribution to be added to the Town of Mendon Personnel Policy.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 34 Defeated a motion to amend the Zoning Map, of Mendon, Massachusetts, date September, 2001, as amended, so that, that portion of the premises located on Hastings Street, shown on the Mendon Assessors Tax Map, Sheet 8, Block 6D, Parcel 1, as being located within the Residential District, be zoned Business District. 2/3 vote needed

2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

The warrant was dissolved at 10:43pm There were 285 voters in attendance. The tellers for the meeting were Joanne Goodnow, Laura Taylor, Diane Harper, Pat Ghelli, Ruth O'Grady and Kathryn Rich. The officer on duty was Dennis Grady.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret Bonderenko
Town Clerk