

NOTES TO MODERATOR

1. The meeting is called for 7:30 P.M., Monday, April 23, 2007. Before calling the meeting to order, there are the following preliminaries:

- (a) The Town Clerk administers the oath of office to the stenographer.
- (b) The Moderator is informed of the number of Town Meeting Members present and determines that there is a quorum (at least 100).

2. The Moderator announces the number present, that more than a quorum is present, and calls the meeting to order.

3. The Moderator defines the limits of the hall to be that area forward of the aisle which crosses the hall from side to side.

4. The Moderator appoints and announces the selection of 6 tellers, 2 for the left section of seats, 2 for the center section and 2 for the right and a coordinator and table counter.

5. The Moderator then asks the newly elected and re-elected Town Meeting Members to rise so that the Town Clerk can administer the oath of office to them.

6. If requests do not come from the floor spontaneously, the Moderator can ask if any Committee Chairman or others wish those members of their committees or others who are not Town Meeting Members admitted to the floor. It is expected that these requests will come from the following:

- a) Board of Selectmen - Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Town Department Heads
- b) Warrant Committee
- c) School Committee - Superintendent and Business Manager
- d) Planning Board
- e) Board of Assessors - Assessor
- f) Recreation Commission
- g) Capital Budget Committee
- h) Conservation Commission
- i) Board of Library Trustees - Librarian
- j) Personnel Board
- k) Board of Health - Health Director
- l) Retirement Board
- m) Cemetery Commissioners
- n) Fair Housing Committee

There may be others.

The Moderator announces that, hearing no objections, these requests are granted.

7. The Moderator calls upon a religious leader from the community to give the invocation.

8. The Moderator informs the Town Meeting Members and guests of particular points of procedure and order.

9. The Moderator announces that with the unanimous consent of the Town Meeting Members he will ask the Town Clerk to read only the return of the Warrant without reading the text of each printed Article. If there is no objection, the Town Clerk will proceed accordingly.

10. There may be resolutions. Thereafter, the Moderator turns to the Preliminary Motion on the next page.

11. The numbered Articles are considered in the order determined by the vote taken for this purpose under the Preliminary Motion.

12. Those motions requiring other than a simple majority vote are so marked.

13. The Budget Table is presented by a series of motions made by the Chairman of the Warrant Committee. For detailed procedure, please refer to notes under Articles 3 and 4.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 23, 2007

PRELIMINARY MOTION

MOVED: That the Articles in the Warrant be considered in the following order:
1, 2, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 5, 19, 10, 4, 3.

ARTICLE 1

MOVED: That the reports of the Selectmen and other Town officials, departments and committees for the year 2006 be accepted.

MOVED: That Article 1 be laid on the table.

This Motion requires a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 2

MOVED: That the Board of Selectmen be, and it hereby is, authorized to bring and defend actions for and against the Town, to submit any such claims to arbitration, and to enter into settlement on account of the same in behalf of the Town as and when it deems it for the best interest of the Town so to do; said power shall be vested solely in the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5

MOVED: That there be appropriated and paid to the elected officers of the Town as salaries for the financial year commencing July 1, 2007 the amount set opposite the name of each as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$5,000
Selectman (2)	\$4,500 each
Town Clerk	\$77,593
Town Treasurer	\$77,803
Chairman of the Board of Assessors	\$3,030
Assessor (1)	\$2,424
Assessor (1)	\$2,196
TOTAL	\$177,246

and that the sum of \$177,246 be raised by General Tax; and that in consideration of the salaries determined as aforesaid or, in case of appointive officers as determined by the Selectmen, all fees which have heretofore been paid by statute to the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and any other officers, shall be paid by them upon their receipt into the Town Treasury.

ARTICLE 6

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$20,185 to provide non-contributory pensions for eligible employees of any and all of the Town Departments as provided in the applicable sections of Chapter 32 of the General Laws as may be determined from time to time by the Retirement Board, said sum to be raised by General Tax and expended under the direction of the Retirement Board.

ARTICLE 7

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$3,908,600 to provide contributory pensions and expenses in connection therewith in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, said sum to be raised by General Tax and expended under the direction of the Retirement Board.

ARTICLE 8

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$403,501 for the repair, improvement and construction of highways within the Town, said sums to be offset by reimbursement from the Commonwealth as provided by Chapter 90 of the General Laws and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, the same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9

MOVED: That under Article 10 the reading of the amendments to the Position Classification and Compensation Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" be dispensed with, the original having been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

MOVED: That the Town amend the Position Classification and Compensation Plan previously adopted under the provisions of Article 11 of the General By-Laws of the Town by adopting the amendments to the Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" on file in the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE 11

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$4,155,269 from the accounts classified as “Water Enterprise Fund”, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for water service, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$6,072,737 from the accounts classified as “Sewer and Stormwater Enterprise Fund”, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for sewer and stormwater service, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12

MOVED: That pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws, the following Town Departments and Committees be, and hereby are, authorized to expend for program expenditures the following sums from revolving funds:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Youth Commission	\$10,000
Council on Aging	\$50,000
Belmont Cultural Council	\$15,000
Conservation Commission	\$10,000
Board of Library Trustees	\$10,000

ARTICLE 13

MOVED: That the sum of \$30,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purpose of a cost sharing program with the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service for the restoration and maintenance of the Rock Meadow Conservation area, said sum to be raised by transfer from free cash and expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 14

MOVED: That the Town hereby approve the acceptance by the Retirement Board of clause (ii) of paragraph (d) of Chapter 32, Section 9, subdivision (2), of the Massachusetts General Laws, as set forth in Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2006, and as amended by Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, providing for an increase in the accidental death benefit for surviving children to an amount equal to the amount specified in clause (iii) of paragraph (a) of Chapter 32, Section 7, subdivision (2).

ARTICLE 15

MOVED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 23D of the General Laws, which permits local board members who miss a single session of an adjudicatory hearing before their board to be able to vote on the matter, provided they examine all evidence submitted at the missed hearing session and file a certificate to said effect; said provisions to be applicable for all types of local adjudicatory hearings.

ARTICLE 16

MOVED: That under Article 16, the reading of the proposed new Article 31 of the General By-laws of the Town entitled “Disability Access Commission” be dispensed with, the same being set forth in full under Article 16 in the Warrant for this meeting and having been distributed to each Town Meeting Member.

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by adding a new Article 31 entitled “Disability Access Commission”, as set forth in full under Article 16 in the Warrant for this Meeting.

ARTICLE 17

MOVED: That under Article 17, the reading of the proposed amendments to Sections 3.3 “Schedule of Use Regulations”, and 4.2.2 “Linear Requirements” of the Zoning By-Law of the Town be dispensed with, the same being set forth in full under Article 17 in the Warrant for this meeting and having been distributed to each Town Meeting Member.

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town in Sections 3.3 “Schedule of Use Regulations”, and 4.2.2 “Linear Requirements”, as set forth in full under Article 17 in the Warrant for this Meeting.

This Motion requires a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 18

MOVED: That under Article 18, the reading of the proposed amendments to Section 6.3 B “Public Building and School Conversion – 10,000 Square Feet or Less in LB I” of the Zoning By-Law of the Town be dispensed with, the same being set forth in full under Article 18 in the Warrant for this meeting and having been distributed to each Town Meeting Member.

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town in Section 6.3 B “Public Building and School Conversion – 10,000 Square Feet or Less in LB I”, as set forth in full under Article 18 in the Warrant for this Meeting.

This Motion requires a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 19

MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$300,000 for the schematic level design of the main library, and all other costs incidental and related thereto, that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer said sum from the Kendall Insurance Account, and that the Town Moderator be, and hereby is authorized to appoint a Library Building Committee to oversee said design and direct the expenditure of said sum, and that said Library Building Committee be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into contracts and take all actions necessary to carry out the design project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED: That this Annual Town Meeting be adjourned until 7:30 PM of Monday, June 18, 2007 at this place.