

**Annual Town Meeting
May 20, 2014
William E. Norris School**

The Moderator, Robert Floyd, opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum of registered voters present. The workers were Kristine Canton, Ruth Bernier, Ann Girourd, and Debra Pinsky. The pledge of allegiance was said, and then Mr. Floyd, read the warrant, and the return of the warrant, then called for Article 1.

Under Article 1 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to hear presentations of the Richard C Allen Educational Awards sponsored by the Southampton Highway Department and Transfer Station. It was unanimous. The awards were given by Randall Kemp, Superintendent of Highway, as follows:

Madison Boucher	\$500.00
Anna Dziok	\$500.00
Jessica Kowal	\$500.00
Jenessa Labrie	\$500.00
Paige Richard	\$500.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

Under Article 2 it was made and seconded that the Town will vote to fix salaries of all elected officials for the fiscal year 2015 for the period of July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015, and further, to raise and appropriate monies as identified in the Town's omnibus budget, as follows. The Moderator divided the question to vote on each section separately, as is his custom.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderators Expenses	\$150
Selectmen Expenses	\$2,000
Annual Internet Service	\$1,980
Webpage Maintenance	\$500
Town Administrator Salary	\$56,000
Administrative Assistant Wages	\$16,000
Administration Expenses	\$2,000
Photocopier Lease and Supplies	\$3,000
Postage	\$15,000
Legal Expenses	\$22,500
Finance Committee Expenses	\$250
Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Town Accountant Salary	\$37,280
Asst. Accountant Wages	\$17,479
Independent Audit	\$17,000
Town Accountant Expenses	\$676

Accounting Software Support	\$2,630
Asst. Assessor Wages	\$67,214
Assessor Expenses	\$2,168
Assessors Software Support	\$5,200
Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$49,963
Treasurer/Collector Wages	\$47,000
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$12,300
Treasurer software Support	\$9,505
Tax Title Expenses	\$3,000
PPPB Expenses	\$100
Town Clerk Salary	\$35,783
Town Clerk Asst Wages	\$16,695
Town Clerk Expenses	\$500
Election-Registration Salaries	\$600
Election-Registration Wages	\$3,548
Election-Registration Expenses	\$4,874
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$750
Planning Board Expenses	\$650
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	\$869
Barnes Aquifer Committee	\$2,000
Zoning Board Clerical Wages	\$200
Town Hall Custodial Expenses	\$1,800
Telephone	\$8,500
Town Hall-Gas & Electric	\$16,500
Larrabee-Gas & Electric	\$20,000
Town Hall Bldg Expenses	\$2,444
Larrabee Bldg Expenses	\$11,280
Town Report	\$1,000
Technology-Equipment	\$7,426
Technology-Services	\$6,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL (PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE)	\$542,314
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>	
Emergency Management Expenses	\$1,000
Police Chief Salary	\$82,963
Police Chief Educ. Incentive Pay	\$20,741
Police Department Wages	\$558,670
Police Edu. Incentive	\$43,230
Police Dept. Expenses	\$50,349
Police Equipment Maintenance Contract	\$23,030
Communication Wages	\$172,946
Communication Expenses	\$4,900
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$5,374
Fire Chief's Salary	\$72,000
EMT/Fire Dept. Wages	\$76,849

Fire Department Expenses	\$35,000
EMT Standby	\$35,100
EMT Wages	\$180,232
Ambulance Billing	\$7,000
EMT Licensing & Certifications	\$2,500
Ambulance/EMS Expenses	\$40,000
Building Inspectors Salary	\$50,000
Building Inspector Clerical	\$6,168
Building Inspection Expenses	\$4,000
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY TOTAL (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$1,472,052
<i>Southampton Education</i>	
Elementary School (Norris)	\$3,609,422
School Choice Tuition	\$30,000
Local School Transportation	\$194,738
Charter School Tuition	\$11,000
Vocational School Tuition	\$833,210
Vocational Transportation	\$50,000
Hampshire Regional Operating	\$4,412,702
Hampshire Regional Debt	\$313,810
EDUCATION TOTAL (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$9,454,882
<i>Public Works and Facilities</i>	
Highway Superintendent Salary	\$68,500
General Highway Wages	\$196,329
General Highway Expenses	\$164,240
Road Machinery Expenses	\$74,000
Winter Roads Wages	\$113,379
Winter Roads Expenses	\$115,605
Street Lighting	\$21,000
Cemetery Commission Expenses	\$2,500
Tree Warden Expenses	\$8,000
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES TOTAL (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$763,553
<i>Human Services</i>	
Health Agent Salary	\$26,659
Board of Health Clerical Wages	\$6,168
Board of Health Expenses	\$2,999
Animal Inspector Salary	\$3,000
Council on Aging Wages	\$22,239
Council on Aging Expenses	\$414
Veterans' Agent Salary	\$7,604
Veterans' Agent Expenses	\$200

Veterans' Benefits	\$40,000
HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL (PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE)	\$109,284
<i>Culture and Recreation</i>	
Library Wages	\$93,878
Library Expenses	\$30,143
Park Commission Wages	\$3,500
Park Commission Expenses	\$3,900
Historical Commission	\$1,720
Memorial Day	\$300
CULTURE AND RECREATION TOTAL (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$133,441
<i>Debt Service</i>	
Debt Norris Roof	\$125,000
Debt Larrabee Renovation	\$110,000
Debt Pumper Tanker	\$26,450
Halloween Oct 2011 Storm Debt	\$15,000
Debt Pequot Pond Sewer	\$15,000
Debt WPAT Bond	\$20,400
Int Norris Roof	\$6,000
Int Larrabee Renovation	\$75,419
Int Halloween Storm	\$650
Int Pumper Tanker	\$6,745
Int Pequot Pond Sewer	\$5,607
Int Short-Term Debt	\$4,000
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$410,271
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	
Hampshire Council of Governments	\$4,600
State – Air Pollution	\$1,660
State – RMV Surcharge	\$2,640
Regional Transit Charge	\$7,158
Retirement Contributory	\$572,670
Workers Compensation	\$45,000
Unemployment Compensation	\$8,000
Group Health Insurance	\$700,000
Group Health Insurance – Retiree	\$165,000
Medicare	\$77,000
Group Life Insurance	\$2,900
Group Life Insurance – Retiree	\$1,200
Insurance General	\$75,000
MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL EXPENSES (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)	\$1,662,828

ARTICLE 2 - GRAND TOTAL (ALL SECTIONS HAVE BEEN ACTED ON – NO FURTHER VOTE ON THE GRAND TOTAL IS NECESSARY)	\$14,548,625
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Under Article 3 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Town’s Omnibus budget for Fiscal Year 2015, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override, pursuant to a Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, referendum question.

Motion was made to have paper ballots; seconded; motion failed

Motion was made for a 2 ½ override as presented to proceed to an election

Article 3 Passed by majority vote

Under Article 4 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to allow the Hampshire Regional School District Administration to enter into a five year contract consisting of a three-year base contract with the option to renew for two additional years to provide bus transportation to Hampshire Regional High School, Chesterfield Goshen Regional School, Southampton Public Schools, Westhampton Public Schools, Williamsburg Public Schools, and vocational transportation.

Article 4 Passed unanimously

Under Article 5 it was made and seconded that the Town, consistent with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 1B, vote to have the elected position of Treasurer/Collector become an appointed Treasurer/Collector of the Town; provided however, that this vote is contingent upon successful passage of a ballot question pertaining thereto on a Town Ballot. If approved and the office becomes appointed, any incumbent serving at the time of voter acceptance continues to serve until the remainder of his or her term expires. Such appointment shall be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed 3 years, unless such mode of appointment or term is otherwise provided by law.

Amendment made and seconded; failed by majority vote

Motion to table the original article; seconded; Ayes 81, Nays 35 (Majority reached)

Vote on Article 5 to table the article was successful

Under Article 6 it was made and seconded that the Town consistent with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 1B, vote to have the elected position of Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the Town; provided however, that this vote is contingent upon successful passage of a ballot question pertaining thereto on a Town Ballot. If approved and the office becomes appointed, any incumbent serving at the time of voter acceptance continues to serve until the remainder of his or her term expires. Such appointment shall be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed 3 years, unless such mode of appointment or term is otherwise provided by law.

Motion to table the article; seconded; Ayes 79, Nays 37 (Majority reached)

Vote on article 6 to table the article was successful

Under Article 7 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the By-Laws for the Town of Southampton, Article VI, General Government, by deleting the text of Sec. 3 and inserting in its place the following: "The Town shall, each fiscal year, fund through taxation and hire an independent third party accounting firm to perform an annual audit of the financial records of the Town and to report its findings to the Town; such report to be made public within thirty (30) days of its completion."

Article 7 passed by majority vote

Under Article 8 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws for the Town of Southampton by adding Section XVI, "Solar Electric Generating Facilities," (as written in attachment).

Amendment was made; seconded; passed by majority vote

Motion was made and seconded to table the article; 43 Ayes, 57 Nays; did not meet 2/3 requirement; Motion failed

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written; 85 Ayes, 14 Nays

Article 8 passed by majority vote and met 2/3 requirement

Under Article 9 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws for the Town of Southampton by adding Section XVII, "Inclusionary Zoning," (as written in attachment); 71 Ayes, 14 Nays

Article 9 passed by majority vote and met 2/3 requirement

Mr. Moderator addressed the issue of whether to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. or reconvene the following evening per Town By-Laws.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.; Vote was taken and motion failed

A motion was then made and seconded to continue the meeting to tomorrow evening, May 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m.; Passed by majority vote

Annual Town Meeting [Continued]

May 21, 2014

William E. Norris School

The Moderator, Robert Floyd, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of registered voters present. The workers were Kristine Canton, Ruth Bernier, and Ann Girourd.

Mr. Floyd, Town Moderator, made an announcement in regards to allowing reconsideration of any articles or motions that were acted upon the previously. He stated that M.G.L. Chapter 39 grants the Town Moderator sole power to run town meetings, and it allows for the correction of a flawed motion that has passed or consideration of compelling new information and is not intended as a method of changing the intent of the town meeting.

Mr. Moderator announced that the meeting was being televised.

Under Article 10 it was made and seconded that the Town hear and act, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects, and other necessary and proper expenses in fiscal year beginning July 11, 2014, including debt service for any approved Community Preservation projects, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$35,861.34

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$35,861.34

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Undesignated Reserve \$251,029.98

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$35,861.34

Motion passed unanimously

a. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Historical (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$10,000 to the Edwards Public Library to fund document preservation and prepare documents for the public, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account.

Motion passed unanimously

b. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Historical (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$1,500 to the Veterans Grave Officer to be used to fund the restoration of Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans' monuments, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges- Historical Preservation Account.

Motion carried unanimously

c. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Historical (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$5,000 to the Veterans Grave Officer to be used to fund the purchase of ten flat markers for veterans' graves, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account.

Motion carried unanimously

d. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$12,700 to the Southampton Youth Athletic Association to fund renovations to the baseball field at Conant Park, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges- Open Space/Recreation Account.

Motion carried unanimously

e. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$5,000 to the Conservation Commission for improvements to trail improvement at the Whittemore Conservation area, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Open Space/Recreation Account.

Motion carried by majority vote

f. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$2,500 to the Conservation Commission for the completion of the hiking map for the Wolf Hill and Sczypta Conservation areas and to provide trail signs for the Wolf Hill Conservation area, said sums shall be taken from Community Preservation Surcharges-Open Space/Recreation Account.

Motion carried unanimously

g. Transfer of Funds/Community Preservation Undesignated (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$10,000 to fund the operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Undesignated Account.

Motion carried unanimously

h. Transfer/Community Preservation Historical Preservation (FY15)

It was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$40,000 to the Public Safety Complex account to fund the Public Safety Building Complex feasibility study that a building that fits the historical character of Southampton, including consideration of the old fire house, said sum shall be taken from the community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 11 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,401 to fund the Amortization of WPAT Bonds, said sum shall be taken from the WPAT Loan Repayment Account.

Motion carried unanimously

Under Article 12 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 to fund the EMS/Ambulance Related Expenses, said sum shall be taken from the Ambulance Fees Account.

Motion carried unanimously

Under Article 13 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 to fund the Police Department Wages for EMS/Ambulance related expenses; said sum shall be taken from the Ambulance Fees Account.

Motion carried unanimously

Under Article 14 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to create an Ambulance Stabilization fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, and to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Ambulance Fees Account to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund; the purpose of the Ambulance Stabilization Fund is to purchase future ambulance vehicles; or take any action related thereto.

Motion passed unanimously and satisfied 2/3 vote requirement

Under Article 15 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$254,761 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund; or take any action related thereto; to be funded from the following sources:

Permits	\$78,500
Charges (Tipping)	\$63,919
Bag Fees	\$85,000
Recycling	\$17,000
Investment Income	\$500
WPAT Subsidiaries	\$9,842
TOTAL	\$254,761

To be expended as follows:

Salary & Wages	\$55,135
Operating Expenses	\$159,063
Debt Service/P&I	\$21,440
Indirect Costs	\$19,123
TOTAL	\$254,761

Article 15 Passed unanimously

Under Article 16 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$687,248 for the Water Enterprise Fund; or take any action related thereto; to be funded from the following sources:

Water Charges	\$533,433
Hook-up Charges	\$46,250
Investment Income	\$2,000
Retained Earnings	\$40,000
WPAT Subsidiaries	\$65,565
TOTAL	\$687,248

To be expended as follows:

Salary & Wages	\$190,500
Operating Expenses	\$125,000
Capital Outlay	\$86,208
Debt Service/P&I	\$231,068
Indirect Costs	\$47,472
TOTAL	\$687,248

Article 16 passed unanimously

Under Article 17 it was made and seconded that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of Massachusetts General Laws, vote to authorize the operation of revolving funds for certain town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 with specific receipts credited to

each fund the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year as follows.

Revolving Fund Title	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY15 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspection Receipts	Payment for Plumbing Inspection Services	\$15,000
Electrical Inspections	Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspection Receipts	Payment for Electrical Inspection Services	\$15,000
Planning board	Planning Board	Filing Fees	Administrative Expense	\$15,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	Receipts from Fees	ZBA Expenditures	\$3,000
Council on Aging Van	Council on Aging Director	Receipts from Operation of Van	Payment for Operation of COA Van	\$20,000
Dog Licensing and Control	Town Clerk and Dog Officer	Dog License Fees and Other Related Charges	Expenses Related to Admin. Of Licenses & Dog Control	\$8,000

Article 17 passed unanimously

FISCAL YEAR FY-15 OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Under Article 18 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$9,000 to the Fire Department for Structural firefighting turnout gear and related equipment, said sum shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund.

Article 18 passed unanimously and met 2/3 requirement

Under Article 19 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$33,000 to the Police Department Wages, said sum shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund.

Article 19 passed unanimously and met 2/3 requirement

FISCAL YEAR FY-15 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

Under Article 20 it was made and seconded to take no action and indefinitely postpone.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 21 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000 to the Police Department for police vests, said sum shall be taken from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Article 21 passed unanimously and met 2/3 requirement

Under Article 22 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 to the Police Department for emergency equipment related to active shooter response, said sum shall be taken from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Article 22 passed unanimously and met 2/3 requirement

Under Article 23 it was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$38,000 to the Ambulance/EMS expense account for a cardiac monitor and related equipment, said sum shall be taken from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Article 23 passed unanimously and met 2/3 requirement

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was unanimous

A true copy of the warrant, return of the warrant, and the minutes of the meeting.

Attest:

Janine Domina, Clerk
Town of Southampton