

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 17, 2011

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The Moderator Robert Floyd opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. The checkers were Ruth Bernier, Robin Richard, Kristine Canton. One Hundred Thirty-two Register voters were present.

The Moderator Introduced Jacqueline Sears Selectman, Donna Whiteley Treas/Collector.

Gary Swanson gave a final update on the Larrabee Reuse Committee. Thanked the Highway Dept. for the help on different jobs that they did.

The Moderator then called for Article 1.

Under Article 1 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to hear presentations of the Richard C. Allen Educational Awards sponsored by the Southampton Police Association, Southampton Highway Department and Transfer Station. Ed Cauley, Superintendent, and David Silvernail, Police chief gave out the awards. The recipients were

Caitlin Rose Cauley	Elizabeth Cauley
Jeffrey Florek	Bailey Gobillot
Margo McCarthy	Daniel Valinski

Under Article 2 it was moved and seconded. The moderator moved to divide the Article.

General Government

FY2012

Recommended Budget

Moderator Expenses	112.00
Selectmen Expenses	2,190.00
CDL Drug Testing	380.00
Annual Internet Service	1,980.00
Webpage Maintenance	500.00
Town Administrator Salary	66,756.05
Administrative Assistant Wages	25,869.13
Administration Expenses	1,513.00
Photocopier Lease & Supplies	2,800.00
Postage	12,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	210.00
Reserve Account	34,200.00
Town Accountant Salary	40,000.00
Asst Accountant Wages	17,778.51
Independent Audit	5,000.00
Accountant Expenses	1,051.00
Accounting Software Support	2,219.00
Asst. Assessor Wages	64,804.23
Assessor Expenses	5,805.00
Assessors Software Support	4,500.00
Assessor Town Map	1,500.00
Assessor Consultant	3,700.00
Triennial Reval	5,000.00
Treas/Collector Salary	47,188.01
Treas/Collector Wages	52,649.38

Treas/Collector Expenses	8,500.00
Treasurer Software Support	8,400.00
Legal	30,000.00
PPPB Expenses	400.00
Tax Title	8,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	33,558.00
Town Clerk Asst. Wages	15,826.70
Town clerk Expenses	931.00
Election, Registrars Salaries (3Board of Registrars)	600.00
Election Registrars Wages (9 Election Workers)	1,319.00
Election Registrars Expenses	5,778.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	1,940.00
Planning Board Expenses	620.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (assessment)	808.00
Barnes Aquifer Protection	1,862.00
ZBA Clerical Wages	505.00
Municipal Building Custodian Wages	8,110.00
Municipal Building Custodian Supplies/Expenses	7,500.00
Building Maintenance (General)	1,000.00
Telephone	8,000.00
Old Town Hall-Gas & Electric	15,000.00
New Town Hall-Gas & Electric	23,000.00
Old Town Hall Bldg Expenses	2,300.00
New Town Hall Bldg Expenses	9,915.00
Town Report	2,000.00
Technology-Equipment	3,354.00
Technology-Services	2,500.00
Emergency Management Expenses	3,000.00
Total Government	\$604.432.01

Motion passes unanimous

PROTECTION OF PAERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Chief's Salary	78,697.65
Police Salaries and Wages	567,744.19
Police Expenses	46,784.00
Police Equipment Maintenance Contract	22,407.00
Regional Lockup Assessment	5,374.00
DARE Program	3,000.00
Communications Wages	149,230.53
Communications Expenses	4,568.00
Fire Chief's Salary	77,397.80
Fire Dept. Wages	75,078.35
Fire Department Expenses	24,818.00
EMT Standby	0.00
EMS Wages	72,451.34
Ambulance Billing Clerk	7,000.00
EMT Licensing & Certifications	2,120.00

Ambulance/ EMS Expenses	9,700.00
Bldg Inspector Salary	48,217.91
Bldg Inspector Clerical Wages	7,131.00
Building Inspector Expenses	2,793.00
Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$ 1,204,512.77

Motion passes unanimously

SOUTHAMPTON EDUCATION

Elementary School	3,839,175.00
Local School Transportation	170,476.00
Textbooks	18,000.00
Vocational School Tuition	623,460.00
Vocational Transportation	50,000.00
Total Education	\$4,701,111.00

Motion passes unanimously

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL EDUCATION

Regional Schools	3,505,460.00
Debt Service	299,690.00
TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATION	\$3,805,150.00

Motion passes unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Highway Superintendent Salary	86,344.90
Highway Wages	165,743.49
Highway Expenses	144,240.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	62,720.00
Winter Roads Wages	124,512.16
Winter Roads Expenses	110,980.00
Snow Insurance	
Street Lighting	20,500.00
Cemetery Commission	2,000.00
Tree Warden Wages	
Tree Warden Expenses	3,603.00
Total Public Works and Facilities	720,643.56

Motion passes unanimously

HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health Agent	25,037.68
Board of Health Admin Clerical	7,131.00
Board of Health Expenses	1,500.00
Animal Inspector Salary	3,000.00
Council on Aging Wages	14,806.44
Council on Aging Expenses	1,664.00

Veterans' Agent Wages	7,097.00
Veterans' Agent Expenses	372.00
Veterans' Benefits	48,500.00
Total Human Services	\$109,108.12

Motion passed unanimously

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Library Wages	84,782.00
Library Expenses	26,126.00
Park Commission Wages	4,588.00
Park Commission Expenses	2,090.00
Historical Commission Expenses	1,720.00
Celebrate Southampton (A.K.A.Old Home Days	600.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Total Culture and Recreation	\$120,406.00

Motion passes unanimously

DEBT SERVICE

School Construction Principal (Last Payment FY 2014	390,000.00
Highway Truck Principal (Last Payment FY 2010)	0
Lawn Mower Principal (Last Payment FY 2011)	0
Communications-Radios & Equipment Principal (Last Payment FY2014)	12,600.00
Library Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2013	45,000.00
Pequot Pond Sewer Principal (Last Payment FY 2020	15,000.00
WPAT Bonds-Septic Betterments	20,401.00
Pumper/Tanker Principal (Last Payment FY 2020	26,450.00
Larrabee Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2030	110,000.00
School Construction Interest	62,975.00
Highway Truck Interest	0
Lawn Mower Interest	0
Communications-Radios & Equipment Interest	1,512.00
Library Construction Interest	4,950.00
Pequot Pond Sewer Interest	7,723.00
Pumper/Tanker Interest	10,118.00
Larrabee Construction Interest	82,294.00
Short Term Borrowing	4,000.00
Transfer to Stabilization/Capital Fund	
Total Dept Service	\$793,023.00

Motion passes unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES

Hampshire Council of Governments	4,528.00
Retirement Contributory	457,894.00

Retirement Non-Contributory	0
Workers Compensation	40,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	6,000.00
Group Health Insurance	828,814.00
Medicare/FICA	72,000.00
Group Life Insurance	4,062.00
Insurance General	85,000.00
Transfer to Stabilization	
Total Miscellaneous	\$1,498,298.00

Motion passes unanimously

Grand Total Article 2 **\$13,556,684.46**

Under Article 3 it was moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from Free Cash to be used to reduce the FY12 Tax rate.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 4 it was moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from the Stabilization-All Purpose account to be used to reduce the FY12 tax rate.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 5 it was moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,401.00 from the WPAT Loan Repayment Account to fund the amortization of WPAT bonds.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 6 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$134,271.00 from the Ambulance Fees Account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 7 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,142.00 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund; amount to be funded from the following sources:

Permits	\$78,500.00
Charges (Tipping)	58,800.00
Bag Fees	66,000.00
Recycling	25,000.00
Investment Income	2,000.00
Retained Earnings	10,000.00
WPAT Subsidies	9,842.00
Total	\$250,142.00

To be expended as follows:

Salary & Wages	55,135.00
Operating Expense	151,692.00

	Debt Service/P & I	21,440.00
	Indirect Cost	21,875.00
Total		\$250,142.00

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 8 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$598,815.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund; amount to be funded from the following sources:

	Water Charges	\$475,000.00
	Hook-up Charges	46,250.00
	Investment income	2,000.00
	Retained Earnings	10,000.00
	WPAT Subsidies	65,565.00
Total		\$598,815.00

To be expended as follows:

	Salary & Wages	\$127,500.00
	Operating Expense	130,000.00
	Capital Outlay	63,061.00
	Debt Service	231,068.00
	Indirect Cost	47,186.00
Total		\$598,815.00

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 9 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to rescind the portion of Article 12 as voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 18, 2010 which stated the following; Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of shelving for the young adult and children's sections of the Edwards Public Library from the Stabilization Fund to fund the Capital improvement budget for the Fiscal 2011; and further vote to transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the Capital Improvement budget for FY12 to be used by the Edwards Public Library for the purchase of handicapped accessible entrance doors.

Jeffrey Aubachon, Library Director Spoke on the Article.

Motion passed a 2/3 vote unanimously

Under Article 10 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan recommended by the Capital Improvement Committee; and further to transfer the sum of \$66,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to fund the Capital Improvement budget for Fiscal 2012 as follows: \$66,000.00 to be used by the Police Department for the purchase of two new cruisers.

Motion passed a 2/3 vote by majority Yes 93 No 1

Under Article 11 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize its Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements with one or more banking institutions beginning in Fiscal Year 2012 and extending for as much as three years, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F and subsequent revisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 12 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the operation of revolving funds for certain town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 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 written in the warrant.

Revolving Fund Title	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY12 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspection Receipts	Payment for Plumbing Inspection Services	\$11,000
Electrical Inspections	Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspection Receipts	Payment for Electrical Inspection Services	\$7,500
Planning Board	Planning Board	Filing Fees	Administrative Expense	\$10,000
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 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

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 13 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$45,018.00 from the Norris school Debt Exclusion Reserve Fund to fund a portion of the Norris School Fiscal 2012 Debt service.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 14 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to hear and act, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2011 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 2011, including debt service for any approved Community Preservation projects, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2011 estimated annual revenues for Historic Resources

Reserve \$28,789
From FY 2011 estimated annual revenues for Community Housing
Reserve \$28,789
From FY 2011 estimated annual revenues for Open Space
Reserve \$28,789
From FY 2011 estimated annual revenues for Budgeted
Reserve \$28,789

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 15 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to hear and act, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2012 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 2012, including debt service for any approved Community Preservation projects, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriation:

From FY 2012 estimated annual revenues for Committee

Administrative Expenses. \$10,000.00

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 16 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.44B to transfer the sum of \$26,900.00 from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account to the Historical Commission to be used for the restoration of the Old School House Roof.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 17 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to adjust the eligibility factors for the property tax exemption for senior citizens in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, §5, Clause 41 C, effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012, by increasing the income limits to \$18,000 for single persons and \$20,000 for married persons.

After a discussion on the warrant and no Assessor was present to speak on the Article it was voted to Table until the end of the warrant. **To Table the article it takes a 2/3 vote The vote was 56 yes 33 no So the motion failed.**

A call to the question was moved and seconded Motion passes unanimously.

Vote on the Article Motion passes majority.

Under Article 18 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws (M.B.L.) Chapter 59, §5, Clause 54, to establish a fair cash value of less than \$5,000 to be exempt from personal property taxation.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 19 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 32 B, §18, which requires that all retirees, their spouses and dependents, who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to the retiree, their spouse or dependents, or are eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouses or dependents, be required to enroll in Medicare health benefits supplemental plan offered by the town.

A motion was moved and seconded to Table the Article.

Motion to Table the Article was a unanimous vote

Under Article 20 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the parcel designated as Lot 41 in Country Estates II, shown on Assessors Map 39, as Parcel 38 and described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 87191, Page 287, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town.

Motion passes a majority vote. A 2/3 vote was taken yes 79 no 3

Under Article 21 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to elect a nine-member Charter Commission at the next following town election in accordance with the Home Rule Procedures Act, MGL, c. 43B, whose charge will be to examine any and all features relating to the Town's government structure, departments, and offices, hold public hearings and report to the voters, and to place one or more options before the voters for governmental changes that they determine will be more responsive to Southampton's needs. (Submitted by petition)

Gary Swanson Talk on the Article, and then there was a motion made and seconded to Table the Article.

Motion to Table the article was passed by a 2/3 vote Yes 72 no 19

Under Article 22 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the 'By-Laws for the Town of Southampton,' by adding the following passages in bold to Article II, Sec. 2

Sec. 2 Upon adoption of this by-law, there shall be elected by the voter's two (2) members of the Finance Committee to serve for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members to serve for a term of two (2) years, and one (1) member to serve for a term of three (3) years to succeed the member whose terms may expire that year or to fill the balance of a term where a vacancy has occurred. If after such election, there are one or more vacancies on the Finance Committee, the Selectmen shall in writing appoint a person or persons to fill such vacancy(ies). Any person so appointed shall be a registered voter of the Town and shall perform the duties of the office until the next annual election or until another is qualified.

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 23 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the 'By-laws for the Town of Southampton,' by deleting the text of Article XXIX, and by replacing it with the "Wetlands Protection Bylaw" the text of which is printed in the warrant, except that in Section 5.0, Permit, paragraph 4, line 5 the phrase "Section 5.6 below" be deleted and replaced with the phrase "Wetlands Protection Regulations" and that in the next sentence the phrase "Section 5.6 of this bylaw" be deleted and replaced with the phrase "Wetlands Protection Regulations".

A motion was moved and seconded to Table this Article.

Motion passes a 2/3 vote yes 75 no 29

A motion was moved and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 9:15p.m.

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

Attest:

**Eileen Couture, Clerk
Town of Southampton**

