

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 18, 2010  
MINUTES

The Moderator, Robert Floyd opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. with the allegiance to the flag. The moderator then read the warrant and the return of the warrant. There was a quorum of 116 voters were present. The checkers were Ann Girouard, Kristine Canton, Robin Richards, and Ruth Bernier.

The business of the warrant was as follows:

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.

Motion Passed unanimously

The awards were given to thirteen Students as follows:

Emily S Berge	Gabriella J. Carmichael	Matthew W. Dziok
Adam W. Federman	Rachel M. Fischer	Brendan E. Heath
Andrew R. Lafosse	Lauren A. McGrath	Colin M. McKenna
Jessica A. Reed	Andrea E. Stevens	Erica L. Sullivan
	Zachary C. Swanson	

“CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL”

Under Article 2 it was moved and seconded to hear reports of various town officers.  
Gary Swanson reported on the progress of the Larrabee renovations.  
Michael Buehler reported on the progress of the Greenway Feasibility Committee.

Motion Passes unanimously

Under Article 3 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 64L, § 2 (a) to impose a local meals excise.

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 4 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Undesignated Account to be used to fund administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 5 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account to be used by the Edwards Public Library and the Southampton Historical Society for the preservation of documents pertinent to the history of the Town held by the Edwards Public Library and Southampton Historical Society and for the scanning of said documents onto the “Digital Treasurers” website.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 6 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to fix salaries of all elected officials for the fiscal year July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011, and further, to raise and appropriate monies as identified in the Town’s omnibus budget as follows:

<b>ARTICLE 6: OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2011</b>					
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>FY 2010 Budget</b>		<b>FY 2011 Budget Request</b>	<b>\$ Inc/Dec FY2010</b>	<b>% Inc/Dec FY 2010</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Moderator Expenses	111.72		112.00	0.28	0.3%
Selectmen Expenses	2,190.64		2,190.00	-0.64	0.0%
CDL Drug Testing	380.00		380.00	0.00	0.0%
Annual Internet Service	1,320.00		1,320.00	0.00	0.0%
Webpage Maintenance	500.00		500.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Administrator Salary	64,170.00		64,170.00	0.00	0.0%
Administrative Assistant Wages	24,830.00		24,830.00	0.00	0.0%
Administration Expenses	1,512.85		1,513.00	0.15	0.0%
Photocopier Lease and Supplies	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Postage	10,000.00		12,000.00	2,000.00	20.0%
Finance Committee Expenses	210.00		210.00	0.00	0.0%
Reserve Account	34,200.00		34,200.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Accountant Salary	28,737.76		28,737.76	0.00	0.0%
Asst Accountant Wages	17,080.49		17,080.49	0.00	0.0%
Independent Audit	0.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Accountant Expenses	1,051.10		1,051.00	-0.10	0.0%
Accounting Software Support	1,994.22		2,219.10	224.88	11.3%
Asst. Assessor Wages	62,440.00		62,440.00	0.00	0.0%
Assessor Expenses	5,805.00		5,805.00	0.00	0.0%
Assessors Software Support	4,500.00		4,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Assessor Town Maps	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0%
Assessor Consultant	0.00		10,900.00	10,900.00	
Treasurer/Collector Salary	45,360.00		45,360.00	0.00	0.0%
Treasurer/Collector Wages	50,536.00		50,536.00	0.00	0.0%
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	8,565.20		8,500.00	-65.20	-0.8%
Treasurer Software Support	8,369.22		8,726.00	356.78	4.3%
Legal	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00	0.0%
PPPB Expenses	400.00		400.00	0.00	0.0%
Tax Title	8,000.00		8,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Clerk Salary	32,258.00		32,258.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Clerk Asst Wages	15,148.00		15,148.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Clerk Expenses	931.00		931.00	0.00	0.0%
Election.Registrars Salaries (3 Board of Registrars)	600.00		600.00	0.00	0.0%

Election.Registrars Wages (9 Elections Workers)	3,143.52	3,143.52	0.00	0.0%
Election.Registrars Expenses	4,700.00	6,350.00	1,650.00	35.1%
Conservation Commission Expenses	1,939.27	1,940.00	0.73	0.0%
Planning Board Expenses	745.73	745.00	-0.73	-0.1%
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (assessment)	808.05	808.05	0.00	0.0%
Barnes Aquifer Protection	1,862.00	1,862.00	0.00	0.0%
ZBA Clerical Wages	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Municipal Building Custodian Wages	16,194.69	16,194.69	0.00	0.0%
Municipal Building Custodian Supplies/Expenses	608.95	609.00	0.05	0.0%
Building Maintenance (General)	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Telephone	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Town Hall - Gas & Electric	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Larrabee - Gas & Electric	5,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	300.0%
Town Hall Bldg Expenses	7,791.56	2,350.00	-5,441.56	-69.8%
Larrabee Bldg Expenses	0.00	5,442.00	5,442.00	
Town Report	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Technology - Equipment	2,850.00	2,850.00	0.00	0.0%
Technology - Services	1,710.00	1,710.00	0.00	0.0%
Emergency Management Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>548,554.97</b>	<b>583,621.61</b>	<b>35,066.64</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>				
Police Chief's Salary	75,649.00	75,649.00	0.00	0.0%
Police Salaries and Wages	522,519.00	522,519.00	0.00	0.0%
Police Expenses	41,783.85	46,784.00	5,000.15	12.0%
Police Equipment Maintenance Contract	19,000.00	21,700.00	2,700.00	14.2%
Regional Lockup Assessment	5,374.00	5,374.00	0.00	0.0%
DARE Program	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Communication Wages	143,577.00	143,577.00	0.00	0.0%
Communcations Expenses	4,567.60	4,568.00	0.40	0.0%
Fire Chief's Wages	74,399.50	74,399.50	0.00	0.0%
Fire Dept. Wages	72,335.00	72,335.00	0.00	0.0%
Fire Department Expenses	18,318.00	21,818.00	3,500.00	19.1%

EMT Standby	1,565.00	1,565.00	0.00	0.0%
EMS Training Wages	31,734.00	31,734.00	0.00	0.0%
Ambulance Billing Clerk	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.0%
EMT Licensing & Certifications	2,120.00	2,120.00	0.00	0.0%
Ambulance/EMS Expenses	9,700.00	9,700.00	0.00	0.0%
Bldg Inspector Salary	46,350.00	46,350.00	0.00	0.0%
Bldg Inspector Clerical Wages	7,500.00	6,870.00	-630.00	-8.4%
Building Inspector Expenses	2,793.00	2,793.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>	<b>1,089,284.95</b>	<b>1,099,855.50</b>	<b>10,570.55</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>SOUTHAMPTON EDUCATION</b>				
Elementary School	3,896,363.00	3,859,175.00	-37,188.00	-1.0%
Local School Transportation	170,476.00	170,476.00	0.00	0.0%
Textbooks	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Vocational School Tuition	596,398.40	605,500.00	9,101.60	1.5%
Vocational Transportation	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL SOUTHAMPTON EDUCATION</b>	<b>4,731,237.40</b>	<b>4,703,151.00</b>	<b>-28,086.40</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL EDUCATION</b>				
Regional Schools	3,327,809.00	3,483,411.00	155,602.00	4.7%
Debt Service	293,132.00	293,976.00	844.00	0.3%
<b>TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATION</b>	<b>3,620,941.00</b>	<b>3,777,387.00</b>	<b>156,446.00</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</b>				
Highway Superintendent Salary	83,000.00	83,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Highway Wages	163,580.47	163,580.47	0.00	0.0%
Highway Expenses	135,240.00	144,240.00	9,000.00	6.7%
Road Machinery Maintenance	62,720.00	62,720.00	0.00	0.0%
Winter Roads Wages	123,279.37	123,279.37	0.00	0.0%

Winter Roads Expenses	98,980.00		98,980.00	0.00	0.0%
Snow Insurance	5,000.00		0.00	-5,000.00	-100.0%
Street Lighting	20,500.00		20,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Cemetery Commission	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Tree Warden Wages				0.00	
Tree Warden Expenses	3,603.00		3,603.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</b>	<b>697,902.84</b>		<b>701,902.84</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
Board of Health Agent	23,400.00		24,006.78	606.78	2.6%
Board of Health Admin Clerical	8,067.00		6,870.00	-1,197.00	-14.8%
Board of Health Expenses	2,750.00		1,500.00	-1,250.00	-45.5%
Animal Inspector Salary	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Council on Aging Wages	18,703.36		14,085.64	-4,617.72	-24.7%
Council on Aging Expenses	4,077.00		1,664.00	-2,413.00	-59.2%
Veterans' Agent Wages	6,822.72		6,822.72	0.00	0.0%
Veterans' Agent Expenses	372.40		372.00	-0.40	-0.1%
Veterans' Benefits	36,300.00		45,000.00	8,700.00	24.0%
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>103,492.48</b>		<b>103,321.14</b>	<b>-171.34</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Library Wages	75,046.92		75,046.92	0.00	0.0%
Library Expenses	22,626.00		26,126.00	3,500.00	15.5%
Parks Commission Wages	4,588.40		4,588.40	0.00	0.0%
Parks Commission Expenses	2,089.16		2,089.16	0.00	0.0%
Historical Commission Expenses	1,720.00		1,720.00	0.00	0.0%
Old Home Days	600.00		600.00	0.00	0.0%
Memorial Day	500.00		500.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>107,170.48</b>		<b>110,670.48</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
School Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2014)	390,000.00	390,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Highway Truck Principal (Last Payment FY2010)	22,000.00	0.00	-22,000.00	-100.0%
Lawn Mower Principal (Last Payment FY2011)	8,440.00	8,440.00	0.00	0.0%
Communications-Radios & Equipment Principal (Last Payment F	12,600.00	12,600.00	0.00	0.0%
Library Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2013)	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Pequot Pond Sewer Principal (Last Payment FY2020)	15,101.00	15,101.00	0.00	0.0%
WPAT Bonds - Septic Betterments	20,401.00	20,401.00	0.00	0.0%
Pumper / Tanker Principal (Last Payment FY2020)		26,400.00	26,400.00	
Larrabee Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2030)		110,000.00	110,000.00	
School Construction Interest	104,705.00	84,035.00	-20,670.00	-19.7%
Highway Truck Interest	1,672.00	0.00	-1,672.00	-100.0%
Lawn Mower Interest	726.00	726.00	0.00	0.0%
Communications-Radios & Equipment Interest	1,942.00	1,942.00	0.00	0.0%
Library Construction Interest	9,765.00	7,380.00	-2,385.00	-24.4%
Pequot Pond Sewer Interest	9,913.00	7,922.00	-1,991.00	-20.1%
Pumper / Tanker Interest		11,291.00	11,291.00	
Larrabee Construction Interest		92,862.50		
Short Term Borrowing	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Transfer to Stabilization / Capital Fund		11,027.00	11,027.00	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>642,765.00</b>	<b>845,627.50</b>	<b>110,000.00</b>	<b>31.6%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES</b>				
Hampshire Council of Governments	6,037.00	4,528.00	-1,509.00	-25.0%
Retirement Contributory	423,053.00	452,827.00	29,774.00	7.0%
Retirement Non-Contributory	4,224.03	0.00	-4,224.03	-100.0%
Workers Compensation	25,000.00	32,000.00	7,000.00	28.0%
Unemployment Compensation	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Group Health Insurance	807,604.72	815,869.58	8,264.86	1.0%
Medicare/FICA	62,000.00	70,000.00	8,000.00	12.9%
Group Life Insurance	3,600.00	3,993.00	393.00	10.9%
Insurance General	77,000.00	77,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Transfer to Stabilization				
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1,416,518.75</b>	<b>1,464,217.58</b>	<b>157,698.83</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL - ARTICLE 6</b>	<b>12,957,867.88</b>	<b>13,389,754.65</b>	<b>449,024.28</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 7 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,742.00 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund; amount to be funded from the following sources:

Permits	\$79,800.00
Charges (Tipping)	56,800.00
Bag Fees	67,800.00
Recycling	23,500.00
Investment Income	3,000.00
Retained Earnings	10,000.00

WPAT Subsidies	<u>9,842.00</u>
Total:	\$250,742.00

To be expended as follows:

Salary & Wages	\$54,500.00
Operating Expense	151,692.00
Debt Service/P&I	22,675.00
Indirect Cost	<u>21,875.00</u>
Total	\$250,742.00

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 8 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$597,315.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund; amount to be funded from the following sources as follows:

Water Charges	\$469,000.00
Hook-up Charges	48,750.00
Investment Income	4,000.00
Retained Earnings	10,000.00
WPAT Subsidies	<u>65,000.00</u>
Total	\$597,315.00

To be expended as follows:

Salary & Wages	\$126,000.00
Operating Expenses	130,000.00
Capital Outlay	63,061.00
Debt Service	231,068.00
Indirect Cost	<u>47,186.00</u>
Total	\$597,315.00

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 9 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 10 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$88,869.00 from the Ambulance Fees Account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 11 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$203,604.00 from Free Cash to be used to reduce the FY11 tax rate.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 12 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 \$55,000.00 from the Ambulance Account, \$68,000.00 from the Sale of Real Estate Account and \$55,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for a total of \$178,000.00 to fund the Capital Improvement budget for FY2011 as follows: \$55,000 for the purchase of Emergency. Medical System (EMS) software, \$68,000 for the purchase of a new loader with plow for the Highway Department, \$8,000.00 for the purchase of shelving for the young adult and children's sections of the Edwards Public Library, \$15,000.00 to fund the FY11 portion of the Master Planning process, \$12,000.00 to purchase Promethean Active Boards for Norris Elementary School, and \$20,000.00 to purchase furnishings and equipment necessary for the new Town Hall (located at the Larrabee building).

John Ferranti made a motion to divide Article 12 into individual parts. The Moderator asked that he put it in writing, one for the Town Clerk and one for the Moderator. John would not cooperate, and was asked to sit down three times. Then the Moderator had him removed from the Town Meeting Floor, by the Police Officer, Anne Prouty who was on duty.

Barbara LaFlam made a motion and seconded to Amend Article 12 in writing to divide Article 12 into individual expenditures.  
After a discussion a vote on the amendment Motion lost.

A vote on the Article needs a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote Motion passes Yes 80 No 5

Under Article 13 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 2011 and extending for as much as three years, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F and subsequent revisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 14 it was move and seconded that the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 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, 2010 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	FY11 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspection Receipts	Payment for Plumbing Inspection Svcs.	\$11,000.00
Electrical Inspections	Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspection Receipts	Payment for Electrical Inspection Svcs.	\$ 7,500.00
Planning Board	Planning Board	Filing Fees	Administrative Expense	\$10,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	Receipts from Fees	ZBA Expenditures	\$3,000.00
Council on Aging Van	Council on Aging Director	Receipts from Operation of Van	Payment for Operation COA Van	\$20,000.00
Dog Licensing and Control	Town Clerk and Dog Officer	Dog License Fees and Other Related Charges	Expenses Related to Admin. Of Licenses & Dog Control	\$8,000.00

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 15 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$66,078.00 from the Norris School Debt Exclusion Reserve Fund to fund a portion of the Norris School Fiscal 2011 debt service.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 16 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,710.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2009 invoices; New England Communications Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$3,885.00 and Industrial Residential Security in the amount of \$825.00 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Year.

Motion needs a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 17 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Brittney Lane, Kevin Drive and Katelyn Way as public ways as shown on a plan entitled "Red Brook Estates", Southampton, Massachusetts, prepared for Jim Boyle Construction, Sheets 1-35 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 207, Page 90.

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 18 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Madeline Way as a public way as shown on a plan entitled “Sheldon Estates, Southampton Massachusetts”, prepared by Doucet & Associates, Inc., and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 214, Page 110

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 19 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Whispering Meadow Lane as a public way as shown on a plan entitled “East Meadow Estates, Southampton, Massachusetts”, prepared by Heritage Surveys, Inc. and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 216, Pages 98-103 and as further shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Southampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for James R. & Eugene R. Labrie” prepared by Heritage Surveys, Inc., and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan book 220, Page 30.

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 20 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014 with a 25% reduction in the FY2007 four-year annual dues assessment.

Motion passes unanimously

Under Article 21 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to change the zoning of land located on Valley and Brickyard Road, as shown on Southampton Assessors’ Map 39, Parcels 24, 27A and 27B from the current designation of Industrial Park (IP) to Residential Neighborhood (RN).

Motion needs a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote Motion passes unanimously Yes 73 No 0

Under Article 22 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote the following General Bylaw, Article VII, Restriction on Issuances of Local Licenses or Permits in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57:

Sec. 1. The Town of Southampton may deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit or any local license or permit including renewals and transfer issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of section twenty-one D or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges. Such by-law or ordinances shall provide that:

- (a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges,

hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise.

Hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

- (b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.
- (c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- (d) The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as

defined in M.G.L. Chapter 268A, §1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Sec.2. This bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; bicycle permits; sales of articles for charitable purposes; children work permits; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses; dog licenses; fishing, hunting, trapping licenses; marriage licenses; and theatrical events or public exhibition permits.

Motion passes a majority vote

Under Article 23 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, to increase the senior citizens' real estate property tax exemption amount to \$1,000.00 to be effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010.

Motion passes unanimously

A motion was moved and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 9:25P.M.

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

Attest:

Eileen Couture, Clerk  
Town of Southampton