

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DEC. 14, 2010

The Moderator, Robert Floyd opened the meeting at 7:05p.m. A quorum of 99 register voters present. We started by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator read the warrant and the return of the warrant. The checkers were Ruth Bernier, and Kristine Canton.

The Building Use Committee Chair, Gary Swanson, gave a update on the building. We are just waiting for the elevator to work, and everything else is almost set. The move is going to be around Jan. 12, 2011.

Moderator asked for the first article to be voted on.

Under Article 1 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate monies as identified in the Town's omnibus budget, as attached, for such fiscal year.

A motion was moved and seconded to pass over the Article. After a discussion we voted on the pass over. Motion was defeated.

A amendment was moved and seconded to amend the omnibus budget as attached to remove the account line with raises and add a budget line for bonuses. This would be a \$500 dollar bonus based on a 40-hour work week. Pro-rated for hours worked up to 40 hours.

A vote on the amendment Motion defeated

A vote on the original Article. Yes 71 No 14 Motion carried a majority vote.

ARTICLE 1: OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2011					
Budget Category	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Voted ATM 5/18/10	Difference Inc-/Dec STM 12/14/10	FY 2011 New Amt Proposed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator Expenses	107.75	111.72	112.00		
Selectmen Expenses	2,780.63	2,190.64	2,190.00		
CDL Drug Testing	335.50	380.00	380.00		
Annual Internet Service	1,193.12	1,320.00	1,320.00		
Webpage Maintenance	179.55	500.00	500.00		
Town Administrator Salary	62,000.00	64,170.00	64,170.00	1,925.10	66,095.10
Administrative Assistant Wages	23,688.00	24,830.00	24,830.00	783.00	25,613.00
Administration Expenses	1,890.79	1,512.85	1,513.00		
Photocopier Lease and Supplies	3,459.45	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Postage	11,015.87	10,000.00	12,000.00		
Finance Committee Expenses	173.00	210.00	210.00		
Reserve Account	33,886.82	34,200.00	34,200.00		
Town Accountant Salary	27,765.95	28,737.76	28,737.76	862.13	29,599.89
Asst Accountant Wages	16,551.68	17,080.49	17,080.49	522.00	17,602.49
Independent Audit		0.00	5,000.00		
Accountant Expenses	1,108.78	1,051.10	1,051.00		
Accounting Software Support	1,776.00	1,994.22	2,219.10		
Asst. Assessor Wages	59,059.22	62,440.00	62,440.00	1,722.60	64,162.60
Assessor Expenses	6,216.30	5,805.00	5,805.00		
Assessors Software Support	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Assessor Town Maps	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Assessor Consultant	2,200.00	0.00	10,900.00		
Treasurer/Collector Salary	44,039.00	45,360.00	45,360.00	1,360.80	46,720.80
Treasurer/Collector Wages	49,025.48	50,536.00	50,536.00	1,592.10	52,128.10
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	9,029.96	8,565.20	8,500.00		
Treasurer Software Support	8,000.00	8,369.22	8,726.00		
Legal	41,561.46	30,000.00	30,000.00		
PPPB Expenses	0.00	400.00	400.00		
Tax Title	11,102.61	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Town Clerk Salary	31,318.00	32,258.00	32,258.00	967.74	33,225.74
Town Clerk Asst Wages	14,840.25	15,148.00	15,148.00	522.00	15,670.00
Town Clerk Expenses	995.27	931.00	931.00		
Election.Registrars Salaries (3 Board of Registrars)	600.00	600.00	600.00		

Election.Registrars Wages (9 Elections Workers)	3,172.43	3,143.52	3,143.52		
Election.Registrars Expenses	3,989.34	4,700.00	6,350.00		
Conservation Commission Expenses	2,147.23	1,939.27	1,940.00		
Planning Board Expenses	0.00	745.73	745.00		
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (assessment)	808.05	808.05	808.05		
Barnes Aquifer Protection	2,000.00	1,862.00	1,862.00		
ZBA Clerical Wages	0.00	500.00	500.00		
Municipal Building Custodian Wages	15,737.70	16,194.69	16,194.69	522.00	16,716.69
Municipal Building Custodian Supplies/Expenses	879.64	608.95	609.00		
Building Maintenance (General)		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Telephone	8,183.06	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Town Hall - Gas & Electric	23,750.42	23,000.00	23,000.00		
Larrabee - Gas & Electric	3,133.50	5,000.00	20,000.00		
Town Hall Bldg Expenses	10,605.04	7,791.56	2,350.00		
Larrabee Bldg Expenses	1,587.06	0.00	5,442.00		
Town Report	2,400.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Technology - Equipment	2,546.50	2,850.00	2,850.00		
Technology - Services	1,435.49	1,710.00	1,710.00		
Emergency Management Expenses	2,520.46	3,000.00	3,000.00		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	556,296.36	548,554.97	583,621.61	12,279.47	595,901.08
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
Police Chief's Salary	72,915.00	75,649.00	75,649.00	2,269.47	77,918.47
Police Salaries and Wages	508,771.71	522,519.00	522,519.00		
Police Expenses	49,091.15	41,783.85	46,784.00		
Police Equipment Maintenance Contract	15,000.00	19,000.00	21,700.00		
Regional Lockup Assessment	3,041.78	5,374.00	5,374.00		
DARE Program	5,374.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Communication Wages	129,542.17	143,577.00	143,577.00	4,176.00	147,753.00
Communcations Expenses	9,803.95	4,567.60	4,568.00		
Fire Chief's Wages	75,084.96	74,399.50	74,399.50	2,231.99	76,631.49
Fire Dept. Wages	70,115.86	72,335.00	72,335.00	2,000.00	74,335.00
Fire Department Expenses	20,836.41	18,318.00	21,818.00		

EMT Standby	3,412.50	1,565.00	1,565.00		
EMS Training Wages	7,294.66	31,734.00	31,734.00		
Ambulance Billing Clerk	7,255.89	7,000.00	7,000.00		
EMT Licensing & Certifications	1,600.00	2,120.00	2,120.00		
Ambulance/EMS Expenses	9,814.92	9,700.00	9,700.00		
Bldg Inspector Salary	45,000.00	46,350.00	46,350.00	1,390.50	47,740.50
Bldg Inspector Clerical Wages	3,908.70	7,500.00	6,870.00	261.00	7,131.00
Building Inspector Expenses	5,063.54	2,793.00	2,793.00		
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,042,927.20	1,089,284.95	1,099,855.50	12,328.96	1,112,184.46
SOUTHAMPTON EDUCATION					
Elementary School	3,853,431.91	3,896,363.00	3,859,175.00		
Local School Transportation	171,542.00	170,476.00	170,476.00		
Textbooks	17,384.78	18,000.00	18,000.00		
Vocational School Tuition	563,786.05	596,398.40	605,500.00	-40,770.00	564,730.00
Vocational Transportation	43,625.50	50,000.00	50,000.00		
TOTAL SOUTHAMPTON EDUCATION	4,649,770.24	4,731,237.40	4,703,151.00	-40,770.00	4,662,381.00
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL EDUCATION					
Regional Schools	3,303,382.00	3,327,809.00	3,483,411.00	30,000.00	3,513,411.00
Debt Service	290,780.00	293,132.00	293,976.00		
TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATION	3,594,162.00	3,620,941.00	3,777,387.00	30,000.00	3,807,387.00
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES					
Highway Superintendent Salary		83,000.00	83,000.00	2,490.00	85,490.00
Highway Wages	216,083.23	163,580.47	163,580.47	522.00	164,102.47
Highway Expenses	129,311.23	135,240.00	144,240.00		
Road Machinery Maintenance	55,990.19	62,720.00	62,720.00		
Winter Roads Wages	143,847.57	123,279.37	123,279.37		

Winter Roads Expenses	147,791.61	98,980.00	98,980.00		
Snow Insurance	4,890.00	5,000.00	0.00		
Street Lighting	22,834.06	20,500.00	20,500.00		
Cemetery Commission	1,315.53	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Tree Warden Wages	2,000.00				
Tree Warden Expenses	1,603.00	3,603.00	3,603.00		
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	725,666.42	697,902.84	701,902.84	3,012.00	704,914.84
HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health Agent	6,729.00	23,400.00	24,006.78	783.00	24,789.78
Board of Health Admin Clerical	7,135.10	8,067.00	6,870.00	261.00	7,131.00
Board of Health Expenses	1,942.23	2,750.00	1,500.00		
Animal Inspector Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Council on Aging Wages	17,789.72	18,703.36	14,085.64	574.20	14,659.84
Council on Aging Expenses	3,870.59	4,077.00	1,664.00		
Veterans' Agent Wages	6,624.00	6,822.72	6,822.72	204.68	7,027.40
Veterans' Agent Expenses	400.00	372.40	372.00		
Veterans' Benefits	29,790.20	36,300.00	45,000.00		
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	77,280.84	103,492.48	103,321.14	1,822.88	105,144.02
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Library Wages	71,322.97	75,046.92	75,046.92	2,459.93	77,506.85
Library Expenses	25,803.42	22,626.00	26,126.00		
Parks Commission Wages	4,451.47	4,588.40	4,588.40		
Parks Commission Expenses	2,244.00	2,089.16	2,089.16		
Historical Commission Expenses	1,145.19	1,720.00	1,720.00		
Celebrate Southampton (a.k.a. Old Home Days)	639.52	600.00	600.00		
Memorial Day	263.70	500.00	500.00		
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	105,870.27	107,170.48	110,670.48	2,459.93	113,130.41

DEBT SERVICE					
School Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2014)	390,000.00	390,000.00	390,000.00		
Highway Truck Principal (Last Payment FY2010)	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00		
Lawn Mower Principal (Last Payment FY2011)	8,440.00	8,440.00	8,440.00		
Communications-Radios & Equipment Principal (Last Payment FY2014)		12,600.00	12,600.00		
Library Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2013)	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00		
Pequot Pond Sewer Principal (Last Payment FY2020)	14,726.00	15,101.00	15,101.00		
WPAT Bonds - Septic Betterments	20,400.36	20,401.00	20,401.00		
Pumper / Tanker Principal (Last Payment FY2020)			26,400.00		
Larrabee Construction Principal (Last Payment FY2030)			110,000.00		
School Construction Interest	124,985.00	104,705.00	84,035.00		
Highway Truck Interest	1,672.00	1,672.00	0.00		
Lawn Mower Interest	1,087.11	726.00	726.00		
Communications-Radios & Equipment Interest		1,942.00	1,942.00		
Library Construction Interest	12,105.00	9,765.00	7,380.00		
Pequot Pond Sewer Interest	10,279.72	9,913.00	7,922.00		
Pumper / Tanker Interest			11,291.00		
Larrabee Construction Interest			92,862.50		
Short Term Borrowing	356.20	500.00	500.00		
Transfer to Stabilization / Capital Fund			11,027.00		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	651,051.39	642,765.00	845,627.50	0.00	845,627.50
MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES					
Hampshire Council of Governments	6,052.00	6,037.00	4,528.00		
Retirement Contributory	424,360.00	423,053.00	452,827.00		
Retirement Non-Contributory	2,392.25	4,224.03	0.00		
Workers Compensation	31,072.00	25,000.00	32,000.00		
Unemployment Compensation	3,135.74	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Group Health Insurance	773,415.00	807,604.72	815,869.58		
Medicare/FICA	58,928.24	62,000.00	70,000.00		
Group Life Insurance	3,408.97	3,600.00	3,993.00		
Insurance General	75,553.97	77,000.00	77,000.00		
Prior Year Expenses			0.00		
Transfer to Stabilization	10,000.00				
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1,388,318.17	1,416,518.75	1,464,217.58	0.00	1,464,217.58
GRAND TOTAL - ARTICLE 1	12,791,342.89	12,957,867.88	13,389,754.65	21,133.24	13,410,887.89

Wages= 30,403.24

Under Article 2 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$22,561 from Free Cash to reduce the FY11 tax rate.

Motion Passes Majority vote.

Under Article 3 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash into the Town's Restricted Capital Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed a 2/3 vote Yes 81 No 1

Under Article 4 it was moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash into the Town's All Purpose Operating Stabilization Fund.

Motion passes a 2/3 vote Unanimously

Under Article 5 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$8,500, to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for the costs of an

investment grade energy audit to be conducted by Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purpose of developing an energy infrastructure and renewable energy program under which the Town would purchase infrastructure improvements including but not limited to heating and ventilation, lighting and controls, energy management systems, insulation, equipment, materials and supplies for the Town-owned buildings, under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from grants, rebates and savings derived from energy conservation measures, for a period of up to a twenty (20) year Energy Savings Performance Contract between the Town and Siemens Industry, Inc .

Motion passes unanimous

Under Article 6 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an investment grade energy audit agreement as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Article 5.

Motion passes majority

Under Article 7 it was moved and seconded to pass over the Article.-(Winter Roads)

Motion to pass over Majority vote.

Under Article 8 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Technology Service account to pay for technology services related to the new town hall.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 9 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Moving account to pay for moving services for the old town hall and council on aging to the new town hall.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 10 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum \$226.87 to pay W>B. Mason for a Fiscal Year 2009 invoice, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passes a 9/10th vote unanimously

Under Article 11 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Police Department Wages account to pay for additional staffing in the Police Department.

Motion passed a majority vote

Under Article 12 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Ambulance Fees account to the Police Department Wages account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 13 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Ambulance Fees account to the EMT Training Wages account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 14 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$175,000 from the Ambulance Account to fund the Capital Improvement budget for FY2011 as follows: \$175,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Motion passed unanimously

Under Article 15 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to (a) transfer from available Community Preservation Act funds-open space Preservation Account the sum of fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a conservation restriction in that property known as Howland Property located at 82 Brickyard Road Extension, consisting of 9 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map 29, Parcel 31, and for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses associated with such acquisition; and (b) authorize the Town to acquire a conservation restriction, by negotiated purchase, eminent domain or otherwise , for conservation and passive recreation purposes subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution, upon such terms and conditions as the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall determine to be appropriate, and that said interests in said property be conveyed to the Town , under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and/or Town officers to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition.

An amendment was moved and seconded to eliminate the words eminent domain as a method to acquire the said conservation restriction in the (b) section.

Motion to amend was passed by a unanimous vote

Article as amended passed a 2/3rd majority vote Yes 43 No 11

Under Article 16 it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Electricity Market

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, Southampton's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Southampton grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose an alternative for service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen will appoint a representative for a countywide committee to oversee such joint action.

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was moved and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 9:00p.m

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

Attest:

Eileen Couture, Clerk

Town of Southampton