

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.**

ARTICLE 23

FY11 BUDGET REDUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to approve reducing the FY11 appropriation for the following line item to the following "revised" amount:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Orig. FY11 Appropriation</u>	<u>Rev. FY11 Appropriation</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
19102-57800	Unclassified	Reserve Fund	\$ 320,380	\$ 200,380	\$ 120,000
				Total:	\$ 120,000

Or take any action in relation thereto

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – This is a direct reduction of \$120,000 from the approved FY11 budget due to reduced revenue projections. The Reserve Fund was over-budgeted at Annual Meeting due to uncertain state aid and local revenue figures. After this cut the FY11 budget is balanced at a revised total of \$24,475,731.

ARTICLE 24

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) from Water Dept. F/B Reserve for Construction Repair Account #29450-35800 to fund design, engineering and bidding costs to upgrade the water treatment facility; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – The Town is under an order from MassDEP to upgrade the water treatment facility due to potential groundwater influence at Well #1. This article funds \$120,000 for preliminary and final design, solicitation of bids and coordination between the engineer (Wright-Pierce) and the water system vendor (Veolia Water North America). Construction costs should be known by the June 2011 Annual Meeting. DEP’s deadline for completion of the project is January 12, 2012.

ARTICLE 25

SEWER DEBT SERVICE: WWTP UPGRADE

To see if the Town will vote to raise, through the fixing and collection of just and equitable prices and rates set by the Board of Selectmen (acting as Sewer Commissioners), and appropriate the additional sum of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$31,223.00), and to transfer the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$75,000) from Short Term Interest Account #28440-59250, to the Debt Service Account #28440-59000 of the Sewer Department; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – Debt service cost for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade was not known at the time of Annual Town Meeting. The FY11 debt service is \$106,223. This article funds the cost by a transfer of short term interest and by appropriation from the sewer rate. The revised Sewer Department total budget would be \$1,227,205.05.

ARTICLE 26

FUND DPW CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$14,706.00) from the Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800 to the following line items for the purpose of funding the settled collective

bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2010 with the S.E.I.U., Local 888, DPW Unit employees:

- \$13,244 to Department of Public Works Salaries Wages Account #14101-51130, and
- \$1,462 to Landfill/Recycling Center Salaries Wages Account #14301-51130,

or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – This article funds the recently settled contract with the DPW employees. The agreement provides a three (3%) percent base wage increase in FY11 (equal to other Town employees) and one (1%) percent base wage increases in FY12 and FY13.

ARTICLE 27

FIRE DEPT.: APPARATUS BAY DIESEL EXHAUST REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800 the sum of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) to the Fire Department Purchase of Services Account #12202-52000 for the purpose of repairing and upgrading the diesel fume exhaust system in the Public Safety Complex; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief / Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – Repair and upgrade of the diesel fume exhaust system in the Fire Dept. is needed for health and safety of employees and to accommodate the new vehicles.

ARTICLE 28
UNPAID FY10 BILLS: FIRE DEPARTMENT
9/10 Vote Required

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800 the sum of SIX HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 27/100 DOLLARS (\$649.27) to the following accounts for the purpose of paying outstanding FY10 invoices:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12202-52000	Fire Dept.	Purchase of Services	Lucy's Laundry	\$29.00
12202-54000	Fire Dept.	Supplies	Harrington Hospital	\$423.88
12202-54000	Fire Dept.	Supplies	Medical Warehouse	\$139.65
12102-52000	Police Dept.	Purchase of Services	(Reimburse) Mark Saloio	\$56.74
Total:				<u>\$649.27</u>

or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief / Town Administrator

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – These invoices were not submitted timely for payment in FY10. The services and/or supplies were received by the Town and payment is due.

ARTICLE 29
TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$75,000.00), or such other sum or sums of money, from the Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800 to the Stabilization Fund; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator / Finance Director

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – With the FY11 budget balanced, a contribution to the Stabilization Fund is fiscally responsible. If the prior articles pass, the Reserve Fund would have nearly \$100,000 for unforeseen expenses while the Stabilization Fund will increase to over \$1,000,000 prior to the Town's next bond issue.

ARTICLE 30
BURGESS SCHOOL PROJECT LAND SWAP
2/3 Vote Required

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose and acquire real property via a mutual transfer in furtherance of the Burgess Elementary School project generally described as follows, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek any related state legislative action or special legislation:

To the Town of Sturbridge:

A generally square shaped parcel of land lying to the north of the hotel near the southwest corner of land of the Town of Sturbridge; being about 11,157 sq.ft. in area; being a portion of the premises known and numbered as 408 Main Street.

From the Town of Sturbridge:

An irregular L-shaped parcel of land lying at the southwest corner of land of the Town of Sturbridge and also northerly and easterly of the hotel; being about 22,340 sq.ft. in area; being a portion of the premises known and numbered as 45 Burgess School Road. Said parcel to be subject to a drainage easement in favor of the Town of Sturbridge.

Both parcels being shown on a sketch entitled ‘Land Swap Study’ dated 12/16/09 on file with the Town Clerk, to be more definitively bounded and described following preparation of a boundary survey plan of the parcels.

or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen / Burgess School Building Committee

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – This article would authorize a “land swap” between the Town and a neighboring property owner that allows a better site plan for the school and clears some minor encroachments on the Town property. Neither parcel is a buildable lot.

ARTICLE 31
AMEND GENERAL BYLAW: TOWN MEETING REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General Bylaws by replacing Section 1.07 in its entirety as follows; or take any action in relation thereto:

- 1.07 Town Meeting Requirements – All town officers, boards, committees, commissions, employees and all other parties submitting warrant articles for consideration at Town Meeting shall be required to comply with the following:

- (a) The Planning Board shall prepare all Zoning Bylaw articles, hold a public hearing and forward the Planning Board's recommendations on said amendments to the Town Administrator no later than the end of April of the year in which the Annual Town Meeting that will consider the proposed articles.
- (b) All other warrant articles to be considered by the Annual Town Meeting shall be submitted to the Town Administrator no later than March 15th of the year in which the Annual Town Meeting will consider said articles.
- (c) The Town Administrator shall draft and prepare the warrant for the Board of Selectmen's consideration no later than the last day of March of the year in which the Annual Town Meeting will consider said warrant.
- (d) The Board of Selectmen shall close the warrant at their first meeting in April of the year in which the Annual Town Meeting will consider said articles. Petitioned warrant articles will be accepted until the Board of Selectmen closes said warrant.
- (e) Articles to be submitted for a Special Town Meeting held on the same date as the Annual Town Meeting shall be submitted to the Town Administrator no later than March 15th of the year in which the Special Town Meeting will consider said articles. The Town Administrator shall prepare a Special Town Meeting warrant and forward it to the Board of Selectmen no later than the last day of March of the year in which the Special Town Meeting will consider said warrant. The Selectmen shall close said Special Town Meeting warrant at their first meeting in April preceding said Special Town Meeting.
- (f) The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee shall conclude their deliberations and include their recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting on both the Annual and Special Town Meeting warrants no later than the last Friday of April of the year in which the Annual Town Meeting will consider said warrant.
- (g) The Board of Selectmen may, by majority vote, re-open the Town Meeting warrant at any time to add or remove articles until such time that the warrant is posted.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review pending.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 3-0.

Summary – The article conforms deadlines in the general bylaw with the new June date for Annual Town Meeting (essentially 30 days extended from the current bylaw).