

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
TOWN WARRANT  
APRIL 24, 2006  
7:30 PM**

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**ARTICLE 56**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – REMOVE DEFINITIONS SUBTITLE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Article 1 to remove the sub-title “Article 1-1 Definitions”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving this article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 57**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – CORRECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Article 4 by renaming the words “Article 4-1” to “Section 4-1”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving this article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 58**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – ASST. ASSESSOR CONFIRMATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Section 7-2 - Assistant Assessor to add, “and the Board of Selectmen” after the words “Board of Assessors” in the first sentence; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was to defeat the article as written by a vote of 185 in favor; 169 against. It failed to receive the 2/3rds majority as required as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 59  
CHARTER AMENDMENT – TERMS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Section 6-1 to read:

<u>Office(s)</u>		<u>Term(s) of Office</u>
Town Counsel		1 Year
Finance Director		3 Years
Town Accountant		3 Years
Assistant Assessor		3 Years
Director, Department of Public Works		3 Years
Members of the Department of Public Works		3 Years
Tree Warden		3 Years
Chief of Police		3 Years
Members of the Police Department (Regular)		3 Years
Members of the Police Department (Reserve)		3 Years
Fire Chief		3 Years
Members of Fire Department		3 Years
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		3 Years
Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer		3 Years
Other Inspectors		3 Years
Emergency Management Coordinator		3 Years
Director of Veteran’s Affairs & Soldiers Burial		3 Years
Animal Control Officer		3 Years
Town Planner		3 Years
Council on Aging Director		3 Years
<u>Boards and</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Term(s) of</u>
<u>Commissions</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Office</u>
Planning Board	7	5 Years
Design Review	5	3 Years
Zoning Board of Appeals	2	3 Years
Conservation Commission	5	3 Years
Safety Committee	5	3 Years
Historical Commission	5	3 Years
Industrial Commission	5	3 Years
Cultural Council	5	3 Years
Council on Aging	9	3 Years
Street Light Committee	3	3 Years

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 60**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – PUBLICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Section 8-4 – Publication of Charter and Bylaws to read, “The Board of Selectmen shall, within one year of the adoption of this charter and subsequent revisions thereafter, cause to be prepared copies of said Charter and Town Bylaws to be available to the public in a suitable format in the office of the Town Clerk”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 61**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – REVISIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter, Section 8-5 to delete the words, “from the effective date of this charter” from the first sentence in the third paragraph so that the sentence would read, “The Board of Selectmen shall every five years form a committee to study the working of town government.”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Charter Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 62**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer FORTY THOUSAND SEVENTY FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,074.00) from the Police Salaries and Wages Account #12101-51130 to the following accounts:

12102-52000 – Police Purchase of Services	\$ 6,602.00
12102-54000 – Police Supplies	\$ 6,229.00
12100-51300 – Police Overtime/Court	\$16,868.00
12101-51314 – Police Overtime – Quinn	\$ 3,025.00
12101-51134 – Police Salaries/Wages – Quinn	\$ 7,350.00

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Chief of Police

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 63**

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – SR CENTER DOORS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund – Reserved for Historic Preservation the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) to the Community Preservation – Sr. Center Door Replacement Account # 11952-55000 for the purpose of replacing or restoring the front doors of this building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, with new front doors to match the existing doors; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee and Council on Aging Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 64**

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – DEBT SERVICE OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE LAND ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund – Undesignated Fund Balance Account #22550-35900 the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$145,000.00) for the purpose of paying the debt service for the Old Sturbridge Village Land Acquisition; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 9-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was to approve the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 65**

**ROUTE 131 SIDEWALK DESIGN – DEBT SERVICE TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Route 131 Sidewalk Design Principal Account #17102-59186 the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) and from the Route 131 Sidewalk Design Interest Account #17502-59186 the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) TO THE Route 131 Sidewalk Design Project Account #33010-54000; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 66  
TOWN COUNSEL TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) to the Town Counsel Purchase of Services Account #11512-52000 for the purpose of paying additional costs associated with litigation; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 67  
RECYCLING CENTER – STORMWATER PERMIT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to the Recycling Center Purchase of Services Account #14302-52000 for the purpose of hiring an engineer to develop and submit a stormwater permit to the MADEP and USEPA; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Town Administrator, Board of Health, DPW Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 68**  
**RESERVE FUND TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and appropriate SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800 for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for emergency expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 5-0*

**VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING:** The vote of the Town Meeting was unanimous in approving the article as written as declared by the Moderator.