

Background Information
Special Town Meeting
May 7, 2011

- Article 1. Supplemental Appropriation for FY 2011 Legal Budget**
Article 1 would appropriate an additional \$40,000 for the Legal Budget, which is projected to run a deficit of this magnitude before the completion of the current fiscal year. This projected deficit is due to two unforeseen circumstances: (1) the estimated cost associated with the arbitration of the Police Contract, yet to be expended (2) the cost of two litigations (Town vs. Golrick and the Airport Runway case) which by the end of February had already consumed seventy five percent (\$30,094) of the entire legal budget for FY 2011. The town also expects to spend an additional \$10-15,000 litigating these cases during the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Article 2. Rescind Appropriation Balance and Remaining Borrowing Authority for Article 7 of the October 11, 2007 Town Meeting.** This article would rescind the remaining appropriation balance of \$485,536.25, and further rescind the borrowing authority of \$485,475 for the Public Safety Facility.
- Article 3. Rescind the Appropriation Balance and Borrowing Authority of Article 12 of the June 6, 2010 Town Meeting.** This article would rescind the remaining appropriation balance of \$47,270.35 and further rescind the borrowing authority of \$47,270 for the Sheffield School Roof.
- Article 4. Appropriate and Transfer the Sum of \$160,000 into the Montague Stabilization Fund.** Article 4 would appropriate and transfer the sum of \$160,000 from free cash into the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 5. Appropriate and Transfer the Sum of \$285,000 into the Montague Stabilization Fund.** Article 5 would appropriate and transfer the sum of \$285,000 from the overlay reserve account into the Stabilization Fund.