

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 1, 2015
MOTIONS**

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriation was for Information Technology, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$63,000 for the purpose of utility appraisals, the state mandated triennial revaluation or interim year valuation of real and personal property by the Assessing Department, and Appellate Tax Board appeal defense, said sum to be raised from Overlay Surplus.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the September 12, 2013 Town Meeting, which appropriation was for repairing or replacing a boiler at the Sheffield School, said sum to be raised from the Town General Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2016 sewer rates, said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,856 for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 4 of the May 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting, which appropriation was for the Town's share of Airport Improvement Project 3-25-0032-17, said sum to be raised from Airport Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Shared Budget (Department #159) for additional e-mails for town board and committee members, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Veterans' Benefits budget, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding legal expenses associated with the negotiation of the Town's cable contract with Comcast, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of library repairs, including but not limited to repairs to the handicapped ramp and exterior stairs at the Carnegie Library and exterior stairs at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of repairing brickwork at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the development of preliminary design and engineering work for a Department of Public Works Facility, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for legal representation and technical assistance related to the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline's application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,750 for legal representation and technical assistance related to the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline's application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to fund legal representation in cases before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), and in related legal proceedings, concerning the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas pipeline, also known as "NED" (Northeast Energy Direct), said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 15. MOVED: That the town vote to amend the Montague Zoning Map to redistrict Assessors Map 29 Lot 122 in the village of Millers Falls (5-7 Church St.) from Public-Semi Public to Neighborhood Business, said area to total +/- 0.7 acres.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

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ARTICLE 16. MOVED: That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B Section 20, which authorizes the Town to establish an Other Post Retirement Benefit Trust to reduce the unfunded liability of health care and other post employment benefits for which the Town of Montague is obligated as set forth in Governments Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #45 and further to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of funding said Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. MOVED: That the town vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority of \$26,647.63 as authorized under Article #14 of the September 12, 2013 Special Town Meeting, which funded emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. MOVED: That the town vote to rescind the unused balance \$12,849.30 as appropriated under Article # 21 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which funded maintenance of the Montague Center School Building.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the town vote to rescind the unused balance \$12,005.73 as appropriated under Article # 21 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which funded maintenance of the Montague Center School Building.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 19. MOVED: That the town amend Article II Section 2 of the Town Bylaws, relating to the town's appropriation committee, by changing the words "no less than 5" to "no fewer than 3".

**DEFEATED/YES-24
NO -38**

ARTICLE 20. MOVED: That the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease not to exceed ten (10) years for the purpose of permitting construction and maintenance of a regional dog shelter on up to 2 acres of Town-owned land located on Assessor Map 21 Lot 5 (Turnpike Road), on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the town vote to transfer certain property described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 5452, Page 82 (Map 21, Lot 5) from the Board of Selectmen for a public safety facility to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and, further, that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease not to exceed ten (10) years for the purpose of permitting, constructing, operating and maintaining a regional dog shelter on up to two (2) acres of said property, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the town.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 21. MOVED: That the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system, construction of a fiber optic network.

**BALLOT VOTE
PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE
YES-72
NO - 4**