

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 5, 2017**

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period in excess of three years for the purchase of a new flail mower and any equipment related thereto, also known as an over the rail mower, and to appropriate the sum of \$24,090 for the first year payment of such agreement, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding the RiverCulture program, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,935 for the purpose of increasing the Parks and Recreation FY2018 Budget, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,900 for the purpose of increasing the Libraries FY2018 Budget, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum \$16,250 for the purpose hiring a contractor to provide valuation services relating to the natural gas and electric transmission/distribution utility properties located in town, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose increasing the appropriation for Article #17 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$20,000 to repair the Shea Roof, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

DEFEATED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #7 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$2,384,214 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, with \$200,000 raised from Taxation and \$2,184,214 raised from Sewer User Fees, and allocated said sums in accordance with Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, and replace it with the following:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,185,683 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, with \$200,000 to be raised from Taxation; \$82,257 to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings; \$91,722 to be raised from WPCF Fund Balance of Legal Settlement; \$50,000 to be raised from Article #21 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$50,000 from FY17 Retained Earnings for the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund; and \$1,761,704 to be raised from Sewer User Fees, said sums to be allocated in accordance with the Revised Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, as set forth below

REVISED SCHEDULE IV, WPCF BUDGET

DEPT NO.	#7 5/6/17 FY18	REVISED FY18
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL		
440 Wages & Expenses	1,573,712	1,418,181
700 Debt Service	495,802	495,802
910 Employee Benefits	264,700	239,700
SUBTOTAL WPCF	2,334,214	2,153,683
449 DPW SUBSIDIARY		
Wages & Expenses	42,000	32,000
Capital Outlay	8,000	0
SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	50,000	32,000
TOTAL WPCF	2,384,214	2,185,683

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #17 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$200,000 from Sewer User Fees to increase the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 9: MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #16 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$85,000 from Sewer User Fees for the purpose of conducting a Feasibility Study, to be titled “Final Clarifier Upgrade/Raw Influent Bypass ,” or something similar, for the purpose of analyzing options for addressing sewer overflows, including but not limited to determining whether or not running an additional sewer line before the head works to the intake of the wet weather tank would help control flows during rain events.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$303,000 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #26, voted at the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Skateboard Park.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the remaining \$957,310.03 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #17, voted at the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund the replacement of 2 pump stations.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the remaining \$349,486.25 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #22, voted at the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting to fund the storm drain project.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the official Montague Zoning Map to redistrict an approximate 10.5 acre area of land in Millers Falls identified as Assessors Map 25 Lot 14 and Lot 16 from Agriculture-Forestry-4 (AF-4) to General Business (GB) District, as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the official Montague Zoning Map to redistrict an approximate 0.3 acre area of land in Turners Falls located at 2 Prospect Street identified as Assessors Map 6 Lot 95

from Public-Semi Public District (PS) to Neighborhood Business District (ND), as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #23 of the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, which directed the Moderator to appoint a 3-member “Regional School District Planning Committee.”

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE