

**TOWN OF HALIFAX
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 9, 2011**

ARTICLE 1 Voted to transfer \$4,550 from the Clerk's Elections and Registration Account to the Clerk's Expense Account to purchase a new Dog Licensing Program.

Proposed by the Town Clerk – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 Voted to transfer from MTBE Settlement Receipts \$1,524 to the Monponsett Pond/Water System Stabilization Fund.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen- Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$1,219.32 to pay a Fiscal Year 2010 bill to Attorney Michael Gilman.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

Selectman Kim Roy moved to PASS OVER the following article-

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$100 to pay for a bond for Constable Thomas Hammond for fiscal year 2011 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Constable Thomas Hammond

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 5 Voted to accept the provisions of paragraph nine (9), Section 16 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008 which exempt the excise taxes in any year when a resident who is in active and full time military service as a member of the armed forces of the U.S. or the National Guard, Army or Air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the boundaries of the continental United States for at least 45 days in the calendar year of the exemption, to be effective January 1, 2012.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – John Shiavone

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6 Voted to accept the provisions of G.L c.59, s.5, Clause 56. Clause 56 exempts up to 100% of the real and personal property taxes assessed to Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Military Reservists who are on active duty for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country. This option to be effective July 1, 2011.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – John Shiavone

Passed Unanimously

Gordon Andrews made a motion to have the discussion closed. PASSED

Gordon Andrews called for an Australian Ballot for Article 7.

ARTICLE 7 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance \$49,500 to fund an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) to assist the Council on Aging in planning and to oversee the construction of a new Senior Center.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – John Campbell

Passed: Yes: 123 No: 37

ARTICLE 8 Voted to transfer \$5,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance, \$4,000 from Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 (Highway Hot Box) and \$1,000 from Article 25 of Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 (2009 Lawnmower) for a total of \$10,000 to refurbish and repair the 1987 Ford L8000 Dump Truck.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

Candace Kniffen moved to reconsider Article 7. It was moved and seconded to vote to reconsider Article 7.

Failed

Wage & Personnel -John Grace moved to Pass Over Article 9. PASSED.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Wage and Personnel Board to contract with a consultant to undertake the following tasks and any other related work: to review and revise the job classification system for Wage and Personnel employees, to review and revise the job descriptions for Wage and Personnel employees and to review and revise the Wage and Personnel By-Law.

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 10 Voted to transfer from Line 77 (Special Needs-Tuition) of Article 5 of Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 the sum of \$15,000 to Line 6 (Law) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance \$1,000 to the Halifax in Lights Account.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed

ARTICLE 12 Voted to accept a donation of land (Assessors' Map 32, Lots 171, 172, 201, and 202), 20,000 square feet in size, on Buttonwood Road, from Margaret T. O'Leary.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed

ARTICLE 13 Voted to transfer \$891.68 from the Payment of Claims Fund to a Payment of Claims Article and close out the Payment of Claims Fund.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14 Voted to transfer \$2,715 from Article 4 of the September 9, 2009 Special Town Meeting the Financial Data Migration Services Account (Article 3 of September 9, 2009 Special Town Meeting) to the Treasurer/Collector Consultant Account.

Proposed by the Town Accountant – Sandra Nolan

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 15 Voted to transfer \$1,000 from the Waterways Fund for maintenance of the boat ramp and parking area on Route 58.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 16 Voted to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Water Department Retained Earnings Account to develop a comprehensive plan for tank maintenance, budget estimates and engineering services for a system study to evaluate system operational scenarios to maintain service pressure and fire protection while the Water Tank is out of service.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners – Richard Clark

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer \$25,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$15,000 from Line 77 (Special Needs – Tuition) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 for a total of \$40,000 to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector – Kathleen Shiavone

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer from Article 12 (Library HVAC) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 the sum of \$3,500 to replace the existing windows in the Town Hall Tower and any other repairs deemed necessary in the installation.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – John Campbell

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Article 12 (Library HVAC) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 to Article 18 (Painting/Re-siding Town Hall) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 and to amend that article to include any wood repair, replacement and painting of the railings, ramps and steps of the Town Hall.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – John Campbell

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 20 Voted to transfer \$200 from Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IBPO, Local 309 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax for Fiscal Year 2011.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen-Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

Selectmen Troy Garron moved to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Passed Over Unanimously

Mr. Garron moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. **Passed Unanimously.**
We adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Gaynor
Town Clerk