

Special Town Meeting Minutes 3/28/06

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a Special Town Meeting was called on March 28, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Moderator. There were 20 voters present.

Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; William Cavanaugh, John Murray and Doug Walter, Selectmen; Michael Falk and Richard Pryor, Finance Committee Members; Jeanne Pryor, Town Clerk; and Richard Furlong, Town Administrator.

The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. Town Clerk, Jeanne Pryor, read the call of the meeting and officer's return of service and the Moderator noted the warrant as having been duly posted. The following articles were voted on:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to the Fuel Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$11,000.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 1 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 1 passed unanimously.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 to the Machinery Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$13,000.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 2 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 2 passed unanimously.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to the Municipal Building Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$6,000.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 3 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 3 passed unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Ambulance Salary Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$30,000.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 4 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to the Stabilization Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$20,000.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommends

The Moderator noted that there was an error on the warrant and that a 2/3 vote is required for this article.

Article 5 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 5 passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,265.00 to the Assessors Expense Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$2,265.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommends

Majority Vote Required

Article 6 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following amounts to the following accounts:

Collectors Expense	\$1,000.00
Planning Board Expense	2,000.00
Advertising	2,000.00
Public Safety Inspections	3,500.00

and to fund these appropriations by transferring \$8,500.00 from Assistant Tax Collector Account.

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommends

Majority Vote Required

Article 7 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion.

Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept as gifts the following parcels of land:

- A. Map 204, Lot 226 (0.06 acre), located on Otis Road from the owner Catherine Monette. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 555, Page 19.
- B. Map 215, Lot 221 (0.23 acre), located on Sherwood Drive from the owner Birgit Talbot. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 968, Page 1103.
- C. Map 216, Lot 64 (0.63 acre), located on Brandons Way from the owners Diana and Glen Crowell. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1612, Page 144.
- D. Map 216, Lot 231 (0.55 acre), located on Plow Road from the owners Wilhelm and Carol Osterman. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 813, Page 308.
- E. Map 218, Lot 46 (0.35 acre), located on Nottingham Circle from the owner Graydon DeLand, Jr. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 915, Page 120.

Selectmen: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Without objection the Moderator said that he would not read the items in this article and asked those present to do so. **Article 8** was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion. **Article 8 passed unanimously.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to declare the following town owned properties as surplus and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell these parcels at a sealed bid sale at their discretion:

- A. Map 204, Lot 226 (0.06 acre), located on Otis Road. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 555, Page 19.
- B. Map 215, Lot 221 (0.23 acre), located on Sherwood Drive. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 968, Page 1103.
- C. Map 216, Lot 64 (0.63 acre), located on Brandons Way. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1612, Page 144.
- D. Map 216, Lot 231 (0.55 acre), located on Plow Road. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 813, Page 308.
- E. Map 218, Lot 46 (0.35 acre), located on Nottingham Circle. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 915, Page 120.

Selectmen: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

The Moderator did not read the items in this article as they were the same as in Article 8. **Article 9** was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion. **Article 9 passed unanimously.**

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded on the floor. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The checker was Election Officer Dottie Bellavance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor

Town Clerk