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Special Town Meeting Minutes 5/14/05

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a Special Town Meeting was called on May 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at Becket Washington School, 12 Maple Street, Becket. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by the Moderator. There were 123 voters present and a total of 145 people attended the meeting.

Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; William Cavanaugh, John Murray, and Doug Walter, Selectmen; Michael Falk, Jeremy Dunn, Richard Pryor and Ann Spadafora, Finance Committee Members; Jeanne Pryor, Town Clerk; Richard Furlong, Town Administrator; and Sally Bell, Town Attorney.

The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. He asked for a showing of hands of non-registered voters and welcomed them, indicating that they could participate but not vote. 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 following sums to the following accounts:

 Municipal Utilities
 \$ 4,000.00

 Municipal Building
 2,500.00

 Public Safety Inspections
 5,000.00

 Machinery Account
 10,500.00

 Fuel Account
 10,500.00

 Transfer Station
 6,300.00

 Health Insurance
 4,000.00

 Total
 \$37,300.00

and to fund the appropriations by transferring the following sums from the following accounts:

Selectmen: Recommend Majority Vote Required

Finance Committee: Recommends

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

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 to the Ambulance Salary Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$45,000.00 from the Ambulance Fees Account.

Selectmen: Recommend Majority Vote Required

Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 2 was moved by Doug Walter and seconded by John Murray. There was no discussion. Article 2 passed unanimously.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,366.00 from the Highway Department Well Account and the sum of \$2,253.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Mullen House Septic/Well Account.

Selectmen: Recommend Majority Vote Required

Finance Committee: Recommends

Article 3 was moved on the floor and seconded by Doug Walter. There was no discussion. Article 3 passed unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept as gifts the following parcels of land:

A. Map 204, Lot 206 (0.09 acre), located on Highland Road from the owners Raymond Klemme and Judith Pokorney. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 525, Page 575.

B. Map 217, Lot 138 (0.30 acre), located on Wells Road from the owner William Spillane. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 858, Page 21.

C. Map 214, Lot 10 (0.60 acre), located on Trail Circle from the owners James and Ann Hogan. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 961, Page 9.

- Map 215, Lot 64 (0.35 acre), located on Robin Hood Lane from the owner Diana Dantonio. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1378, Page 999.
- Map 216, Lot 548 (0.39 acre), located on Friar Tuck Drive from the owner Joan Anderson. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds in Book 1097, Page 1035.
- Map 217, Lot \$\frac{566}{118}\$ (0.44 acre), located on Prince John Drive from the owner Larry Godfrey. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1681, Page 566.

Selectmen: Recommend Majority Vote Required

The Moderator noted a typographical error in Article 4, item F, and asked that it be changed to Map 217, "Lot 118." The reading of the article was waived by unanimous consent.

Article 4 was moved and seconded on the floor. Richard Furlong made a motion to amend the article by adding another item as follows:

Map 215, Lot 99 (0.36 acre), located on Woodmens Path from the owner Jacqueline Piredda. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1009, Page 173.

It was seconded on the floor. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment and the amendment passed unanimously. There was no discussion on the amended article. A vote was taken and Article 4, as amended, passed unanimously.

Article 5: 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:

- Map 204, Lot 206 (0.09 acre), located on Highland Road. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 525, Page
- Map 217, Lot 138 (0.30 acre), located on Wells Road. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 858, Page 21. B.
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- Map 217, Lot 118 (0.44 acre), located on Prince John Drive. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1681, Page 566.

Selectmen: Recommend **Majority Vote Required**

The reading of Article 5 was waived by unanimous consent. Article 5 was moved and seconded on the floor. Richard Furlong made a motion to amend the article by adding the same item as was added to Article 4 and to waive the reading of the amendment. The added item is

Map 215, Lot 99 (0.36 acre), located on Woodmens Path. Recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 1009, Page 173.

It was seconded on the floor. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment and the amendment passed unanimously. There was no discussion on the amended article. A vote was taken and Article 5, as amended, passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded on the floor. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The Poll Workers were Dorothy Bellavance, Gale LaBelle and Maryellen Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor

Town Clerk