**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**The Special Town Meeting came to order at 9:10 PM The Town Moderator briefly went through meeting protocol and then proceeded to the Special Town Meeting Articles**

**ARTICLE 54**

**FREE CASH TRANSFER – SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($50,513.11) to the Snow & Ice Account (#14232); or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0-0.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: This article will fund the Snow & Ice Removal deficit in Fiscal Year 2019. The Town can deficit spend each year for all costs related to snow and ice removal.*

**The Article passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 55**

**UNPAID BILLS OF A PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR**

**(9/10 vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year; or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Director

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*Recommendation will be given at Town Meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: This article seeks to fund any bills of a prior Fiscal Year.*

**No Action Taken**

**ARTICLE 56**

**TREE WARDEN SALARY ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($5,500.00) to the Tree Warden Salaries/Wages Account (#12941); or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0-0.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: Due to the tremendous amount of work done by the Tree Warden with the diagnosis, treatment, and oversight of the removal of the infected trees due to Gypsy Moths, there is a desire to supplement the Tree Warden’s stipend in FY19.*

**The Article passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 57**

**EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) – CEDAR POND DAM AND BIG ALUM POND DAM**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($48,000.00) to cover the costs of preparing an Emergency Action Plan for Cedar Pond Dam and Big Alum Pond Dam as required by M.G.L. Chapter 21, Section 65 and 302 CMR 10.11; or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0-0.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: The Town is required to prepare an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Cedar Pond Dam and Big Alum Pond Dam. This EAP needs to be completed no later than December 31, 2019.*

**The Article passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator**

 **ARTICLE 58**

**FUNDING FOR POLICE UNION CONTRACT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($144,864.00) to the following accounts:

FY18 Salaries and Wages Retro Account $45,116.00

FY18 Overtime Retro Account $12,660.00

FY19 Salaries and Wages $67,130.00

FY19 Overtime Account $19,958.00

for the purpose of funding the Police Union Contract for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019; or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 8-0-0.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: This article funds the Police Union Contract that was recently ratified for FY18 and FY19.*

**The Article passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator**

 **ARTICLE 59**

**SOFTWARE/HARDWARE UPGRADE – BADGER METER SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Reserve Fund Balance the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($17,240.00) for a software/hardware upgrade for the Badger Meter system; or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 7-0-0.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

*That the Town vote to approve the article as written. Voted 4-0-0.*

*Summary: This article provides funding to update the hardware and software for the Town’s Badger Meter System, which is used to read the Town’s water meters. The Town’s current system will no longer be supported as of June 30, 2020.*

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:18 PM