



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 10, 2010 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY11

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order 7:40 PM

Registered voters present – 247 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Dr. Judith Houle and Mr. Robert Kuhn.

Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Edward Sokolowski.

Selectman Michael J. Reardon presented the Employee of the Year Award to Lori A. Atwell.

Selectman James A. Barry presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Pauline C. Johnson.

Prior to the consideration of any Article, the Board of Selectmen introduced a preliminary procedural motion for the purpose of this town meeting: Resolved that "Town meeting shall adopt a rule that, in order to maintain the budget voted as a balanced budget, any motion to add to a town budget item shall include either the budget item from where said amount shall be subtracted or shall identify a funding source from which said addition may be voted which will not result in an imbalanced budget."

(Vote – Majority No)

**Article 1** Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Monika Schrauder as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 2** Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 3** Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 4** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 5** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

**Article 6** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 7** Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$6,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 8** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2, 517, 723.00 and appropriate the sum \$420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account for a total appropriation of \$2, 937, 723.00 for Public Safety, the amount of \$67,468.00 over the Finance Committee recommendation to be placed in the Police Department’s Salary line item, each item and amount being considered as a separate appropriation voted by town meeting.

After much discussion a motion was made to *Move the Question*.  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

(Vote on the original motion – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

**Article 9** Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee’s report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,541,357.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,551,357.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee’s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,450,255.00 and appropriate the sum of \$420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$2,870,255.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee’s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,696,488.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$76,083.00, for a total appropriation of \$24,772,571.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee’s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$823,950.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee’s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,296,542.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$284,006.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,317.00 for a total appropriation of \$288,323.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,383.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$190,561.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,341,207.00 for a total appropriation of \$1,636,151.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700,857.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$698,458.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,390.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,057,850.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$150,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$3,207,850.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,423.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,547,708.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.  
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 10** Voted, as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to reauthorize the use of revolving funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectfully.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	\$25,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	\$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	\$100,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 11** Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In *91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan*, make the following changes in Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

**Add** the following position:

- Firefighter/Paramedic: Grade 9

**Change Salary** in Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

- Assistant Animal Inspector **from** \$800 **to** \$20 per inspection

**Remove** in Part-Time Hourly Schedule:

- **Remove:** Part-Time EMT – Basic, Part-Time EMT – Intermediate, Part-Time EMT – Paramedic lines

**Create a new section entitled: BCTV Part-time/Stipend Positions**

**Add the following positions to this new section:**

- TV5 Station Manager: \$15.00 per hour – up to 15 hours per week (or \$225.00 per week)
- TV5 Event Producer: \$75.00 per event

- TV5 Video Editor: \$40.00 per show
- TV5 Camera Operator: \$25.00 per event

In 91 Attachment 2, Appendix B, Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees, make the following change(s):

- **Remove** first salary chart dated July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;
- **Remove Date** on second salary chart.  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 12** Vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$68,563.00 to the Police Department Budget to be held pending Collective Bargaining negotiations as to funding of the State’s portion of the Police Career Incentive, also know as the Quinn Bill, for the fiscal year 2011 budget. (Finance Committee Vote 0-3-1 No)  
(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 13** Voted, pursuant to MGL C.64L, §2, to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town by a vendor at a rate of .75% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least 30 days after such vote of Town Meeting. (Finance Committee Vote 2-2-0)  
(Vote – 105 Yes; 75 No – Majority Yes)

**Article 14** Voted to utilize the Department of Homeland Security Safer Act Grant awarded to the Town of Belchertown’s Fire Department to explore consolidation of the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services, including use of available funds in the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services budgets as matching funds, if required by said grant. Endorsed by Finance 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 15** Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding language to Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas as follows:

F. No person shall park a motor vehicle in front of the following properties identified as Assessors Map 102, Lots 1, 2, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 71; and, Assessors Map 103, Lots 33, 35 and 37, all of which are located at the triangle intersection of Metacomet Street and Federal Street.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 16** Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding language to Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas as follows:

G. No Person shall park a motor vehicle on the town-controlled portion of State Street from Maple Street to the intersection of Route 21.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 17** Voted to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014 with a 25% reduction in the FY2007 four-year annual dues assessment. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 18** Voted *not* to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, as follows:

Insert into Article I, §145-2, Definitions, the following definition:

Accessory Apartment. An accessory apartment shall mean a separate housekeeping unit, complete with its own sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities, that is smaller than the principal dwelling unit and separated from it in a manner that maintains the appearance of the primary structure as a single-unit dwelling.

Insert into Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, the following line:

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
RESIDENTIAL USES										
5. Accessory apartment	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	N	SP/P	N	N	N	N	N

and renumber the subsequent existing items accordingly.

Insert into Article VII Special Use Regulations, Section 145-30, then renumber subsequent sections accordingly, the proposed new §145-30 as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board (and as printed below):

Accessory Apartments  
A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The provision of accessory apartments is intended to:

- Provide housing options for residents who cannot afford, or who do not desire, a single-unit house with land, for example, young adults and senior citizens; and
- Provide older owners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security and services, and thereby enable them to stay more comfortably in houses and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave;
- Encourage a more economic and energy-efficient use of the town's housing supply while maintaining the appearance and character of the town's residential neighborhoods;
- Protect the stability, property values, and the single-unit residential character of a neighborhood by ensuring that accessory apartments are installed only in owner-occupied houses and are properly permitted and inspected;
- Add moderately-priced rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households and make housing units available to moderate income households who might otherwise have difficulty finding housing;
- To provide housing units for persons with disabilities.

B. PROCEDURE

The Planning Board may issue a special permit for one apartment accessory to the use of a single-unit dwelling, provided each of the following conditions is met:

1. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment on an individual parcel of land, regardless of the parcel's area;
2. The owner of the residence in which the accessory unit is created must continue to occupy at least one of the dwelling units as his or her primary residence. The special

permit for the accessory apartment may be revoked by the Planning Board if the owner no longer occupies one of the dwelling units;

3. Up to 33 percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling, not to exceed 600 square feet maximum gross floor area, may be permitted for the accessory apartment; to provide for development of housing units for disabled individuals, the Planning Board may allow reasonable deviation from the stated conditions when necessary to install features that facilitate access and mobility for disabled persons.
4. The accessory apartment shall have only one bedroom;
5. There is no outward evidence that the premises are being used for more than one residential unit. That is:
  - a. All stairways to apartments should be enclosed within the exterior walls of the dwelling. Otherwise, they must not be apparent from the street.
  - b. Any new entrance shall be located on the side or in the rear of the dwelling.
  - c. Where there are two or more existing entrances on the front facade of a dwelling, if modifications are made to any entrance, the result shall be that one entrance appears more prominent than the others.
  - d. The accessory apartment must use the same driveway as the main dwelling unit;
6. The accessory apartment must have the same street address as the main dwelling unit, but with the designation "A" for the apartment, for example, if the house is #123, the accessory apartment would be #123A.
7. Accessory apartments are allowed only in the AG-A, AG-B, LR, and VR zones, and only with a special permit from the Planning Board.
8. Special permits issued under this section shall specify that the owner must occupy one of the dwelling units. Prior to the occupancy of the accessory apartment, the special permit must be recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds or Land Court, as appropriate, in the chain of title to the property, with documentation of the recording provided to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer.
9. When there is a transfer of ownership of a property with a permitted accessory apartment, the new owner may apply for transfer of the special permit for an accessory apartment by submitting a notarized letter of application stating that the new owner shall occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises. In extenuating circumstances of transfer, such as, but not limited to, inheritance, bankruptcy, or foreclosure, the owner may request the Planning Board modify the owner-occupancy requirement to allow reasonable time to establish occupancy. The period of owner non-residency will normally not exceed one year. During the non-residency period, the owner shall not be allowed to rent both units.
10. Prior to issuance of an accessory apartment special permit, a floor plan and elevation drawings must be submitted showing the building, including proposed interior and exterior changes to the building. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – 2/3 required – 80 Yes; 63 No – *Did Not Pass*)

**Article 19** Voted to amend Section 145-5 of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, by changing the parcels identified on the Town Assessors' Map as Map 250 Lot 58, along State Street, and Map 243 Lot 78 (remaining land) as petitioned by the property owners the Belchertown Economic Development and

Industrial Corporation as follows: Change that part of Map 250 Lot 58 that is Ag-A, Primary Agricultural, to B1, Limited Business making the entire parcel B1; and to change that part of Map 243 Lot 78 that is Ag-A, Primary Agriculture, to LI, Light Industrial, making the entire parcel LI. (Endorsed by the Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

**Article 20** Voted to amend the General Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as adding the Animal Control Advisory Board as an enforcement agent for Chapter 15, Animals, Article I, Dog Control.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 21** Voted to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts, as previously amended, with respect to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Districts, as follows:

**Amendment No. 14 to the Agreement**

Between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts with respect to the establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District:

The "Agreement Among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District," (the "Agreement") is hereby amended as follows:

I. Preamble. (a) The first paragraph of the Preamble to the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District."

(b) The second paragraph of the Preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, among the Towns of BELCHERTOWN, GRANBY, HARDWICK, MONSON, NEW BRAINTREE, OAKHAM, PALMER, WARE and WARREN Massachusetts. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:"

II. Additional Committee Member from Oakham

Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end a new section (L) as follows:

(L) Admission of Oakham.

(a) Within ten days following the approval of an amendment to the Agreement providing for the admission of the Town of Oakham into the District, the moderator of the Town of Oakham shall appoint one member to serve on the Committee, whose term shall expire at the next biennial District election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of 4 years.



III. Apportionment of Operating Costs to the Town of Oakham.

Section IV of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection IV(H) the following new paragraph:

"The terms of this Section shall apply to the Town of Oakham except that the Town of Oakham shall not be assessed an annual surcharge for the partial reimbursement of the original member towns for their payment of capital costs on account of the original regional District school building."

IV. Effective Date

This Amendment No. 14 to the Agreement shall take effect upon its acceptance by each of the member towns, in accordance with the terms of Section VII of the Agreement. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 22** Voted to adopt the "Stretch Energy Code" set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA), as may be amended from time to time and to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding a Chapter entitled "Stretch Energy Code" as follows:

**Stretch Energy Code**

**1. Adoption.** The Town of Belchertown has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA of the State Building Code or the "Stretch Energy Code"), as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

**2. Purpose.** The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 23** Voted to approve a Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Agreement for Bridge Street Enterprises, LLC, 35 Bridge Street, Belchertown, MA and designate their expansion at that location a "certified project".

(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 24** Voted to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$11,809.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2011; and further, that the Town reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY. 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

And that \$153,514.00 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues to the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 25** Vote to appropriate \$100,000.00 to pay the costs of preserving, restoring and/or rehabilitating the windows of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which funds are to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; and, as funding therefor to appropriate and transfer such funds from the Community Preservation Fund Balance. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)  
(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 26** Voted to appropriate \$250,000.00 to pay costs of preserving, restoring and/or rehabilitating the windows of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which funds are to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow \$250,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, Chapter 44B of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Department of Public Works is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project. (Finance Committee Vote 0-3-1 No) (Endorsed by CPA Committee)  
(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

**Article 27** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserves \$3,450.00 for fencing and protection of the historic Mount Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans' Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 28** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance \$21,680.00 for the rehabilitation or restoration of Foley Field, including, without limitation, the installation of two Little League-sized baseball fields and multi-purpose playing fields thereon, with such funds to be to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 29** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserves \$52,000.00 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Housing Needs and Assessment Committee, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept affordable housing restrictions.

A motion was made to *Take No Action*.  
(Vote – Unanimous to *Take No Action*)

**Article 30** Voted *not* to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserves \$4,800.00 for a study of the feasibility of preserving, restoring or rehabilitating the root cellar on the site of the former Belchertown School, including without limitation, for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study, pursuant to a grant agreement with the New England Small Farm Institute, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Belchertown Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended.  
(Endorsed by Historical Commission 7-1-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

**Article 31** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance \$21,560.00 to be expended for the preservation and rehabilitation of Foley Field/Lake Wallace, including, without limitation, building an access road through said property, restoring the existing spillway, and upgrading the walking trails thereon, with such funds to be expended and the work done under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)  
(Vote – Majority Yes)

**Article 32** *Citizen Petition:*  
To see if the Town of Belchertown will vote to have a vegetable “kitchen” garden plot established close to the Senior Center and the Teen Center.

*No motion was made. This article was not voted.*

**Article 33** *Citizen Petition:*  
Voted not to ban the use of toxic chemicals on its lawns and in its lakes.

(Vote – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

Meeting adjourned 11:30PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett  
Town Clerk