



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held December 6, 2010 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY11

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting Called to order 7:40pm

Registered voters present - 126 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

**Article 1** Voted to reduce the FY11 Town School Department budget by \$253,955.  
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the FY11 Pensions and Insurance account to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the FY11 Pensions and Insurance account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to reduce the FY11 Landfill Enterprise Fund expense budget by \$3,000; and the Landfill Enterprise Fund wage budget by \$9,000. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Ms. Margaret (Peg) Louraine introduced the following motion which was seconded.

I move that the Town transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5000.00 to an account to be set up and used by the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as seed money for its anniversary celebration.

The chairman of the Finance Committee announced that his committee did not support this motion.

After much discussion the article was passed.  
(Vote – Majority – Yes)

**Article 2** Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$363,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 3** Voted to establish, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53I, a special Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Fund in its treasury in which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated by it under the provisions of said Section 53I and any and all sums received from the sale of commemorative items or from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events in connection with the celebration of the Town's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, the principal and interest of which may, upon the authorization of the Board of Selectmen or the majority of the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Committee, be expended for the purposes of said celebration in the year of such celebration and in the year preceding or succeeding the same, any surplus remaining, after such celebration is concluded, to be transferred by the Treasurer into the General Fund.  
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

**Article 4**

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$750,000 to pay costs of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by gift, eminent domain, negotiated purchase or otherwise, certain property known as Holland Glen Forest, which consists of 290 acres, more or less, together with all flowage and other rights and easements, which property is shown on the following Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps/Parcel IDs:

#215-026 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 5091-274;

#214-056 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 5091-274;

#218-067 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#218-068 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#101-083.2 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#101-081 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 7819-327;

#101-080 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#226-026 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Books/Pages 4370-206 and 7858-235;

#226-034 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 2169-319;

#226-033 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 3137-314;

#219-003 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 9387-255;

and for the payment of all other costs related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44B, Section 11 of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Selectmen are authorized to acquire said land, which shall be held under the custody of and managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of Massachusetts Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended; that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications under the LAND Program (G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other federal or state programs that may provide funds to the Town on account of this land acquisition; that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements and instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition, and further, that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to convey a conservation

restriction on said property meeting the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as required by Section 12(a) of chapter 44B of the General Laws. (Finance Committee Vote 2-2-0)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Majority Yes)

**Article 5** Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Bay Road and Federal Street from its current zone of Ag-B, Rural Residential, to B1, Limited Business; such land identified as follows: 5 Bay Road, Assessors' Parcel Map 108 Lot 45 to change from Ag-B to B1 entirely. (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-1-0 Yes)

(Vote 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved 8:35PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett  
Town Clerk