



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 12, 2014 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

FY14

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

Registered voters present – 179 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$7,000	Snow & Ice Removal
Free Cash	\$50,000	Snow & Ice Removal
Professional Engineering	\$10,625	Snow & Ice Removal
Road Machinery	\$2,500	Lawrence Memorial Hall
Printing Annual Report	\$350	Finnerty House
Injured On Duty Account	\$5,000	Town Garage
Unemployment	\$5,800	Senior Center Building
Street Lighting	\$1,250	Recreation Building
Medicare-Town Share	\$6,200	Fire Station
Town Accountant Wage	\$1,000	Tadgell Building
EMS Building	\$150	Old Town Hall
Workers' Compensation	\$5,000	Police Station
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$25,800	WWTP Expense
Election & Registration Expense	\$2,279	Election & Registration Wage

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer to the Route 181 sewer line replacement project the balance of funds, \$85,426.23, appropriated under Article 18 of the 12/7/98 Town Meeting and Article 19 of the 12/7/98 Town Meeting for the Pine Valley Plantation and Springfield Road sewer projects, respectively, which funds are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were appropriated. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate \$212,500 to pay for the costs of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a certain parcel of land known as the Gerrish property, which consists of approximately 90 acres of land above water, together with all flowage and other rights and easements appurtenant thereto, and shown on the Town of Belchertown Assessor Map 219 as Lot #31.2, and that to meet this appropriation, transfer \$16,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, transfer \$49,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and borrow the balance, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said amount under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44B, G.L. c. 44, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no funds shall be expended hereunder until the Town shall have received or been allotted a LAND grant in the amount of \$133,650 as described below; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, with the care, custody, and control of said parcel to be held by the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes related to conservation; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission each to apply, on behalf of the Town, for grants and/or reimbursements from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the

Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant program (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any federal and/or other state programs, including those in aid of the acquisition of conservation land and/or in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission each to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Belchertown to affect said acquisition. (Article 3 was *Not* Endorsed by Finance Committee 0-3-1 No)
(Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk