



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 26, 2012 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY13

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:14PM

Registered voters present – 129 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

The meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Article 1 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$350,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the following named ways within the Town of Belchertown as public ways, heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, which ways are identified and shown as Mountain View Drive, Laurel Ridge Drive (aka North Circle) and Overlook Drive (aka Sunset Drive) on a plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan, Turkey Hill Estates, Belchertown, MA prepared for George B. Jackson” dated April 27, 1987, revised through August 20, 1987, prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 150, Pages 6-11, and on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan”, dated September 7, 2012, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 228, Page 2, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain easements in the subject ways and all drainage, access, and/or utility easements related thereto.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$22,000.00 to rehabilitate sidewalks at Lawrence Memorial Hall.(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes - 1 voted against motion)

Article 4 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator to enter into a lease/purchase agreement of up to five years for pickup trucks for the Department of Public Works.

(The Finance Committee originally voted not to support this motion but reversed its position upon receipt of new information.)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer the sum of \$19,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash in the treasury to the Sewer Department Expense Account to raze a building at the WWTP. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$37,000.00 for asbestos abatement and the demolition of the building located at 10 Everett Avenue to provide for additional parking. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$12,000.00 for asbestos abatement and interior demolition at the Butler Building located on the grounds of Foley Field. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for public way purposes, including for the purpose of repairing, improving and/or reconstructing Route 181 and sidewalks, drainage or related improvements, permanent and temporary easements in, on, and under all or portions of the parcels of land shown on plans entitled “Transportation Improvement Project, Route 181, in the Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, 100% Right of Way Resubmission” drafted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. dated April 20, 2012, Revised: November 9, 2012, which plans are on file with the Town Clerk’s Office, and land located within 100 feet of said parcels, as may be shown on said plan as hereinafter revised.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$21,425.00 to pay interest due a taxpayer on an abatement for personal property tax. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$12,962.00 to the Fire/EMS Expense Account to provide electronic/communications equipment for an ambulance mandated modification. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to *Take no Action* on this article. (To see if the Town will vote to approve an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, s. 38H (b), or any other enabling authority, for a certain sum and term of years for real property and personal property taxes relating to a renewable energy facility to be installed on land located at Ware Road, and shown on Assessors Map 244, Parcel 156.281)
(No action was taken because not enough information was available by Town Meeting time)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes – Take no Action)

Article 12 Voted to *Take no Action* on this article. (To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to the Storm Alfred Account to cover the budget deficit in anticipation of the receipt of reimbursement from FEMA)
(\$340,000.00 had been received from FEMA by Town Meeting time, making this motion unnecessary)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes – Take no Action)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$182,702.10 to the Storm Alfred Account to cover the budget deficit. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3,274.40 to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

• Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital	\$808.98
• Countryside Animal Hospital	\$155.13
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• Sentry Uniform	\$90.60
• NAPA Auto Parts	\$3.98

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• Palmer Paving Corp.	\$1,608.20

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
 (Vote – 9/10 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,000.00 to the town School Department. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes)
 (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 16 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,600.00 for voting booths. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
 (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$740.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library General Fund #10610 to meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirements as required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to qualify for library certification and the receipt of annual state aid grants. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes)
 (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$43,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction, to be held in common with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on 80 acres of farmland located along Bardwell Street, shown on Assessors Map 273 as Parcels #46.00 and #49.00, and described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 5146, Page 015, and owned by Deborah L. Wenzel, which appropriation constitutes the Town’s 10% share of the total purchase price of \$405,000.00, with the balance of \$364,500.00 to be paid by the Commonwealth, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept gifts, bequests, and grants for such purposes, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said Agricultural Preservation Restriction by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.
 (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
 Town Clerk