

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

## Doings at the Special Town Meeting November 18, 2013

### DOINGS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Monday, November 18, 2013

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Putnam at 6:32 PM on Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Powder Mill School, in the auditorium, 94 Powder Mill Road, with approximately 65 registered voters in attendance at the start of the meeting.

The following registered voters were appointed as tellers for the meeting:

Marcus Phelps

Mike McMahon

A Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for: *(reflects those who have passed away since May 21, 2013)*

*Kenny Strong - Planning Board*

*Roderick H. Fletcher - past Charter Member of Swk. Fire Dept.*

*Clovis G. Goyette, Jr. - Board of Assessors*

*Dante L. Molta - long time Southwick resident*

All US Servicemen and Women

Advancement Placement United States Government Class.

*(Assistance with microphones and lighting)*

Alex Blackburn

Corey Scott

Joseph Frasco

A motion was made and seconded to allow the following non-voters on to the town meeting floor:

Michelle L. Hill,  
Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector

Benjamin Coyle,  
Town Counsel Attorney

David Ricardi,  
Chief - Swk Police Department

Carol DellaGuistina,  
Accountant

Dan Holmes,  
Tighe & Bond

Dr. John Barry,  
Superintendent

Stephen Presnal,  
Business Mgr

Mike McManus,  
Tighe & Bond

Peter Valinski,  
Tighe & Bond

**UNANIMOUS**

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety and to act upon each Article separately

**Article 1** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds (FY14 General Salary Reserve, FY13 EMS Prior Salary Reserve and FY14 EMS Current Year Salary Reserve) the sum of \$7,800 for the following salary accounts:

FF/EMT Salary Reserve	\$4,250
FF/EMT Salary Reserve	\$1,267
FF/EMT overtime	\$ 433
Library Director	\$1,340
Asst. Library Director	\$ 510

The Finance Committee recommends that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,250 from Prior Year EMS Salary and the sum of \$1,700 from the EMS Salary Reserve and the sum of \$1,850 from the General Fund Salary Reserve.

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 2** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$61,000 from Water Retained Earnings to the following water division line items for the purpose of replenishing line items due to water line breaks.

Contracted equipment	\$10,000
Stock Supplies	\$36,000
Surface Material	\$15,000

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 3** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate \$160,000 to pay costs of constructing a new water tank, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended in addition to the \$1,200,000.00 previously appropriated for this project under Article 7 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on October 10, 2012, to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

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**Article 4** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate \$150,000 to pay costs of constructing a new sewer interceptor main, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended in addition to all other amounts previously appropriated by the Town for this project, to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative hereto.

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 5** The Town of Southwick voted to petition the General Court for passage of a Special Act reading substantially as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, Richard L. Cross, retired Sergeant of the Police Department of the Town of Southwick, may be reinstated in as a Reserve Police Officer in such position until he reaches 70 years of age; provided however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such office. Said Richard L. Cross shall, at Town's expense, be examined by an impartial physician designated by said Town to determine such capability.

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 6** The Town of Southwick voted to petition the General Court for passage of a Special Act reading substantially as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, Kenneth G. Laxton, retired Reserve Officer of the Police Department of the Town of Southwick, may be reinstated in as a Reserve Police Officer in such position until he reaches 70 years of age; provided however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such office. Said Kenneth G. Laxton shall, at Town's expense, be examined by an impartial physician designated by said Town to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of said employee under the provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws for service subsequent to July 31, 2013, and upon retirement, said employee shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he was entitled to receive as of July 31, 2013.

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 7** The Town of Southwick voted to acquire for the sum of \$1.00 a permanent easement for construction, access and maintenance of a sign from TJ Welch, Inc. over a portion of the property located at 622 College Highway as more fully set forth on a Plan dated September 22, 2013 consisting of approximately 1,000 square feet and on file with the Southwick Planning Board and attached to an Application for Permit to Erect a Sign; and further to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to acquire said permanent easement, of take any other action relative thereto.

**UNANIMOUS**

**Article 8** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the FY2014 Community Preservation General Unreserved Fund for the purpose of rehabilitating the running track on the grounds of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional High School, said grounds are owned by the Town of Southwick.

**MOTION:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from FY 2014 Community Preservation General Unreserved Fund for the purpose of rehabilitating the running track on the grounds of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional High School.

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A Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:06 PM.

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A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk