Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

Finance Committee STM Warrant Pros/Cons May 18, 2010

Town of Southwick FINCOM Explanations Special Town Meeting @ 5/18/2010

Article 1.

PRO - These are necessary expenses due to unforeseen weather demands, additional and unexpected maintenance costs, and unfunded mandates.

CON - None

Article 2.

PRO - This article sets aside additional monies to cover unexpected improvement costs to the new DPW building and not approving this could delay the project.

CON - Insofar as approving this takes money from our reserve fund and allocates it to unknown expenses, it may be better to wait until bids come in and actual costs are determined to do reserve fund transfers instead of allocating funds from savings now.

Article 3.

PRO - This project is in concert with what has been the primary focus of the CPC.~ It also helps to maintain the quality of the town's agrarian culture.~ The money does not affect taxes as it has been set aside for this purpose.

CON - This removes land from possible development and precludes the opportunity for additional tax revenue.