

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

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## STM Warrant Explanations, May 17, 2011

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Article Explanations COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Tuesday, May 17, 2011 6:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1 Explanation:** These funds are from current year monies to pay for a contractual expense for the Chief of Police Department Head Level that was settled last summer.

**ARTICLE 2 Explanation:** For the Town experiencing approximately 75 inches snow and many icing events, some of which required overtime and the use of outside hired vendors. The cost of road salt to treat roads contributed heavily to these expenses. This will allow the Town to close out its books in balance without a snow/ice deficit as of June 30th. Otherwise the deficit would be added to next fall's tax bill.

**ARTICLE 3 Explanation:** The Computer Hardware request is due to recent upgrades to The Fire Departments IMC Software which has severely slowed down several of our desktop computers. One has crashed and is unrepairable, one is ready to crash. We had hoped to delay this expense, but now see that is not possible.

**ARTICLE 4 Explanation:** This article will transfer \$30,000 from water retained earnings and will supplement the contingency line item on the construction budget for the new water tank based upon the way the bids came in at.

**ARTICLE 5 Explanation:** Transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to supplement account number 60440-58803. This account is the Sewer Capital Grinder Pump maintenance account that provides funds for the repair of grinder pumps, and purchase of repair parts. The account has been expended from an original amount of \$15,000.00. The current balance is \$438.08. With three months to go until the end of the fiscal year we will need additional funds in this account.

**ARTICLE 6 Explanation:** Re-appropriate the remaining bond funds from the repair of the culvert on South Longyard Road at Great Brook which is complete, to projects of a similar nature, specifically on Depot Street on the opposite side of the street from #20 at a storm drainage outfall and headwall, and at the culvert on Fred Jackson Road at the Shurtleff Brook Culvert.

**ARTICLE 7 Explanation:** The above projects were either not undertaken if grants not received or were completed below the dollar amount authorized to be borrowed. The outside Town Auditor has recommended the unissued or unused balances that could be borrowed be rescinded.