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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Tolland Regional High School, Feedings Hills Road, in the Auditorium.

HAMPDEN SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Southwick in the County of Hampden:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet and assemble at the SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. then and there for the Special Town Meeting and to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,500.00 for the following salary accounts

FY08 Police Full-Time \$22,500.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 1 Explanation: *This article transfers funds from an existing salary reserve account to pay for a police union contract. The contract expired last June and a successor agreement was negotiated over the last 10 months. It calls for a 3 year agreement at a 3% increase per year. It covers FY08, FY09 and FY2010.*

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$220,000.00 for the following operations accounts

Snow/Ice Removal \$220,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2 Explanation: *The Town experienced an above average winter (60+ inches snow). Many snow and ice events occurred requiring overtime and the use of outside hired vendors. 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. To see if the Town will appropriate some amount, to pay the costs of engineering, repairing and rehabilitating the Town Hall heating system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount should be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 3 Explanation: *Last November the Town Hall experienced some leaks in its heating systems pipes. Repairs were made and the causes investigated. The Town's consultant Tighe & Bond determined the non-toxic Glycol additive placed into the heating system water pipes due to passage through un-heated spaces in the building resulted in a biological reaction causing widespread pinhole leaks in the copper piping. The original installation contractor who performed ongoing maintenance and the insurance company have not yet committed to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of the Town. Due to the fact that the problem needs to be corrected during the summer months in preparation for the fall heating season, both the Town Counsel and outside Town Auditor are recommending an interim borrowing authorization so the system can be fixed. Any insurance proceeds, legal judgements, settlement funds or other related income would reduce or eliminate the borrowing. The Town will take all necessary steps to recover these expenses fully as it did before in recovering 100% of the ambulance cost on a previous similar dispute with multi-party vendors.*

Given under our hands at said Southwick this 5th day of May the year of the Lord two thousand and eight.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

_____ Fred B. Arnold, II, Chairman

_____ Roger B. Cataldo, Vice Chairman

_____ Arthur G. Pinell, Clerk

HAMPDEN SS.,

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southwick by posting up attested copies of the same three (3) public places in said Town fourteen (14) days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Constable of Southwick, MA

Kelly Magni

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK, SOUTHWICK, MA

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

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