

2009 Spring Annual Town Meeting



A favorite quote from our Town Moderator:

"FATHER IS AS MERRY AS POSSIBLE. I WISH THEY WOULD HAVE TOWN MEETING EVERY WEEK IF IT WOULD ALWAYS HAVE SUCH A GOOD EFFECT ON HIS SPIRITS. HE IS MODERATOR"

Article 1

To hear and act on the report of any committee or to choose any committee the Town may think proper and transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Article 2

It is moved that the Town approve the new salary schedule as recommended by the Personnel Board as found on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Article 3

It is moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$818,000 to the FY'2010 Levy to offset the financial impact of the Snow & Ice deficit, and to meet this appropriation the following sums be transferred from the following accounts:

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Debt Reserve Stabilization Fund	\$645,689.00
Turner Pond Chemical Treatment (Art. 12 2005 SATM)	\$ 1,938.00
TH Record Organization (Art. 14 2006 SATM)	\$ 17,009.00
Fire Alarm Conversion (Art. 13 2006 SATM)	\$ 3,972.00
Norfolk Street Drainage Study (Art. 6 2006 FATM)	\$ 7,000.00
East Walpole PWED Project (Art. 6 2006 FATM)	\$ 36,827.00
OPR Ceiling/Lights (Art. 12 2007 SATM)	\$ 2,836.00
Field Master Plan (Art. 13 2007 SATM)	\$ 11,183.00
OPR Sprinkler System (Art. 7 2007 FATM)	\$ 1,075.00
Smoke Alarm Designs (Art. 7 2007 FATM)	\$ 55,984.00
Aquatic Plant Control (Art. 13 2008 SATM)	\$ 13,600.00
Library Computers (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 1,357.00
Police Unmarked (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 25.00
Fire File Server (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 47.00
Fire Engine Alteration (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 149.00
Street Acceptances (2008 SATM)	\$ 710.00
Highway Backhoe (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 10,895.00
Building Maint. Truck (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 6,093.00
Animal Control Truck (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 1,505.00
Turf Utility Vehicle (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 81.00
Hydro Seed Tank (Art. 14 2008 SATM)	\$ 25.00

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Article 4

No Action

Article 5

It is moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$659,833 from the accounts listed below to be used as other financing sources in the general fund for fiscal year 2009:

Free Cash: \$535,000

Debt Reserve Stabilization Fund: \$124,833

And further reduce the following Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations by \$201,265 in the amounts shown below:

Heath Insurance Expenses (Dept. 01914) \$126,265

Reserve Fund (Dept. 01132) \$ 75,000

Article 6

It is moved that the Town fix the salary & compensation for elected officials of the Town as provided for by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums for the operation of municipal and school departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) and that the sum of \$62,477,023 be raised from the following fund sources:

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Taxation	\$60,768,692
Ambulance Fund	\$ 650,000
Overlay Surplus	\$ 50,000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 3,000
Health Insurance Trust Fund	\$ 100,000
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 631,855
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$ 273,476
TOTAL	\$62,477,023

And further it is moved that \$71,383 be appropriated to the Fiscal Year 2010 department 01132 Reserve Fund-Contractual Offsets account and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$71,383 be transferred from the Fiscal Year 2009 department 01132 Reserve Fund-Contractual Offsets account.

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Article 7

It is moved that the following sums be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of operating the Water Department in Fiscal Year 2010:

Personnel Services:	\$ 821,886.00
Expenses:	\$1,456,226.00
Debt Service:	\$1,487,293.00
Capital Outlay:	\$ 270,000.00

And that the \$4,035,405.00 be raised as follows:

User Fees:	\$3,248,573.00
Retained Earnings:	\$ 270,000.00
Misc. Receipts & MWPAT:	\$ 516,832.00

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Article 8

It is moved that the following sums be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department in Fiscal Year 2010:

Personnel Services:	\$ 209,717.00
Expenses:	\$3,329,161.00
Debt Service:	\$ 340,514.00

And that the \$3,879,392.00 be raised as follows:

User Fees:	\$3,635,185.00
Miscellaneous Receipts:	\$ 244,207.00

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Article 9

No Action

Article 10

It is moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$220,000 to implement a Capital Improvement Program to protect, improve, and or modify the physical infrastructure, including but not limited to municipal buildings, facilities, parking lots, fields and other properties, and to meet this appropriation the following sums be transferred from the following accounts and from the following prior year capital surplus funds:

Free Cash	\$220,000.00
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Article 11

It is moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$558,600 for the purchase of capital equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems for the various departments of the Town of Walpole, and to meet this appropriation the following sums be transferred from the following accounts:

Free Cash	\$ 323,000.00
Ambulance Fund	\$ 200,000.00
Overlay Surplus	\$ 18,000.00
East Walpole Community Center (Art. 13 2006 SATM)	\$ 1,300.00
East Walpole Community Center (Art. 13 2007 SATM)	\$ 1,300.00
East Walpole Community Center (Art. 13 2008 SATM)	\$ 15,000.00

Article 12

It is moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to resurface, repair and/or reconstruct certain streets and/or sidewalks, to make drainage improvements in certain Town roads, and to rebuild certain manholes and catch basins in the Town, and to meet this appropriation the following sums be transferred from the following accounts:

Free Cash

\$30,000.00

Article 13

It is moved that \$200,000 is appropriated for improvements to various streets within the Town, consisting of construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of public ways or widening thereof, including land damages and the cost of concrete, macadam or other pavement or road material of similar lasting character and sidewalks constructed or reconstructed in connection with such improvements; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under G.L. ch. 44, sec. 7 or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

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Article 14

It is moved that \$760,000 is appropriated for improvements to the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant; that to meet this appropriation \$80,000 shall be transferred from the unexpended proceeds of a portion of outstanding notes of the Town dated October 16, 2008 and payable October 15, 2009, which portion of such notes was issued pursuant to the vote of the Town passed May 2, 2002 (Article 35) to finance improvements to the H.E. Willis Water Treatment Plant and which unexpended proceeds are no longer needed for such purpose, \$45,000 shall be transferred from the unexpended proceeds of a portion of such notes, which portion of such notes was issued pursuant to the vote of the Town passed May 7, 2007 (Article 16) to finance the design and construction of an alternative water disinfection system and which unexpended proceeds are no longer needed for such purpose, and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$635,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen Water and Sewer Commissioners is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

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Article 15

No Action

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Article 16

No Action

Article 17

It is moved that the Town authorize the use of the revolving funds as shown in Article 17 pursuant to G.L. ch. 44 sec.53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 to be credited with receipts from revenue sources shown therein, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials for the stated purposes therein, not to exceed the spending limits as set forth in Article 17 except that the spending limit for Early Childhood Education shall be zero and that only the Parks Department has the authority to direct and spend for the maintenance of Turco Field.

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FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUND	SPENDING LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS /COMMENTS
Early Childhood Education	Tuition Payments	School Committee	Expenses & Salaries for Early Childhood Program	\$79,000	None
Library Services	Receipts from copiers, the computer center, lost materials and instructional classes	Library Trustees	Support of copiers, computer center services and instructional classes	\$35,000	None
Senior Citizen Health Services	Medicare reimbursement of flu and pneumonococcal vaccines	Council On Aging	Senior Citizen Health Related Expenses	\$20,000	None
Compost Bins	Sale of Bins	Board of Health	Purchase of Compost Bins	\$10,000	None
Recreation	Receipts from recreational programs	Recreation Committee	Recreational Programs & Services, including salaries & expenses.	\$448,000	None
Fire Alarm Maintenance	Fire Alarm Master Box Charges	Fire Department	Maintenance of Town Fire Alarm System, including salaries & expenses.	\$20,000	None
Engineering Services & Inspections	Inspection Fees	Planning Board	Inspections of roadways, drains, utilities, & related construction of site plans, subdivisions & roads, including salaries & expenses.	\$100,000	None
Turco Field Maintenance Fund	User Fees	Public Works & Recreation	Field maintenance, repairs, equipment and supplies including salaries and expenses	\$50,000	None

Article 18

It is moved that the Town vote to charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$10.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2009.

Article 19

It is moved that the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, amending Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986; for those who qualified under Chapter 59, Section 5; additional real estate tax exemption of 50% of exemptions for which said taxpayer qualify under the provisions as set forth therein for FY2010. or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20

It is moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$60,000 from Overlay Surplus for technical services of a consultant, appraisal firm, and/or hiring temporary personnel, along with related expenses to assist the Board of Assessors in the implementation of the State Mandated Assessment Certification Program.

Article 21

It is moved that the Town increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59 5, Sec. 5, Clause 41A from \$40,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for "circuit breaker" state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2009.

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Article 22

No Action

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Article 23

No Action

Article 24

It is moved that \$6,200,000 is appropriated for architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public library facility, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether this appropriation shall be expressly conditioned upon the Town voting no later than authorized by the provisions of G.L. c.59, Section 21C, to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for any bonds issued in order to meet said appropriation