

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
June 5, 2010**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as amended, to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. the SARA Title III Committee) into which fund will be placed the fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills, and to further authorize the SARA Title III Committee to expend up to a maximum of \$7,500 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY09 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY10 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY11 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY11 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	327	327	327	327
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
All Members	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
BOARD OF ASSESSOR				
All Members	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	57,861.11	59,786.23*	60,942.82**	60,942.82
		*58,434.23 (8-15) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352		
		**59,590.82 (8-16) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352		
TOWN CLERK	54,316.71	56,165.65*	57,286.91**	57,286.91
		*(8-13)		
		**(8-14)		
BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
Town Clerk	772	772	772	772
TREE WARDEN	1,267	1,267	1,267	1,267
BOARD OF HEALTH				

All Members 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY09 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY10 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY11 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY11 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>				
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	338	338	338	338
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,490	5,490	5,490	5,490
BURIAL AGENT	670	670	670	670
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,339
FOREST WARDEN	1,584	1,584	1,584	1,584
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>				
ASST. BLDING INSPECTOR/Inspect	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
GAS INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
PLUMBING INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
EXTRA CLERICAL			<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>
All Departments & Election Workers/hr.	8.00	8.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
SUMMER HIGHWAY	8.00	8.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	11.14	25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICER	14.62	14.62	14.62-16.00	14.62-16.00
PARKS & RECREATION	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>
	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE

<u>SALARIED</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2010</u>		<u>Range FY2011</u>	
		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	11	64,892.37	90,834.68	64,856.90	90,785.03
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	8	44,310.49	62,038.35	44,286.27	62,004.44
CHIEF OF POLICE	10	61,661.25	86,362.29	61,661.25	86,362.29
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	10	61,661.25	86,362.29	61,661.25	86,362.29
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	8	44,310.49	62,038.35	44,286.27	62,004.44
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	9	44,651.88	62,483.40	44,651.88	62,483.40
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	10	61,661.25	86,362.29	61,661.25	86,362.29

HOURLY

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY09	BUDGET FY10	REQUESTED FY11	RECOMMEND FY11
		5,490	5,490		
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	984	5,600	6,500	6,500
294	FOREST WARDEN	2,673	1,584	1,584	1,584
299	TREE WARDEN	8,865	7,867	7,867	7,867
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY % INCREASE FROM FY10	1,411,580	1,472,562	1,472,299 -0.02%	1,472,299
PUBLIC WORKS					
420	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	881,733	886,185	918,060	918,060
423	SNOW & ICE	185,135	194,037	194,037	194,037
433	SOLID WASTE	373,516	383,446	393,540	393,540
491	CEMETERIES	4,352	5,000	5,000	5,000
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS % INCREASE FROM FY10	1,444,737	1,468,668	1,510,637 2.86%	1,510,637
HUMAN SERVICES					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	83,475	95,675	96,864	96,864
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	35,864	28,384	28,384	28,384
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	68,972	82,500	127,500	127,500
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES % INCREASE FROM FY10	188,311	206,559	252,748 22.36%	252,748
CULTURE & RECREATION					
610	LIBRARIES	285,042	293,439	296,040	296,040
630	PARKS & RECREATION	90,258	93,563	94,994	94,994
691	HISTORICAL COMM	500	-	-	-
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,192	1,200	1,200	1,200
	TOTAL CULTURE & REC % INCREASE FROM FY10	376,992	388,202	392,234 1.04%	392,234
DEBT SERVICE					
700	DEBT SERVICE % INCREASE FROM FY10	337,617	454,492	675,128 48.55%	675,128

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY09	BUDGET FY10	REQUESTED FY11	RECOMMEND FY11
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL % INCREASE FROM FY10	81,438	83,759	83,440 -0.38%	83,440
MISCELLANEOUS					
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,683,317	1,692,594	1,719,606	1,719,606
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	66,024	72,837	72,837	72,837
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS % INCREASE FROM FY10	1,749,341	1,765,431	1,792,443 1.53%	1,792,443
	GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND % INCREASE FROM FY10	6,529,928	6,815,376	7,164,447 5.12%	7,164,447

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,845,654 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations with \$215,720 to be raised from Taxation and \$1,629,934 to be raised from sewer user fees.

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY09	BUDGET FY10	REQUEST FY11	RECOMMEND FY11
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY					
440	Wages & Expenses	1,181,164	1,209,429	1,236,173	1,236,173
700	Debt Service	364,427	420,073	401,633	401,633
910	Employee Benefits	135,541	145,514	152,889	152,889
	TOTAL WPCF	1,681,132	1,775,016	1,790,695	1,790,695
DPW SUBSIDIARY					
	Wages & Expenses	15,757	46,959	46,959	46,959
	Capital Outlay	-	8,000	8,000	8,000
	TOTAL DPW SUB	15,757	54,959	54,959	54,959
	GRAND TOTAL WPCF	1,696,889	1,829,975	1,845,654	1,845,654

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$91,725 for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, said sum to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,540 for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, with \$6,277 to be raised from Taxation and \$30,263 to be raised from Airport User Fees.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$627,663 for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,616,878 for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash and \$7,491,878 to be raised from Taxation.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$7,230,327** for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash and **\$7,105,327** to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$113,000 for the purpose of making repairs to the Sheffield School Roof, said sum to be raised from Borrowing.

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,200 for the purpose of funding information technology equipment, parts, accessories, software and installations, said sum to be raised from Stabilization.

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of funding a police cruiser and related expenses, said sum to be raised from Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding purchases and major repairs of DPW vehicles and equipment, said sum to be raised from Stabilization.

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 16. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,055 for the purpose of funding lease payments for 2 Six Wheel Dump Trucks, said sum to be raised from Stabilization.

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 17. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the purpose of replacing swing sets at Highland Park in Millers Falls, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. MOVED: That the Town vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen/Highway Commissioners the custody of a parcel of land formerly known as “Williams Way” to the Parks and Recreation Commission for use as part of the Unity Park.

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 19. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of an outdoor public bulletin board for the Town Hall, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of an outdoor public bulletin board for the Town Hall, said sum to raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 20. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,459 to be transferred into the Franklin County Technical School Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from the remaining balance of the FY10 appropriation for the Franklin County Technical School.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be transferred from Free Cash into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 22. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from the remaining balance of Article #16 of the March 23, 2006 Town Meeting [Multipurpose Feasibility Study].

PASSED/DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 23. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,345 to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from the remaining balance of Article #3 of the July 8, 1999 Town Meeting [Dry Hill Road Legal].

DEFEATED/YES – 42

NO – 30

Needed to pass on a 2/3 rd's count

ARTICLE 24. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,925 to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from the remaining balance of Article #11 of the January 23, 2008 Town Meeting [Acquisitions/Appraisals].

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 25. MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the remaining \$760.19 in spending authority for the Pavement Management Study as voted under Article 25 of the May 7, 2005 Town Meeting.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 26. MOVED: That the Town vote to petition the State Legislature for an all alcohol license for the Carroll's Market Convenience Store.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to pass the following Resolution:

Bring the War \$ Home – Stop the Killing
Montague, Massachusetts

“Whereas, the financial resources available for use by governments at the local, county, state, and federal levels in the United States are limited.

Whereas, an inordinate level of military expenditure is being made by the U.S. federal government for warfare in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan:

Whereas, the people of Montague are collectively paying or becoming indebted for \$7.5 million since military operations began in 2001 (National Priorities Project estimate, does not include funds requested in FY2010.)

Whereas, this warfare creates great and unnecessary harm to the people of the nations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and to U.S. military personnel and their families; and

Whereas, the education services, other essential public services , infrastructure repair and private sector financing in Montague and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been substantially reduced in order for an excessive portion of available financial resources to be diverted from revenue sharing to unnecessary warfare,

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. A public discussion in Montague about the cost of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan/Pakistan to our community to education, transportation, security and basic citizen needs be initiated.
2. We ask our Board of Selectmen to call on Representative John Olver and Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown
 - a. to oppose all legislation brought before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate that provides further funding of the U.S. warfare and U.S. military occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and
 - b. to take strong and forceful action to influence the full U.S. House of Representatives to terminate funding of these military operations.
 - c. to sign onto and support resolutions that prohibit any increase in the number of troops in Afghanistan (House Resolution 3699).”

(Petitioned Article)

DEFEATED/DECALRED MAJORITY VOTE