

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
May 3, 2014**

**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.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**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 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills.

(Emergency Manager Request)

**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, 2014, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials.

**SCHEDULE I  
Elected Officials**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FY13 ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>FY14 BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>FY15 REQUEST</u></b>	<b><u>FY15 RECOMMEND</u></b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>	327	340	340	340
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>				
Chairman	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSOR</b>				
Chairman	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	63,068.20	64,379.93	66,270	66,270
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	59,313.80	61,879.56	63,697	63,697
<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>				
Town Clerk	772	800	800	800
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	1,267	1,300	1,300	1,300
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				

Chairman	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500

**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, 2014, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials.

**SCHEDULE II  
Appointed Officials**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FY13 ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>FY14 BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>FY15 REQUEST</u></b>	<b><u>FY15 RECOMMEND</u></b>
<b><u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u></b>				
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	338	500	500	500
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,490	5,490	5,490	5,490
BURIAL AGENT	670	670	670	670
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
BARN INSPECTOR	500	500	500	500
COMPUTER ADMINISTRATOR	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,584	1,631	1,631	1,631
<b><u>HOURLY RATES</u></b>				
ASST. BUILDING 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
	<b><u>Ranges/hr.</u></b>	<b><u>Ranges/hr.</u></b>	<b><u>Ranges/hr.</u></b>	<b><u>Ranges/hr.</u></b>
EXTRA CLERICAL	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
ELECTION WORKERS	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
SUMMER HIGHWAY	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	14.62-16.00	14.50-17.00	14.50-17.00	14.50-17.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS		13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
PARKS & RECREATION	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63	8.00-25.63

**NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE**

<b><u>SALARIED</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Range FY2014</u></b>		<b><u>Range FY2015</u></b>	
		<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	84,048	103,436	84,888	104,470
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	54,648	66,926	55,194	67,595
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	76,407	94,032	77,171	94,972
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	69,461	85,484	70,156	86,339
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	54,648	66,926	55,194	67,595

With 1% COLA

LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	54,648	66,926	55,194	67,595
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	H	69,461	85,484	70,156	86,339

**HOURLY**

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	E	20.31	25.00	20.51	25.25
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**Informational Only: Fiscal Year 2015 budgeted wages with 1% COLA**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	98,445	DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	64,970
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	64,970	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	57,989
CHIEF OF POLICE*	94,920	WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	84,646
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	79,375	SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	24.27

\*includes additional 20% educational incentive pay

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,136,058 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash and \$8,011,058 to be raised from Taxation, said sums to be allocated in accordance Schedule III, Budget.

**SCHEDULE III  
Budget**

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY13	BUDGET FY14	REQUESTED FY15	RECOMMEND FY15
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
113	TOWN MEETING	1,562	1,720	2,220	1,720
122	SELECTMEN	129,636	148,033	156,602	155,102
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	659	840	840	840
132	RESERVE FUND	44,620	50,000	50,000	50,000
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	69,679	72,022	75,360	75,360
141	ASSESSORS	139,652	140,072	142,888	142,888
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	191,040	197,979	204,333	204,333
151	TOWN COUNSEL	79,292	70,000	70,000	70,000
159	SHARED COSTS	60,368	69,232	73,506	73,506
161	TOWN CLERK	130,504	115,137	130,288	130,288
175	PLANNING	64,296	66,239	67,323	67,323
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	3,437	2,480	2,710	2,710
182	MEDIC	1,485	1,500	1,500	1,500
190	PUBLIC BLDG UTILITIES	89,938	102,880	107,010	107,010
	TOTAL GEN GOVT	1,006,167	1,038,134	1,084,580	1,082,580
PUBLIC SAFETY					
211	POLICE	1,203,014	1,267,720	1,370,141	1,370,141
211	POLICE CRUISER	36,895	39,500	39,500	39,500
212	DISPATCH	219,830	228,679	250,703	250,703
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR	111,725	118,412	119,846	119,846
244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,490	5,740	5,740	5,740
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	3,870	17,120	17,850	17,850
294	FOREST WARDEN	1,584	1,631	1,631	1,631
299	TREE WARDEN	11,817	12,670	13,670	13,670
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	109,259	122,062	125,197	125,197
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,706,235	1,816,284	1,947,028	1,947,028

PUBLIC WORKS					
DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY13	BUDGET FY14	REQUESTED FY15	RECOMMEND FY15
420	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	961,847	1,073,169	1,105,598	1,105,598
420	DPW CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	-	-
423	SNOW & ICE	160,444	212,000	218,000	212,000
433	SOLID WASTE	429,439	452,500	438,000	433,800
491	CEMETERIES	4,741	6,000	6,000	6,000
	CEMETERY FENCING		2,500	-	-
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,556,472	1,746,169	1,767,598	1,757,398
HUMAN SERVICES					
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	27,213	29,138	30,159	30,159
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	143,993	152,500	172,500	172,500
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	171,206	181,638	202,659	202,659
CULTURE & RECREATION					
610	LIBRARIES	303,901	325,242	321,146	321,146
630	PARKS & RECREATION	93,540	94,328	97,388	97,388
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	253	500	500	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,230	1,200	1,200	1,200
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	398,924	421,270	420,234	420,234
700	DEBT SERVICE	624,059	643,770	662,036	662,036
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	83,075	88,068	94,169	94,169
MISCELLANEOUS					
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,760,819	1,839,313	1,882,335	1,882,335
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	63,587	85,067	87,619	87,619
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1,824,406	1,924,380	1,969,954	1,969,954
	GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND	7,370,544	7,859,713	8,148,258	8,136,058

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,122,370 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, with \$200,000 to be raised from Taxation and \$1,922,370 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

(Water Pollution Control Facility Request)

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY13	BUDGET FY14	REQUESTED FY15	RECOMMEND FY15
	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL				
440	Wages & Expenses	1,240,212	1,434,084	1,402,409	1,402,409
700	Debt Service	356,185	360,992	461,198	461,198
910	Employee Benefits	162,429	184,508	203,804	203,804

SUBTOTAL WPCF	1,758,826	1,979,584	2,067,411	2,067,411
449 DPW SUBSIDIARY				
Wages & Expenses	22,395	46,959	46,959	46,959
Capital Outlay	2,116	8,000	8,000	8,000
SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	24,511	54,959	54,959	54,959
TOTAL WPCF	1,783,337	2,034,543	2,122,370	2,122,370

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

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**ARTICLE 8. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$86,738 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 Appropriations.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,512, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, with \$9,347 to be raised from Taxation, \$4,000 from Airport Retained Earnings, \$5,000 from the unexpended balance of Article #23 of the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting, and \$27,165 from Airport User Fees.  
(Airport Commission Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$682,601 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.

(Franklin County Technical School Request)

**PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$49,058 for the purpose of increasing the Franklin County Technical School Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Finance Committee Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,293,458 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 \$8,168,458 to be raised from Taxation.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

**PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE**

**ARTICLE 13. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the purpose of upgrading the Assessors’ software to AssessPro 5.0, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Board of Assessors Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 14. 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 Taxation.

(Computer Administrator Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 15. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of inspecting and cleaning sewer lines and sand removal from the Canal Street sewer lines, said sum to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

(Water Pollution Control Facility Request)

**AMENDED ARTICLE:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of inspecting and cleaning sewer lines, and sand removal from the Canal Street sewer lines, said sum to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

(Water Pollution Control Facility Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED**

**ARTICLE 16. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of funding lining sewer lines on Industrial Boulevard, Millers Falls Road, Crescent Street, and other sewer lines in need of lining, said sum to be raised from \$15,000 of the unexpended balance of Article #13 of the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and \$160,000 from Sewer Borrowing.

(Water Pollution Control Facility Request)

**PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17. MOVED:** That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000, for the purpose of financing the engineering, design, construction, and any other costs pertinent thereto, associated with the replacement of two sewer pump stations located at First Street in Turners Falls and Poplar Street in Montague City, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to said Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and/or any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, the Sewer Commissioners or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project, and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project

(WPCF Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of funding purchases of Police equipment such as firearms and accessories, computers and accessories, police cruiser equipment, department furniture, bullet-proof vests, tasers, radios or any similar items as well as extraordinary repairs to same, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Police Department Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19. 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 Town Stabilization.

(Department of Public Works Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$43,325 for the purpose of funding the lease payment for a Six Wheel Dump Truck, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Department of Public Works Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Montague Center School, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Department of Public Works Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the purpose of security improvements at various school buildings, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

**PASSED/DECLARED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23. MOVED:** That the Town vote to create a special, unpaid, committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of 3 members, including one member of the Gill-Montague Regional School District School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator.

(GMRSD Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 24. MOVED:** That the Town vote to approve the 2014 Update to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation's Economic Development Plan developed in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 121 C.

(Montague Economic Development & Industrial Corporation Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 25. MOVED:** That the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 15A to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the former Montague Landfill site on Turnpike Road, consisting of Assessors Map 13, Lot 68, Assessors Map 20, Lot 27 and Assessors Map 21, Lots 6, 7 and 24, from the Board of Selectmen for landfill development, landfill closure and industrial development purposes to the Board of Selectmen for final landfill closure, industrial development, and general municipal purposes including but not limited to a highway facility; and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sell or lease any portion or all of the aforesaid property, to be known as the Turnpike Road Industrial Area, upon such terms and conditions and for such amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall deem fit, subject to the approval of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sign, execute and deliver any deed or deeds, leases, contracts, or other instruments that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

(Planning and Conservation Department Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 26. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000, for the purpose of constructing and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, a skate park on the Town's property located at Unity Park, Map 4, Lot 0012, which property is held by, managed and controlled by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Montague for public playground and recreation center purposes, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, section 14 and other laws relating to playgrounds and recreation; provided, however, that such funds shall not be expended unless the Town is approved for a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities ("PARC") Grant from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services for reimbursement of all or a percentage of the project cost, and to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from any federal, state or other funds, and to enter into such grant agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, section 7(25) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authority.

(Parks & Recreation Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 27. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to fund consulting fees to evaluate the records preservation and storage needs and options of town departments, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

(Town Clerk Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 28. MOVED:** That the Town vote to accept a deed from Beverly J. Sadler, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, section 77C, to the parcel of land located on Dry Hill Road in Montague, and identified as Assessors' Map 44, Lot 30, said parcel to be acquired for general municipal purposes and to be held in the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to record said deed, provided that the Board of Selectmen determines that the parcel is subject to no other liens or encumbrances other than the liens of the Town, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, section 77C  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**DEFEATED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 29. MOVED:** That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 33B.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE**

**ARTICLE 30. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$62,724 to fund the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, with \$57,684 to be raised from Taxation and \$5,040 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

**AMENDED ARTICLE:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$62,724 to fund the implementation of a **future** collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, with \$57,684 to be raised from Taxation and \$5,040 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED**

**ARTICLE 31. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,469 to fund the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, with \$28,293 to be raised from Taxation and \$16,176 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

**AMENDED ARTICLE:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,469 to fund the implementation of a **future** collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, with \$28,293 to be raised from Taxation and \$16,176 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED**

**ARTICLE 32. MOVED:** That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Springfield/Republic Services of Springfield for the collection and disposal of curbside trash and recycling waste for a period of up to five years, commencing on July 1, 2014.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**A motion was passed to adjourn without day at 3:01 PM.**