

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 13, 2022**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$37,940 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the New England Police Benevolent Association for Fiscal Year 2023, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2022, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 2: Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,834 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the National Association of Government Employees for Fiscal Year 2023, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2022, with \$34,142 to be raised from Taxation and \$692 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,732 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2023, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2022, with \$17,831 to be raised from Taxation and \$1,901 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Moved: That the Town vote to amend the Classification Plan to add the position of DPW Lead Operator at Grade E.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Moved: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 of the May 7, 2022 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the annual salary of the Treasurer/Tax Collector to \$75,009 and increasing the annual salary of the Town Clerk to \$78,423.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	FY23 CURRENT	FY23 REQUESTED
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	72,824*	75,009**

*Grade G -old Step 9

**Grade G – new Step 8

SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials

<u>TITLE</u>	FY23 CURRENT	FY23 REQUESTED
TOWN CLERK	76,139***	78,423****
***Grade G – old Step 11		
****Grade G - new Step 10		

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Moved: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 8 of the May 7, 2022 Annual Town Meeting by changing the wage ranges for the following Non-Union employees as shown.

SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Current FY2023</u>		<u>Requested FY2023</u>	
<u>SALARIED</u>		Start	End	Start	End
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	95,616	117,673	98,484	121,203
ASSISTANT TOWN ADM	I	86,924	106,976	89,532	110,185
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	62,170	76,139	64,035	78,423
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	86,924	106,976	89,532	110,185
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	79,000	97,250	81,393	100,168
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	62,170	76,139	64,035	78,423
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	62,170	76,139	64,035	78,423
MCWF SUPERINTENDENT	H	79,000	97,250	81,393	100,168
<u>HOURLY</u>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	E	23.11	28.44	23.80	29.29
POLICE LIEUTENANT	G+8.5%	37.85	41.99	38.98	43.25
POLICE CUSTODIAN	A	15.49	19.06	15.95	19.63

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,318 for the purpose of funding a Wage Adjustment for the pay schedule for elected officials shown on Schedule I for Fiscal Year 2023 as set forth under Article 5 of this warrant and non-union employees shown on Schedule II for Fiscal Year 2023 as set forth under Article 6 of this Warrant, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2022, with \$19,636 to be raised from Taxation and \$2,682 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Moved: That the Town vote to reduce the FY2023 MEDIC Budget by \$3,077.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,100 for the purpose of increasing the FY2023 budgets for the following departments to accommodate expected increases in electricity costs, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

190 Public Building Utilities	18,000
610 Libraries	4,000
693 Memorials	100

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,432 for the purpose of increasing the Sealer of Weights FY2023 budget, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,684 for the purpose of paying prior year bills of the Clean Water Facility operating budget, said sum to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV and anything incidental or related thereto said sum to be raised from PEG Access Funds.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$56,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to floors in the Hillcrest Elementary School and any related improvements, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from the GMRSD Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing the replacement of the Colle Building roof and any related improvements, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of funding professional engineering services associated with the closure of the Burn Dump Landfill on Sandy Lane and anything incidental or related thereto, said sum to be funded from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 16. Moved: That the Town vote to establish a special purpose Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B and dedicate 100% of the opioid settlement revenues to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Moved: That the Town vote to amend Section 6 of Article II of the Town of Montague General Bylaws, relating to the Capital Improvements Committee, with the deletions as shown in strikeout and additions shown **bold** below.

Section 6: Capital Improvements Committee: There shall be a Capital Improvements Committee consisting of ~~one member appointed by and from the Planning Board, and four additional~~ **five** members to be appointed by the Moderator, with powers and duties to include (a) to conduct an annual review of the capital improvements program of the Town as well as proposals for the construction of municipal buildings and acquisition of property, (b) to make recommendations to the Town Meeting regarding the above, and (c) to prepare an annual report. **The terms of the existing members of the Capital Improvements Committee shall terminate on June 30, 2023 and the Moderator shall appoint five individuals to fill those positions for staggered terms beginning on July 1, 2023 as follows: two members for initial three year terms, two members for initial two year terms, and one member for an initial one year term; with all subsequent terms to be three years in length.**

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE