

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
March 14, 2024**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town will vote to amend the Classification Plan to add the position of DPW Truck Driver Laborer in Training at Grade B.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, by adding the position of Cemetery Sexton with a rate per burial of \$100.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, by increasing the pay range for Part Time Police Officers from \$25-\$28 per hour to \$29-\$35 per hour.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the former Section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, voted under Article 16 of the Warrant for the 1932 Annual Town Meeting, and any amendments thereto insofar as such chapter and section relate to the Civil Service status of regular or permanent members of the Police Department of the Town of Montague, so that the regular or permanent members of the Police Department shall no longer be subject to the provisions of Chapter 31 and the rules and regulations relating thereto, except that such revocation shall not affect any civil service rights, which have come into existence between the Town and employees of the Police Department as a result of the Town's original acceptance of the statute.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,974 for the purpose of providing retroactive out-of-grade compensation to a union employee within the Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office for the prior year, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

**9/10 VOTE NEEDED
PASSED/UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purpose of making a prior year’s longevity payments to a union employee in the Library Department, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

**9/10 VOTE NEEDED
PASSED/UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Building Inspector Budget, Line 241 by \$8,481 from \$148,621 to \$157,102, and to appropriate said sum from Free Cash for the purpose of funding said increase.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Selectboard budget by \$23,000 from \$329,781 to \$352,781, and to appropriate said sum from Free Cash for the purpose of funding said increase.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: that the Town appropriate the total sum of 152,261 for the purpose of funding the operations of the Airport, including the payment of wages and benefits for airport employees, maintenance of property and equipment, the purchase of supplies, debt service, and anything incidental or related thereto, with said amount to be used to fund the expected Fiscal Year 2024 revenue shortfall in the Airport Enterprise Fund, with \$128,000 to be transferred from Free Cash and with \$24,261 to be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Fund, and to adjust the line items in the Airport Enterprise Fund, as voted pursuant to Article 9 of the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>Voted May 6, 2023</u>	<u>Proposed March 14, 2024</u>
482 Wages & Expenses	\$274,915	\$284,915
482 Capital Outlay/Local Share	\$10,000	\$0
700 Debt Service	\$101,535	\$101,535
Employee benefits	\$40,515	\$40,515
TOTAL AIRPORT	\$426,965	\$426,965

PASSED/MAJORITY

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$152,315 for the purpose of replacing all failed pavement, utility connections, parking lots, and loading docks, on the Pioneer Aviation property, including any and all incidental and related costs, said funds to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/MAJORITY

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purpose of funding a Wastewater Asset Vulnerability Inventory, including all related or incidental costs, with \$50,000 to be raised from the Clean Water Facility Retained Earnings and \$75,000 from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund. The Town will first exhaust funds provided by State grants and the Clean Water Facility Retained Earnings account before using the Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a skid steer, including any and all incidental and related costs said sum to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$222,880 for the purpose of replacing a culvert on South Ferry Road, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 to rescind the vote taken under Article #16 of the October 13, 2022 Special Town Meeting, which established an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicated all opioid settlement revenues to this fund, such funds henceforth to be placed in a special revenue fund to be expended without further appropriation for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid settlement documents.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS