

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 29, 2013
VOTED

FRANKLIN SS

I, Mary A. Stokarski, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield, hereby certify that the following votes were taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday, April 29, 2013 in the Auditorium at Frontier Regional School on North Main Street in the Village of South Deerfield

Town Meeting convened at 7:08 p.m. on April 29, 2013.

ARTICLE 1

Voted that the Town hear the reports of the Selectmen, the Deerfield School Committee, and all other Town officers, boards, committees, and commissions .

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 2

Voted that the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 3

Voted that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for public library purposes said sum to be reimbursed to the Town by the State under provision of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 4

Voted that the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, accept and expend for specific purposes provided by any Federal or State Grants or Programs which may be awarded to the Town.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 5

Voted that the Town acknowledge the following gifts made **by:**

Deerfield Academy:	\$89,500.00
Allen Chase Foundation – Eaglebrook School:	\$26,000.00
Bement School:	\$ 3,000.00
Historic Deerfield:	\$15,000.00
Woolman Hill:	\$ 2,925.00

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 6

Voted to divide the article so that each appropriation is considered as a separate motion.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$2,075.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues for the preservation of historic account books of Deerfield residents held by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association library in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Association and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 4, 2013; said funds to

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be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the community preservation fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$16,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues for replacing the fencing of the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Historical Commission and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 4, 2013; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the community preservation fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$34,600.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues to continue documenting South Deerfield's historic resources in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by the Historical Commission and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 4, 2013; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the community preservation fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$510.00 from the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues to the Deerfield Veteran's Street Sign project to create a book concerning Deerfield veterans killed in action in a manner consistent with the proposal submitted by Elizabeth Hollingsworth on behalf of the project and approved by the Community Preservation Committee on April 4, 2013; said funds to be expended within 3 years under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and any unused funds to be returned to the community preservation fund as required by statute.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town appropriate \$10,650.00 from Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town transfer \$21,300.00 (10%) of the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues to the Reserve for Community Housing and \$21,300.00 (10%) of the Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues to the Reserve for Open Space as required by General Law Chapter 44B.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the Town transfer \$106,065.00 from the balance of Community Preservation Fund 2014 Estimated Revenues to the 2014 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 7

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$496,564.00 and authorize the Selectmen to transfer as it becomes available said sum from the sewer receipts account established for such purposes for Fiscal Year 2014 operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plants located in the villages of Old Deerfield and South Deerfield respectively, and for sewer line maintenance.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 8

Voted to authorize revolving funds for the Planning Board and Recycling Program under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 as set forth in Article 8 of the warrant, a copy of which has been distributed at the meeting which is incorporated herein by reference.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

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Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2014 Spending Limit
Planning	Planning Board	Fees charged for filings	Activities and expenses related to proposal and permit reviews.	\$25,000.00
Recycling	Selectboard	Receipts related to the recycling program	Operation of solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products	\$20,000.00
Total Spending				\$45,000.00

ARTICLE 9

Voted that the Moderator read amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be appropriated under this article and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If an objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken separately and the amount thereof and the manner of taking the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted. One voted shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

In the discussion, the Frontier Regional Operations was held and voted to change from the recommended amount of \$3,049,959 to the requested amount of \$3,079,734.

Voted that the Town appropriate \$12,034,076 to fund the accepted amounts voted and to meet this appropriation transfer:

- \$55,553.00 from the Municipal Building account,
- \$43,058.00 from the Workers Compensation fund account,
- \$20,000.00 from the Insurance Indemnification account,
- \$99,161.00 from the Overlay Surplus account
- \$187,799.00 from Free Cash

And raise and appropriate a balance of \$11,628,505.00.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 10

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199.00 for the City of Newton for retirement benefits as required by Chapter 32, Sections 56-60 of the General Laws as amended.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 11

Voted to appropriate the sum of █ \$174,463.00 as	Department	Amount	Proposed Funding

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amended from free cash for the capital projects as specifically set forth in Article 11 of the warrant, a copy of which has been distributed at this meeting. Item			
Police vehicle	Police	\$39,660.00	Free Cash
Computers, network, software	Police	\$24,500.00	Free Cash
Town offices computers, network, software	Board of Selectmen	\$2,500.00	Free Cash
Town Offices – accessibility	Board of Selectmen	\$10,000.00	Free Cash
Elementary School Generator grant matching funds	School Committee	\$27,000.00	Free Cash
Elementary School interior door hardware	School Committee	\$9,200.00	Free Cash
Ambulance Replacement	Emergency Medical Services	\$20,000.00	Free Cash
Snow Plows and Frames	Highway Department	\$26,800.00	Free Cash
Thumb turns for classroom doors	Frontier Regional	\$2,712.00	Free Cash
Rekey exterior doors	Frontier Regional	\$11,300.00	Free Cash
Electrical Power to Garage	Frontier Regional	\$791.00	Free Cash

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 12

Voted to establish the salaries and compensations of all elected officers of the Town, as provided in Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, as follows:

	REQUESTED	VOTED
Moderator, Annual Town Meeting	\$300.00	\$300.00
Moderator, Special Town Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Selectmen, Associate Members	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Assessors, Associate Members	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
School Committee, Chairman	\$150.00	\$150.00
School Committee, Assoc. Members	\$100.00	\$100.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	\$20.00	\$20.00

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 13

Voted to take from Free Cash \$25,000.00 to an unfunded liability sick leave and vacation account.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 14

Voted to take from Free Cash \$80,000 to provide for extra-ordinary or unforeseen expenditures under Section 6 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013.

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Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 15

Voted transfer from overlay surplus account \$17,500.00 for the purpose of funding mandated triennial recertification updates.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 16

Voted take from Free Cash \$49,574.00 for its share of the core assessment of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 17

Voted to raise and appropriate \$279,386 for the purpose of providing ambulance services in the Town of Deerfield, and to meet this appropriation transfer from ambulance receipts as they become available the sum of \$170,000.00 and raise and appropriate \$109,386.00.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 18

Voted to transfer the interest earned for the preceding year from the Dickinson Library Trust fund \$322.00 to the Tilton Library and \$57.00 to Frontier Regional School for Library use .

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 19

Voted to take from Free Cash \$51,890.00 to fund the tuition and transportation expenses of two students to the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the 2013-14 school year .

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 20

Voted that the Town adopt the resolution set forth in the warrant as distributed to the meeting and incorporated herein by reference.

Whereas, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield is the only hospital in Franklin County, the most rural county in Massachusetts;
Whereas, local access to a full-service community hospital is essential to the health and well-being of the residents of Franklin County; and,
Whereas, some important services previously available at Franklin Medical Center are now only available at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield; and,
Whereas, the lack of public transportation and the long distance between parts of Franklin County and Springfield presents a challenge for many residents; and,
Whereas, it is critical for the health of Franklin County residents that they have access to the broadest range of quality health care services in Franklin County,
Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Deerfield, calls upon Baystate Health System to commit all necessary resources to ensure the provision of all needed services and to commit to the long-term viability of a full-service community hospital at Baystate Franklin Medical Center which will meet the health care needs of the residents of Franklin County; and,
Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to send copies of this resolution to Mark Tolosky, President and Chief Executive Officer of Baystate Health System, and to Chuck Gijanto, President of Baystate Regional Markets

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

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ARTICLE 21

Voted to confirm that all votes taken under the Omnibus Budget and financial articles will be contingent upon receipt of a Cherry Sheet and other state funding which shows sufficient state aid to allow the Town to remain within its levy limit.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 22

Voted any instruction to its officers, boards, committees, commissioners.

Julie Cavacco requested that a description of time involved of the various offices in the Town be made available so that more people would know what is required to hold such an office. Others also stated that we need to get others interested as the same people have held various offices for many years and it is time to get others involved. Jane Trigere suggested using some digital media and interview interested persons.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm to meet in the polling places at the MEETING ROOM at the TOWN OFFICES, 8 Conway Street in the Village of South Deerfield on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 2013, next at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of elections and at the closure of the polls dissolve.

Motion Carried, so declared the Moderator

A true copy.
Attest:

Mary A. Stokarski, Town Clerk