

TOWN OF DALTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAY 4, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Jean M Gingras, Victoria M. Sedgwick, Deborah Deane Smith and Maureen M. Mitchell were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Barbara L. Suriner. There were a total of 100 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 51
PRECINCT 2 - 49
100

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town hear a report of the Select Board on the "State of the Town".

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$1,231.86 from Free Cash in the Treasury to pay an unpaid bill from fiscal year 2007 pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 section 64.

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorize the establishment of revolving funds for certain town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY09 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY08 Fund Balance</u>
Plumbing Inspector	Town Manager	Plumbing permit Fees and applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$15,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Electrical Inspector	Town Manager	Electrical permit Fees and applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$10,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Tree Warden/ Planning Board	Tree Warden	Payments from subdivision developers	Planting of trees and shrubs within specific locations	\$5,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Historical Commission	Town Manager & Commission Treasurer	Gifts, donations and receipts from sales	Expenses relating to the administrative functions of the commission	\$4,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Cemetery Department	Cemetery Trustees & Superintendent of Highway/Cemetery	Payments for burials outside of the cemetery work day	Grave digging services and overtime payroll expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500 of Fund Balance Available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Council on Aging	Town Manager & COA Director	Receipt of fees for transportation services	Offset expenses of the BRTA bus operation	\$20,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Dog/Animal Control	Town Clerk	Dog license fees and other charges as provided by Chapter 40 Section 147A	Offset expenses related to the administration of licenses and other animal control matters	\$3,000.00	\$3,000 of fund balance available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Cemetery Department	Cemetery Trustees	Reimbursement payments for damage to town cemeteries	Payment of expenses related to the repair of sustained damage	\$5,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Legal Advertising	Town Manager	Legal advertising fees	Payment of expenses related to legal advertisements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000 of fund Balance Available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Parks Maintenance	Town Manager & Superintendent Highway/Cemetery	Fees from outside users of Pinegrove Pavilion	Any lawful maintenance expense in town parks	\$1,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS FY 2010

Moderator	\$ 344
Town Clerk	36,207
Select Board - Chairman	4,020
- Members	3,120

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved, seconded and voted that Articles 8, 9, and 10 be taken up prior to consideration of Article 5.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town approve the sum of \$636,638.00, which amount is included in the appropriation in Article 5, to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Patrol Officers Union, MCOP, Local 906, for fiscal year 2010.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$5990.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Highway/Cemetery Association for fiscal year 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$2,775.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Dispatchers Association for fiscal year 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 2010 and totaling \$5,755,928 be appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes..

FY2010
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

General Government

114 Moderator		
Salary		344
Expenses		100
		444
122 Select Board		
Salary-Elected		16,500
Expenses		3,355
		19,855
123 Town Manager		
Salaries		116,990
Expenses		9,200
		126,190
131 Finance Committee		
Expenses		185
		185
132 Reserve Fund		
Expenses	See Article #7	
135 Accountant		
Salaries		40,345
Expenses		6,860
		47,205
138 Group Purchasing		
Expenses		400
		400
141 Assessors		
Salaries		84,335
Expenses		17,175
		101,510
145 Town Treasurer		
Salaries		67,278
Expenses		21,500
		88,778

146	Town Collector		
	Salaries		55,084
	Expenses		10,872
			64,956
151	Town Counsel		
	Expenses		34,000
			34,000
152	Telephone		
	Expenses		14,776
			14,776
154	Recording Secretary		
	Salary		4,353
			4,353
157	Computer		
	Expenses		6,850
			6,850
158	Postage		
	Expenses		17,136
			17,136
159	Tax Title		
	Expenses		5,000
			5,000
161	Town Clerk		
	Salary-Elected		36,207
	Salaries		27,294
	Expenses		2,960
			66,461
162	Elections		
	Salaries		2,518
	Expenses		4,155
			6,673
163	Registrars		
	Salaries		5,921
	Expenses		2,875
			8,796
171	Conservation Commission		
	Expenses		1,810
			1,810
175	Planning Board/Board of Appeals		
	Salary		22,470
	Expenses		100
			22,570
182	Industrial Development Commission		
	Expenses		910
			910
191	Old Dalton High		
	Salary		900
	Expenses		7,100
			8,000
195	Town Report		
	Expenses		6,650
			6,650
196	Town Hall		
	Salaries		47,467
	Expenses		66,064
			113,531
197	Central Supplies		
	Salaries		0
	Expenses		13,800
			13,800
	CATEGORY TOTAL		780,839
	Public Safety		
210	Police Department		
	Salaries		815,481
	Expenses		80,341
			895,822
222	Communications		
	Salaries		155,947
	Expenses		6,708
			162,655
240	Building Inspections		
	Salaries		38,770
	Expenses		1,700
			40,470
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures		
	Salary		1,243
	Expenses		100
			1,343
247	Inspector of Meat & Cattle		
	Salary		1,169
			1,169

292 Animal Control		
Salaries		18,930
Expenses		3,619
		22,549
294 Forest Warden		
Salary		2,301
Expenses		1,150
		3,451
295 Emergency Response		
Salary		3,285
Expenses		3,745
		7,030
296 Shade Tree/Tree Warden		
Salary		1,957
Expenses		16,000
		17,957
CATEGORY TOTAL		1,152,446
Education		
320 Vocational Education		
Expenses		328,741
		328,741
CATEGORY TOTAL		328,741
401 Town Engineer		
Expenses		7,000
		7,000
420 Highway Department		
Salaries		322,214
Expenses		100,148
		422,362
423 Snow & Ice		
Salaries		26,732
Expenses		112,330
		139,062
424 Streetlights		
Expenses		80,824
		80,824
433 Landfill Monitoring		
Expenses		13,850
		13,850
434 Transfer Station		
Salaries		2,260
Expenses		20,216
		22,476
440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries		13,770
Expenses		6,878
		20,648
449 Sewer Treatment Plant (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries		889
Expenses		670,929
		671,818
491 Cemetery Department		
Salaries		51,858
Expenses		20,514
		72,372
CATEGORY TOTAL		1,450,412
Human Services		
510 Board of Health		
Salary		25,778
Expenses		1,384
		27,162
522 Visiting Nurse Association		
Expenses		6,291
		6,291
523 Berkshire Mental Health		
Expenses		2,143
		2,143
541 Council on Aging		
Salaries		90,469
Expenses		8,266
		98,735
543 Veterans' Services		
Salary		6,370
Expenses		10,300
		16,670

591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Expenses	4,383	4,383
CATEGORY TOTAL		155,384
Culture and Recreation		
610 Library		
Salaries	116,309	
Expenses	53,763	170,072
630 Parks and Recreation	See Article #6	
650 Parks Maintenance		
Salaries	27,064	
Expenses	14,610	41,674
691 Historical Commission		
Expenses	600	600
692 Memorial Day Committee		
Expenses	1,970	1,970
693 Cultural Activities		
Expenses	2,280	2,280
CATEGORY TOTAL		216,596
Debt Service		
710B (L) Bond Fees	500	500
710L Debt and Interest (Landfill)	115,000	115,000
710H Debt and Interest (Highway & TH) (Debt Excluded)	143,142	143,142
710C Debt and Interest (Capital Imp Program)	See Article #20	
710L/S Debt and Interest (Library SC)	26,866	26,866
710TH Debt and Interest (TH)	33,692	33,692
CATEGORY TOTAL		320,100
Other		
911 Berkshire County Retirement Assessment Expenses	326,210	326,210
913 Unemployment Expenses	9,000	9,000
914 Group Health Insurance Expenses	745,366	745,366
915 Group Life Insurance Expenses	6,500	6,500
916 Medicare Expenses	32,434	32,434
919 Employment Benefits		
Salaries	25,180	
Expenses	1,580	26,760
941 Court Judgments & Claims Expenses	3,000	3,000
945 Town Insurance Expenses	191,911	191,911
950 Commissioner of Trust Funds Expenses	229	229
998 Pension Reserve Fund Expenses	10,000	10,000

CATEGORY TOTAL **1,351,410**

ARTICLE TOTAL **5,755,928**

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,800.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, for the purpose of providing recreation and leisure time activities to the people of Dalton.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$65,000.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to Account 132, the Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this article.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize employment agreements between the Town and Highway/Cemetery Superintendent, the Highway/Cemetery Foreman, and the Police Sergeant; all of which include annual salaries that were provided for under Article 5 hereinabove.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$600,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2010 fiscal year.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate \$6,603,574.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$558,352.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 17. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$276,657.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 18. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$7,399.26 from Salaries to Expenses and further that \$30,982.20 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury, to fund additional expenses in Fiscal Year 2009 in department #423, "Snow and Ice", incurred under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 31D.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded that the Town take no action under this Article (Regulating Drive-through Facilities).

It was moved seconded and voted that Section 350-63A, Article XII, Drive-through Facilities, line 13, be deleted in its entirety.

DEFEATED. DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY.

The Main Motion as moved and seconded was then voted.

CARRIED. DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$144,524.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on debt incurred under the Capital Improvement Program, due and payable in the 2010 fiscal year.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to recess until MONDAY MAY 11, 2009 at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, to choose and elect the following Town Officers and vote on Ballot Question 1 as follows:

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- (1) Member(s) - Select Board For 3 Years
- (1) Town Clerk For 3 Years
- (1) Moderator For 1 Year
- (1) Member - Planning Board For 5 Years
- (1) Cemetery Trustee For 3 Years
- (3) Library Trustees For 3 Years
- (1) Library Trustee For 2 Years
- (1) Library Trustee For 1 Year
- (3) Members - Finance Committee For 3 Years

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Dalton cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture? YES_____ NO_____

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK

