

TOWN OF DALTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAY 6, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Elizabeth A. Erb, Michelle PH White, Deborah D. Smith and Maureen M. Mitchell were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Barbara L. Suriner. There was a total of 87 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 48
PRECINCT 2 - 46
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It was moved, seconded and voted to waive the complete reading of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action on this Article.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. 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, 2013 as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY14 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY14 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	Balance up to \$2,500.00 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
Council on Aging	Town Manager & COA Director	Receipt of fees for program services	Offset expenses of the COA programs operation	\$15,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
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	Balance up to \$3,000 available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Parks Maintenance	Town Manager & Superintendent Highway/Cemetery	Fees from outside users of Pine grove Pavilion	Any lawful maintenance expense in Town parks	\$1,000.00	Balance available for expenditure

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 as follows:

<u>ELECTED OFFICIALS</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>
Moderator	\$ 362.00
Select Board - Chairman	4,225.00
- Members (4)	3,364.00 each
Town Clerk	43,005.00

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 2014 and totaling \$6,645,383 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.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the reading of the entire report be waived.

FY2014
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

General Government

114 Moderator		
Salary		362
Expenses		100
		462
122 Select Board		
Salary-Elected		17,682
Expenses		3,422
		21,104
123 Town Manager		
Salaries		127,868
Expenses		8,309
		136,177
131 Finance Committee		
Expenses		185
		185
132 Reserve Fund		
Expenses	See Article # 10	
135 Accountant		
Salaries		43,552
Expenses		8,260
		51,812
138 Group Purchasing		
Expenses		600
		600
139 Financial Audit		
Expenses		0
		0
141 Assessors		
Salaries		82,734
Expenses		16,950
		99,684
142 Tri Revaluation		
Expenses		0
		0
145 Town Treasurer		
Salaries		76,659
Expenses		21,500
		98,159
146 Town Collector		
Salaries		72,624
Expenses		13,219
		85,843
151 Town Counsel		
Expenses		45,000
		45,000
152 Telephone		
Expenses		14,040
		14,040
154 Recording Secretary		
Salary		4,350
		4,350
157 Computer		
Expenses		8,500
		8,500
158 Postage		
Expenses		17,215
		17,215
159 Tax Title		
Expenses		2,500
		2,500
161 Town Clerk		
Salary-Elected		43,005
Salaries		29,030
Expenses		9,010
		81,045
162 Elections		
Salaries		2,775
Expenses		4,280
		7,055
163 Registrars		
Salaries		6,212

Expenses	3,300
	9,512
171 Conservation Commission	
Expenses	1,846
	1,846
175 Planning Board/Board of Appeals	
Salary	21,623
Expenses	1,100
	22,723
182 Development & Industrial Commission	
Expenses	1,200
	1,200
191 Old Dalton High	
Salary	
Expenses	7,100
	7,100
192 Buildings Maintenance	
Salary	53,822
Expenses	9,841
	63,663
195 Town Report	
Expenses	6,650
	6,650
196 Town Hall Maintenance	
Salaries	6,530
Expenses	64,400
	70,930
197 Central Supplies	
Salaries	14,800
Expenses	14,800
CATEGORY TOTAL	872,155
Public Safety	
210 Police Department	
Salaries	807,657
Expenses	92,019
	899,676
222 Communications	
Salaries	166,340
Expenses	8,512
	174,852
240 Building Inspections	
Salaries	41,795
Expenses	7,900
	49,695
244 Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salary	1,306
Expenses	100
	1,406
247 Inspection of Animals	
Salary	1,326
	1,326
292 Animal Control	
Salaries	19,926
Expenses	3,619
	23,545
294 Forest Warden	
Salary	2,420
Expenses	1,150
	3,570
295 Emergency Management	
Salary	-
Expenses	6,024
	6,024
296 Shade Tree/Tree Warden	
Salary	2,056
Expenses	16,000
	18,056
CATEGORY TOTAL	1,178,150
Education	
320 Vocational Education	
Expenses	657,824
	657,824
CATEGORY TOTAL	657,824
401 Town Engineer	
Expenses	4,000
	4,000

420 Highway Department		
Salaries		307,134
Expenses		122,798
		429,932
423 Snow & Ice		
Salaries		27,267
Expenses		112,330
		139,597
424 Streetlights		
Expenses		82,800
		82,800
433 Landfill Monitoring		
Salaries		
Expenses	See Article # 26	
434 Transfer Station		
Expenses		17,375
		17,375
440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries		18,000
Expenses		15,350
		33,350
449 Wastewater Treatment (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries		923
Expenses		796,754
		797,677
491 Cemetery Department		
Salaries		56,146
Expenses		20,024
		76,170
CATEGORY TOTAL		1,580,901
Human Services		
510 Board of Health		
Salary		29,055
Expenses		1,926
		30,981
522 Public Health Nurse		
Salary		5,975
Expenses		500
		6,475
523 Mental Health & Substance Abuse		
Expenses		2,143
		2,143
541 Council on Aging		
Salaries		90,414
Expenses		28,190
		118,604
543 Veterans' Services		
Salary		6,694
Expenses		48,300
		54,994
591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission		
Expenses		4,642
		4,642
CATEGORY TOTAL		217,839
Culture and Recreation		
610 Library		
Salaries		115,035
Expenses		65,805
		180,840
630 Parks and Recreation	See Article # 5	
650 Parks Maintenance		
Salaries		28,804
Expenses		18,090
		46,894
691 Historical Commission		
Expenses		700
		700
692 Memorial Day Committee		
Expenses		1,970
		1,970
693 Cultural Activities		
Expenses		2,280
		2,280

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$191,070 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, 2013.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$20,000 from the Pension Reserve Fund for the purpose of offsetting the future cost of the contributory retirement system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 provided that such transfer shall not take effect until permission for said transfer is granted by the Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 23, section 22 part 6A(b) and further that said transfer be applied to payment of the annual assessment of the Berkshire Regional Retirement Board for the 2014 fiscal year.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$65,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to Account 132, Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the transfer \$500,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2014 fiscal year.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$95,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$45,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Sewer Stabilization Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$36,500 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the Capital Improvement Program for the following departments and purposes: Police - Cruiser, and related equipment; Historic Commission – demolition of rear portion of Hoose House; and further that said appropriation shall be immediately available for expenditure.

Department	Project/Equipment/Program	Estimated Cost
Police	Cruiser & related equipment	\$31,500
Historic Commission	Demolition of rear portion of Hoose House	\$5,000

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program; including borrowing costs associated with said program and all other costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said sum under G.L. c.44, §7(3A) or any other enabling authority; that the Select Board is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for this program; and that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project;

Department	Project/Equipment/Program	Estimated Cost/Borrowing
Highways/Sewers	Highway Equipment – Dump Truck and related equipment	\$75,000

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate a maximum of \$340,000 from available funds to be reimbursed by a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 Section 34 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 17. 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 4 hereinabove.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 18. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$896 from Salaries to Expenses and \$36,135 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund additional expenses in Fiscal Year 2013 in department #423, Snow and Ice

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded and voted that the *transfer* \$13,000 From Free Cash in the Treasury to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Article TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS, as published in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and further that said moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2014.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town (a) approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between Sinicon Plastics Inc. and the Town of Dalton, substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk (the "TIF Agreement"), pursuant to GL.c.40, s.59 and confirming the Select Board's designation of the property at 455 West Housatonic Street, Map 113 Lot 98, as an Economic Opportunity Area ("455 W. Housatonic Street EOA") and TIF Plan, including designation of a TIF Zone as described in the TIF Plan; (b) authorize the Select Board to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement those documents; and (c) authorize the Select Board to submit an Economic Opportunity Area Application, Tax Increment Financing Plan and Certified Project Application, and any associated documents to the Massachusetts Economic Coordinating Council, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement to be located in the 455 W. Housatonic Street EOA, TIF Zone, TIF Plan and Certified Project.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 22. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize payment of unpaid bills of the Highway Department for previous fiscal years pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64 as follows: John's Building Supply - \$414.20, Zwack Inc. - \$2,893.80, L.P. Adams - \$310.98, New England Uniforms - \$73.50, Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor - \$73.49 and further that \$3,766 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury to pay said bills.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 23. It was moved seconded, and voted that the Town transfer \$22,455 from the Sewer Stabilization Fund for the purpose of paying unanticipated sewage treatment costs in the 2013 Fiscal Year .

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 24. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town approve the votes of the Central Berkshire Regional School District to borrow for eight capital projects each following numbered item being considered as a separate borrowing and subject to a separate vote therefor; and further that any approved borrowings include the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, provided that any such approving votes be expressly contingent upon votes of the Town to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) the

amounts required to be raised to repay the Town's share of the borrowings authorized by the votes of the District:

1.The Town hereby approves the \$20,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Becket Washington Elementary School playground equipment;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

2.The Town hereby approves the \$117,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Craneville Elementary School carpeting;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

3.The Town hereby approves the \$92,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Craneville Elementary School Air Handling Units;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

4.The Town hereby approves the \$110,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Wahconah Regional High School walkways replacement;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

5.The Town hereby approves the \$100,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Wahconah Regional High School refurbish auditorium seats;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

6.The Town hereby approves the \$50,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for Central Office, install central air conditioning and replace boiler;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

7.The Town hereby approves the \$54,783 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for replacement of two vehicles;

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

8.The Town hereby approves the \$72,000 borrowing authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District for School security improvements, for all schools.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 25. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into renewable energy purchase an/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 26. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$14,286 from the Landfill Monitoring Account #991 to the Landfill Closure Account #433 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 27. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$45,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the General Stabilization Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting dissolved at 9:20 p.m.

Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK