

NOTES TO MODERATOR

1. The meeting is called for 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 22, 2006. Before calling the meeting to order, there are the following preliminaries:

- (a) The Town Clerk administers the oath of office to the stenographer.
- (b) The Moderator is informed of the number of Town Meeting Members present and determines that there is a quorum (at least 100).

2. The Moderator announces the number present, that more than a quorum is present, and calls the meeting to order.

3. The Moderator defines the limits of the hall to be that area forward of the aisle which crosses the hall from side to side.

4. The Moderator appoints and announces the selection of 6 tellers, 2 for the left section of seats, 2 for the center section and 2 for the right and a coordinator and table counter.

5. If requests do not come from the floor spontaneously, the Moderator can ask if any Committee Chairman or others wish those members of their committees or others who are not Town Meeting Members admitted to the floor. It is expected that these requests will come from the following:

- a) Board of Selectmen - Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Town Department Heads
- b) Warrant Committee
- c) School Committee - Superintendent and Business Manager
- d) Planning Board
- e) Board of Assessors - Assessor
- f) Recreation Commission
- g) Capital Budget Committee
- h) Conservation Commission
- i) Board of Library Trustees - Librarian
- j) Personnel Board
- k) Board of Health - Health Director
- l) Retirement Board
- m) Cemetery Commissioners
- n) Fair Housing Committee

There may be others.

The Moderator announces that, hearing no objections, these requests are granted.

6. The Moderator calls upon a religious leader from the community to give the invocation.

7. The Moderator informs the Town Meeting Members and guests of particular points of procedure and order.

8. The Moderator announces that with the unanimous consent of the Town Meeting Members he will ask the Town Clerk to read only the return of the Warrant without reading the text of each printed Article. If there is no objection, the Town Clerk will proceed accordingly.

9. There may be resolutions. Thereafter, the Moderator turns to the Preliminary Motion on the next page.

10. The numbered Articles are considered in the order determined by the vote taken for this purpose under the Preliminary Motion.

11. Those motions requiring other than a simple majority vote are so marked.

12. The Budget Table is presented by a series of motions made by the Chairman of the Warrant Committee. For detailed procedure, please refer to notes under Articles 3 and 4.

ARTICLE 1

MOVED: That Article 1 be taken from the table.

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ARTICLE 10

MOVED: That under Article 10 the reading of the amendments to the Position Classification and Compensation Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" be dispensed with, the original having been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

MOVED: That the Town amend the Position Classification and Compensation Plan previously adopted under the provisions of Article 11 of the General By-Laws of the Town by adopting the amendments to the Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" on file in the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE 6

MOVED: That there be appropriated and paid to the elected officers of the Town as salaries for the financial year commencing July 1, 2006 the amount set opposite the name of each as follows:

Town Moderator		\$200
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen		\$5,000
Selectmen (Two members)	\$4,500 each	\$9,000
Town Clerk		\$74,608
Town Treasurer		\$71,690
Chairman of the Board of Assessors		\$2,748
Assessor (Two members)	\$2,424 each	\$4,848

		\$168,094

and that the sum of \$168,094 be raised by General Tax; and that in consideration of the salaries determined as aforesaid or, in the case of appointed officers as determined by the Selectmen, all fees which have heretofore been paid by statute to the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and any other officers, shall be paid by them upon their receipt into the Town Treasury.

ARTICLE 11

MOVED: That the sum of \$2,035,600 be, and hereby is appropriated to purchase Public Safety Equipment, Public Works Equipment and Furnishings and

Equipment for Town Facilities, and consulting services, to construct public ways, and for Building and Facility and Public Works Construction; and for Major Maintenance and Alterations (including design work) as follows:

Public Safety Equipment

Replace pumper/brush truck	\$147,000
Replace ambulance	195,000
Replace 1999 Fire dept staff vehicle	37,000
Replace 911 Console electronics	95,000
Replace Police dept phone system	<u>40,000</u>
Subtotal	\$514,000

Departmental Equipment

Replace DPW 1996 pickup	\$ 25,100
Refurbish 1992 Snow Fighter	14,300
Replace 2 snowplows	26,200
Replace phone system – elementary Schools	35,000
Color printer copier for GIS	<u>16,000</u>
Subtotal	\$116,600

Building and Facility and Public Works Construction

Pavement and sidewalk management Program	\$1,000,000
Roof replacement continuation & Brick repointing	200,000
Stained glass window replacement in Town Hall	30,000
School building envelop study	50,000
Burbank masonry repairs	50,000
BHS driveway lighting replacement	<u>75,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$1,405,000</u>

Grand Total \$2,035,600

Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and the School Committee, as appropriate, and that said sum be raised by General Tax, and that the Town Accountant be, and hereby is, authorized to make the transfers on the books of the Town.

MOVED:

That the sum of \$150,000 be and hereby is appropriated from the Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund for engineering work at the Ash Landfill Incinerator site.

Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers on the books of the Town.

This motion requires a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 4

- MOVED: That under General Government, Items 010 to 099, the sum of \$3,685,410 having already been appropriated under special warrant articles, the sum of \$5,173,504 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax. Said amount includes \$150,000 of water indirect costs that will be funded from water receipts and \$120,000 of sewer indirect costs that will be funded from sewer receipts.
- MOVED: That under Public Safety, Items 110 through 195, the sum of \$9,899,717 be appropriated to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Belmont Public Schools, Item 200, the sum of \$34,579,499 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Minuteman Regional School, Item 205, the sum of \$605,113 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Public Services, Items 302 through 366, the sum of \$647,292, having already been appropriated under a special warrant article for Chapter 90, and the sum of \$5,483,953 having already been appropriated under a special article for Sewer Enterprise, and the sum of \$4,378,708 having already been appropriated under a special article for Water Enterprise, the sum of \$7,136,980.64 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Human Services, Items 520 to 570, the sum of \$861,553 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Culture and Recreation, Items 610 to 660, the sum of \$2,187,518 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Debt and Interest on Debt, Items 700 to 710, the sum of \$5,123,181 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.
- MOVED: That under Capital Expenditure Items 797 to 798, the sum of \$2,185,600 having already been appropriated under special warrant articles, no additional action is necessary under this article.

ARTICLE 3

- MOVED: That the sum of \$2,465,293.30 be transferred as follows in order to meet said expenses for the Town of Belmont which are appropriated under Articles 4, 6, 7, 8, and 11:
- \$380,000 from fund balance in Abatement and Exemption Surplus Account to Program 080, Assessors Services and to Program 099, Insurance
 - \$790,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (formerly referred to as Free Cash) to Program 099 Retirement and Insurance
 - \$307,550 from Belmont Municipal Light Department to Debt Service Program 700 and 710 Maturing Debt and Interest on Debt
 - \$35,000 from Fund Balance in Parking Meters to Program 135, Police Traffic Management
 - \$20,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Income for Program 350, Cemetery Maintenance
 - \$143,463.64 from various leftover capital expenditures to Program 324, Building Services for Building Maintenance projects
 - \$9,279.66 Premium on Sale of Bonds to offset Property Tax Debt Exclusion
 - \$30,000 from Fund Balance for Sale of Cemetery Lots to 710 Interest on Debt
 - \$100,000 from Capital Endowment Trust fund to Program 798-800 Capital Expenditures
 - \$650,000 from Belmont Municipal Light Department to offset the tax rate

In addition, that the entire revenue derived from the sale of the electricity to private customers and municipal departments from the cost of street lighting and from jobbing during the 12 months beginning January 1, 2006 be allocated and appropriated for the operating expenses of the Municipal Light Department including out-of-state travel, all said appropriations and payments to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Light Board and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

ARTICLE 26

- MOVED: That the Town reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 41A of the Massachusetts General Laws from eight percent per year to four and one half percent per year.

MOTION TO DISSOLVE

MOVED: That this Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.