

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 16, 2009**

The Special Town Meeting was held at 7 PM on Monday November 16, 2009 at the Georgetown Middle High School in the auditorium.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7 PM and called for a recess as we did not yet have a quorum.

It is 7:09 PM and we now have our quorum of 100. The Moderator called the special town meeting back to order. A return of the warrant shows that it was properly served.

Phil Trapani, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, led us in the pledge of allegiance.

The non-voting members of the audience were recognized by the Moderator.

The Moderator called for a motion to adopt a 5 minute speech limit. The motion was made by Evan O'Reilly and seconded by Phil Trapani.

ACTION: By a show of hands, this passed by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY10 budget, and, as necessary, to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (*STM10-01*)

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>(+) INCREASE</u>	<u>(-) DECREASE</u>	<u>REVISED APPROPRIATIONS</u>
11222	Town Administrator Staff	33,610	676		34,286
11351	Town Accountant	62,446	1,255		63,701
11412	Assessors Asst. Salary	59,000	1,194		60,194
11412	Assessors Asst. Salary - salary short		388		388
11454	Treasurer/Collector	62,446	1,255		63,701
11454	Treasurer/Collector - Stipend		1,000		1,000
11455	Assistant Collector	36,559	735		37,294
11456	Assistant Treasurer	42,506	854		43,360
11611	Town Clerk	33,135	666		33,801
11612	Town Clerk Staff	17,596	354		17,950
11712	Conservation Agent	37,162	747		37,909
11713	Conservation Staff	4,657	94		4,751
11752	Planning Board	46,764	940		47,704
11761	ZBA Clerk	9,472	190		9,662
12111	Police Salaries - Non-Union	121,690	2,446		124,136
12111	Police Salaries - Training		2,000		2,000
12211	Fire Wages	118,911	2,390		121,301
12213	Emerg. Response Allow	113,099	2,273		115,372
12115	Police School Crossing	0	3,500		3,500
12118	Police Operating - Training	83,747	2,000		85,747
12121	Police Reserves	44,248	889		45,137
12444	Sealer/Wgts/Meas (Stipend)	3,886	78		3,964
12922	Animal Control Expense	0	1,200		1,200
12951	Inspection Department	110,661	2,224		112,885
14211	Highway Surveyor	76,376	1,535		77,911
14212	Highway Secretary	12,714	256		12,970
14291	Tree Warden (Stipend)	4,446	90		4,536
14291	Tree Warden - Salary Short		44		44
14292	Tree Warden Expenses - wrong line	11,553		-44	11,509
15111	BOH	57,441	1,155		58,596
15411	COA	58,529	1,176		59,705
16111	Library	176,591	3,549		180,140
16311	Park & Rec	14,403	290		14,693
					0
					0
	Free Cash Impact			37,399	
	TOTAL	1,453,648	37,399	37,399	1,491,047

MOTION: Stephen Smith moved and it was seconded by Evan O'Reilly to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting warrant (the FY 10 Town budget) by revising various line items, as set forth in the chart contained in the warrant, and further to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$37,399 for such purposes, and further to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting warrant (the FY10 Water Department budget) by reducing the amount appropriated by \$221,113 in order to correct a clerical error created by the inclusion of Water Department indirect operating costs in both the Town operating budget and Water Department budget.

Fin Com voted 4-2 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

Harry LaCortiglia called to move the question.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the motion carried by a majority.

ARTICLE 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the Snow and Ice deficit FY 2009

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Free Cash, or any combination for the foregoing, the sum of \$56,045 to be applied to snow and ice deficit of a prior fiscal year (FY2009), or take any other action relative thereto. (*STM10-02*)

MOTION: C. David Surface moved and it was seconded by Evan O'Reilly to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$56,045 to be applied to the snow and ice deficit incurred in Fiscal Year 2009.

Fin Com voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the motion passed by a majority

ARTICLE 3: Highway Loader Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to enter into a lease or lease/purchase agreement, for a period up to ten years, of a 928HZ Loader for the Highway Department, or to purchase the same, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds up to for this lease or purchase, or take any other action related thereto. (*STM10-03*)

MOTION: Peter Durkee moved and it was seconded by Evan O'Reilly to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement to either purchase, lease or lease/purchase a 928HZ Loader for the Highway Department for a period of up to ten years, and to transfer from available funds, up to Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$13, 430), with Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the Highway Department Budget line item #14231 Snow/Ice Control Expense, and One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$1,430) from line item #14215 Road Maintenance & Repairs.

Fin Com voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the motion passed by a majority

ARTICLE 4: Planning Board-Street Acceptance

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as “Blueberry Lane”, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Street Acceptance Plan, Blueberry Lane in Georgetown, Massachusetts Prepared for Blueberry Lane Group LLP”, dated October 19, 2009, on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, rights sufficient to use said Blueberry Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, or take any other action relative thereto. (*STM10-05*)

MOTION: Harry LaCortiglia moved and it was seconded by Evan O’Reilly to accept as a public way the roadway known as “Blueberry Lane-680 linear feet to end,” as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Street Acceptance Plan, Blueberry Lane in Georgetown, Massachusetts Prepared for Blueberry Lane Group LLP”, dated October 19, 2009, on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, rights sufficient to use said Blueberry Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown

Fin Com voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the motion passed by a majority

ARTICLE 5: Water Department-Capital Improvements, Water Distribution System

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, the sum of \$125,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase of engineering services, materials and labor necessary for capital improvements to the water system of Georgetown, or take any other action relative thereto. (*STM10-06*)

MOTION: Reidar Bomengen moved and it was seconded by Evan O’Reilly to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the Water Department Retained Earnings to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase of engineering services, materials and labor necessary for capital improvements to the water system of Georgetown.

FinCom voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the motion passed by a majority

ARTICLE 6: Water Department-Marshall Station Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, the sum of \$225,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase of engineering services, materials and labor necessary to redevelop and upgrade the Well and associated equipment to improve power efficiency, water quality and to meet current DEP Regulations for Groundwater Sources, or take any other action relative thereto.

(STM10-07)

MOTION: Reidar Bomengen moved and it was seconded by Evan O'Reilly to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from the Water Department Retained Earnings to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase of engineering services, materials and labor necessary for capital improvements to the Marshall Station of the Georgetown Water Department.

Fin Com **voted 5-0 in favor**

DISCUSSION: Steve Epstein asked for an explanation. Glenn Smith, Water Superintendent explained that this station has very low ph and it needs to be brought up to standards of the EPA.

ACTION: By a show of hands this motion passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 7: Boiler Replacement/Penn Brook School

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Free Cash, or any combination for the foregoing, the sum of One-Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) for the removal of the inoperable boiler and the design, purchase, and installation of a replacement boiler heating system at the Penn Brook Elementary School, including the inspection and rebalancing of all unit ventilators and replacement of the current HVAC computer control system, or take any other action relative thereto. *(STM10-09)*

MOTION: Anne Donahue moved and it was seconded by Evan O'Reilly to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) to be expended by the School Department for the purpose of the removal of the inoperable boiler and the design, purchase, and installation of a replacement boiler heating system at the Penn Brook Elementary School, including the inspection and rebalancing of all unit ventilators and replacement of the current HVAC computer control system.

Fin Com voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION:None

ACTION: By a show of hands this motion passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 8: Acceptance of Easements off Railroad Ave. for Rail-Trail Project.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, for active recreational purposes, a gift of land shown as:

- “Prop. Easement “A” Drainage Easement 4,772 S.F. +/-”;
- “Prop. Easement “B” Drainage Easement and Access Easement to N.E. Power Only” 964 S.F. +/-”; and
- “N.E. Power Co. Easement, 5,045 S.F. +/-”, as that area lies within “Lot 01”;

on a plan entitled: “Definitive Subdivision plan of Land Located in Georgetown, Massachusetts, Owner & Applicant, Prism Realty, L.L.C., P.O. Box 42 Groveland, MA 01834”, dated January 18, 2005, prepared by Professional Land Services, L.C., and recorded with the Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 399, Plan 78, a copy of which is on file in the Planning Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (STM10-10)

MOTION: Harry LaCortiglia moved and it was seconded by Evan O’Reilly to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, for active recreational purposes, a gift of land shown as:

- “Prop. Easement “A” Drainage Easement 4,772 S.F. +/-”;
- “Prop. Easement “B” Drainage Easement and Access Easement to N.E. Power Only” 964 S.F. +/-”; and
- “N.E. Power Co. Easement, 5,045 S.F. +/-”, as that area lies within “Lot 01”;

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Fin Com voted 5-0 in favor

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the motion carried by a majority

MOTION: Harry LaCortiglia moved and it was seconded by Phil Trapani to adjourn tonight’s special town meeting.

ACTION: By a voice vote, the motion passed by a majority.

The time is now 7:28 PM

A true copy attest:

Janice M. McGrane, Town Clerk