

TOWN OF DOUGLAS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Douglas High School Auditorium on 33 Davis Street on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 at 7:08 PM. There being a quorum present (192 registered voters); the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Keith M. Menard. After saluting the flag, the service of the warrant and the Constable's return was read by Mr. Keith Menard. Mr. Menard did an introduction of Non-Resident Members of Town Meeting, an introduction of the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Menard explained how the Town Meeting will be run and the rules of Town Meeting. At this time, the Town voted as follows:

Article 1: Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Transfers/Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as are necessary to fund the following amendments to Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2012 and continued to June 11, 2012:

Increase Health Insurance Expenses by	\$20,000
Increase Police Expenses by	\$4,000
Increase Unemployment Expenses by	\$15,515
Increase Ambulance Wages by	\$49,000
Increase Ambulance Expenses by	\$20,000
Increase Veterans Benefits by	\$45,000
Decrease Debt Expense by	(\$617,973)
Increase Other Interest Expense by	\$9,700

Or take any other action related thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,431 and transfer the sum of \$69,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and transfer the sum of \$23,784 from Reserved for Reduction of Excluded Debt, for a total appropriation of \$163,215 to fund the following amendments to Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2012 and continued to June 11, 2012:

Increase Health Insurance Expenses by	\$20,000
Increase Police Expenses by	\$4,000
Increase Unemployment Expenses by	\$15,515
Increase Ambulance Wages by	\$49,000
Increase Ambulance Expenses by	\$20,000
Increase Veterans Benefits by	\$45,000
Increase Other Interest Expense by	\$9,700

And to reduce the Fiscal Year 2013 Debt Expense Budget by \$617,973.

Finance Committee: Recommend

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Article 2. – Fiscal Year 2013 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund – Debt

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,577** from the Reserved for Debt Account to the Water/Sewer Debt Expense Account.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,577** from the Water/Sewer Reserved For Debt Account to the Water/Sewer Debt Expense Account.

Finance Committee: Recommend

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Article 3. – Prior Year Bill

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$800** to pay for the following prior year bill:

MES Solutions: \$800

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$800** from Police Expenses to pay for the following prior year bill:

MES Solutions: \$800

Finance Committee: Recommend

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (9/10TH REQUIRED)

Article 4. – Insurance Proceeds – Reserved for Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to deposit all insurance proceeds received in connection with the damage incurred due to the rain event of August 10-12, 2012, to an Insurance Reimbursement Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, or take any other action related thereto.

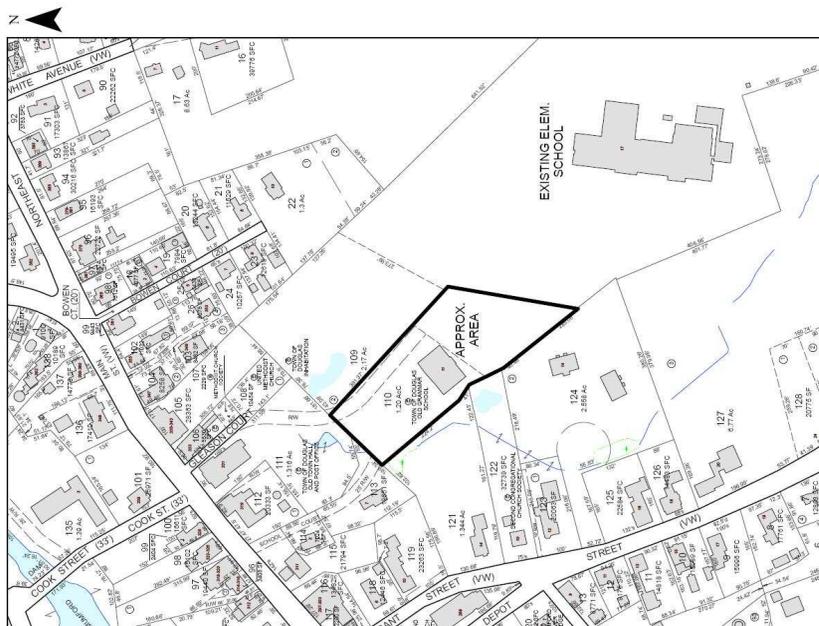
MOTION: I move that the Town vote to deposit all insurance proceeds received in connection with the damage incurred due to the rain event of August 10-12, 2012, to an Insurance Reimbursement Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

Finance Committee: Recommend

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Article 5. – Sale or Lease of Old Grammar School

To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of the so-called “Old Grammar School” property shown on Assessors Map 163, Parcel 110, and a portion of Map 164, Parcel 13, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for purposes of disposal by sale or lease, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such property on such terms as it deems appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.



MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer care, custody and control of the so-called “Old Grammar School” property shown on Assessors Map 163, Parcel 110 to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for purposes of disposal by sale or lease, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such property on such terms as it deems appropriate.

Finance Committee: Recommend

MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-96; NO-88 (2/3RD REQUIRED)

Article 6. – Increase Zoning Board of Appeals Membership from 3 to 5 Members

To see if the Town will vote to amend its zoning bylaw by deleting in its entirety Section 9.2.1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Section 9.2.1 Establishment

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals consisting of five (5) Members and two (2) Associate Members, appointed by the Selectmen.”

Provided that such change shall not apply to applications now pending before the Zoning Board of Appeals for which a public hearing has been ordered.

Or take any other action related thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend its zoning bylaw by deleting in its entirety Section 9.2.1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Section 9.2.1 Establishment

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals consisting of five (5) Members and two (2) Associate Members, appointed by the Selectmen.”

Provided that such change shall not apply to applications now pending before the Zoning Board of Appeals for which a public hearing has been ordered.

Finance Committee: Recommend

MODERATOR DECLARED MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (2/3RD REQUIRED)

Article 7. – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Section 3.2.2 Trailers

To see if the Town will vote to amend its zoning bylaw by deleting in its entirety Section 3.2.2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

“3.2.2 Accessory Uses in All Districts

1. Use of trailers for non-construction storage. In all districts the use of trailers and semitrailers for non-construction storage shall be prohibited except for the following types of trailers and subject to the following conditions and restrictions:
 - A. The following types of trailers and their use shall be by right:
 1. Trailers used for agricultural purposes;
 2. Camping trailers provided that such vehicles are used solely for recreational purposes and are accessory to a principal residential use;
 3. Utility trailers designed and used for storing and transporting recreational vehicles (including but not limited to boats, snow mobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and similar vehicles), landscaping equipment, or any other utility or incidental use, provided that such vehicles are used for recreational or utility purposes and are accessory to a principal residential use.
 - B. The following types of trailers and their use shall be by special permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals:
 1. In all districts except VR, VB, and RC-1 not more than three (3) and in VR, VB and RC-1 districts not more than one (1) trailer bodies, shipping containers, and similar storage vehicles subject to the following conditions:
 - a. All wheels, carriages, reflectors, lights, license plates, and any other indicia of vehicular use, including commercial markings, have been removed;
 - b. The vehicle(s) has been painted to coordinate with the principal structure on the lot;
 - c. Any space between the bottom of the vehicle and the ground is enclosed with "skirting";
 - d. The vehicle(s) is located behind the rear plane of the principal structure on the lot;
 - e. The vehicle(s) are reasonably screened from view from any public way or abutting property;
 - f. Siting of such vehicle(s) on any lot shall conform to all dimensional regulations established therein for structures in the subject district.
 - g. Use of such storage vehicles are accessory to a principal residential or commercial use.
 - h. Storage vehicles used for agricultural purposes are exempt from these conditions and limitations set forth above.”

And further, add the following definition to Section 10.0:

“Trailer: A non-motorized vehicle designed and intended to be towed or hauled behind a motorized vehicle.”

Or take any other action related thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend its zoning bylaw by deleting in its entirety Section 3.2.2 and inserting in place thereof the language as written in the handout entitled ‘Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Section 3.2.2 Trailers’.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-104; NO-72 (2/3RD REQUIRED)

Meeting dissolved at 9:23 PM.

A True Copy,

ATTEST: _____
Christine E. G. Furno, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**Town of Douglas
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SUMMARY
Nov. 13, 2012**

MONEY TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE: (from Tax Levy)

Article 1	General Government	\$70,431
Article 1	Decrease General Government – Debt	(617,973)

MONEY TO BE TRANSFERRED: (to fund amendments to Art. 2 ATM 5/7/12 and continued to 6/11/12)

Article 1	From Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	\$69,000
Article 1	From Reserved for Reduction of Excluded Debt	\$23,784

MONEY TO BE TRANSFERRED: from Water/Sewer Reserved for Debt Acct.

Article 2	Water/Sewer Debt Expense Acct.	\$1,577
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MONEY TO BE TRANSFERRED: from Police Expenses

Article 3	Prior year bill: MES Solutions	\$800
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