

**Town of Spencer  
Annual Town Meeting  
May 3, 2018  
Memorial Town Hall**

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05p.m by Moderator, William R. Shemeth, III following the announcement of a quorum. The Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. The meeting was posted in accordance with the law.

The moderator then reviewed the procedure for being recognized, amending articles, and how articles would be presented and voted upon, noting that the Town Meeting is governed with guidance from “Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure,” and that a copy is available at the podium for reference.

Selectman John F. Stevens led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by James Pervier. The Moderator thanked Aaron Keyes, and Spencer Cable Access for providing the sound set up for the meeting. The Moderator reminded all in attendance that the Annual Town Election would be held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> with polls open from 7am to 8pm.

Moderator Shemeth then introduced the Selectmen; the Town Administrator, Thomas Gregory; Town Counsel, Stanley Weinberg; Town Clerk Laura Torti; and Chair of the Finance Committee, Mary Braney. Mrs. Braney then introduced the members of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Braney reported on the public forums and survey that the Finance Committee had conducted during the past year. She also asked for persons interested in serving on the Finance Committee to contact the Moderator.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of those residents who had passed away in the past year and for those who have served the Town, Philip Delongchamp, a long –time and compassionate teacher who touched the lives of countless students for the better, David O’Coin in grateful appreciation for an amazing 39 years of service as a water commissioner for the Town of Spencer, and Father Jim Hoey whose service at Mary Queen of the Rosary touched the lives of many in this community.

The Moderator recognized the following individuals for their service to the Town of Spencer: Bill Ross in his service as interim town administrator which allowed for major projects and the flow of town and the public business to continue forward without a hitch; Lee Jarvis for his twenty six years of faithful service as Health Agent, noting that Mr. Jarvis was well respected by all who have had the honor of working with him; Steve Tyler for his dedicated service as Utilities and Facilities Superintendant, whose expertise and dedication has allowed the various road improvements, Rail Trail, and other public works projects to move forward; his efforts will benefit the residents of Spencer for years to come. The Moderator also thanked John Stevens for his service as a Finance Committee Member and Selectmen whose efforts in bringing the community together is greatly appreciated as well as Lisa Grenier for her service as a school nurse and Cynthia Sprow for her service as a teacher.

The Moderator wished all those persons who have provided dedicated public service our thanks and best wishes for the future.

Selectman Ralph Hicks announced that Council on Aging Director Pamela Woodbury had received the Massachusetts COA Director of the Year Award. Mr. Hicks said that Mrs. Woodbury is one of only 24 Senior Center Directors to be certified as a Senior Center Director.

The Moderator invited the public to attend the upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies at the end of May to honor those who have given their lives to preserve our democratic way of life. He asked any interested persons to join in at Luther Hill Park on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to help in a clean-up day in preparation for the reopening on June 24<sup>th</sup> of the beach at Luther Hill Park for the summer season for swimming lessons, and extended his thanks to all the groups and persons whose efforts have helped make this reopening a reality. The Moderator noted that swimming lessons would be given at Luther Hill Park and that flyers to sign up for swimming lessons were available at the Registrars' desk, and online. The Moderator announced that Summer Concerts would be held again this year at Powdermill Park and that a flyer with the scheduled concerts was also available at the Registrars' desk and online. He also recognized the Town Yard Sale Committee for their efforts in helping to bring the community together for worthy causes.

The Moderator noted that the Annual Town Report and Spring Newsletter were available online at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) as so noted in the warrant book and that the Spring Newsletter was available outside the Town Clerk's Office. The Moderator informed those present that the purple books at the Registrar's table contained the warrant articles, town budget, finance committee recommendations, capital planning committee ranking list and revenue charts which would all be incorporated by reference into the official minutes and records of this meeting.

The Moderator announced that the Fire Department will be accepting sign ups for on-call positions "Feel the Pride" on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Moderator thanked Art Teacher Jennifer O'Brien for her work on the student art show and Barnstorm Cycles for their grant for the exhibit.

Moderator Shemeth shared the following comments:

Every day we make history in the conduction of our normal affairs. Tonight we will make history as we exercise our right to self determination to settle the affairs of our town government by consensus as a free and equal people in this the 295<sup>th</sup> year of our existence as a body politic. Thank you for your commitment to our democratic process. Our decisions will be chronicled and preserved. In future days, others will reflect on our actions through the lenses of time and judgment to discern the jewels worthy of inclusion into our combined experiences as a town, state, or nation. And yet, though we are the creators of this history, we often fail to recognize the historical significance of what we do. On this date in 1791 the constitution of May 3<sup>rd</sup> which was the first modern constitution in Europe was proclaimed by the Sejm of the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth. On this date in 1802, Washington DC the site of our national experiment in federalism and cradle of our national liberty was incorporated as a city. On this date in 1915, John Macrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields " which is solemnly read each Memorial Day to honor those who gave their lives to promote the cause of liberty. On this date in 1947, Japan's post war constitution granted all Japanese citizens the right to vote. Tonight and in the nights of future years, may we honor the spirit of these patriots

by governing wisely in behalf of all people as we continue this grand experiment of governance of, by, and for the people.

**The following articles were voted upon:**

### **ARTICLE 1**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 1:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend its Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$236,334.00) to the following various accounts to cover additional expenses and further to transfer said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash to meet said appropriation:*

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Accounting Department Salaries	11135-51000	\$6,000.00
Accounting Department Expenses	11135-57000	\$7,150.00
Police Department Salaries	11210-51000	\$30,000.00
Police Department Expenses	11210-57000	\$5,000.00
Snow & Ice Expenses	11423-57000	\$173,684.00
Veterans' Agent Expenses	11543-57000	\$6,000.00
Reserve Fund	11132-57000	\$8,500.00
TOTAL		<u>\$236,334.00</u>

Or take any action in relation thereto.

### **ARTICLE 2**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 2:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$376.68) to pay an unpaid bill of prior year pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64, specifically, the Town's portion of an out-of-state retiree's health insurance premium; or take any other action in relation thereto.*

### **ARTICLE 3**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 3:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following actions, or take any action relative thereto. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, or in any combination but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item voted were voted as a separate article.*

- A. Receive, in writing, the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.
- B. Appropriate the sum of money received or to be received from the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways Program to be expended for construction and/or maintenance upon any state approved road, or for any other authorized purpose, for Fiscal Year 2019, with such funds to be reimbursed 100% from such Program.
- C. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend the following funds:
  - Community Development Block Grant funds;
  - Community Innovation Challenge Grant funds;
  - District Local Technical Assistance Grant funds; and
  - Other State and Federal grant-in-aid assistance, as appropriate and necessary.
- D. Appropriate the sum of 100% of all fines, penalties, and assessments received in Fiscal Year 2019 as payment under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148A, as amended by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, to an account entitled "Building and Fire Code Enforcement Fines."
- E. Appropriate the sum of 50% of all monies received in Fiscal Year 2019 as payment for the so-called "products," "conveyance," "roll-back" or other such tax or payment, other than real estate taxes and related payments-in-lieu-of-taxes, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter(s) 61, 61A, and 61B to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund and the sum of 100% of all monies received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as payments from the Forest Products Trust Fund to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund.
- F. Authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement(s) for Fiscal Year 2019 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, and further vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to borrow such sums of money as he/she may deem necessary, with the consent of the Finance Committee, in anticipation of revenue and/or reimbursements and to issue notes of the Town payable thereof in accordance with applicable law.
- G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, in conformance with Section 11(m) of the Spencer Governmental Act and Chapter 40, Section 4 of Massachusetts General Laws, to enter into and negotiate the terms thereof, all contracts for the exercise of its corporate powers.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 4**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 4:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried* pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Spencer General Bylaws “Revolving Funds”, approved under Article 7 of the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, with such expenditure limitations for FY2019 as shown below

FUND	SPENDING LIMIT
Planning Board	\$ 50,000
ODIS - Wiring Inspector	\$ 50,000
Parks & Recreation	\$ 100,000
Council on Aging	\$ 20,000
Celebrations Committee	\$ 50,000
Sugden Block	\$ 100,000
Stormwater Management	\$ 100,000

## **ARTICLE 5**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 5:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried* to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the Sick Leave Buy Back Fund (Account #83000-39800) and to meet said appropriation by transferring from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 6**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 6:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried* to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 218, Section 15 of the Acts of 2016, and to apply those provisions to the fund known as the Other Post- Employment Benefits Liability Trust, or “OPEB Fund,” as previously accepted under Article 9 at the May 6, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

*Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney spoke on this article.*

## **ARTICLE 7**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 7:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to authorize the investment of any monies in the fund known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust, or “OPEB Fund,” in accordance with the prudent investor rule, as established in Chapter 203C of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 8**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 8:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the fund known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust, or “OPEB Fund” (Account #83000-39825); or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 9**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 9:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of supplementing the General Stabilization Fund (Account #83000-39900), as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action in relation thereto.*

*Selectman John F. Stevens spoke on this article.*

## **ARTICLE 10**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 10:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2019 as follows:*

Board of Selectmen	\$	0.00	Yearly
Moderator	\$	200.00	Yearly
Board of Assessors	\$	950.00	Yearly
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$	71,176.00	Yearly
Town Clerk	\$	69,101.00	Yearly
Water Commissioners	\$	725.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioners	\$	725.00	Yearly
Board of Health	\$	725.00	Yearly

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 11**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (8-0-1).*

**Article 11:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried, to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting Schedule A, Schedule B, Schedule C and Schedule D under “Section 2: Compensation” and substituting the following Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C:*

(Information Note: The rates in Schedule A generally go up around 2% each year)

### **Schedule A**

Administrative Clerk (part time)	\$16.00	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$27,100.00	yearly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer-Alternate	\$5,202.00	yearly
Animal Control On-Call (per diem basis)	\$51.00	daily
Clerk-of-the-Works I	\$18.50	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works II	\$20.25	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works III	\$22.50	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works IV	\$25.50	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works V	\$30.00	hourly
COA Outreach Worker	\$15.80	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$11.25	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$12.30	hourly
Engineering Aide I	\$17.25	hourly
Engineering Aide II	\$19.50	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$18.00	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$5,580.00	yearly
Harbormaster	\$1,020.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal)	\$12.30	hourly
Library Assistant	\$13.50	hourly
Library Page	\$11.25	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$18.50	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$15.30	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$13.50	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$11.25	hourly
Parks & Rec Coordinator/Clerk	\$17.35	hourly
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,580.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$19.40	hourly
Registrars	\$1,345.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$4,638.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,420.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$9,410.00	yearly



SFD Captain	\$19.80	hourly
SFD Lieutenant	\$18.40	hourly
SFD Firefighter - Full Time	\$42,750.00	yearly
SFD Firefighter - On-Call	\$16.80	hourly
Transfer Station Monitor	\$16.65	hourly
Transfer Station Senior Monitor	\$18.60	hourly

### **Schedule B**

<b>Compensation Grade</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Grade 1	Library Associate
Grade 1	Administrative Clerk
Grade 2	Tree Warden
Grade 3	Fire Department Office Manager
Grade 3	Wetland & Soils Specialist
Grade 3	Reference / Circulation Librarian
Grade 4	Human Resources Director
Grade 4	Executive Assistant - TA / BOS
Grade 4	Children's Librarian / Assistant Director
Grade 4	Assistant Town Accountant
Grade 4	Veterans Services Officer
Grade 5	Building Inspector / ZEO
Grade 5	Council on Aging Director
Grade 5	Health Agent
Grade 5	Town Planner
Grade 5	Chief Operator - Water Facility
Grade 6	Library Director
Grade 6	Principal Assessor
Grade 6	Superintendent - Wastewater Treatment Plant
Grade 6	Town Accountant
Grade 6	Town Clerk
Grade 6	Treasurer / Collector
Grade 7	Director - ODIS
Grade 7	Superintendent - Utilities & Facilities
Grade 8	Fire Chief
Grade 8	Police Chief

## **Schedule C**

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>
<b>1</b>	\$18.03	\$18.39	\$18.76	\$19.32	\$19.90	\$20.50	\$21.32	\$22.38
<b>2</b>	\$19.83	\$20.23	\$20.63	\$21.25	\$21.89	\$22.54	\$23.45	\$24.62
<b>3</b>	\$21.82	\$22.26	\$22.70	\$23.38	\$24.08	\$24.81	\$25.80	\$27.09
<b>4</b>	\$24.00	\$24.48	\$24.97	\$25.72	\$26.49	\$27.28	\$28.38	\$29.80
<b>5</b>	\$26.40	\$26.93	\$27.47	\$28.29	\$29.14	\$30.01	\$31.21	\$32.77
<b>6</b>	\$31.68	\$32.31	\$32.96	\$33.95	\$34.97	\$36.02	\$37.46	\$39.33
<b>7</b>	\$38.02	\$38.78	\$39.56	\$40.74	\$41.96	\$43.22	\$44.95	\$47.20
<b>8</b>	\$45.62	\$46.53	\$47.46	\$48.89	\$50.35	\$51.86	\$53.94	\$56.64

*Kathryn Pike, 51 Thompson Pond Road, spoke on this article.*

## **ARTICLE 12**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article (8-0-1).*

**Article 12:** The Moderator read out the motion, noting that the words High School should be read as School District in the portion related to Debt Service. *The Moderator declared the motion carried* as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Six Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Three Dollars and No Cents (\$8,677,403.00) for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following purposes:

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Minimum Contribution  
Account #11300-56000 \$6,474,695

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Additional Assessment  
Account #11300-56000 \$512,669

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Transportation Assessment  
Account #11300-56000 \$1,466,957

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Debt Service & Capital Assessment  
Account #11300-56010 \$223,082

or take any other action in relation thereto.

*School Committee Chairman Jason Monette took this moment to thank the community, school committee members, Business Manager Gary Herl, Interim Superintendent Jodi Bourassa, Administrative Assistant*

*Missy Farrow for their assistance and introduced incoming School Superintendent Dr. Paul Haughey whose contract will begin July 1, 2018.*

### **ARTICLE 13**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 13:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,421,703.00) for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following purposes:*

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Minimum Contribution	
Account #11300-56000	\$1,190,305

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Additional Assessment	
Account #11300-56000	\$28,174

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Transportation Assessment	
Account #11300-56000	\$68,873

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Debt Serv. & Capital Assessment	
Account #11300-56010	\$134,351

or take any action in relation thereto.

### **ARTICLE 14**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (8-1-0).*

**Article 14:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$27,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following purposes:*

Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School Non-Resident Tuition	
Account #11300-52000	\$18,000

Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School Non-Resident Transportation	
Account #11300-52100	\$9,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Gary Picard, 43 Buteau Road and Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney spoke on this article.*

## **ARTICLE 15**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (7-2-0).*

**Article 15:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following purposes:*

Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Tuition	
Account #11300-52000	\$10,000

Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Transportation	
Account #11300-52100	\$3,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 16**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (7-2-0).*

**Article 16:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$42,149.00) for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following purposes:*

Norfolk County Agricultural High School Non-Resident Tuition	
Account #11300-52000	\$22,149

Norfolk County Agricultural High School Non-Resident Transportation	
Account #11300-52100	\$20,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 17**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (8-0-1).*

**Article 17:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to establish, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 13E, a Special Education Reserve Fund, for expenses related to providing special education, or take any other action relative thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 18**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 18:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million, Two Hundred Forty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$9,249,327.00) to pay for the operations of the General*

Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2019, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund, from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be needed or decided necessary; or take any other action in relation thereto.

*Note: The proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget can be found after the text of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The budget format contains the appropriation figures for each department and the Town Administrator's recommendations.*

*Board of Selectman Chair Anthony Pepe spoke on this article.*

### **ARTICLE 19 Amended**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as amended.*

**Article 19:** *The Moderator read the motion in its entirety and declared the Amended motion carried which changed the dollar amount in item 1 to \$1,320,755.00 and in item 2 to \$135,008.00:*

1. to appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,320,755.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2019, and to fund said appropriation with a transfer from the receipts and revenue of the Water Enterprise Fund collected by the Water Department for said Fiscal Year;
2. to authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2019 at One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Five Dollars and No Cents (\$135,008.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2019 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

### **ARTICLE 20 Amended**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as amended.*

**Article 20:** *The Moderator read the motion in its entirety and declared the Amended motion carried which changed the dollar amount in item 1 to \$1,173,878 and in item 2 to \$152,254.00:*

1. to appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$1,173,878.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2019, and to fund said appropriation with the receipts and revenue of the Sewer Enterprise Fund collected by the Sewer Department for said Fiscal Year;

2. to authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2019 at One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$152,254.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2019 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 21**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 21:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to appropriate the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Fifty Six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$58,056.60) to the Water Capital Efficiency Plan Program Account (Account #15000-58860) for capital projects as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Fifty Six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$58,056.60) from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 22**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 22:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and No Cents (\$2,389,175.00) for construction, reconstruction, and other improvements of water mains, connections, and related appurtenances associated with water lines on and in the vicinity of Main Street and Greenville Street including engineering and all other related professional fees and expenses associated with the design of this project, and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the same amount from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program, or to take any other action in relation thereto.*

*Larry Dufault, 3 Cottage Street and Utilities and Facilities Superintendent Steven Tyler spoke on this article.*

## **ARTICLE 23**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 23:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to transfer the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purpose of paying down principal and/or interest costs associated with the Sewer Department's Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant evaluation studies borrowing*

authorized under Article 20 of the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting (Account #20300), or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 24**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 24:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) for Sewer Department capital improvements as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), by transferring said sum to the existing Sewer Capital Improvement Account (#20000-58870), from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 25**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 25:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Four Cents (\$60,736.04) for the Highway Salt Storage Project, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from the following unexpended capital accounts:*

60000-59126	Bridge Replacement	\$7,500.00
60000-59143	CSX Grant	\$4,625.54
60000-59145	Site Cleanup	\$16,334.74
60000-59261	Solar Land Consultant Services	\$1,600.00
60000-59284	Fire Electric Panels Replacement	\$22,042.62
60000-59285	Fire Gas Furnace Replacement	\$2,000.00
60000-59288	Highway 1-Ton Dump Truck	\$6,633.14
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$60,736.04</b>

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 26**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 26:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$371,726.00) for a capital program of equipment purchases and improvements, as generally illustrated below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash;*

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Assessors	Triennial Evaluation	\$30,000.00
Fire	Gear Dryer	\$9,000.00
Fire	Radio Receive Sites	\$45,000.00
Fire	Extractor	\$7,617.00
Highway	Salt Storage Building	\$38,064.00
Highway	Roadside Mowing Tractor	\$45,000.00
Highway	Power Angle Snow Plow	\$12,500.00
Library	Replace HVAC System	\$60,000.00
Library	HVAC Design Specifications	\$25,000.00
Parks & Recreation	Powder Mill Park Upgrades	\$11,000.00
Parks & Recreation	Luther Hill Park Parking Bldg	\$7,500.00
Parks & Recreation	O’Gara Park Tractor	\$12,000.00
Police	Records Management Upgrade	\$29,045.00
Police	Cruiser Replacement	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$371,726.00</b>

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 27**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 27:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a lease for 19.2 +/- acres of land constituting the capped landfill, at 17 South Spencer Road, owned by the Town and shown on Assessors Map R22 as Parcel 2, to be leased by a commercial solar developer for the installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic facility for electric generation, for a period of up to twenty years upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and to take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 28**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 28:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), or any other enabling legislation, for taxes attributable to a solar photovoltaic facility installed or to be installed on property located at the following address, 17 South Spencer Road, and shown on Assessors Map R22 as Parcel 2, on such terms and conditions and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town, and to take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement or take any other action in relation thereto.*



## **ARTICLE 29**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 29:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to acquire by gift the land and building(s) located at 18 Mechanic Street (Parcel U07-36), or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 30**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 30:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift drainage easements on the following parcels of land:*

<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>
12 Jolicoeur Road	R10-19
40 Thompson Pond Road	U35-45
191 Paxton Road	R46-2
187 Paxton Road	R46-1
Paxton Road	U16-43
15 Paxton Road	U16-32
166 South Spencer Road	R10-24
167 South Spencer Road	R10-21
33 Clark Road	R15-2
Clark Road	R07-9
36 Clark Road	R07-9-2
166 Greenville Street	R25-53
4 Vine Street	U24-34
6 Vine Street	U24-33
18 William Casey Road	R10-18-2
Gauthier Road	R09-1
19 Bixby Road	U09-6-3

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 31**

*The Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article as written.*

**Article 31:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift water utility easements on the following parcels of land:*

<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>
Greenville Street	U05-25
25 Greenville Street	U05-26
33 Greenville Street	U05-27
35 Greenville Street	U05-28
302 Main Street	U05-5
19 Bixby Road	U09-6-3

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## **ARTICLE 32**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (7-0-2).*

**Article 32:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for Fiscal Year 2019, which begins on July 1, 2018, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

## **ARTICLE 33**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as written (6-0-2).*

**Article 33:** *The Moderator declared the motion carried to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Nineteen Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$108,019.35) as a grant to the Spencer Cable Access and PEG Channels, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Board of Selectman Chair Anthony Pepe thanked Selectman John Stevens for his service to the Town of Spencer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded with the majority voting at 8:55 p.m. to dissolve the meeting. 102 registered voters attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk