

**Town of Spencer**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**June 30, 2020**  
**David Prouty High School Gymnasium**

- I. Call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
  - a) Announcement of a quorum. The Moderator noted for the record that Board of Selectmen in consultation with and approval of the Moderator in accordance with the authority granted by and in accordance with the legal procedures required by An Act Relative to Municipal Governance During the COVID -19 Emergency on June 15th lowered the 100 voter Annual Town meeting quorum requirement pursuant to the Town's By-laws, Article 1, Section 4 to 50 voters for the 2020 Spencer Annual Town Meeting only and that proper notification was made to the MA Attorney General by the Spencer Town Clerk. Quorum was met by 102 members being present.
  - b) Waive the Reading of the Return of the Warrant.
  - c) Declare that the meeting was posted in accordance of the law.
- II. Review 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. The Moderator reviewed the safety procedures for conducting the meeting, safety precautions, and dismissal procedure at the end of the Meeting to adapt to the COVID- 19 safety guidelines as drafted by local public safety and health
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman of the Spencer Board of Selectmen Anthony Pepi.
- IV. National Anthem led by James Pervier
- V. Moment of silence was held for Mary Maddon, Jean Desmarais, Rodney Foisy, David Mainville, Evelyn Anderson, James Laney, Pauline Cassavant, and Lawrence Mullaney.
- VI. The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for taping the Annual Town Meeting for rebroadcast and for assisting with the sound set-up. The Moderator thanked the regional School district, and the Fire Chief and volunteers for setting up and providing support services for the Annual Town Meeting.
- VII. The Moderator introduced himself, the Town Clerk, members of the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee.
- VIII. The Moderator thanked the Town Clerk, Registrars, and Volunteers for their efforts during these extraordinary times with the exceptional job they did in conducting the vote by mail and in person Annual Town Election as well as the preparation for the Annual Town Meeting.

- IX. The Moderator asked that first responders (police, fire, emergency services, doctors, and nurses) stand and recognized them for their efforts and sacrifices during these extraordinary times.
- X. The Moderator asked that essential workers stand and recognized them for their efforts and sacrifices during these extraordinary times.
- XI. The Moderator asked that all veterans and current members of the military stand and recognized them for their efforts and sacrifices during these extraordinary times noting that the community did not have the opportunity to celebrate Memorial Day with the usual ceremonies.

**Article 1:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Hicks) carried to* appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$436,100.00) for construction phase services related to code compliance improvements to the Senior Center located at 68 Maple Street, including engineering, design, construction and all incidental and related costs and expenses, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was 8 in favor and 1 opposed.*

Christine Mancini, Chairperson of the Council on Aging, 55 Borkum Rd, spoke on this article.

**Article 2:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Hicks) carried to* amend its Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$86,500.00) 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:

Department	Account	Amount
Snow and Ice Control Expenses	11423-57000	\$24,000
ODIS Expenses	11250-57000	\$15,000
Police Department Salaries	11210-51000	\$14,000
Police Department Expenses	11210-57000	\$3,000
Town Accountant Expenses	11135-57000	\$12,000
Board of Health Salaries	11510-51000	\$15,000
Board of Health Expenses	11510-57000	\$3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$86,500</b>

or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 3:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Howard) carried to* transfer the sum of One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and No Cents (\$198,294.00) from Debt Service (Account #11710-59000) to Long Term Debt Interest (Account #11710-59100); or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 4:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Pepe/Woodbury) carried to* transfer the sum of Forty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$46,000.00) from General Insurance (Account #11900-57000) to Fire Department Expenses (Account #11220-57000); or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 5:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Hicks) carried to* transfer the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from Tax Title Expenses (Account #11158-57000) to Treasurer & Collector Expenses (Account #11145-57000); or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 6:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Hicks) carried to* transfer the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$3,500.00) from Tree Warden Salaries (Account #11494-51000) to Tree Warden Expenses (Account #11494-57000); or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 7:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Pepe) carried to* transfer Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$20,500) from Parks and Recreation Salaries (Account #11640-51000) to Parks and Recreation Expenses (Account #11640-57000); or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous. Finance Committee discussed changing their recommendation and decided not to.*

Robert Churchey, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission spoke on this article.

**Article 8:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Pepe) carried to* approve a consent agenda consisting of the following actions, or take any action in relation 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 2021, 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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 9:**     *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Hicks) carried to* vote 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 “Departmental Revolving Funds”, Article 2, Section 15, approved under Article 7 of the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, with such expenditure limitations for Fiscal Year 2021 as shown below:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>
Planning Board	\$50,000
ODIS - Wiring Inspector	\$50,000
Parks & Recreation	\$100,000
Council on Aging	\$20,000
Celebrations Committee	\$50,000
Stormwater Management	\$100,000

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 10:** *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Pepe) carried to* vote, as a block, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Board of Selectmen	\$ 0.00	Annually
Moderator	\$ 200.00	Annually
Board of Assessors	\$ 950.00	Annually
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 74,052.00	Annually
Town Clerk	\$ 71,893.00	Annually
Water Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Annually
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Annually
Board of Health	\$ 725.00	Annually

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 11:** *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Pepe) carried to* vote, as a block, to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting Schedule A, Schedule B, and Schedule C, under “Section 2: Compensation” and substituting the following Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C; and further, by deleting the position “Wetland & Soils Specialist” and replacing it with the position “Conservation Agent” as shown in bold below:

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

### **Schedule A**

Administrative Clerk (part time)	\$16.85	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$37,850.00	yearly
Animal Control On-Call (per diem basis)	\$102.00	daily
Clerk-of-the-Works I	\$19.25	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works II	\$21.10	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works III	\$23.50	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works IV	\$26.50	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works V	\$31.25	hourly
COA Outreach Worker	\$18.90	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$12.75	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$13.25	hourly
Engineering Aide I	\$17.95	hourly
Engineering Aide II	\$20.30	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$18.90	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$5,810.00	yearly
Harbormaster	\$1,060.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal)	\$15.30	hourly

Library Assistant	\$14.30	hourly
Library Page	\$12.25	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$22.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$16.10	hourly
Parks & Rec Head Lifeguard	\$16.10	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$14.30	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$12.75	hourly
Parks & Rec Coordinator/Clerk	\$18.40	hourly
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,810.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$20.40	hourly
Registrars	\$1,400.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$4,830.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,520.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$9,800.00	yearly
SFD Captain	\$20.95	hourly
SFD Lieutenant	\$19.40	hourly
SFD Firefighter – Full Time	\$51,240.00	yearly
SFD Firefighter – On-Call	\$17.85	hourly
Transfer Station Monitor	\$17.35	hourly
Transfer Station Senior Monitor	\$19.40	hourly

### **Schedule B**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Grade 1	Library Associate
Grade 1	Administration Clerk
Grade 2	Tree Warden
Grade 3	Fire Dept Office Manager
Grade 3	<del>Wetland &amp; Soils Specialist</del> Conservation Agent
Grade 3	Reference/Circulation Librarian
Grade 4	Executive Assistant - TA / Board of Selectmen
Grade 4	Children's Librarian / Assistant Director
Grade 4	Veteran 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	ODIS Director / Town Planner
Grade 6	Library Director
Grade 6	Principal Assessor

Grade 6	Superintendent - WWTP
Grade 6	Town Accountant
Grade 6	Town Clerk
Grade 6	Town Treasurer / Collector
Grade 7	Superintendent - Utilities & Facilities
Grade 8	Fire Chief
Grade 8	Police Chief

### **Schedule C**

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
<b>1</b>	\$18.76	\$19.14	\$19.52	\$20.10	\$20.71	\$21.33	\$22.19	\$23.29
<b>2</b>	\$20.63	\$21.04	\$21.46	\$22.11	\$22.78	\$23.45	\$24.40	\$25.61
<b>3</b>	\$22.71	\$23.16	\$23.61	\$24.33	\$25.05	\$25.82	\$26.85	\$28.18
<b>4</b>	\$24.97	\$25.49	\$25.98	\$26.75	\$27.56	\$28.39	\$29.53	\$31.01
<b>5</b>	\$27.48	\$28.02	\$28.58	\$29.44	\$30.31	\$31.22	\$32.47	\$34.10
<b>6</b>	\$32.96	\$33.62	\$34.29	\$35.32	\$36.38	\$37.47	\$38.97	\$40.92
<b>7</b>	\$39.56	\$40.35	\$41.16	\$42.38	\$43.66	\$44.96	\$46.77	\$49.10
<b>8</b>	\$47.46	\$48.41	\$49.38	\$50.87	\$52.39	\$53.96	\$56.12	\$58.93

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 12:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Berthiaume) carried to* transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,325.02) as a grant to the Spencer Cable Access and PEG Channels.  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was 8 in favor and 1 abstention.*

**Article 13:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Howard) carried to* vote, 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 2021 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 to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and No Cents (\$9,369,393.00) for Fiscal Year 2021 for the following purposes:

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Minimum Contribution Account #11300-56000	\$7,174,817
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Additional Assessment Account #11300-56000	\$276,635
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Transportation Assessment Account #11300-56000	\$1,237,297
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional High School Debt Service & Capital Assessment Account #11300-56010	\$680,644

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

Gary Pickard, 43 Buteau Rd, Jason Monette, Chairperson of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District Committee, 81 Wilson St , Town Administrator Thomas Gregory and Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Paul Haughey all spoke on this article.

**Article 14:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Howard) carried to* raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars and No Cents (\$1,468,710.00) for Fiscal Year 2021 for the following purposes:

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Minimum Contribution Account #11300-52000	\$1,294,694
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Additional Assessment Account #11300-52000	\$0
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Transportation Assessment Account #11300-52000	\$45,833
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Debt Serv. & Capital Assessment Account #11300-52000	\$128,183

or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 15:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Berthiaume) carried to* raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars and No Cents (\$57,112.00) for Fiscal Year 2021 for the following purposes:



Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Tuition  
Account #11300-52000 \$24,250

Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$32,862

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 16:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Woodbury) carried to* raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$17,043.00) for Fiscal Year 2021 for the following purposes:

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School Non-Resident Tuition  
Account #11300-52000 \$17,043

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 17:** *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Hicks) carried to* raise and appropriate Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$11,641,289.00), and transfer Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2021.  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 18:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Woodbury) carried to:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,632,175.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2021, 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 2021 at One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Sixty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$119,066.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2021 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 19:** *The moderator declared the motion (Hicks/Woodbury) carried to:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,419,977.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2021, 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 2021 at One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$159,283.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2021 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 20:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Howard) carried to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$324,299.66) to the Sewer Capital Account (#58870) for capital projects as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), and to meet said appropriation by transferring the said sum from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

Gary Pickard, 43 Buteau Rd, spoke on this article.

**Article 21:** *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Berthiaume) carried to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to transfer the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Eighty Six Cents (\$37,299.86) from unexpended balances of previously authorized Sewer capital projects as outlined below 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)*

<u>Account</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20000-58570	Maple Street Improvement	\$26,453.00
20000-58575	WWTP Project	\$8,252.00
20000-58875	Clarifier Project	\$2,594.86
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$37,299.86</b>

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored of the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*  
*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 22:** *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Howard) carried to appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$51,840.14) 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), and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 23:** *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Howard) carried to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Forty Dollars and No (\$540.00) for a Sewer Department seasonal part-time employee, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to Sewer Salaries (Account #20000-51000); or take any other action in relation thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 24:** *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Woodbury) carried to transfer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from Sewer Expenses (Account #20000-57000) to Sewer Salaries (Account #20000-51000); or take any other action in relation thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 25:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Berthiaume) unanimously carried to appropriate One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,860,000.00) to provide design, bidding, and construction phase engineering services related to the upgrade of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant, including all incidental and related costs, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 20, authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or take any other action in relation thereto.*

*(Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 26:** *The moderator declared the motion (Berthiaume/Pepe) carried to* appropriate the sum of Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars and No Cents (\$63,218.00) for the International HD3700 Dump Truck Year 2 Lease Payment, and to meet said appropriation by transferring One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$1,372.83) from previously certified and available Free Cash, and also by transferring from the following capital accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
60000-59294	Pleasant Street School Demo	\$2,375.00
60000-59295	Phone System Replacement	\$3,459.00
60000-59305	Lake St School UST Removal	\$1,958.24
60000-59310	Fire Dept Radio Receivers	\$14,181.45
60000-59321	Library Boiler Replacement	\$8,723.42
60000-59327	Pleasant Street School Demo	\$247.00
60000-59328	Lake St School UST Removal	\$10,000.00
60000-59338	South Spencer Community Ctr	\$5,601.06
60000-59340	Temp Bridge – No Spencer Rd	\$15,300.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$61,845.17</b>

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 27:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Pepe) unanimously carried to* authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase financing agreement, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 21C, for a period of up to or in excess of three years, for the acquisition and equipping of a new Engine 3 for the Fire Department, including all other incidental and related expenses, and to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) for the first fiscal year of such agreement.

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 28:** *The moderator declared the motion (Pepe/Woodbury) carried to* appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for a capital program of equipment purchases and improvements, including equipping of vehicles, and all incidental and related expenses for all other purchases, as generally described 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	Revaluation	\$25,000.00
Fire Department	Engine 3 Extrication Tools	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

Town Administrator Thomas Gregory spoke on this article.

**Article 29:** *The moderator declared the motion (Pepe/Berthiaume) carried to* appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of mosquito spraying and all other incidental and related expenses, as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, in certain areas of the town to reduce the occurrence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash, or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Health)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 30:** *The moderator declared the motion (Howard/Berthiaume) carried to* appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$2,753.00) to the Planning Board Revolving Account (#24199-48400) for administrative costs and related expenses and to meet this appropriation to transfer said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 31:** *The moderator declared the motion (Pepe/Howard) carried to* authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to Massachusetts Electric Company for utility purposes in more or less the location shown on a sketch entitled “Exhibit ‘A’ Not to Scale: Paxton Rd Easement Spencer, MA; Designer: J. Silva; W/R: 29444500; nationalgrid” on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

**Article 32:** *The moderator declared the motion (Woodbury/Hicks) carried to* authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, easements or other interests in land in Paxton Road and adjoining lands in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled: “Transportation Improvement Project Plan and Profile Paxton Road (Bridge No. S-23-021)”, as said plan may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and within 200 feet of said locations as may be needed, for public way and related municipal purposes, to enable the Town to improve Paxton Road and repair/replace the bridge in the manner and location shown; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee recommended approval. The roll call vote was unanimous.*

Matthew Defosse, 7 Paul’s Dr and Town Administrator Thomas Gregory spoke on this article.

A motion to adjourn (Hicks/Woodbury) was made and seconded and the meeting ended at 7:58pm. A total of 108 registered voters attended this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk

