

TOWN OF DALTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAY 1, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Anthony P. Doyle, called the Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Michele Blake, Judy Wagner, Jean Gingras, Pam Fillio, Judy Condron and Maureen M. Mitchell were appointed checkers and tellers. There was a total of 2 Non-Resident Guests and 186 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 85  
PRECINCT 2-101

It was moved, seconded and voted to waive the complete reading of the Warrant.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 1 It was moved, seconded and voted to hear a report of the Old Dalton High School Advisory Committee on the three alternatives for disposition of the former school and thereafter that the Town select, by majority vote, one of the three alternatives described in the Warrant by the following method: 1)If on the first vote, no alternative achieves a majority, a second vote will follow with the alternative receiving the lowest amount of votes eliminated from further consideration..

CARRIED

It was moved, seconded and voted to choose alternative 1, demolition of the building and sale of the property for redevelopment for houses in accordance with the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Dalton at that site.

CARRIED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate \$1,282,000 for all costs related to the design, engineering, demolition and removal of Old Dalton High School including borrowing costs associated with said project; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said sum under G.L.O. c. 44, Sec.7(1) or any other enabling authority; that 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, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, Sec.21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

CARRIED DECLARED TWO-THIRDS

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize the Select Board to convey a portion or portions of certain property located at 120 First Street, commonly known as the Old Dalton High School or the Old Dalton High School site pursuant to Article 1, alternative 1 hereinabove, as described in deeds recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 557, Page 545 and in Book 419, Page 335, and in an Order of Taking by the Dalton Board of Selectmen recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 578, Page 536, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town..

CARRIED DECLARED TWO-THIRDS

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the vote taken under ARTICLE 5 of the Special Town Meeting held on June 23, 2015 to authorize the expenditure of any or all funds in Account 001.932.5242 VACANT BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE for any lawful purpose associated with the operation, maintenance or disposition of the property located at 120 First Street commonly known as Old Dalton High, any amounts remaining after the project has been completed and all outstanding liabilities satisfied shall be closed out to the General Fund.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the establishment of revolving funds for certain Town departments for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, as follows:

| <b>Revolving Fund</b>          | <b>Authorized to Spend Fund</b>                        | <b>Revenue Source</b>                                 | <b>Use of Fund</b>  | <b>FY18 Spending Limit</b> | <b>Disposition of FY17 Fund Balance</b>   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|---|
| Plumbing Inspector             | Town Manager   | Plumbing permit Fees and applications                 | Reimburse Inspector for inspection services                         | \$15,000.00                | Balance Available for expenditure   |
| Electrical Inspector           | Town Manager   | Electrical permit Fees and applications               | Reimburse Inspector for inspection services                         | \$10,000.00                | Balance Available for expenditure   |
| Tree Warden/<br>Planning Board | Tree Warden  | Payments from subdivision developers                  | Planting of trees and shrubs within specific locations              | \$5,000.00                 | Balance Available for expenditure   |
| Historical Commission          | Town Manager & Commission Treasurer                    | Gifts, donations and receipts from sales              | Expenses relating to the administrative functions of the commission | \$4,000.00                 | Balance Available for expenditure   |
| Cemetery Department            | Cemetery Trustees & Superintendent of Highway/Cemetery | Payments for burials outside of the cemetery work day | Grave digging services and overtime payroll expenses                | \$2,500.00                 | Balance up to \$2,500.00 available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund |
| Council on Aging               | Town Manager & COA Director                            | Receipt of fees for transportation services           | Offset expenses of the BRTA bus operation                           | \$20,000.00                | Balance Available for expenditure   |

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|--|--|--|--|-------------|---|
| Council on Aging                               | Town Manager &<br>COA Director                       | Receipt of fees<br>for program<br>services                                 | Offset expenses of<br>the COA programs<br>operation                    | \$15,000.00 | Balance<br>Available for<br>expenditure   |
| Cemetery<br>Department                         | Cemetery<br>Trustees                                 | Reimbursement<br>payments for<br>damage to town<br>cemeteries              | Payment of<br>expenses related to<br>the repair of<br>sustained damage | \$5,000.00  | Balance<br>Available for<br>expenditure   |
| Legal Advertising                              | Town Manager   | Legal advertising<br>fees  | Payment of<br>expenses related to<br>legal advertisements              | \$3,000.00  | Balance up to<br>\$3,000 available for<br>expenditure,<br>remainder reverts to<br>the<br>General Fund |
| Parks<br>Maintenance                           | Town Manager &<br>Superintendent<br>Highway/Cemetery | Fees from outside<br>users of the Pine<br>Grove Park<br>pavilion           | Any lawful<br>maintenance<br>expense in town<br>parks                  | \$2,000.00  | Balance<br>Available for<br>expenditure   |
| Highway<br>Department<br>(WEMCO Boom<br>Mower) | Town Manager &<br>Superintendent<br>Highway/Cemetery | Annual Member<br>Fees/WEMCO<br>Boom Mower<br>Inter-municipal<br>consortium | Repairs/Maintenance<br>Service WEMCO<br>Boom Mower                     | \$4,000.00  | Balance<br>Available for<br>expenditure   |

CARRIED

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 as follows: Moderator \$390, Town Clerk \$51,050, Select Board Chairman \$4,564, other Select Board members \$3,632 each.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 2018 and totaling \$7,079,639 be appropriated for several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes

| ARTICLE 7: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET General Government |                  |                  |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| 114 Moderator                                       |                  |                  |  |
| Salary  | 375              | 390              |  |
| Expenses  | 100              | 100              |  |
|   | <b>475</b>       | <b>490</b>       |  |
| 122 Select Board                                    |                  |                  |  |
| Salaries-Elected                                    | 18,351           | 19092            |  |
| Expenses  | 4,187            | 4657             |  |
|   | <b>22,538</b>    | <b>23,749</b>    |  |
| 123 Town Manager                                    |                  |                  |  |
| Salaries (Town Mgr.+Adm Asst combined)              | 135,823          | 142,034          |  |
| Expenses  | 8,309            | 8309             |  |
|   | <b>144,132</b>   | <b>150,343</b>   |  |
| 131 Finance Committee                               |                  |                  |  |
| Expenses  | 185              | 185              |  |
|   | <b>185</b>       | <b>185</b>       |  |
| 132 Reserve Fund                                    |                  |                  |  |
| Expenses  | See Article # 10 | See Article # 12 |  |
| 135 Accountant                                      |                  |                  |  |
| Salary  | 65,697           | 68,708           |  |
| Expenses  | 9,144            | 9,485            |  |
|   | <b>74,841</b>    | <b>78,193</b>    |  |
| 138 Group Purchasing                                |                  |                  |  |
| Expenses  | 600              | 600              |  |
|   | <b>600</b>       | <b>600</b>       |  |
| 139 Financial Audit                                 |                  |                  |  |
| Expenses  | 15,000           | 0                |  |
|   | <b>15,000</b>    | <b>0</b>         |  |
| 141 Assessors                                       |                  |                  |  |
| Salaries  | 81,745           | 88,143           |  |
| Expenses  | 20,550           | 18,550           |  |
|   | <b>102,295</b>   | <b>106,693</b>   |  |
| 142 Tri Revaluation                                 |                  |                  |  |
| Expenses  | 9,250            | 2,800            |  |
|   | <b>9,250</b>     | <b>2,800</b>     |  |
| 145 Town Treasurer                                  |                  |                  |  |
| Salaries  | 84,412           | 85,607           |  |
| Expenses  | 21,500           | 22,150           |  |
|   | <b>105,912</b>   | <b>107,757</b>   |  |

|  | FY2017                                     | FY2018                                     |
|--|--|--|
| 146 Town Collector Expenses                          | 84,008<br>13,215<br><b>97,223</b>          | 87,687<br>13,265<br><b>100,952</b>         |
| 151 Town Counsel                                     | 60,000<br><b>60,000</b>                    | 60,000<br><b>60,000</b>                    |
| 152 Telephone Expenses                               | 15,100<br><b>15,100</b>                    | 18,400<br><b>18,400</b>                    |
| 154 Recording Secretary Salaries                     | 4,564<br><b>4,564</b>                      | 6,289<br><b>6,289</b>                      |
| 157 Computer Expenses                                | 11,500<br><b>11,500</b>                    | 11,500<br><b>11,500</b>                    |
| 158 Postage Expenses                                 | 9,875<br><b>9,875</b>                      | 17,875<br><b>17,875</b>                    |
| 159 Tax Title Expenses                               | 2,500<br><b>2,500</b>                      | 2,500<br><b>2,500</b>                      |
| 161 Town Clerk Salary-Elected Salaries Expenses      | 49,067<br>32,854<br>9,560<br><b>91,481</b> | 51,050<br>34,553<br>9,650<br><b>95,253</b> |
| 162 Elections Salaries Expenses                      | 9,018<br>6,565<br><b>15,583</b>            | 2,483<br>3,409<br><b>5,892</b>             |
| 163 Registrars Salaries Expenses                     | 6,677<br>3,500<br><b>10,177</b>            | 6,937<br>3,500<br><b>10,437</b>            |
| 171 Conservation Commission Expenses                 | 1,921<br><b>1,921</b>                      | 1,921<br><b>1,921</b>                      |
| 175 Planning Board /Board of Appeals Salary Expenses | 22,724<br>1,100<br><b>23,824</b>           | 34,467<br>2,100<br><b>36,567</b>           |
| 182 Development & Industrial Commission Expenses     | 1,200<br><b>1,200</b>                      | 1,300<br><b>1,300</b>                      |
| 191 Vacant Building Maintenance Expenses             | 7,100<br><b>7,100</b>                      | 3,300<br><b>3,300</b>                      |

|                                  | FY2017           | FY2018           |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 192 Buildings Maintenance        |                  |                  |
| Salary                           | 57,663           | 59,607           |
| Expense                          | 11,105           | 12,805           |
|                                  | <u>68,768</u>    | <u>72,412</u>    |
| 195 Town Report                  |                  |                  |
| Expenses                         | 6,650            | 6,650            |
|                                  | <u>6,650</u>     | <u>6,650</u>     |
| 196 Town Hall                    |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 2,000            | 2,000            |
| Expenses                         | 87,800           | 89,000           |
|                                  | <u>89,800</u>    | <u>91,000</u>    |
| 197 Central Supplies             |                  |                  |
| Expenses                         | 14,800           | 16,000           |
|                                  | <u>14,800</u>    | <u>16,000</u>    |
| CATEGORY TOTAL                   | <u>1,007,294</u> | <u>1,029,058</u> |
| Public Safety                    |                  |                  |
| 210 Police Department            |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 804,026          | 852,708          |
| Expenses                         | 90,919           | 96,419           |
|                                  | <u>894,945</u>   | <u>949,127</u>   |
| 222 Communications               |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 181,848          | 189,638          |
| Expenses                         | 8,512            | 9,116            |
|                                  | <u>190,360</u>   | <u>198,754</u>   |
| 240 Building Inspections         |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 43,719           | 0                |
| Expenses                         | 7,700            | 48,740           |
|                                  | <u>51,419</u>    | <u>48,740</u>    |
| 244 Sealer of Weights & Measures |                  |                  |
| Salary                           | 1,369            | 1,424            |
| Expenses                         | 100              | 5,100            |
|                                  | <u>1,469</u>     | <u>6,524</u>     |
| 247 Inspector of Animals         |                  |                  |
| Salary                           | 1,436            | 1,525            |
| Expenses                         | 0                | 0                |
|                                  | <u>1,436</u>     | <u>1,525</u>     |
| 292 Animal Control               |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 21,329           | 22,760           |
| Expenses                         | 3,258            | 3,258            |
|                                  | <u>24,587</u>    | <u>26,018</u>    |
| 294 Forest Warden                |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | 2,538            | 1,721            |
| Expenses                         | 1,150            | 1,950            |
|                                  | <u>3,688</u>     | <u>3,671</u>     |
| 295 Emergency Management         |                  |                  |
| Salary                           | 2,292            | 2,385            |
| Expenses                         | 8,952            | 9,850            |
|                                  | <u>11,244</u>    | <u>12,235</u>    |

|  | FY2017                  | FY2018                  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 296 Shade Tree/Tree Warden                 |                         |                         |
| Salary                                     | 2,156                   | 2,243                   |
| Expenses                                   | 16,000                  | 16,000                  |
|  | <b>18,156</b>           | <b>18,243</b>           |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                      | <b><u>1,197,304</u></b> | <b><u>1,264,837</u></b> |
| <b>Education</b>                           |                         |                         |
| 320 Vocational Education                   |                         |                         |
| Expenses                                   | 509,368                 | 532,090                 |
|  | <b>509,368</b>          | <b>532,090</b>          |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                      | <b><u>509,368</u></b>   | <b><u>532,090</u></b>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>                        |                         |                         |
| 401 Town Engineer                          |                         |                         |
| Expenses                                   | 8,000                   | 8,000                   |
|  | <b>8,000</b>            | <b>8,000</b>            |
| 420 Highway Department                     |                         |                         |
| Salaries                                   | 331,606                 | 341,248                 |
| Expenses                                   | 124,898                 | 124,898                 |
|  | <b>456,504</b>          | <b>466,146</b>          |
| 423 Snow & Ice                             |                         |                         |
| Salaries                                   | 27,267                  | 27,267                  |
| Expenses                                   | 121,610                 | 131,610                 |
|  | <b>148,877</b>          | <b>158,877</b>          |
| 424 Streetlights                           |                         |                         |
| Expenses                                   | 88,724                  | 88,724                  |
|  | <b>88,724</b>           | <b>88,724</b>           |
| 433 Landfill                               |                         |                         |
| Monitoring                                 |                         |                         |
| Expense                                    |                         | See Article #14         |
| 434 Transfer                               |                         |                         |
| Station                                    | 19,982                  | 20,182                  |
|  | <b>19,982</b>           | <b>20,182</b>           |
| 440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset              |                         |                         |
| Receipts) Salaries                         | 18,000                  | 18,000                  |
| Expenses                                   | 15,050                  | 15,050                  |
|  | <b>33,050</b>           | <b>33,050</b>           |
| 449 Wastewater Treatment (Offset Receipts) |                         |                         |
| Salaries                                   | 782                     | 812                     |
| Expenses                                   | 737,532                 | 917,532                 |
|  | <b>738,314</b>          | <b>918,344</b>          |
| 491 Cemetery Department                    |                         |                         |
| Salaries                                   | 60,312                  | 62,514                  |
| Expenses                                   | 20,024                  | 22,004                  |
|  | <b>80,336</b>           | <b>84,518</b>           |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                      | <b><u>1,573,787</u></b> | <b><u>1,777,841</u></b> |

|  | FY2017         | FY2018         |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Human Services</b>                      |                |                |
| 510 Board of Health                        |                |                |
| Salary                                     | 38,922         | 40,498         |
| Expenses                                   | 1,926          | 1,926          |
|  | <b>40,848</b>  | <b>42,424</b>  |
| 522 Public Health Nurse                    |                |                |
| Salary                                     | 0              | -              |
| Expenses                                   | 5,854          | 5,973          |
|  | <b>5,854</b>   | <b>5,973</b>   |
| 523 Mental Health Sevices                  |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 2,143          | 2,143          |
|  | <b>2,143</b>   | <b>2,143</b>   |
| 541 Council on Aging                       |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 97,732         | 102,359        |
|  | <b>97,732</b>  | <b>102,359</b> |
| 543 Veterans' Services                     |                |                |
| Salary                                     | 7,017          | 7,300          |
| Expenses                                   | 108,000        | 50,515         |
|  | <b>115,017</b> | <b>57,815</b>  |
| 591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 19,999         | 15,124         |
|  | <b>19,999</b>  | <b>15,124</b>  |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                      | <b>319,945</b> | <b>263,210</b> |
| <b>Culture and Recreation</b>              |                |                |
| 610 Library                                |                |                |
| Salaries                                   | 123,869        | 128,787        |
| Expenses                                   | 66,005         | 66,005         |
|  | <b>189,874</b> | <b>194,792</b> |
| 630 Parks and Recreation                   | See Article #5 | See Article #8 |
| 650 Parks Maintenance                      |                |                |
| Salaries                                   | 29,710         | 31,600         |
| Expenses                                   | 18,090         | 18,090         |
|  | <b>47,800</b>  | <b>49,690</b>  |
| 691 Historical Commission                  |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 1,800          | 3,800          |
|  | <b>1,800</b>   | <b>3,800</b>   |
| 692 Memorial Day Committee                 |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 1,970          | 1,970          |
|  | <b>1,970</b>   | <b>1,970</b>   |
| 693 Cultural Activities                    |                |                |
| Expenses                                   | 2,280          | 2,300          |
|  | <b>2,280</b>   | <b>2,300</b>   |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                      | <b>243,724</b> | <b>252,552</b> |



| Debt Service  | FY2017                    | FY2018                    |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 710-B(L) Bond Fees                                  | 500<br>500                | 500<br>500                |
| 710-Sewers and Drains (Offset Receipts)             | 27,749<br>27,749          | 79,393<br>79,393          |
| 710- EXCL Debt and Interest (Lib/Com/PW)            | 58,298<br>58,298          | 56,613<br>56,613          |
| 710-C Debt and Interest (Capital Imp. Program)      | 102,370<br>102,370        | 200,330<br>200,330        |
| 710- EXCL TH Debt & Interest (Town Hall)            | 87,902<br>87,902          | 85,489<br>85,489          |
| 710-EXCL Senior Center                              | 101,250<br>101,250        | 0<br>-                    |
| <b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>                               | <b>378,069</b>            | <b>422,325</b>            |
| <b>Other</b>  |                           |                           |
| 911 Berkshire County Retirement Assessment Expenses | 430,163<br>430,163        | 431,425<br>431,425        |
| 913 Unemployment                                    | 5,000<br>5,000            | 5,000<br>5,000            |
| 914 Group Health Insurance Expenses                 | 871,398<br>871,398        | 754,296<br>754,296        |
| 915 Group Life Insurance Expenses                   | 16,100<br>16,100          | 16,877<br>16,877          |
| 916 Medicare Expenses                               | 37,810<br>37,810          | 39,323<br>39,323          |
| 919 Employment Benefits Salaries Expenses           | 33,180<br>1,580<br>34,760 | 37,180<br>2,000<br>39,180 |
| 941 Court Judgments & Claims Expenses               | 3,000<br>3,000            | 3,000<br>3,000            |
| 945 Town Insurance                                  | 240,755<br>240,755        | 248,425<br>248,425        |

950 Commissioner of Trust Funds Expenses

229 200  
229 200

994 Other Post Employment Fund Expenses

See Article #13 See Article #16

CATEGORY TOTAL

1,639,215 1,537,726

ARTICLE 7: TOTAL

6,868,706 7,079,63

CARRIED

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,955 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, for the purpose of providing recreation and leisure time activities to the people of Dalton.

CARRIED.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,684,446 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017

CARRIED

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$391,282 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$182,643 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$65,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to Account 132, the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017.

CARRIED.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2018 fiscal year.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$15,586 from the Landfill Monitoring Account #991 to the Landfill Closure Account #433 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$400,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury in the following amounts to the following Stabilization Funds: \$150,000 to the Sewer Stabilization Fund, \$100,000 to the General Stabilization Fund and \$150,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$400,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 17. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$26,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to Account 132, the Reserve Fund to be used for the remainder of the 2017 fiscal year.

CARRIED

DECLARED TWO-THIRDS

ARTICLE 18. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize employment agreements between the Town and Highway/Cemetery Superintendent, the Highway/Cemetery Foreman, and the Police Sergeant; all of which include annual salaries that were provided for under Article 7 hereinabove.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to transfer \$23,113 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Patrol Officers Union, MCOP, Local 906, for fiscal year 2017.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$1,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Highway/Cemetery Association for fiscal year 2017

CARRIED

ARTICLE 21. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$1,702 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Dispatchers Association for fiscal year 2017.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 22. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2016, to transfer \$11,597 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the several departments shown in the handout for the purpose of providing a 2% base wage increase for non-represented Town employees beginning January 1, 2017 and to increase the Town's Medicare appropriation for all employees.

| Department  | Salaries |
|---|----------|
| 123 Town Manager (Manager, Adm. Assistant, Clerk)         | 1,354    |
| 135 Town Accountant (Accountant. & Assistant Acct.)       | 650      |
| 141 Assessors (Principal, 2 Assessors, Clerk)             | 1,263    |
| 145 Town Treasurer, (Treasurer & Asst. Treas.)            | 998      |
| 146 Town Collector (Collector & Asst. Coll.)              | 850      |
| 161 Town Clerk (Assistant Clerk)                          | 344      |
| 210 Police Department (non-union)                         | 2,150    |
| 222 Communications (non-union)                            | 489      |
| 247 Animal Inspector                                      | 16       |
| 292 Animal Control  | 235      |
| 295 Emergency Management                                  | 23       |
| 296 Tree Warden   | 22       |
| 510 Board of Health                                       | 390      |
| 543 Council on Aging (Director, Clerk, Outreach, Drivers) | 996      |

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| 543 Veteran's Services                                    | 70            |
| 610 Library ( Director, Assistant Dir., Assistants, Page) | 1,227         |
| 916 Medicare Town Share (all employees)                   | 520           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   | <b>11,597</b> |

CARRIED

ARTICLE 23. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town request that its legislative delegation file a Special Act with the General Court on behalf of the inhabitants of Dalton to authorize the Town Manager and Select Board to appoint five members to the Dalton Redevelopment Authority. Said Act shall read as follows;

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE ACTS OF TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

*Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 121B Sec.5 and Chapter 190 of the Acts of 2009 and, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the five members of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority shall be appointed and removed upon recommendation of the Town Manager, subject to ratification by the Select Board, in the same manner as provided for under Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1995, Section 4”*

CARRIED

ARTICLE 24. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to recess until Monday, May 8, 2017 at 10:00 O’Clock A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, to choose and elect the following Town Officers:

- (2) MEMBER(S)-SELECT BOARD FOR 3 YEARS
- (1) MODERATOR FOR 1 YEAR
- (2) MEMBER(S) –PLANNING BOARD FOR 3 YEARS
- (1) MEMBER-PLANNING BOARD FOR 2 YEARS
- (1) CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS
- (1) MEMBER-DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR 5 YEARS
- (3) LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR 3 YEARS
- (4) MEMBERS-FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS

And to vote upon ballot questions 1 and 2 as follows:

QUESTION 1

*Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for demolition of the Old Dalton High School, and costs related thereto including borrowing costs associated with said project and all other costs incidental or related thereto?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION 2

*Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for costs of the Wachonah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wachonah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd., Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental and related thereto?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

CARRIED

Meeting dissolved at 8:48 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

  
Deborah J. Merry, TOWN CLERK