

**TOWN OF DUDLEY  
ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

**As instructed in the preceding warrant, legal voters of the Town of Dudley assembled in the Shepherd Hill High School Auditorium on Monday, October 24, 2016. In the absence of the Town Moderator, the meeting was brought to order at 7:07 p.m. by the Town Clerk. Selectmen Fox made a motion to nominate Paul Joseph as temporary Moderator; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Moderator made announcements regarding school grounds policy and proper decorum at a town meeting. The Town Clerk read the service of the warrant.**

ARTICLE 1: Unanimously accepted to receive the reports of the several Town Officers and all Committees.

ARTICLE 2: Unanimously accepted to hear and act on the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance & Appropriation Advisory Committee.

FAA Chairman Kerry Cyganiewicz made a motion to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) as shown in Appendix A of the warrant for the purpose of funding **Article 3** for Fiscal Year 2017 supplemental budget; the motion was seconded. The Moderator recognized Town Administrator Greg Balukonis to discuss Appendix A. Mr. Balukonis stated a number of the items were considered at the Spring Town Meeting but due to the town's revenue situation, these items were not fully funded. The source of funding for Article 3 was identified as the Overlay Surplus Account which is the amount of money set aside by the Board of Assessors every year for abatements and it was determined that there was a surplus in that account in excess of \$200,000, so if the town uses \$140,000 for Article 3, it still leaves a sufficient amount available to fund some of the other items on the warrant. He added that he, the Board of Selectmen and the FAA had reviewed the requests and had meeting with department heads and as a result of those discussions Appendix A was prepared for the voters' approval and the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and the FAA recommended that the voters should approve Article 3.

**ARTICLE 3:** – Unanimously accepted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$140,000.00) to defray the supplemental charges and expenses of the Town and including debt and interest for Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount voted under Article 10 on the May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

<b>APPENDIX A - INCREASES TO FY 2017 - FOR 10/24/16 - TOWN MEETING WARRANT</b>		
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0001 123 5700 02	TWN ADMIN-EXPS	1,593.00
0001 123 5730 02	TWN ADMIN-	1,356.00

MTGS/DUES		
0001 420 5700 02	HWY EXPS	1,358.22
0001 420 5751 02	HWY-TRAFFIC PAINT	2,000.00
0001 423 5700 02	SNOW REMOVAL	5,000.00
0001 433 5114 01	RECYCLING-PT	4,500.00
0001 141 5113 01	ASSESSOR'S CLERK	2,000.00
0001 156 5310 02	LEGAL	5,000.00
0001 156 5428 02	OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION	35,000.00
0001 156 5429 02	OUT OF DISTRICT TRANP	20,000.00
0001 136 5780 02	MIS EXPENSES	4,000.00
0001 220 5700 02	FIRE EXPENSES	2,000.00
0001 291 5700 02	EMERGENCY MGT EXPS	1,000.00
0001 131 5780 02	FAA RESERVE	5,000.00
VARIOUS line items	LIBRARY EXPENSES	21,715.54
0001 220 5125 01	EMS SALARY SHIFTS	16,000.00
0001 161 5113 01	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	4,637.00
0001 210 5790 02	POLICE DESK COVERAGE	5,340.24
0001 122 5111 01	SELECTMEN STIPENDS	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS:		140,000.00

The FAA recommended that Article 4 be accepted and that \$1,389.92 be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 4:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash for the wage adjustments for the Treasurer/Collector in the amount of Eight Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$809.74) -Account No.: 0001-145-5111-01 and the Town Clerk's salary in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighteen Cents ( \$580.18) -Account No: 0001-161-5111-01.

The FAA recommended that Article 5 be accepted and that \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand Dollars) be borrowed; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 5:** Unanimously accepted to borrow the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$80,000) for the purchase of a 2017 asphalt paver for the Highway Department.

The FAA recommended that Article 6 be Passed Over; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 6:** Passed Over by unanimous vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$48,500) for the purchase of a 2017 Ford Four Wheel Drive with Plow for the Building and Grounds Department.

The FAA recommended that Article 7 be accepted and that Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) be transferred from the 2015 Assessors Revaluation Article (001-964-5812-00); the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 7:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from the 2015 Assessors Revaluation Article (001-964-5812-00) the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$23,000) to fund one third (1/3) of the cost of triennial re-certification of real estate and personal property values for Fiscal Year 2018 as required by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue.

The FAA recommended that Article 8 be Passed Over; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 8:** Passed Over by unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire Parcel "C" on a plan of land dated April 9, 2008 entitled "Definitive Survey Plan Prepared for Vikus Properties, LLC, located at Old Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 867, Plan 45, to be used for passive recreational use only.

The Moderator asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of Article 9; seeing no objection, it was so moved.

The FAA recommended that Article 9 be approved as written; the motion was seconded. The FAA deferred to the Personnel Board.

Personnel Board Chairman Maribeth Marzeotti stated that the Personnel Board recommended the approval of Article 9.

**ARTICLE 9:** Unanimously accepted to amend the Town of Dudley Employee Handbook under Benefits § 8 (j) as follows: (with **bold** text denoting new text and ~~strikeouts~~ indicating deleted text)

~~Regular full time employees may elect to have the Town buy back unused sick leave at the employee's accrued hourly rate of pay at the time of the request. The maximum number of days the Town will buy back in one fiscal year is 15 days at the 20% rate of the accrued hourly rate, except at the time of retirement. Regular part time employees are eligible as above at the prorated basis.~~

~~Exempt employees may accrue 15 days per year to a maximum of 65 days. Regular full time employees with over 65 days on June 30, 2005 shall retain the days saved, but may not accrue any more until their total shall fall below 65 days. Exempt employees are not eligible for sick time buy back, except at the time of retirement, at 20% of the accrued rate. Elected town officials are not eligible for any sick time buy back including any heretofore accrued.~~

~~Regular full time employees with over 65 days on June 30, 2005 shall retain the days saved, but may not accrue any more until their total shall fall below 65 days.~~

**Regular full-time employees may elect to have the Town buy back unused sick leave at the employee's rate of pay at the time of the request. The maximum number of days the Town will buy back in one fiscal year is 15 days at the 20% rate. Regular full time employees may also buy back sick time at the time of retirement at 50% up to a maximum of 65 days. Regular part-time employees are eligible as above at the prorated basis. Exempt employees may accrue 15 days per year to a maximum of 65 days. Exempt employees are not eligible for annual sick time buy back, except at the time of retirement at the 50% rate up to a maximum of 65 days. Elected Town Officials are not eligible for any sick-time buy back including any heretofore accrued.**

The FAA recommended that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of funding Article 10 as printed in the warrant with the addition of one gravestone not listed; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 10:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000) for the purpose of repairing, resetting, restoring and cleaning Eleven (11) gravestones located in the historical section of Corbin Cemetery. Gravestones to be repaired as follows:

Jonathan Day - 1775  
Lt. Mark Elwell -1799  
Dorothy Elwell -1811  
Ellingham Pope - 1826  
Benjamin Lee - 1829  
Lt. Mark Dodge - 1824  
David Dodge - 1776  
Mark Dodge - 1824  
Colonel William Carter - 1783  
Abigail Carter – 1801  
(1) Unlisted Gravestone

The FAA recommended that Article 11 be accepted as written and that sum of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$6,500,000) be borrowed; the motion was seconded.

The Moderator recognized Walter Spiewakowski who asked if there had been any effort to obtain State funding for the project. The Moderator recognized Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski who stated that a number of grant avenues has been pursued and that he had also spoken with Congressman Neal and found that there were not any grants available for public safety buildings.

Mr. Spiewakowski asked if any effort to pursue grant money was made earlier during the five years that this project had been underway. Chief Kochanowski answered yes but there was nothing available specifically for fire stations.

Mr. Spiewakowski asked if the renovated building would assist the firefighters in performing their job more efficiently or was the proposed new building for esthetics only. Chief Kochanowski responded that currently, due to lack of space, the firefighters could not effectively operate out of the existing building. In the past the Fire Department consisted of all volunteers and now has full time people, male and female.

**ARTICLE 11:** As declared by the Moderator, it was accepted by a 2/3 Majority to authorize the Treasurer, with approval from the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §7(3)(9A), a sum of money to expended under the control of the Fire Station Building Committee as follows:

The Town will borrow the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$6,500,000) for the design, renovation, construction, demolition and furnishing, including incidental costs for improvements to the existing fire station located at 128 West Main Street, Dudley, MA and to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow such sum under and consistent with M.G.L c. 44, § 7(3)(9A) or any other source of authority. Said amount shall be subject to a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override ballot question in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59§ 21C(k).

The FAA recommended that Article 12 be accepted and that the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$18,879.00) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 12:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$18,879.00) for the purchasing of ten (10) sets of fire gear.

The FAA recommended that Article 13 be accepted and that the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

The Moderator recognized Town Administrator Greg Balukonis who explained to the voters that the UPS system protects the town's computer equipment, network system and hardware, fire alarm system, radio communications and heating and ventilation and air conditioning system. The current system was installed in 2005 but had failed in July. Since that time the system was able to be by-passed but this is done with some risk that if there is a surge or some interruption of power supply, we could end up with equipment being damaged. This system is needed to assure the continuity of operations in the Municipal Center. He further explained how the system was able to be overridden but this is done with some risk. The town would go out to bid for the UPS system purchase.

**ARTICLE 13:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000) to replace the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system in the Dudley Municipal Complex, including design and related incidental costs.

The FAA recommended that Article 14 be accepted and that the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) be transferred from Overlay Surplus and the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) be transferred from the 2015 Assessors Revaluation Article; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 14:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) and transfer the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from the 2015 Assessors Revaluation Article for a total of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to fund merit increases for department heads and non-union employees as recommended by the Personnel Board and Board of Selectmen.

The FAA recommended that Article 15 be accepted and that the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$880.50) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 15:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the amount of Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$880.50) for the purpose of paying unpaid invoices from Fiscal Year 2016.

Harrington Memorial Hospital -	\$ 98.00
Stonebridge Press -	\$144.00
Stonebridge Press -	\$147.00
Aftermath-	\$290.00
Pitney Bowes	<u>\$201.50</u>
<b>Total from Available Funds</b>	<b>\$880.50</b>

The FAA recommended that Article 16 be accepted; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 16:** Unanimously voted to accept M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 53F  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 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 2017, which begins on July 1, 2016. Current PEG Cable Account Numbers 0700-000-5780-00 and 0700-000-5781-00 to be combined into one account (0700-000-5780-00).

The FAA recommended to Pass Over Article 17; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 17:** Passed Over by unanimous vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds the amount of Thirty Three Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$33,000) said amount received from the Town of Oxford for permanent road repairs on Oxford Avenue due to the sewer line installation to the Highway Department's Road Maintenance Account (0001-429-5714-02).

The FAA recommended that Article 18 be accepted and that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 18:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000) for the purpose of removing several large and decaying trees and various limbs in Corbin Cemetery.

The FAA recommended that Article 19 be accepted and that the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,170.00) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 19:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash to supplement the Beach Gift Account (#0704-000-5784-00) the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,170.00) for continued operation of the Town Beach, including salaries and expenses.

The FAA recommended to Pass Over Article 20; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 20:** As declared by the Moderator this Article was Passed Over by majority vote to amend the Capital Improvement Planning Committee Bylaw by adding the following bolded underlined text to Article 38 as Section 3 as follows “The Capital Improvement Planning Committee shall make its recommendation to the Board of Selectmen **“no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Fall Town Meeting. Reports submitted less than thirty (30) days prior thereto shall not be considered by the Board of Selectmen or the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee (FAA) for any action unless the Board of Selectmen determines otherwise by a 4/5 vote”**”.

The Moderator recognized resident Paul Konieczny who asked why certain article were recommended to be passed over and stated that he thought it would be helpful to inform the voters as to why the recommendation was being made.

The Moderator recognized FAA Chairman Kerry Cyganiewicz who said that Article 20 had a language issue. The Moderator then recognized Town Administrator Greg Balukonis who added that sometimes articles are recommended to be passed over due to timing and that the goal is not to spend every dollar and to plan for unforeseen issues.

The Moderator asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of Article 21; seeing no objection, it was so moved.

The FAA deferred Article 21 to the Planning Board.

Planning Board Chairman Mark Marzeotti stated that the Planning Board recommended and unanimously supported Article 21. This proposed amendment would be all of the areas into compliance. For example, motor vehicle rental, sales and service under Section 2.03.02 is permitted in Business and Industrial zones but not Light Industrial. The Planning Board is



recommending that this be permitted in Light Industrial. On the second section as an example, bulk storage (indoor/outdoor) is permitted in Industrial but not in Light Industrial.. The Planning Board is proposing that this use be permitted with a Special Permit from the Planning Board.

The Moderator recognized resident John Briare who asked what was prompted the proposed change in the District Chart stating that he felt there was a difference between Industrial and Light Industrial where office parks would be located and was also concerned that this change would allow bulk storage and junk yards too close to residential neighborhoods.

Chairman Marzeotti stated that the Planning Board did not see it that way and he would let the vote carry. As far as analyzing each Light Industrial area, the Board did look at Zoning Map and they did determine that that wasn't the case but if the previous speaker felt that way he could vote in opposition.

The Moderator recognized Alternate Planning Board member Guy Horne who stated that junk yards was not the intended use but bulk storage, which is what they looked at was basically having a use for warehousing raw materials for industrial both inside and outside of a building. Most of the land that would qualify is located on Schofield Avenue, Oxford Avenue and West Main Street. Mr. Horne also stated that he had attended the Planning Board's public hearings on this article and there was another change that was supposed to appear on the District Chart that would include Contractor Yards which would amend the use in IND 43 and IND 87 from a prohibited use (NP) to a permissible use contingent upon Site Plan review and the approval of the Planning Board (P-SPR). He referenced that this change is included in the wording of the body of the article.

Resident Richard Raymond was recognized by the Moderator who stated that although junk yards were not the intention, he felt that the question was still not answered.

Chairman Marziotti stated that the Board had several residents come to the Board and pointed out what they felt was a non-compliance issue. The Board looked at it and decided to support the proposed change.

The Moderator asked Chairman Marzeotti if the Planning Board had met all the necessary posting and publication requirements for the Public Hearing; Chairman Marzeotti responded in the affirmative. A motion was made to approve Article 21; the motion was seconded.

The Moderator called for a vote and declared that it passed by a majority vote. Town Counsel reminded the Moderator that a by-law change required a 2/3 majority. The Moderator called for a second voice vote and declared that Article 21 was approved by a 2/3 majority.

**ARTICLE 21:** As declared by the Moderator, it was accepted by a 2/3 Majority to amend the Dudley Zoning Bylaws, **Section 2.03.02 USE BY DISTRICT CHART, ACTIVITY OR USE, COMMERCIAL**, Motor Vehicle Rental, Sales and Service: to be changed from prohibited use (NP) to a permitted use as a matter of right (P) in the LI43 and LI87 Zoning Districts; and to amend the Zoning Bylaws, **Section 2.03.02 USE BY DISTRICT CHART, ACTIVITY OR USE, INDUSTRIAL**, Bulk Storage, Outdoor, and, Contractor; yard: to be changed from prohibited uses (NP) to permissible uses contingent upon Site Plan Review and approval by the Planning Board (P-SPR) in the LI43 and LI87 Zoning Districts.

Amend by adding text in bold and deleting text with strikethrough to Section 2.03.02 as follows:

**Section 2.03.02 USE OF DISTRICT CHART, ACTIVITY OR USE, COMMERCIAL**

<u>DISTRICT</u>										
ACTIVITY OR USE	RES 10	RES 15	RES 30	RES 43	RES 87	BUS 15	IND 43	IND 130	LI 43	LI 87
<u>Commercial</u> Animal Kennel or Hospital	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	P	P	P	NP	NP
Business or Professional Offices	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	P	P	P	P-SPR	P-SPR
Funeral Home	SP	SP	NP	NP	NP	P	NP	NP	NP	NP
Motor Vehicles Rental, Sales, Service	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	P	P	P	<del>NP</del> <b>P</b>	<del>NP</del> <b>P</b>

**Section 2.03.02 USE OF DISTRICT CHART, ACTIVITY OR USE, INDUSTRIAL**

<u>DISTRICT</u>										
ACTIVITY OR USE	RES 10	RES 15	RES 30	RES 43	RES 87	BUS 15	IND 43	IND 130	LI 43	LI 87
<u>Industrial</u> Light Manufacturing of Consumer Goods	NP	NP	NP	SP	SP	P <sup>4</sup>	P	P	P-SPR	P-SPR
Other Manufacturer Processing & Research	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	P	P	P-SPR	P-SPR
Other Manufacturing (5/24/10) Processing & Research	SP	SP	NP	NP	NP	P <sup>4</sup>	P	P	P-SPR	P-SPR
Bulk Storage Indoors	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	P	P	<del>NP</del> <b>P-SPR</b>	<del>NP</del> <b>P-SPR</b>
Outdoor	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	P	P	<del>NP</del> <b>P-SPR</b>	<del>NP</del> <b>P-SPR</b>

The FAA recommended that Article 22 be accepted and that the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$23,678) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 22:** As declared by the Moderator, it was accepted by Majority vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$23,678) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Programmable Electronic Digital Message Sign.

The FAA recommended that Article 23 be accepted; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 23:** Unanimously accepted to amend the Dudley General Bylaws by adding the following:

All municipal charges and bills shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of date of mailing by the Treasurer/Collector or other Town Official empowered to do so.

All receivables which remain unpaid after said thirty (30) days shall accrue interest payable to the Town at a rate to be determined by the Board of Selectmen as permitted by State Law.

This By-law is authorized under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21E, of the Massachusetts General Laws:

M.G.L. c. 40, section 21E reads as follows: “Any city or town may, by ordinance or by-law, and any district by vote of the district meeting, establish due dates for the payment of municipal charges and bills, and may fix a rate at which interest shall accrue if such charges remain unpaid after such due dates; provided, however, that the rate of interest shall not exceed the rate at which interest may be charged on tax bills under the provisions of section fifty-seven of chapter fifty-nine”.

The FAA recommended that Article 24 be accepted; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 24:** Unanimously approved to accept the provisions of the eighth paragraph of M.G.L. Chapter 60A, Section 1 that reads as follows:

In any city or town accepting the provisions of this paragraph, the excise imposed by this chapter shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a resident who is in active and full-time military service as a member in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, Army or Air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the continental United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of the

exemption. If the military member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, he shall not be subject to the foregoing period of service qualification for the calendar year in which he is wounded or killed. This exemption shall apply only to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a military member in his own name or jointly with a spouse for a non-commercial purpose and a military member may qualify for this exemption for only 1 motor vehicle for each calendar year. A municipality which accepts the provisions of this paragraph shall, in connection with the issuance of warrant to collect unpaid motor vehicle or trailer excise tax from a delinquent taxpayer, add \$3 to the fee prescribed in clause 9 of section 15 of chapter 60. The acceptance by a municipality of this paragraph shall take effect on the first day of January next occurring after the approval by the municipality to accept this paragraph.

The FAA recommended that Article 26 be accepted and that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 26:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000) the Town to fund Dudley's portion of the Intermunicipal Agreement for Participation in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition for Fiscal Year 2017.

The FAA recommended that Article 27 be accepted and the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000) be transferred from Free Cash and added to the Stabilization Fund; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 27:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000) to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

The FAA recommended that Article 28 be accepted and that the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000) from the Water Retained Earning Account #0061-000-3590-01 to the Water Main Project (Pine/Mill Street) #0061-900-5844-00; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 28:** Unanimously accepted to transfer the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000) from the Water Retained Earning Account #0061-000-3590-01 to the Water Main Project (Pine/Mill Street) #0061-900-5844-00 for the purpose of covering additional expenses incurred with the replacement of the water main on Mill Street and Pine Street.

The FAA recommended that Article 29 be accepted and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$8,500) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 29:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from any Free Cash the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$8,500) to cover costs associated with the purchase of one police cruiser.

The FAA deferred Article 30 to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk told the voters that this article was submitted to lend more specificity to the by-law that was accepted at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The Town Clerk made a motion to accept Article 30 as written; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 30:** Unanimously accepted to amend the Dudley General By-laws, Article 27-Dog Control Bylaw, Section 3, paragraph G as follows (new language in bold print):

“There shall be no license fee for the first or second dog owned by persons aged 70 and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the licensing year. Each additional dog shall be licensed and pay the fee in accordance with this section. ***This section shall not apply to residential or commercial kennel licenses.*** This by-law will be effective January 1, 2017”. And to further amend the article by re-numbering this amended portion of paragraph G to Section 3, paragraph F “Fees”, #8.

The FAA recommended that Article 31 be accepted and that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000) be transferred from Free Cash; the motion was seconded.

**ARTICLE 31:** Unanimously accepted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000) for the purpose of archival preservation.

Selectman Ruda made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fox; motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted.

Brought to order at 7:07 p.m.  
Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.  
Voters Present: 98  
Action Taken on Articles: 1-31

A True Copy.

Attest: Ora E. Finn

Ora E. Finn, CMMC, Dudley Town Clerk