

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HARDWICK
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 13, 2015
Hardwick Elementary School

Greetings:

The Moderator called this Annual Town Meeting to order at 12:00 and recessed this meeting in order for voters to address the articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant called for this same date and time. This recessed Annual Town Meeting will be called to order immediately after the business of the Special Town Meeting is dissolved.

Ryan Witkos, Moderator called this recessed Annual Town Meeting to order at 12:20 pm. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the memory of Laura McIntyre who recently passed away and faithfully served this town for many years on the Council on Aging and he acknowledged her dedication to the interest of the elderly and veterans in our town, and also Diane Cusson who recently passed away and served as an Election Poll Worker and Town Meeting Worker for many years.

The Moderator asked those persons in attendance at this annual town meeting who wished to do so, to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hardwick qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School, 76 Schoolhouse Drive, Gilbertville, on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 12:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

The Moderator read the call of the meeting and declared the warrant has been duly posted and service returned in accordance with Town By-law and State Law.

Note: Funds acquired through borrowing require a 2/3 vote.

Note: Funds acquired through raise and appropriate (taxation) and transferring require a majority vote.

Note: Transfers in and out of Stabilization require a 2/3 vote.

Note: Zoning Bylaws and Amendments require a 2/3 vote.

Note: General Bylaws and Amendments require a majority vote.

**Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* that articles once voted on, not be brought up for reconsideration at any time during this town meeting.
(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)**

**Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* that Articles # 24, and 22 be brought forward before all other articles.
(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)**

Article 24. To see if the Town of Hardwick will vote to reaffirm its continued support for our Fire Department, our Fire Chief under M.G.L. c.48, s.42 and to retain its individual identity as the Hardwick Fire Department. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Citizens Petition

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* that the Town reaffirms its continued support for our Fire Department, our Fire Chief under M.G.L. c.48, s.42 and to retain its individual identity as the Hardwick Fire Department.

(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 22. To see if the Town of Hardwick will vote to: have the Hardwick Fire Department accept the offer of the Hardwick Rescue Squad and take over the responsibility and function of the Emergency Medical Service provider for the Town of Hardwick. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Citizens Petition

Motion made and seconded for the Town of Hardwick to have the Hardwick Fire Department accept the offer of the Hardwick Rescue Squad and take over the responsibility and function of the Emergency Medical Service provider for the Town of Hardwick.

After much discussion the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* to move the question on the floor.

(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

The Moderator stated he had a motion and a second on the floor to have the Hardwick Fire Department accept the offer of the Hardwick Rescue Squad and take over the responsibility and function of the Emergency Medical Service provider for the Town of Hardwick, the vote was taken and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote*.
(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2014 Annual Report. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for this article to be TABLED and acted on at the fall town meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than 2/3 vote* for the Town to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

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(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY16 Revolving Funds in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Expend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	Spending Limit	FY 2015 Balance Disposition	Notes
Electrical Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Electrical Inspector	Wages	\$5,000	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Recycling Commission	Recycling Commission	Fees collected for HHW items, bulky waste	Disposal of HHW items & bulky waste	\$3,000	\$	
Gas Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Gas Inspector	Wages	\$750	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Plumbing Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Plumbing Inspector	Wages	\$3000	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Youth Commission	Youth Commission	User fees and charges collected by the Youth Commission relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the Youth Commission	\$500	\$	
Agricultural Commission	Agricultural Commission	User fees and charges collected by the Agricultural Commission relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the Agricultural Commission	\$1,000		
Parks & Recreation	Parks & Rec. Commission	User fees and charges collected by the Parks & Recreation Commission relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the Parks & Recreation Commission	\$500	\$	

Council On Aging	Council On Aging	User fees and charges collected by the COA relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the COA	\$2,500	\$	
Cemetery Commission	Cemetery Commission	Fees and charges collected by the Cemetery Commission	To meet expenses of the Cemetery Commission	\$2,500		

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

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Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a full-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a full-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a part-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than 2/3 vote* for the Town to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a part-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A. (*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to a part-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Health

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the town to allow the Board of Health to appoint one of its members to a part-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Sale of Lots Fund and Burial Fees to the Cemetery Commission for the care, improvement and embellishment, or enlargement of town cemeteries. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Motion made seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300.) from the Sale of Lots Fund and Burial Fees to the Cemetery Commission for the care, improvement and embellishment, or enlargement of town cemeteries. FCA

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to the Cemetery Commission Expense Account for care, improvement and embellishment, or enlargement of Town cemeteries. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer the sum of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Nine Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$2,449.15) in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to the Cemetery Commission Expense Account for care, improvement and embellishment, or enlargement of Town cemeteries. FCA

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise fund a sum of money for the Reserve Fund. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to transfer the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund. FCA (*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury to the Stabilization Account. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Motion made seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer the sum of Seventy Three Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$73,652.) from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account. FCA

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise fund a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and in addition to, any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, and/or improvement of Town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, to be returned to the Treasury when reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Highway Surveyor

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to borrow the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Thousand and Eleven Dollars (\$370,011.), to be used in conjunction with, and in addition to, any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, and/or improvement of Town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, to be returned to the Treasury when reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. FCA

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from sewer revenues a sum of money to the Water Pollution Control Facilities Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents (\$444,890.88) to the Water Pollution Control Facilities Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities of which Forty Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$49,728.24) is to reimburse the General Fund for indirect costs. FCA
(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Account. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to transfer the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Account. FCA
(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money to pay for FY 16 Capital Expenses. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Capital Planning Committee

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town transfer the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) from the Stabilization Account to pay for FY 16 Capital Expenses. FCA

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury for planning and facilitation services related to Municipal Services and Economic Development. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to transfer the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.) from the Stabilization Account for planning and facilitation services related to Municipal Services and Economic Development. FCA.

(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money to pay the necessary Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made and seconded for the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, Seven Hundred Eight Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$4,782,913.26) to pay the necessary Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

Motion made to amend the motion on the floor and to move the money in the Paige Library Director and Assistant Account to the Gilbertville Library for the Director to oversee both libraries since that person has the necessary credentials for the job. Motion made, seconded and voted by the majority to TABLE the amendment on the floor.

Motion made and seconded to amend the motion on the floor and to move \$25,000. from the New Line Item EMERGENCY SERVICES under GENERAL GOVERNMENT to FIRE DEPARTMENT to include a New Line Item EMERGENCY SERVICES - \$25,000. The total under GENERAL GOVERNMENT will be reduced by \$25,000. for a total for GENERAL GOVERNMENT of \$516,442.42 and an increased total for FIRE DEPARTMENT of \$134,852.10. The bottom line figure of the FY 2016 Budget does not change and remains at \$4,782,913.26.

Motion made and voted by the majority to move the amendment on the floor.

The Moderator stated he has a motion and second on the floor to move \$25,000. from the New Line Item EMERGENCY SERVICES under GENERAL GOVERNMENT to FIRE DEPARTMENT to include a New Line Item EMERGENCY SERVICES - \$25,000. The total under GENERAL GOVERNMENT will be reduced by \$25,000. for a total for GENERAL GOVERNMENT of \$516,442.42 and an increased total for FIRE DEPARTMENT of \$134,852.10. The bottom line figure of the FY 2016 Budget does not change and remains at \$4,782,913.26. The vote was taken and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by a hand count vote of 78 in favor of the amendment and 43 opposed to the amendment. FCD

The Moderator stated the main motion that has been made and seconded remains on the floor for the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, Seven Hundred Eight Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$4,782,913.26) to pay the necessary Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. The Moderator asked for a vote on the main motion on the floor and declared the main motion passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of the sum Four Million, Seven Hundred Eight Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Six Cents

**(\$4,782,913.26) to pay the necessary Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 in the following manner;
 (*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.) FCA**

ACCOUNT #	DEPARTMENT	FY 15 APPROVED BUDGET	FY16 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
001.114.5110.010	MODERATORS SALARY	316.86	316.86	316.86
001.122.5111.000	SELECTMEN'S SALARIES	6,176.75	6,176.75	6,176.75
001.122.5700.000	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
001.122.5110.000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	56,747.77	58,166.77	58,166.77
001.122.5116.000	PT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	15,000.00		
	ADMIN ASST		14,245.82	14,245.92
	FIN. ASST.		16,848.00	16,848.00
01.122.5706.000	HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
001.124.5700.000	ALL BOARDS EXPENSE	11,185.00	11,185.00	11,185.00
001.131.5700.000	FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	150.00	150.00	150.00
001.135.5110.000	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	26,914.74	26,914.74	26,914.74
001.135.5720.000	INDEPENDENT AUDIT	16,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
001.135.5700.000	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
001.135.5705.000	ACCOUNTANT SOFTWARE CONTRACT	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
001.141.5111.000	ASSESSORS SALARIES	9,625.00	7,500.00	9,625.00
001.141.5125.000	ASSESSORS CERTIFIED COMP	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001.141.5112.000	ASSESSORS FULL TIME SALARY	55,137.03	55,137.03	55,137.03
001.141.5719.000	ASSESSORS PROPERTY UPDATE	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
001.141.5700.000	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	8,900.00	8,900.00	8,900.00
	TREASURER SALARY			32,619.60

001.145.5111.00 0		32,619.60	32,619.60	
001.145.5718.00 0	BANK FEES & INTEREST EXPENSE	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
001.145.5700.00 0	TREASURER EXPENSE	6,078.00	5,580.00	5,580.00
NEW	PAYROLL EXPENSE		3,000.00	3,000.00
001.146.5111.00 0	TOWN COLLECTOR SALARY	32,619.60	32,619.60	32,619.60
001.146.5700.00 0	TOWN COLLECTOR EXPENSE	6,365.00	10,865.00	10,865.00
001.146.5706.00 0	TOWN COLLECTOR/ DEPUTY COLLECTOR EXP.	6,000.00		
001.159.5700.00 0	TOWN COLLECTOR TAX TITLE	2,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
001.151.5700.00 0	LEGAL SERVICES - GENERAL	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
001.158.5700.00 0	TOWN TREASURER TAX TAKING EXPENSE	2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
001.161.5111.00 0	TOWN CLERK SALARY	30,380.24	30,380.24	30,380.24
001.161.5700.00 0	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	5,090.00	5,090.00	4,000.00
001.161.5125.00 0	TOWN CLERK CERTIFIED SALARY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001.162.5110.00 0	ELECTION & REGISTRATION SALARY	11,750.00	9,750.00	9,750.00
001.162.5700.00 0	ELECTION/REGISTRATION EXPENSE	8,450.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
001.171.5116.00 0	CONSERVATION CLERK SALARY	5,238.34	9,984.00	6,331.52
001.171.5700.00 0	CONSERVATION EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001.175.5116.00 0	PLANNING BOARD CLERK SALARY	2,229.72	2,229.72	2,229.72
001.175.5700.00 0	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	800.00	800.00	300.00
001.175.5702.00 0	CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL EXPENSE	738.36	775.73	775.73
001.176.5116.00 0	BOARD OF APPEALS CLERK SALARY			
001.176.5700.00 0	BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE			
001.191.5122.00 0	CUSTODIAN SALARY	6,524.94	6,524.94	6,524.94
001.191.5700.00	TOWN HOUSE EXPENSE	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

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001.191.5703.00 0	MUNICIPAL BLDGS. EXPENSE	35,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
001.191.5728.00 0	MUNICIPAL BLDG. FUEL EXPENSE	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
001.191.5729.00 0	GEO. GILBERT BLDG. FUEL EXPENSE	18,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
001.191.5803.00 0	MUNICIPAL BLDGS REPAIRS	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
001.195.5700.00 0	TOWN REPORT EXPENSE	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
	<i>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</i>	<i>499,536.95</i>	<i>521,059.80</i>	<i>516,442.42</i>
001.210.5114.00 0	POLICE CHIEF SALARY	75,500.00	78,500.00	78,500.00
001.210.5115.00 0	POLICE LT. SALARY	56,862.00	62,056.00	62,056.00
001.210.5116.00 0	POLICE CLERK SALARY	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00
001.210.5117.00 0	POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #1	42,761.00	49,212.48	49,212.48
001.210.5117.00 0	POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #2	43,262.00	42,761.00	42,761.00
NEW	POLICE PARTOLMAN #3		42,761.00	-
001.210.5118.00 0	POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SALARY	60,168.00	32,578.00	60,168.00
001.210.5150.00 0	POLICE OVERTIME	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
001.210.5120.00 0	POLICE TRAINING EXPENSE	13,320.00	13,320.00	13,320.00
001.210.5715.00 0	POLICE CRUISER EXPENSE	73,288.00	73,288.00	73,288.00
001.210.5700.00 0	POLICE EXPENSE	28,000.00	34,000.00	28,000.00
001.210.5725.00 0	POLICE UNIFORMS	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
001.210.5743.00 0	POLICE PROTECTIVE VESTS	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	<i>SUB TOTAL HARDWICK POLICE</i>	<i>430,561.00</i>	<i>465,876.48</i>	<i>444,705.48</i>
NEW	NEW BRAINTREE POLICE AGREEMENT			
	CHIEF SALARY		14,000.00	14,000.00
	LT. SALARY		6,250.00	6,250.00
	RESERVE OFFICER ACCOUNT			51,226.00

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	EXPENSE ACCOUNT		40,000.00	40,000.00
	<i>SUB TOTAL NEW BRAINTREE POLICE</i>		111,476.00	111,476.00
	<i>TOTAL POLICE</i>		577,352.48	556,181.48
001.220.5114.00 0	FIRE CHIEF SALARY	16,646.40	16,646.40	16,646.40
001.220.5116.00 0	FIRE CLERK SALARY (PT)	7,803.00	7,803.00	7,803.00
001.220.5121.00 0	FIREFIGHTERS LABOR	25,500.00	32,000.00	30,500.00
001.220.5126.00 0	DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	902.70	902.70	902.70
001.220.5120.00 0	FIRE TRAINING EXPENSE	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
001.220.5131.00 0	FIREMEN TRAINING SALARY	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
001.220.5700.00 0	FIRE DEPT. EXPENSE	36,000.00	46,000.00	36,000.00
NEW	HYDRANT EXPENSE		9,500.00	-
NEW	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	-	20,000.00	-
NEW	EMERGENCY SERVICES			25,000.00
	<i>TOTAL FIRE</i>	<i>104,852.10</i>	<i>152,852.10</i>	<i>134,852.10</i>
001.241.5110.00 0	BLDG. INSP/SALARY	20,808.00	20,808.00	20,808.00
NEW	BLDG. COMMISSIONER SALARY	2,550.00	2,550.00	2,550.00
001.241.5700.00 0	BLDG. INSP EXPENSE	3,500.00	3,570.00	2,000.00
001.245.5700.00 0	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	300.00	300.00	300.00
001.291.5110.00 0	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. SALARY	1,428.00	1,428.00	1,428.00
001.291.5116.00 0	ASST. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. SALARY	728.28	728.28	728.28
001.291.5700.00 0	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
001.292.5110.00 0	DOG OFFICER SALARY	1,476.04	1,476.04	1,476.04
001.292.5700.00 0	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
001.294.5700.00 0	TREE MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	3,580.00	2,000.00
	<i>TOTAL PROTECTION</i>		<i>40,940.32</i>	<i>37,290.32</i>

		38,290.32		
001.300.5730.00 0	K-12 ASSESSMENT	2,044,647.0 0	2,119,388.00	2,119,388.00
001.300.5731.00 0	PATHFINDER ASSESSMENT	246,006.00	248,996.00	248,996.00
001.300.5732.00 0	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT BUILDING DEBT ASSESS	16,147.29	15,942.75	15,942.75
001.300.5733.00 0	HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT ASSESS	42,344.78	-	
NEW	ATRIUM /GREEN REPAIR PROJECT	23,011.00	25,090.00	25,090.00
NEW	TANTASQUA REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<i>TOTAL SCHOOLS</i>	<i>2,382,156.0 7</i>	<i>2,419,416.75</i>	<i>2,419,416.75</i>
001.421.5110.00 0	HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	69,039.01	69,039.01	69,039.01
001.421.5113.00 0	FOREMAN	44,083.57	44,083.57	44,083.57
001.421.5113.00 0	TR. DRIVER/LABORER 1	39,378.02	39,378.02	39,378.02
001.421.5113.00 0	TR.DRIVER/LABORER 2	34,312.23	34,312.23	34,312.23
001.421.5113.00 0	CLERK	15,895.30	15,895.30	15,895.30
001.421.5150.00 0	HIGHWAY OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
001.421.5700.00 0	HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE	18,400.00	22,000.00	18,400.00
001.422.5700.00 0	TOWN ROADS EXPENSE	25,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
001.423.5110.00 0	SNOW & ICE SALARY	10,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
001.423.5700.00 0	SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	90,000.00	100,000.00	90,000.00
001.425.5700.00 0	DIESEL FUEL	43,000.00	45,000.00	40,000.00
001.424.5700.00 0	STREET LIGHTING	10,822.00	10,822.00	10,822.00
001.430.5700.00 0	HIGHWAY ROAD MACH MAINT	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
	<i>TOTAL HIGHWAY</i>	<i>449,930.13</i>	<i>490,530.13</i>	<i>446,930.13</i>
001.491.5721.00	CEMETERY CONTRACT SERVICE	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00

0				
001.491.5700.00 0	CEMETERY EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<i>TOTAL CEMETERY</i>	<i>17,000.00</i>	<i>17,000.00</i>	<i>17,000.00</i>
001.510.5110.00 0	BOARD OF HEALTH SALARY	2,025.72	2,026.00	2,026.00
001.510.5116.00 0	BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK SALARY	13,449.72	13,450.00	-
001.510.5124.00 0	BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT SALARY	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
001.510.5700.00 0	BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
001.519.5110.00 0	ANIMAL INSPECTOR SALARY	1,476.04	1,476.04	1,476.04
001.519.5700.00 0	ANIMAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	250.00	250.00	250.00
001.520.5110.00 0	ANIMAL CONTROL SALARY	1,476.04	1,476.04	1,476.04
001.520.5700.00 0	ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE	350.00	350.00	350.00
	<i>TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION</i>	<i>34,027.52</i>	<i>34,028.08</i>	<i>20,578.08</i>
001.541.5110.00 0	SR. CENTER DIRECTOR SALARY	31,264.02	31,264.02	31,264.02
001.541.5721.00 0	NUTRITION SERVICE	6,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
001.541.5734.00 0	COUNCIL ON AGING MEDICAL PROGRAM	50.00	100.00	100.00
001.541.5736.00 0	COUNCIL ON AGING OFFICE EXPENSE	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
001.541.5737.00 0	COUNCIL ON AGING RECREATION	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
001.540.5110.00 0	MART DIRECTOR SALARY			
001.540.5110.00 0	MART SALARY			
001.540.5700.00 0	MART EXPENSE			
	<i>TOTAL COA</i>	<i>43,814.02</i>	<i>44,864.02</i>	<i>43,364.02</i>
001.542.5110.00 0	YOUTH CENTER SALARY	15,300.00	20,500.00	
	DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR SALARY			11,500.00
	ASSISTANT COORDINATOR SALARY			7,000.00
	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT			

			2,500.00	
001.542.5700.00 0	YOUTH CENTER EXPENSE	4,000.00	9,000.00	2,500.00
	<i>TOTAL YOUTH</i>	<i>19,300.00</i>	<i>32,000.00</i>	<i>21,000.00</i>
001.543.5110.00 0	VETERAN AGENT SALARY	1,844.77	1,844.77	1,844.77
001.543.5700.00 0	VETERAN AGENT EXPENSE	800.00	800.00	800.00
001.543.5727.00 0	VETERANS BENEFITS	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<i>TOTAL VETERANS</i>	<i>7,644.77</i>	<i>7,644.77</i>	<i>7,644.77</i>
001.610.5110.00 0	PAIGE LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	20,472.99	17,968.00	17,968.00
001.610.5110.00 0	PAIGE LIBRARY ASSISTANT	8,038.13	9,984.00	9,984.00
001.610.5700.00 0	PAIGE LIBRARY EXPENSE	21,927.00	23,427.00	23,427.00
001.611.5700.00 0	GILB LIBRARY EXPENSE	21,927.00	35,682.50	23,427.00
	<i>TOTAL LIBRARIES</i>	<i>72,365.12</i>	<i>87,061.50</i>	<i>74,806.00</i>
001.630.5700.00 0	PARKS & RECREATION EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
001.692.5700.00 0	MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001.710.5910.00 0	MATURING DEBT	36,763.23	31,125.00	31,125.00
001.715.5911.00 0	INTEREST	10,426.77	16,065.00	16,065.00
001.911.5600.00 0	WORC. COUNTY RETIRE ASSESSMENT	177,204.00	182,520.12	182,520.12
001.913.5700.00 0	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001.914.5700.00 0	TOWN SHARE HEALTH INSURANCE	142,940.54	148,115.00	125,104.61
001.915.5700.00 0	TOWN SHARE LIFE INSURANCE	2,217.60	2,217.60	2,217.60
001.916.5700.00 0	TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	14,636.00	14,636.00	14,636.00
001.945.5700.00 0	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INS.	9,689.00	10,820.00	10,820.00
001.946.5700.00 0	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	34,036.00	36,826.95	36,826.95

001.946.5700.00 0	POLICE & FIRE INSURANCE	17,919.00	17,979.00	17,979.00
	<i>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</i>	<i>449,832.14</i>	<i>464,304.67</i>	<i>440,294.28</i>
001.475.5110.00 0	RECYCLING PAYROLL			
001.475.5110.00 0	RECYCLING COORDINATOR SALARY	13,763.23	13,763.23	13,763.23
001.475.5110.00 0	LABORER 1	5,578.88	5,578.88	5,578.88
001.475.5110.00 0	LABORER 2	4,821.47	4,821.47	4,821.47
001.475.5110.00 0	LABORER 3	4,501.19	4,501.19	4,501.19
001.475.5110.00 0	LABORER 4	2,759.14	2,759.14	2,759.14
	<i>TOTAL RECYCLING SALARIES</i>	<i>31,423.91</i>	<i>31,423.91</i>	<i>31,423.91</i>
001.475.5700.00 0	RECYCLING EXPENSES	6,189.00	6,366.00	6,189.00
	<i>TOTAL RECYCLING</i>	<i>37,612.91</i>	<i>37,789.91</i>	<i>37,612.91</i>
001.450.5110.00 0	WATER SALARY SUPT.	1,561.44		
001.450.5123.00 0	ASST SUPT. WATER	607.07		
001.450.5700.00 0	WATER EXPENSE	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
	<i>TOTAL HCWD</i>	<i>11,668.51</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>
	<i>GRAND TOTAL OF BUDGETS</i>	<i>4,598,591.56</i>	<i>4,824,868.53</i>	<i>4,782,913.26</i>

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, particularly the by-law entitled, "Town Clerk, Conduct of Meetings; Minutes", originally adopted by the Town under Article 1 of the November 18, 2013, Special Town Meeting, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text, and further by moving the next to last sentence to the end of the paragraph (as shown in italics) as follows:

Every public body, board, commission, committee and subcommittee of the Town of Hardwick including the, Gilbertville Water District, and the Wheelwright Water District established in the Town of Hardwick shall conduct all meetings in accordance with MGL, C30A, s18-25. Every public body thereof shall file a

written copy of the minutes with the Town Clerk from every posted meeting whether the meeting minutes are typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format and which have been created ~~and approved by the public body within 45 days of the approval~~ in a timely manner whether approved or in draft form, and such minutes shall be made available upon request by any person as required by the Open Meeting and Public Records Laws. The minutes shall state the date, time and place of meeting, a list of members present or absent and a summary of the discussion on each subject, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, and furthermore, executive session meeting minutes of which the chair or his designee of the public body thereof shall, at reasonable intervals, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if such minutes warrant continued non-disclosure or if the purpose for which the executive session was held has been served and file said minutes within 10 days with the Town Clerk. In addition the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of all public bodies whether typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format shall be uploaded onto the Towns' designated "PUBLIC MEETING WEBSITE" at "mytowngovernment.org/01031" or other official website after the filing of the meeting minutes with the Town Clerk. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, executive session meeting minutes may be withheld from disclosure to the public in portion or in their entirety as allowed by MGL c.30A, s22 and MGL, C4, s7, clause 26, sub clause (a) or other applicable law. Or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion passed by more than a 2/3 vote* for the Town to amend the General By-laws, particularly the by-law entitled, "Town Clerk, Conduct of Meetings; Minutes", originally adopted by the Town under Article 1 of the November 18, 2013, Special Town Meeting, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text, and further by moving the next to last sentence to the end of the paragraph (as shown in italics) as follows:

Every public body, board, commission, committee and subcommittee of the Town of Hardwick including the, Gilbertville Water District, and the Wheelwright Water District established in the Town of Hardwick shall conduct all meetings in accordance with MGL, C30A, s18-25. Every public body thereof shall file a written copy of the minutes with the Town Clerk from every posted meeting whether the meeting minutes are typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format and which have been created ~~and approved by the public body within 45 days of the approval~~ in a timely manner whether approved or in draft form, and such minutes shall be made available upon request by any person as required by the Open Meeting and Public Records Laws. The minutes shall state the date, time and place of meeting, a list of members present or absent and a summary of the discussion on each subject, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, and furthermore, executive session meeting minutes of which the chair or his designee of the public body thereof shall, at reasonable intervals, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if such minutes warrant continued non-disclosure or if the purpose for which the executive session was held has been served and file said minutes within 10 days with the Town Clerk. In addition the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of all public bodies whether typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format shall be uploaded onto the Towns' designated "PUBLIC MEETING WEBSITE" at "mytowngovernment.org/01031" or other official website after the filing of the meeting minutes with the Town Clerk. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, executive session meeting minutes may be withheld from disclosure to the public in portion or in their entirety as allowed by MGL c.30A, s22 and MGL, C4, s7, clause 26, sub clause (a) or other applicable law.

(*As allowed by Town of Hardwick-ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL, C39s.15.)

FINAL VERSION OF Article #17 -Town Clerk, Conduct of Meetings; Minutes

Every public body, board, commission, committee and subcommittee of the Town of Hardwick including the, Gilbertville Water District, and the Wheelwright Water District established in the Town of Hardwick shall conduct all meetings in accordance with MGL, C30A, s18-25. Every public body thereof shall file a written copy of the minutes with the Town Clerk from every posted meeting whether the meeting minutes are typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format and which have been created in a timely manner whether approved or in draft form, and such minutes shall be made available upon request by any person as required by the Open Meeting and Public Records Laws. The minutes shall state the date, time and place of meeting, a list of members present or absent and a summary of the discussion on each subject, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, and furthermore, executive session meeting minutes of which the chair or his designee of the public body thereof shall, at reasonable intervals, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if such minutes warrant continued non-disclosure or if the purpose for which the executive session was held has been served and file said minutes within 10 days with the Town Clerk. In addition the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of all public bodies whether typewritten, computer generated or in handwritten format shall be uploaded onto the Towns' designated "PUBLIC MEETING WEBSITE" at "mytowngovernment.org/01031" or other official website after the filing of the meeting minutes with the Town Clerk. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, executive session meeting minutes may be withheld from disclosure to the public in portion or in their entirety as allowed by MGL c.30A, s22 and MGL, C4, s7, clause 26, sub clause (a) or other applicable law.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money for the demolition, renovation, construction or reconstruction of a building or buildings on the Town-owned parcel of land located at 179 Main Street, in the Village of Gilbertville (commonly known as the George H. Gilbert Building) and described in a deed from the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company to the Inhabitants of the Town of Hardwick, dated August 10, 1903 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds, Book 1766, Page 347, including all related and incidental costs; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise convey such land and building(s) located thereon, or any interest therein, and to utilize the appropriation authorized hereunder for any costs incurred in connection with such disposition, upon such terms and conditions as said Board deems appropriate and to execute any and all documents and instruments related thereto, and take such other action as may be required to effectuate any vote taken hereunder. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (5,000.) from Free Cash for the demolition, renovation, construction or reconstruction of a building or buildings on the Town-owned parcel of land located at 179 Main Street, in the Village of Gilbertville (commonly known as the George H. Gilbert Building) and described in a deed from the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company to the Inhabitants of the Town of Hardwick, dated August 10, 1903 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds, Book 1766, Page 347, including all related and incidental costs; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise convey such land and building(s) located thereon, or any interest therein, and to utilize the appropriation authorized hereunder for any costs incurred in connection with such disposition, upon such terms and conditions as said Board deems appropriate and to execute any and all documents

and instruments related thereto, and take such other action as may be required to effectuate any vote taken hereunder. **FCA**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by inserting a new bylaw entitled, "ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW" as set forth below;

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

1. Applicability of By-law and State Law

In addition to the requirements set forth in this by-law, the licensing, keeping and control of animals shall be in accordance with and subject to all applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited-to the provisions of GL c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive.

2. Animal Control Officer; Hearing Authority

The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Animal Control Officer and/or his assistants are not required to be a resident of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen shall act as the Hearing Authority for purposes of G.L. c. 140, §157, relative to nuisance or dangerous dogs as those terms as defined in said statute.

3. Annual Dog and Kennel Licenses

Annual dog licenses, as required by GL c. 140, §§137 must be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. When licensing a dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering should be presented in order to be eligible for a neutered or spayed license fee. Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk. There will be a late fine of 10.00 per dog for failure to register a dog on time.

Annual kennel license applications as required by GL C. 140, s.137A must be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. The applicant shall include their name, address, name of kennel (if applicable), dogs name, breed, age, proof of fixing (if applicable), proof of rabies vaccinations, and the telephone number where the licensee can be reached at all times in addition to meeting all of the requirements of GL c. 140, §§137A to 137C. Kennel licenses issued under this section shall be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk. There will be a late fine of 20.00 for failure to register a kennel on time.

No kennel license shall be issued unless the applicant demonstrates that the use of the subject property as a kennel is permitted under the Town's Zoning By-laws.

4. Fees

The annual fee for individual and kennel licenses shall be as follows:

Individual Dog, fixed	10.00
Individual Dog, intact	6.00
Kennel	

Should the Town determine to increase the annual License and Kennel fees, the Town shall exercise its authority as allowed by the Annual Town Meeting of June 17, 2000 under Article #30 and MG. C.40,s.22F.

5. Dog Control

(a) No person shall permit any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to wander on private property without permission of the owner thereof, or on any public property within the Town, including but not limited to public ways, school grounds, recreation areas and cemeteries, unless the dog properly restrained. A dog is under restraint for purposes of this by-law if it is accompanied by its owner or other person responsible for the dog, who is in full control of such dog and the dog is held firmly on a leash of not more than six (6) feet.

6. Enforcement

(a) The Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town shall be empowered to enforce provisions of this by-law.

(b) Unrestrained dogs in violation of the requirements of Section 5(a) of this by-law, or unlicensed dogs in violation of Section 3 of this by-law, may be sought out, caught and confined by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town, and impounded pursuant to GL c. 140, §§151A and 167. The owner or keeper of any dog impounded under the provisions of GL. c. 140, §167 may claim such dog, provided he or she first procures from the Town Clerk a license and tag for any such dog that is not licensed and pays the sum of 20.00 per day for the care of the dog during the period of impoundment.

(c) In addition to the remedies set forth herein and in GL c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, or any other applicable provision of law, this by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity, including, but not limited to, non-criminal disposition pursuant and as allowed by Annual Town Meeting of June 25, 1994, under Article #27 and to GL. c. 40, §21D. If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this by-law shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense:	50 fine
Second Offense:	100 fine
Third and subsequent Offense :	200 fine

Subsequent offenses shall be determined as offenses occurring within two years of the date of the first noticed offense. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense. Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE #19 – The Moderator informed everyone that the motion before you is the same as is printed in the warrant each voter has in their hands, however under Section 4 of the by-law the Annual Fee for Individual and Kennel licenses has been changed and is incorporated in the motion before you.

Motion made, seconded and the Moderator declared this motion is passed by a 2/3 vote* for the Town to amend the General By-Laws by inserting a new bylaw entitled, "ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW" as set forth below;

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

1. Applicability of By-law and State Law

In addition to the requirements set forth in this by-law, the licensing, keeping and control of animals shall be in accordance with and subject to all applicable provisions of the

Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited-to the provisions of GL c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive.

2. Animal Control Officer; Hearing Authority

The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Animal Control Officer and/or his assistants are not required to be a resident of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen shall act as the Hearing Authority for purposes of G.L. c. 140, §157, relative to nuisance or dangerous dogs as those terms as defined in said statute.

3. Annual Dog and Kennel Licenses

Annual dog licenses, as required by GL c. 140, §§137 must be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. When licensing a dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering should be presented in order to be eligible for a neutered or spayed license fee. Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk. There will be a late fine of 10.00 per dog for failure to register a dog on time.

Annual kennel license applications as required by GL C. 140, s.137A must be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. The applicant shall include their name, address, name of kennel (if applicable), dogs name, breed, age, proof of fixing (if applicable), proof of rabies vaccinations, and the telephone number where the licensee can be reached at all times in addition to meeting all of the requirements of GL c. 140, §§137A to 137C. Kennel licenses issued under this section shall be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk. There will be a late fine of 20.00 for failure to register a kennel on time.

No kennel license shall be issued unless the applicant demonstrates that the use of the subject property as a kennel is permitted under the Town’s Zoning By-laws.

4. Fees

The annual fee for individual and kennel licenses shall be as follows:

Individual Dog, fixed	8.00
Individual Dog, intact	15.00
Kennel:	
4 dogs or less.....	30.00
5 to 10 dogs.....	60.00
11 dogs to 20 dogs.....	100.00
Domestic Charitable Corporation Kennel.....	FREE

Should the Town determine to increase the annual License and Kennel fees, the Town shall exercise its authority as allowed by the Annual Town Meeting of June 17, 2000 under Article #30 and MGL, C.40,s.22F.

5. Dog Control

(a) No person shall permit any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to wander on private property without permission of the owner thereof, or on any public property within the

Town, including but not limited-to public ways, school grounds, recreation areas and cemeteries, unless the dog properly restrained. A dog is under restraint for purposes of this by-law if it is accompanied by its owner or other person responsible for the dog, who is in full control of such dog and the dog is held firmly on a leash of not more than six (6) feet.

6. Enforcement

(a) The Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town shall be empowered to enforce provisions of this by-law.

(b) Unrestrained dogs in violation of the requirements of Section 5(a) of this by-law, or unlicensed dogs in violation of Section 3 of this by-law, may be sought out, caught and confined by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town, and impounded pursuant to GL c. 140, §§151A and 167. The owner or keeper of any dog impounded under the provisions of GL. c. 140, §167 may claim such dog, provided he or she first procures from the Town Clerk a license and tag for any such dog that is not licensed and pays the sum of 20.00 per day for the care of the dog during the period of impoundment.

(c) In addition to the remedies set forth herein and in GL c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, or any other applicable provision of law, this by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity, including, but not limited to, non-criminal disposition pursuant and as allowed by Annual Town Meeting of June 25, 1994, under Article #27 and to GL. c. 40, §21D. If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this by-law shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense:	50.00 - fine
Second Offense:	100.00 - fine
Third and subsequent Offense	200.00 - fine

Subsequent offenses shall be determined as offenses occurring within two years of the date of the first noticed offense. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense. (*As allowed by Town of Hardwick – ATM-6/16/07-A#27 & MGL. C39s.15.)

Article # 20 – To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by deleting the by-law entitled, "Dog Control", Sections 1-6 as voted at the Special Town Meeting of June 23, 1981 under Article #5 and as amended at the Special Town Meeting of June 24, 1991 under Article #5. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to amend the General By-Laws by deleting the by-law entitled, "Dog Control", Sections 1-6 as voted at the Special Town Meeting of June 23, 1981 under Article #5 and as amended at the Special Town Meeting of June 24, 1991 under Article #5.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adopting the following new by-law, entitled, "TOWN CLERK – AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN APPROPRIATE NUMBERS TO BY-LAWS" as follows:

The Town Clerk shall hereby be authorized to assign appropriate numbers to by-law chapters, sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs, where none are approved by Town Meeting, and if such are approved by Town Meeting, after consultation with the Town Administrator, to make non-substantive, editorial revisions to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering, provided that such

editorial revisions shall be identified by a footnote or other convention. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Motion made and seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to amend the General By-laws by adopting the following new by-law, entitled, "TOWN CLERK – AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN APPROPRIATE NUMBERS TO BY-LAWS" as follows:

The Town Clerk shall hereby be authorized to assign appropriate numbers to by-law chapters, sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs, where none are approved by Town Meeting, and if such are approved by Town Meeting, after consultation with the Town Administrator, to make non-substantive, editorial revisions to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering, provided that such editorial revisions shall be identified by a footnote or other convention.

Article 22. ACTED UPON AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT.

Article 23. To see if the Town of Hardwick will vote to: To have the Hardwick Fire Department assume the responsibility and function of the Emergency Medical Service for the Town of Hardwick. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Citizens Petition

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to TABLE this article.

Article 24. ACTED UPON AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

Motion made and seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this Annual Town Meeting at 3:32 PM.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Hardwick, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of May 2015.

Kenan P. Young
Harry T. Comerford = HARDWICK BOARD OF SELELCTMEN
Richard V. Kmiec

This is a true copy. ATTEST. Eric Vollheim, Constable. Date: May 19, 2015

This day I have posted attested copies as directed. Eric Vollheim, Constable. Date: May 19, 2015

250 voters in attendance. 30 non-registered person in attendance. No quorum required by Town By-law.

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST.

PAULA L. ROBERTS, CMMC
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF HARDWICK

