

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HARDWICK  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 18, 2016  
Hardwick Elementary School

Ryan Witkos, Moderator called this Annual Town Meeting to order at 12:04 PM and immediately 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 concluded and the meeting is dissolved.

Ryan Witkos Moderator called this recessed Annual Town Meeting to order at 12:15 PM and called for another recess till 12:30 PM.

Ryan Witkos, Moderator called this recessed Annual Town Meeting to order a 12:30 pm and those persons in attendance at this Annual Town Meeting who wish to do so, to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Moderator read the call of the warrant and the end of the warrant and declared the warrant has been duly posted and service in accordance the Town bylaw and State law.

Greetings:

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 18, 2016 at 12:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

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.

Note: Petition the General Court for a Special Act require a 2/3 vote.

**Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the articles and to take them up in their order as they appear on the warrant.**

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2015 Annual Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

**TABLED. Unanimous Vote.**

**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 the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

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**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY17 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	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
Electrical Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit Fees and inspections of Electrical Inspector for commercial solar projects			50% of fee paid to inspector, 50% 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

*The Moderator asked if everyone in the audience has a copy of the warrant so they can follow along with the article before them. The audience responded with an affirmative yes answer.*

**Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to authorize the following FY17 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:**

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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 voted unanimously 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.**

**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 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, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money to pay for the masonry and roof repairs to the Municipal Office Building, 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 appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand, Five hundred Dollars (\$44,500.) and as funding therefor to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. C.44,s7 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor to pay for the masonry and roof repairs to the Municipal Office Building. FCA  
(\*As allowed by Town of Hardwick – ATM- 6/16/07- A#27 & MGL C39s15.)**

**Article 10.** 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 the upgrade to the disinfection system for the Hardwick Center Water District, 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 transfer the sum of Eight Thousand, Two hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Forty Two cents (\$8,278.42) from the Stabilization Account (250.000.1040.0000) to pay for the upgrade to the disinfection system for the Hardwick Center Water District. FCA  
(\*As allowed by Town of Hardwick – ATM- 6/16/07 – A#27 & MGL C39s15.)**

**Article 11.** 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: 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) from the Stabilization Account (250.000.1040.0000) to the Reserve Fund (001.132.2700.000). FCA  
(\*As allowed by Town of Hardwick – ATM- 6/16/07 – A#27 & MGL C39s15.)**

**Article 12.** 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: Superintendent of Streets

**Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to borrow the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$369,995.) 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 13.** 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: Sewer Commissioners

**Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Eighty Seven cents (\$470,224.87) from sewer revenues to the Water Pollution Control Facilities Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities of which \$43,485.12 is to reimburse the General Fund for indirect costs in the following manner:**

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 FY2017 SEWER BUDGET**

	<u>FY16</u> <u>Direct</u> <u>Costs</u>	<u>FY17</u> <u>Direct</u> <u>Costs</u>
<b><u>Total Salaries:</u></b>	97279.13	60347.90
600.000.5110.0000 Superintendent	40540.00	
600.000.5110.0000 Superintendent OT (Wkend+Hol)		
600.000.5110.0000 Asst Operator	53816.83	54225.60
Asst Operator OT (Wkend+Hol)		
600.000.5110.0001 Commissioners	2922.30	2922.30
Substitute Operator		3200.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>97279.13</b>	<b>60347.90</b>

**Operation and Maintenance**

Overtime Expense	<b>20900.00</b>	<b>20900.00</b>
600.000.5700.0001 <b>Gilbertville Expense</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>95600.00</b>	<b>103958.00</b>
G'ville WPCF Electrical	22500.00	26458.00
GIPS Electrical	4600.00	5000.00
NEW OPRPS Electrical	0.00	3000.00
PAC	11000.00	12000.00

	Sodium Hypochlorite	1500.00	1500.00
	O&M, Fuel, Lab	56000.00	56000.00
600.000.5700.0000	<b>Wheelwright Expense</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>62520.00</b>	<b>67713.00</b>
	Wheelwright WPCF		
	Electrical	23000.00	27833.00
	Wheelwright PS Electrical	950.00	960.00
	PAC	3650.00	4000.00
	Sodium Hypochlorite	1020.00	1020.00
	O&M, Fuel, Lab	33900.00	33900.00
600.000.5700.0003	Truck Expense (5 year lease)	8500.00	8500.00
	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00
	Short Term Borrowing		
Interest		0.00	0.00
600.750.5925.0000	Sewer Debt	27087.00	26274.39
600.710.5910.0000	Interest on Sewer Debt	58718.00	56956.46
600.000.5705.0000	Contract Operation		
Services		41540.00	72090.00
600.000.5780.0000	Reserve for Abatements	7000.00	10000.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>419144.13</b>	<b>426739.75</b>

<u>Indirect Costs</u>	<u>Indirect Costs</u>	<u>Indirect Costs</u>
Retirement Assessment	29204.00	30080.12
Health Insurance	14097.24	6445.00
Sewer - General Insurance	4500.00	4860.00
Medicare	1927.00	2100.00
<b>Indirect Costs to be raised in Taxation:</b>	<b>49728.24</b>	<b>43485.12</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>468872.37</b>	<b>470224.87</b>

Budget Percent Increase FY16 to FY17

**0.29%**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Town Treasury a sum of money to subsidize the operation of the sewer enterprise in the Fiscal Year 2017 as provided below:

<b><i>Estimated Revenues:</i></b>
User fees
Leachate
Investment income
<b><i>Subtotal:</i></b>
Retained Earnings



<u>Total:</u>
<b><u>Direct Costs:</u></b>
Salaries
Overtime Salaries
Expenses
Contract Services
Capital outlay
Reserve for abatements
Debt
Debt Interest
<u>Subtotal:</u>
<b><u>Indirect Costs:</u></b>
Health insurance
FICA
Pensions Place Holder
<u>Subtotal:</u>
<u>Total:</u>
Surplus/(deficit)
Budgeted Subsidy

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

**TABLE. Unanimous Vote.**

**Article 15.** 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, 2016, 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$4,737,767.72) and to transfer the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Pension Fund (557-000-3590-0000) (\$150,000.) to the Worcester County Retirement Assessment (001.911.5690.000) for a total amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$4,887,767.72) to pay the necessary Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 in the following manner:

ACCOUNT #	DEPARTMENT	FY 16 APPROVED BUDGET	FY17 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 17 RECOMMENDED BUDGET B (cuts, level & QRSD 6.5%)
001.114.5110.0000	MODERATORS SALARY	323.20	323.20	323.20

001.122.5110.0000	SELECTMEN'S SALARIES	6300.29	6300.29	6300.29
001.122.5700.0000	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
001.129.5110.0000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	58166.77	55000.00	55000.00
001.122.5110.0001	ADMIN ASST	23743.30	19245.92	15037.40
001.135.5110.0001	FIN. ASST.	19197.36	19197.36	0.00
001.122.5300.0000	HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES	2000.00	3050.00	0.00
001.129.5700.0002	ALL BOARDS EXPENSE	11185.00	11185.00	11185.00
001.220.5190.0001	EMERGENCY SERVICES	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00
NEW	IT SERVICES	0.00	8000.00	5000.00
001.131.5700.0000	FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	150.00	150.00	150.00
001.135.5110.0000	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	26914.74	35000.00	42665.00
001.135.5300.0000	INDEPENDENT AUDIT	17000.00	17000.00	17000.00
001.135.5420.0000	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	1500.00	1500.00	2290.00
001.135.5380.0000	ACCOUNTANT SOFTWARE CONTRACT	6000.00	5908.57	5908.57
001.141.5110.0000	ASSESSORS SALARIES	9817.50	9817.50	9817.50
001.141.5110.0002	ASSESSORS CERTIFIED COMP	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
001.141.5110.0001	ASSESSORS FULL TIME SALARY	56239.77	56239.77	56239.77
001.141.5300.0000	ASSESSORS PROPERTY UPDATE	10000.00	8000.00	8000.00
001.141.5700.0000	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	8900.00	10375.00	10375.00
001.145.5110.0000	TREASURER SALARY	33334.60	42348.80	42665.00
NEW	PAYROLL/HUMAN RESOURCES	0.00	17784.00	0.00
001.145.5700.0001	BANK FEES & INTEREST EXPENSE	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
001.145.5700.0000	TREASURER EXPENSE	5580.00	6750.00	6750.00
001.145.5300.0000	TREASURER PAYROLL EXPENSE	3000.00	3300.00	3300.00
001.146.5110.0000	TOWN COLLECTOR SALARY	33334.60	33334.60	33334.60
001.146.5700.0000	TOWN COLLECTOR EXPENSE	10865.00	10865.00	10865.00
001.146.5700.0002	TOWN COLLECTOR TAX TITLE	5500.00	5500.00	5500.00
001.151.5300.0000	LEGAL SERVICES - GENERAL	35000.00	40000.00	25000.00
001.158.5300.0000	TOWN TREASURER TAX TAKING EXPENSE	3500.00	4509.82	3500.00
001.161.5110.0000	TOWN CLERK SALARY	30987.84	30987.84	30987.84
001.161.5700.0000	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4000.00	4000.00	5090.00
001.161.5100.0001	TOWN CLERK CERTIFIED SALARY	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
001.162.5110.0000	ELECTION & REGISTRATION SALARY	9750.00	9750.00	11750.00
001.162.5700.0000	ELECTION/REGISTRATION EXPENSE	7000.00	7000.00	9800.00
001.171.5110.0000	CONSERVATION CLERK SALARY	6458.15	6458.15	6458.15
001.171.5700.0000	CONSERVATION EXPENSE	1000.00	1200.00	600.00
001.175.5110.0000	PLANNING BOARD CLERK SALARY	2274.31	2274.31	2000.00
001.175.5700.0000	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	300.00	300.00	300.00
001.175.5700.0001	CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL EXPENSE	775.73	795.12	795.12
001.176.5116.0000	BOARD OF APPEALS CLERK SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00
001.176.5700.0000	BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
001.192.5110.0000	CUSTODIAN SALARY	6655.44	6655.44	0.00
001.192.5700.0000	TOWN BUILDING (TOWN HOUSE) EXPENSE	15000.00	16000.00	16000.00
001.191.5700.0002	MUNICIPAL BLDGS. EXPENSE	45000.00	45000.00	44000.00
001.191.5700.0003	MUNICIPAL BLDG. FUEL EXPENSE	23000.00	20000.00	20000.00
001.191.5700.0004	GEO. GILBERT BLDG. FUEL EXPENSE	5000.00	0.00	0.00
001.192.5240.0000	MUNICIPAL BLDGS REPAIRS	4000.00	4000.00	3000.00
001.195.5700.0000	TOWN REPORT EXPENSE	1500.00	1725.00	500.00
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>582053.60</b>	<b>618630.69</b>	<b>559287.44</b>

001.210.5110.0001	POLICE CHIEF SALARY	78500.00	81500.00	81500.00
001.210.5110.0002	POLICE LT. SALARY	62056.00	64740.00	64740.00

001.210.5110.0003	POLICE CLERK SALARY	5202.00	5202.00	5202.00
001.210.5110.0000	POLICE PATROLMAN SALARIES:			
001.210.5110.0000	POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #1	49212.48	51003.20	51003.20
001.210.5110.0000	POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #2	42761.00	44196.88	44196.88
001.210.5110.0004	POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SALARY	60168.00	60168.00	60168.00
001.210.5110.0005	POLICE OVERTIME	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00
001.210.5110.0006	POLICE TRAINING EXPENSE	13320.00	13320.00	13320.00
001.210.5240.0000	POLICE CRUISER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE EXP	73288.00	73288.00	73288.00
NEW	BUILDING EXPENSE (402 LOWER ROAD)		5000.00	1000.00
001.210.5700.0000	POLICE EXPENSE	28000.00	28000.00	28000.00
001.210.5850.0000	POLICE UNIFORMS	9600.00	9600.00	9600.00
001.210.5870.0000	POLICE PROTECTIVE VESTS	2700.00	2700.00	2700.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL HARDWICK POLICE</b>	<b>444807.48</b>	<b>458718.08</b>	<b>454718.08</b>
	NEW BRAINTREE POLICE AGREEMENT			
001.210.5110.0007	CHIEF SALARY	14000.00	14200.00	14200.00
001.210.5110.0008	LT. SALARY	6250.00	6455.00	6455.00
001.210.5110.0009	RESERVE OFFICER ACCOUNT	51226.00	53726.00	53726.00
001.210.5700.0001	EXPENSE ACCOUNT	40000.00	22661.88	22661.88
	<b>SUB TOTAL NEW BRAINTREE POLICE</b>	<b>111476.00</b>	<b>97042.88</b>	<b>97042.88</b>
	<b>TOTAL POLICE</b>	<b>556283.48</b>	<b>555760.96</b>	<b>551760.96</b>
001.220.5110.0000	FIRE CHIEF SALARY	16979.33	16979.33	25000.00
001.220.5110.0001	FIRE CLERK SALARY	7959.06	7959.06	0.00
001.220.5110.0003	FIREFIGHTERS LABOR	30500.00	33000.00	30500.00
001.220.5110.0004	DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	920.75	920.75	920.75
001.220.5120.0000	FIRE TRAINING EXPENSE	2000.00	4000.00	4000.00
001.220.5110.0002	FIREMEN TRAINING SALARY	16000.00	16000.00	12000.00
001.220.5700.0000	FIRE DEPT. EXPENSE	43456.29	44400.00	44400.00
NEW	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	20000.00	12000.00
	<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<b>117815.43</b>	<b>143259.14</b>	<b>128820.75</b>
001.192.5110.0001	BLDG. INSP/SALARY	21224.16	21224.16	21224.16
001.192.5110.0002	BLDG. COMMISSIONER SALARY	2601.00	2601.00	2601.00
001.192.5700.0001	BLDG. INSP EXPENSE	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
001.245.5700.0000	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	300.00	300.00	300.00
001.291.5110.0000	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. SALARY	1456.56	1456.56	1456.56
001.291.5110.0001	ASST. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIR. SALARY	742.85	742.85	0.00
001.291.5700.0000	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
	<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>32324.57</b>	<b>32324.57</b>	<b>31581.72</b>
001.300.5700.0000	K-12 ASSESSMENT	2119388.00	2533521.00	2257148.20
001.350.5700.0000	PATHFINDER ASSESSMENT	248996.00	260006.00	260006.00
001.300.5700.0001	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT BUILDING DEBT ASSESS	15942.75	15788.04	15788.04
001.300.5700.0002	HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT ASSESS	0.00	0.00	0.00
001.300.5700.0003	ATRIUM /GREEN REPAIR PROJECT	25090.00	23759.94	23759.94
001.350.5700.0001	TANTASQUA REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	10000.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>2419416.75</b>	<b>2833074.98</b>	<b>2556702.18</b>
001.422.5110.0000	HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	70419.79	71306.46	70419.79
<b>001.422.5110.0001</b>	<b>HIGHWAY PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW:</b>	<b>136342.51</b>	<b>131342.51</b>	<b>131342.51</b>
001.422.5110.0001	FOREMAN	44965.24	44965.24	44965.24
001.422.5110.0001	TR. DRIVER/LABORER 1	40165.58	40165.58	40165.58

001.422.5110.0001	TR.DRIVER/LABORER 2	34998.47	34998.47	34998.47
001.422.5110.0001	CLERK	16213.21	11213.21	11213.21
001.422.5110.0002	HIGHWAY OVERTIME	10000.00	10400.00	5200.00
001.422.5700.0000	HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE	24400.00	23000.00	18400.00
001.422.5240.0000	TOWN ROADS EXPENSE	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00
001.423.5110.0000	SNOW & ICE SALARY	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
001.423.5700.0000	SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	90000.00	90000.00	80000.00
001.422.5400.0000	HIGHWAY FUEL	40000.00	40000.00	35000.00
001.424.5700.0000	STREET LIGHTING	12822.00	13000.00	13000.00
001.249.5700.0000	TREE MAINTENANCE	2000.00	10000.00	7000.00
001.422.5240.0001	HIGHWAY ROAD MACH MAINT	43500.00	52000.00	30000.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>464484.30</b>	<b>476048.97</b>	<b>425362.30</b>
001.491.5290.0000	CEMETERY CONTRACT SERVICE	16000.00	16000.00	16000.00
001.491.5700.0000	CEMETERY EXPENSE	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
	<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>17000.00</b>	<b>17000.00</b>	<b>17000.00</b>
001.510.5110.0000	BOARD OF HEALTH SALARY	2066.52	2066.52	2066.52
001.510.5110.0001	BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT SALARY	11000.00	11000.00	11000.00
001.510.5700.0000	BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
001.292.5110.0001	ANIMAL INSPECTOR SALARY	1505.56	1505.56	1505.56
001.292.5110.0002	ANIMAL CONTROL SALARY	1505.56	1505.56	1505.56
001.292.5700.0001	ANIMAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	250.00	250.00	250.00
001.292.5700.0002	ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE	350.00	350.00	350.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>20677.64</b>	<b>20677.64</b>	<b>20677.64</b>
001.541.5110.0000	SR. CENTER DIRECTOR SALARY	31889.30	31889.30	31889.30
001.541.5300.0000	NUTRITION CONTRACT SERVICE	7500.00	7500.00	5000.00
001.541.5300.0001	COUNCIL ON AGING MEDICAL PROGRAM	100.00	100.00	100.00
001.541.5700.0000	COUNCIL ON AGING OFFICE EXPENSE	1500.00	1500.00	1000.00
001.541.5700.0001	COUNCIL ON AGING RECREATION	3000.00	3000.00	2000.00
	<b>TOTAL COA</b>	<b>43989.30</b>	<b>43989.30</b>	<b>39989.30</b>
001.542.5110.0000	<b>YOUTH CENTER PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW</b>	<b>25224.76</b>	<b>25642.24</b>	<b>25224.76</b>
001.542.5110.0000	DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR SALARY	15224.76	14423.76	15224.76
001.542.5110.0000	ASSISTANT COORDINATOR SALARY	10000.00	11218.48	10000.00
001.542.5110.0000	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT		0.00	0.00
001.542.5700.0000	YOUTH CENTER EXPENSE	2500.00	4000.00	500.00
	<b>TOTAL YOUTH</b>	<b>27724.76</b>	<b>29642.24</b>	<b>25724.76</b>
001.543.5110.0000	VETERAN AGENT SALARY	1881.67	1881.67	1881.67
001.543.5700.0000	VETERAN AGENT EXPENSE	1300.00	800.00	800.00
001.543.5770.0000	VETERANS BENEFITS	33323.00	36000.00	36000.00
	<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>	<b>36504.67</b>	<b>38681.67</b>	<b>38681.67</b>
001.610.5110.0000	<b>PAIGE LIBRARY PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW</b>	<b>31889.96</b>	<b>31889.96</b>	<b>31889.96</b>
001.610.5110.0000	PAIGE LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	21435.88	21435.88	21435.88
001.610.5110.0000	PAIGE LIBRARY ASSISTANT	10454.08	10454.08	10454.08
001.610.5700.0000	PAIGE LIBRARY EXPENSE	23427.00	23427.00	23427.00
001.611.5700.0000	GILB LIBRARY EXPENSE	23427.00	27991.00	23427.00
	<b>TOTAL LIBRARIES</b>	<b>78743.96</b>	<b>83307.96</b>	<b>78743.96</b>
001.630.5700.0000	PARKS & RECREATION EXPENSE	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
001.692.5700.0000	MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

001.710.5910.0000	MATURING DEBT	31125.00	39954.50	39954.50
001.751.5915.0000	INTEREST	16065.00	7235.50	7235.50
001.911.5690.0000	WORC. COUNTY RETIRE ASSESSMENT	182520.12	183088.00	33088.00
001.913.5780.0000	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	1000.00	5000.00	5000.00
001.914.5150.0000	TOWN SHARE HEALTH INSURANCE	125104.61	185803.85	185803.85
001.915.5150.0001	TOWN SHARE LIFE INSURANCE - TOWN SHARE	2217.60	871.20	871.20
001.916.5150.0000	TOWN SHARE MEDICARE - TOWN SHARE	14636.00	18000.00	18000.00
001.945.5740.0000	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INS.	10820.00	12388.00	12388.00
001.945.5740.0001	GENERAL INSURANCE	36826.95	39734.00	39734.00
001.945.5740.0003	POLICE & FIRE INSURANCE	20818.00	24205.00	24205.00
	<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>443133.28</b>	<b>518280.05</b>	<b>368280.05</b>
001.430.5110.0000	<b>RECYCLING PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW:</b>	<b>32052.38</b>	<b>26962.00</b>	<b>26962.00</b>
001.430.5110.0000	RECYCLING COORDINATOR SALARY	14038.49	9178.00	9178.00
001.430.5110.0000	LABORER 1	5690.46	5230.00	5230.00
001.430.5110.0000	LABORER 2	4917.90	4516.00	4516.00
001.430.5110.0000	LABORER 3	4591.21	4138.00	4138.00
001.430.5110.0000	LABORER 4	2814.32	3900.00	3900.00
001.430.5700.0000	RECYCLING EXPENSES	6189.00	5693.00	5693.00
	<b>TOTAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>38241.38</b>	<b>32655.00</b>	<b>32655.00</b>
001.450.5110.0000	WATER PAYROLL	0.00	0.00	0.00
001.450.5700.0000	WATER EXPENSE	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00
	<b>TOTAL HCWD</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF BUDGETS</b>	<b>4890893.11</b>	<b>5455833.16</b>	<b>4887767.72</b>

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system, construction of a wireless and/or fiber optic network, and any related services, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Sponsor: Broadband Committee**

**Motion made, seconded for the Town to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, including, without limitation, Sections 36 and 47E, and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system, construction of a wireless and/or fiber optic network, and any related services and further a Town**

**shall not acquire such a plant until authorized by a two thirds vote, taken by ballot with the use of the voting list, at each of two town meetings called therefor and held at intervals of not less than two nor more than thirteen months. If the first vote is favorable and the second unfavorable, or if both such votes are unfavorable, no similar vote shall be passed with two years thereafter.**

**Motion passed by more than a 2/3 vote of 118 in favor and 6 opposed by a YES/NO paper ballot given to each voter as their name was checked off on the voter list as they entered this meeting.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of June 16, 1990 under Article #6 wherein the Town voted to approve the following bylaw –

BYLAW ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF HARDWICK AS A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

**Defeated by a hand count vote of 54 opposed and 47 in favor.**

*The Moderator asked if everyone in the audience has a copy of the warrant so they can follow along with the article before them. The audience responded with an affirmative yes answer.*

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer for the Town of Hardwick, as set forth below, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HARDWICK TO APPOINT THE TOWN TREASURER

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary there shall be a Town Treasurer for the Town of Hardwick. The Town Treasurer shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on Town Treasurers. The Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing by the Board of Selectmen of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen may establish an employment contract for the Town Treasurer for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

**Section 2.** Upon the effective date of this act, the elected office of Town Treasurer shall be abolished and the term of such office terminated; provided, however, that any incumbent of such office serving on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent Town Treasurer, or a sooner vacating of the office, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Town Treasurer as under section 1.

**Section 3.** No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the elected office of Town Treasurer and the appointment of a Town Treasurer and the appointed Town Treasurer shall, in all respects, be the lawful successor of the office so abolished. All records, property and equipment of the office of the elected Town Treasurer shall be assigned to the office of the

appointed Town Treasurer.

**Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Harry T. Comerford, Citizen Petition

**TABLED BY MORE THAN A 2/3 VOTE\*.**

**(\*As allowed by Town of Hardwick – ATM- 6/16/07 – A#27 & MGL C39s15.)**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Collector for the Town of Hardwick, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition in relation thereto of the following:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HARDWICK TO APPOINT THE TOWN COLLECTOR

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary there shall be a Town Collector for the Town of Hardwick. The Town Collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on Town Collectors of taxes. The Town Collector shall be appointed and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing by the board of selectmen of the Town.

The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract for the Town Collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

**Section 2.** Upon the effective date of this act, the elected office of Town Collector shall be abolished and the term of such office terminated; provided, however, the person holding the position at the time of the termination shall be the first appointee to the new appointed position of Town Collector and shall hold the office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the Town Collector was elected, unless the incumbent sooner vacates that office. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent Town Collector, or a sooner vacating of the office, the board of selectmen shall appoint a Town Collector as under section 1.

**Section 3.** No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the elected office of Town Collector and the appointment of Town Collector and the appointed Town Collector shall, in all respects, be the lawful successor of the office so abolished.

All records, property and equipment of the office of the elected Town Collector shall be assigned to the office of the appointed Town Collector.

**Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Harry T. Comerford, Citizen Petition

**TABLED. UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 1:39 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 6th day of June 2016.

Kenan P. Young  
Richard V. Kmiec                      BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF HARDWICK  
Kelly G. Allen

This is a true copy. Attest. Eric Vollheim, Constable. Date: June 8, 2016

This day I have posted attested copies as directed. Eric Vollheim, Constable. Date: June 8, 2016.

129 voters in attendance.

14 non-registered persons

No quorum required by Town By-law.

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST.

PAULA L. ROBERTS, CMMC

TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF HARDWICK



