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PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order and declared open by the Moderator, George A. Balko III, at 7:15 p.m. at Wachusett Regional High School. The salute to the flag followed. There were 153 registered voters present. 18 persons without voting privileges were present. Boy Scouts from Troop 182 were recognized, and it was noted the Scouts were working on a communication badge. The Moderator waived the reading of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. No action being necessary, the Article was **passed over**.

ARTICLE 2. On motion made by Alan Berg it was **unanimously voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of providing engineering services for various Public Water system improvement projects in the Town, and to raise said amount by borrowing \$300,000 under G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (22), or any other enabling authority, and to that end the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor totaling \$300,000. **2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED.**

ARTICLE 3. On motion made by Alan Berg it was **unanimously voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 for the costs and expenses of constructing various Public Water system improvement projects in the Town and other costs incidental and related thereto, and to raise said sum by transferring \$1,909 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 9 of the Town Meeting of May 15, 1989, \$4,933 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 15 of the Town Meeting of May 21, 1990, \$5,794 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 16 of the Town Meeting of May 21, 1990, \$6,551 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 10 of the Town Meeting of May 17, 1999, \$6,237 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 22 of the Town Meeting of May 15, 2000, and \$826 in unexpended funds borrowed under Article 7 of the Town Meeting of May 19, 2003; and to borrow the balance of \$2,473,750 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to that end the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds and notes therefor at one time or from time to time totaling \$2,473,750. **2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED.**

ARTICLE 4. On motion made by Richard Bates it was **unanimously voted** that the sum of \$3,600,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs associated with the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause (9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. **2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED.**

ARTICLE 5. On motion made by Glenn Gaudette it was **unanimously voted** that the Town reduce the appropriations made under Article 6 of the May 19, 2008 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting to reflect the Governor's so called "9C" local aid reductions, as follows:

Article 6, Part 1, General Government Budget	(\$ 22,000.00)
Article 6, Part 3, Public Safety Budget	(\$ 50,000.00)
Article 6, Part 6, Public Works Budget	(\$120,798.00)
Article 6, Part 8, Culture Budget	(\$ 15,000.00)
Total Reductions	(\$207,798.00)

ARTICLE 6. On motion made by James Dunn it was **unanimously voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purpose of remodeling and/or making extraordinary repairs to town buildings and to raise said amount by borrowing \$125,000 from the Infrastructure Investment Fund, established by Chapter 366 of the Acts of 1993, subject to an interest rate of zero percent and to be repaid from general revenue within five years of the date of said borrowing, as approved by the trustees of said Fund. **2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED.**

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ARTICLE 7. On motion made by Marilyn Foley it was **unanimously voted** that the Town authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the unexpended appropriations authorized under Article 6, Part 4, Public Works Budget Account No. 014243-5811000 of the May 19, 2008 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, to the FY 2009 Human Services, Veterans Benefits Budget Account No. 015432-577000 for the purposes of assisting qualifying veterans and their dependents under MA General Laws, Chapter 115.

ARTICLE 8. On motion made by Peter Lacy it was **unanimously voted** that the Town transfer from the unexpended appropriations authorized at the May 19, 2008 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, Article 6, Part 4, Public Works Budget from Account No. 014242-578800 in the amount of \$5,451.80 and from Account No. 014112-529900 in the amount of \$2,800, for a total of \$8,251.80 to the FY 2009 Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund to pay a prior year expense of the Water-Sewer Division. **9/10ths VOTE REQUIRED.**

Voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest:

Kathleen M. Peterson, CMC
Town Clerk