

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2006**

The Special Town Meeting scheduled to be held on April 1, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., was called to order by the Moderator, Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg, at 9:49 a.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Street, Kingston, Massachusetts.

The Moderator stated that it was obvious that proper notice had been given and the reading of the warrant was waived. She stated that there was a quorum present.

The vote checkers were: Carol A. Carrera, Christine M. Chipman, Nancy B. Delaney, Lynn M. Flood, Mary M. Leone, Diane M. Poirier, Diane T. Scully and Maureen E. Twohig. The doorkeepers were Donna M. Farrington and Harry E. Monks, Jr.

The sworn tellers were Paul L. Armstrong, Paul F. Basler, and William J. Kavol.

On the motion of Paul M. Gallagher, VOTED that the following non-residents and non-registered residents be allowed to enter and address the Town Meeting:

Mark R. Reich, Town Counsel  
Kevin R. Donovan, Town Administrator  
Joan Paquette, Town Accountant  
Thomas Bott, Town Planner  
Lusia Stewart, Library Director  
Jennifer Scavone, Secretary to Wage & Personnel Board

ARTICLE 1. On the motion of Sandra D. MacFarlane, VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$71,955.72, to supplement the appropriations to the FY 06 Operating Budgets to the following accounts, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$3,598.48 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 10 of the April 3, 2005, Annual Town Meeting; \$225.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 5 of the April 2, 2005, Special Town Meeting; \$5,406.52 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 9 of the April 3, 2004, Annual Town Meeting; \$525.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 9 of the April 3, 2004, Annual Town Meeting; \$12,500.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 5 of the April 27, 2002, Special Town Meeting; \$4,700.72 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote under Article 16 of the May 4, 1998, Annual Town Meeting; and \$45,000.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote from Account 01350 57700 Vocational Education; and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets:

Town Clerk's and Treasurer's Personnel	\$ 1,180.00	Additional appropriation for KTEU Contract
Care of Municipal Property	15,000.00	Gasoline
Care of Municipal Property	9,000.00	Electricity
Care of Municipal Property	4,800.00	Property Repairs
Reserve Fund	<u>41,975.72</u>	Additional Appropriation
	\$71,955.72	

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 2. On the motion of Joseph D. Kelleher, VOTED that the Town amend the General By-Laws by adding a new Article 14 to Chapter 4 establishing an Agricultural Commission as delineated in the printed warrant to the Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

Article 14. Agricultural Commission

4-14-1. Composition and Term of Office A committee to be known as the Agricultural Commission shall be established and composed of five (5) members who are engaged in farming. The appointing authority shall be the Board of Selectmen and the terms of office shall be: Two (2) members for an initial term of three (3) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years; Two (2) members for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years; One (1) member for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen may appoint up to three (3) non-voting associate members for terms of one (1) year, one of whom shall be a Selectman. The other two (2) non-voting associate members shall be engaged in farming or have a farming interest.

Any member of the Commission may be removed for cause after a hearing. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the unexpired term after receiving recommendations from the Agricultural Commission as to the farming interests of the persons so making application.

4-14-2. Purpose The Commission shall develop a work plan to guide its activities. Such activities shall include but not be limited to the following: serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in the Town; promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in the Town; act as mediators, advocates, educators and/or negotiators on farming issues; act in an advisory capacity on farming issues for established town departments, boards and commissions; pursue all initiatives appropriate to create a sustainable agricultural community and to encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

4-14-3. Requirements for a quorum The Agricultural Commission shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a majority of the members of the Agricultural Commission, except to postpone a meeting to a later date certain. The non-voting associate members of the Agricultural Commission, if any, shall not count towards the quorum requirement. The Agricultural Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.39 § 23B.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 3. On the motion of William J. Twohig, VOTED that the Town amend the General By-Laws, Chapter 4, Article 13 entitled "Community Preservation Committee" by adding a new Section as follows:

4-13-6. Exemptions Applications for exemption from the Community Preservation Act surcharge must be filed with the Office of the Board of Assessors no later than thirty (30) days after the issuance of the actual real estate tax bill.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED  
FAVORABLE ACTION.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

On the motion of Robert R. Kostka, VOTED to adjourn without  
day.

There were 47 voters from Precinct 1, 32 voters from  
Precinct 2, 33 voters from Precinct 3, and 29 voters from  
Precinct 4, for a total of 141 voters.

Adjournment was at 9:31 p.m. on April 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Murzyn, CMC/AAE/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**SUMMARY OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:**

<b>Article Number</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Vote</b>
1	Transfer - Supplement FY06 Operating Budgets	\$71,955.72
2	Amend By-Laws C. 4, Article 14 "Agricultural Commission"	VOTED
3	Amend By-Laws C. 4, Article 13, Section 4-13-6.	VOTED