

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 5, 2008**

The Special Town Meeting scheduled to be held on April 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., was called to order by the Moderator, Frances E. Botelho-Hoeg, at 9:20 a.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Street, Kingston, Massachusetts.

The vote checkers were: Janet L. Bergeron, Priscilla W. Brackett, Christine M. Chipman, Hannah M. Creed, Lynn M. Flood, Mary M. Leone, Roberta G. Reed and Maureen E. Twohig. The doorkeepers were Nancy B. Delaney and Martha A. Rashleigh. Diane T. Scully served as an assistant.

The sworn tellers were Paul L. Armstrong, Paul F. Basler and James C. Judge.

On the motion of Mark S. Beaton, 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

ARTICLE 1. On the motion of Paul M. Gallagher, VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$236,737.00 to supplement the appropriations to the FY 08 Operating Budgets to the following accounts; and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$30,000.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote on Article 2 of the April 9, 2007 Annual Town Meeting from Account 01910 51175 Unemployment Compensation, the sum of \$120,145.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$8,310.00 from Surplus Water Revenue, the sum of \$6,520.00 from Surplus Waste Water Revenue, the sum of \$41,762.00 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote on Article 2 of the April 9, 2007 Annual Town Meeting from Account 01300 57700 Silver Lake Regional School Assessment and the sum of \$30,000.00 be appropriated from the Waterways Fund; and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets:

Payroll for 53 rd week	\$154,456.00
Police Department Personnel	17,730.00
Legal	30,000.00
Care of Municipal Property	4,551.00
Harbor Master Expenses	<u>30,000.00</u>
	\$236,737.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 2. On the motion of Robert R. Kostka, VOTED that the sum of \$293,473.13 be appropriated to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for permanent repairs to the Elm Street Pumping Station; and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$213,473.13 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized by the vote on

Article 4 of the April 2, 2005 Special Town Meeting and \$80,000 be transferred from the unexpended appropriations authorized on Article 4 of the April 27, 2002 Annual Town Meeting; and that the Water Commissioners be authorized to take all necessary actions to complete this project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 3. On the motion of John S. LaBrache, VOTED that the Town, in accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Revenue, reserve from Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Open Space Reserve, Historic Resources Reserve, Community Housing Reserve as follows:

<u>Reserve:</u>	
Open Space	\$ 83,778
Historic Resources	\$ 83,778
Community Housing	<u>\$ 83,778</u>
	\$251,334

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 4. On the motion of John S. LaBrache, VOTED that the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated from the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund for the following project; and that the expenditure shall be under the supervision of the respective department or organization:

<u>Department/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Selectmen	Memorial Day Parade	\$ 3,500.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

ARTICLE 5. Mark S. Beaton moved that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 41, § 1B, to make the elected position of Town Treasurer an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however, that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2009 Annual Town Election in response to the following question:

"Shall the town vote to have its elected town treasurer become an appointed treasurer of the town?"

And provided further that if the voters of the Town at the 2009 Annual Town Election were to approve said question, any incumbent Town Treasurer then serving would continue to hold office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the individual was elected or until the individual otherwise vacates the office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE ACTION.

Considerable discussion followed.

Mark S. Beaton moved the question.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

A vote was taken on the motion of Mr. Beaton.

YES - 86; NO - 97

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED.

On the motion of John P. Creed, VOTED to adjourn without day.

There were 76 voters from Precinct 1, 59 voters from Precinct 2, 81 voters from Precinct 3, and 53 voters from Precinct 4, for a total of 269 voters.

Adjournment was at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Murzyn, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

Article Number	Summary	Vote
1	Supplement FY08 Operating Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer 4/9/07 ATM, Art. 2 - \$30,000.00• Surplus Revenue - \$120,145.00• Surplus Water Revenue - \$8,310.00• Surplus Waste Water Revenue - \$6,520.00• Transfer 4/9/07 ATM, Art. 2 - \$41,762.00• Waterways Fund - \$30,000.00	\$236,737.00
2	Transfers - Water - Repairs to Elm Street Pumping Station	293,473.13
3	Community Preservation Fund FY07 - Reserves	251,334.00
4	Elizabeth B. Sampson Fund - Memorial Day Parade	3,500.00
5	Change to appointed Town Treasurer	DEFEATED