Town of Paxton
Office of the Town Clerk
697 Pleasant Street
Paxton MA 01612

Paxton’s Annual Town Meeting
May 6, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 91 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY SERVED AND POSTED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

COUNTERS FOR THE TOWN MEETING WERE: JANICE CARLSON AND KATHRYN KINGSBURY

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Article 1** To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget, or act in any way thereon. See attached budget for itemized items under each budget category. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval for all categories under article 1.

**The first budget category under Article One was General Government.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $1,353,435, for the General Government Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Public Safety**
Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum $1,482,048 for the Public Safety Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Service.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum $633,450 for the Public Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sanitation and Environment.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $296,194 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

The MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Human Services.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $66,157 for the Human Services Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Culture and Recreation.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $183,369 for the Culture and Recreation Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Central Purchasing.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $188,150 for the Central Purchasing Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Debt Service.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $1,248,676 for the Debt Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton then moved the entire budget excluding schools as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $5,451,479 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2014, excluding school, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHOOL BUDGETS

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School Budget:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $268,948 for the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School as requested in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wachusett Regional School District Budget:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate $5,238,066 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, and that the Town raise and appropriate the additional $131,590 required to fully fund the Regional Agreement Spending Assessment, and thereby approve the district’s budget for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of $131,590 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2½ levy limit override under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(g).

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

The Motion was then made to confirm the entire budget for all categories, including schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $5,451,479 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2013, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant;
And I further move that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of $268,948 for the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School as requested in Article 1 of the Warrant.

And I further move that the Town raise and appropriate $5,238,066 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, and that the Town raise and appropriate the additional $131,590 required to fully fund the Regional Agreement Spending Assessment, and thereby approve the district’s budget for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of $131,590 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(g). Motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, water charges or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise or act in any way thereon.

John Malone moved that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums for the Water Department devices:

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Compensations</td>
<td>$124,341</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
<td>$571,717</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debt</td>
<td>$36,538</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$732,596</td>
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And that $732,596.00 be raised as follows:

- Department receipts: $732,596.00
- Retained Earnings: $0.00

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) and appropriate a sum of money, and authorize the Board of Assessors to utilize said sum to offset the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013; or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved article 3 as follows that the Town authorize the Assessors to take $389,222 from available funds (Free Cash) and utilize said sum to offset the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013.
The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $58,192, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase two Ford Interceptor Sedan Police vehicles for the Police Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Police Department’s 2004 and 2006 Crown Victoria police cruisers, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of $58,192, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase two Ford Interceptor Sedan Police vehicles for the Police Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Police Department’s 2004 and 2006 Crown Victoria police cruisers, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $55,325, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ford F350 pick-up truck with four-wheel drive and a plow for the Department of Public Works; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Department of Public Works’ existing 1996 pick-up truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of $55,325, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ford F350 pick-up truck with four-wheel drive and a plow for the Department of Public Works; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Department of Public Works’ existing 1996 pick-up truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $22,500, or any other sum from the Capital Depreciation Fund, to provide a match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of $427,500, and to appropriate the total of said sums ($450,000) to purchase a fully equipped pumper truck for the Fire Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Fire Department’s Engine 2 and Rescue Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of $22,500, from the Capital Depreciation Fund, to provide a match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of $427,500, and to appropriate the total of said sums ($450,000) to purchase a fully equipped pumper truck for the Fire Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Fire Department’s Engine 2 and Rescue Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $19,497 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School improvement project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as Article 3, to pay for the first year’s debt payment for the approved Bay Path Regional Vocational School District renovation project, or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of $19,497 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School improvement project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as Article 3, to pay for the first year’s debt payment for the approved Bay Path Regional Vocational School District renovation project.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, water charges, or borrow through the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of ________________, or any other sum, to replace the existing 75 year old Maple Street standpipe and associated components; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Commissioners.

John Malone moved that the town take no action on Article 8.
The motion was seconded.

Discussion: John Malone explained that they did not have time to get the appropriate information and cost out to the people of the town. The standpipe on Maple St. was built in 1934 and is no longer usable and they are looking to replace it.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish an Open Town Meeting / Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator form of government that would confer upon the Town Administrator, substantially as set forth in a document entitled “Paxton Government Act”, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish an Open Town Meeting / Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator form of government that would confer upon the Town Administrator, the powers and duties substantially as set forth in a document entitled “Paxton Government Act”, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to disband the Capital Outlay Committee formed by a vote of the May 16, 1966 Annual Town Meeting, as the responsibilities of said committee are now performed by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee; or take any action thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to disband the Capital Outlay Committee formed by a vote of the May 16, 1966 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) Bylaw, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and is available for inspection during regular business hours; or take any action thereon.
Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) Bylaw, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and is available for inspection during regular business hours

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

**Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for the fiscal year beginning On July 1, 2013 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, with all expenditures under said revolving accounts not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in prior fiscal year, as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Revolving Fund</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Funds to be Deposited from</th>
<th>Maximum Expenditure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Council on Aging</td>
<td>Van Replacement</td>
<td>Donations and fees from riders</td>
<td>$25,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recreation Revolving</td>
<td>Support of all Recreation Programs</td>
<td>Program fees, donations, private sponsorship, facilities fees</td>
<td>$50,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library</td>
<td>Purchase New Books</td>
<td>Fines for overdue books &amp; videos</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
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</table>
Or act in any way thereon.

It was moved that the Town vote to re-authorize for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, namely, Council on Aging, Recreation Revolving Account and Library Revolving Account.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 14 To** see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and replacing Section 1 with the following:

Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1.1. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of members from each participating town, each such member to be a registered voter of the town that the member represents. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members with representation as follows:

- **Holden**  Four (4) members
- **Paxton**  Two (2) members
- **Princeton**  Two (2) members
- **Rutland**  Two (2) members
- **Sterling**  Two (2) members

Each committee member shall be entitled to one weighted vote at all committee meetings.

1.2. **ALLOCATION OF PROPORTIONAL WEIGHTED VOTES FOR MEMBERS AND TOWNS.**

The total voting value for members from each town represented on the Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall be in proportion to the population of the member town compared to the total population of all member towns combined. Population data shall be the latest annual official Town census, as certified by the Town Clerk of each of the member towns. The calculated total voting value for a member town shall be equally divided amongst the elected and/or appointed members from the member town to determine the assigned weighted voting factor for individual committee members of the member town.
The calculated weighted voting factors for each member and town based upon the 2012 Town census figures are set forth in Table 1.

**TABLE 1**

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<th>Town</th>
<th>2012 Census Population [Towns]</th>
<th>Percentage of Combined Population</th>
<th>K-12 Committee Members</th>
<th>Weight Member Town</th>
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<tr>
<td>Holden</td>
<td>18,568</td>
<td>43.18%</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>10.79% 43.18%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paxton</td>
<td>4,590</td>
<td>10.68%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5.34% 10.68%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>3,562</td>
<td>8.28%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4.14% 8.28%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rutland</td>
<td>8,787</td>
<td>20.44%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10.22% 20.44%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sterling</td>
<td>7,488</td>
<td>17.42%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8.71% 17.42%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALS</strong>:</td>
<td><strong>42,995</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
<td><strong>12</strong></td>
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1.3. Such allocation of weighted votes shall be reviewed, and adjusted if necessary, annually on or before July 1st. The allocation of weighted votes will be so calculated as to have all representatives from a member town assigned the same vote value.

1.4. With the exception of the terms of office of the existing membership of the Committee, the Committee membership shall remain constant at twelve (12) members.

Downsizing of the current Committee (22) will be accomplished by reducing by half the number of open seats rounded up to the next whole number for a member town at each town election until the member town attains the required number of seats as set forth in Table 1. Should a member resign and the Town is still above the required number of seats, that seat shall be eliminated as of the effective date of the resignation.

1.5. Each member's voting weight will be calculated on a yearly basis as of July 1st of any given year in accordance with the Member Towns' annual census. Should a member resign and the position will not be replaced due to downsizing, or after an election where the size of the Committee is reduced, the weight of votes will be recalculated immediately.

1.6. The District shall annually request and obtain from the Town Clerks official annual census figures before July 1st of each year. The District shall give written notice to the Board of Selectmen of the member towns of any resulting changes in the voting allocation of any member town.

1.7. The method of nomination or election of the members to the Wachusetts Regional District School Committee from a member town shall be the same as candidates for an elective office in the member
town. All members shall be elected for a three (3) year term. If a vacancy occurs in the Wachusett Regional District School Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectmen of the member town to which the vacancy relates shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and his successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

1.8. Weighing the votes of Committee Members according to the population of the Town they represent shall be effective at the first organizational meeting of the Committee after the approval of the Amendments by the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District. A majority of the Members' weighted vote shall constitute a quorum of the full School Committee and not a majority of its members.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended disapproval.

**MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013 by deleting the existing Section 1. Members of the Regional District School Committee, subparagraphs 1.1. through 1.6. inclusive and by substituting therein the following language:

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended disapproval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.**

**Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 9 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follow (new text underlined):

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.
Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 9, Annual Report, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding the following sentence:

"When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge." so that Section 9 reads as follows:

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 16  To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 14.1. of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follows (deleted text in strikethrough, new text underlined):

The Wachusett Regional School District Agreement shall be reviewed every five (5) three (3) years by the Committee. The Committee shall hold a public hearing to receive comment and proposed changes from the citizens of the Member Towns. The Committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the Selectboards of the Member Towns.

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14.1
OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT
Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.1 of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the number "five (5)" and inserting the number "three (3)" as contained in Article 16 of the warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORTON THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

**Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 14.2 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follows (new text underlined):

This Agreement may be amended by recommendation of the Committee and approval of Member Towns of the District by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting provided that not more than one Member Town disagrees and subject to the approval by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. No such amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes of the District then outstanding or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof; provided, that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon (Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951).

**MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14.2 OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.2. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education" in Section 14.2. and
inserting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education" as contained in Article 17 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement by adding a new Section 17.7 as follows:

Section 17.7: Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit.

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 17
OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 17. Lease of Schools of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding a new Section 17.7 which reads as follows:

17.7. Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Title V Fund Balance, a sum of $7,698 from Special Assessments Title V Receipts Account (septic system loan program) to pay
the principle and interest due on Notes payable to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

John Malone moved that the Town appropriate from the Title V Fund Balance, a sum of $7,698 from Special Assessments Title V Receipts Account (septic system loan program) to pay the principle and interest due on Notes payable to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A note of appreciation was given to Brett Drum for his help at the meeting.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 8:12P.M.

Submitted by:
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk
Roger Brunelle, Moderator