## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES OF WARRANT MAY 19, 2014

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Somerset was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by the Town Moderator Lucia Casey.

<u>Article 1</u>: To choose all Town Officers as required by law, to be chosen by ballot. This article was taken care of in the election of May 12, 2014.

**Article 2**: To hear the report of the Town Officers and act thereon.

<u>Article 3</u>: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means which a Treasurer may use when acting as Collector.

**Article 4**: To hear and act on the report of any Committee and choose any Committee the Town may think proper.

A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau and seconded by Steve Rivard that the Town vote to adopt articles 2, 3, & 4 as written and recommended. A motion was made by Christopher Murphy for indefinite postponement of Article 3. With no second, the Moderator declared that the motion to amend failed. With no further discussion on the main motion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative to accept Articles 2, 3, & 4 as written and recommended.

<u>Article 5</u>: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allocated or to be allocated by the Commonwealth and/or the County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, pursuant to the terms of said funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Bob Lima that the Town vote to accept Article 5. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative to accept Article 5 as written and recommended.

<u>Article 6</u>: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Table II Compensation Plan as set forth in the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw adopted under Article 3 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 1986, and amendments thereto, or take any action relative thereto:

TABLE II FY 2015 COMPENSATION PLAN

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GRADES	STEPS								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
M1	441.35	458.97	477.95	496.36	516.21	536.98	558.39	580.72	603.95
M2	481.07	500.27	520.29	541.08	562.73	585.22	608.62	632.96	658.28
М3	524.35	545.28	567.09	589.77	614.03	637.88	662.33	688.82	716.37
M4	571.54	594.40	618.14	642.83	668.55	695.30	723.12	752.04	782.13
M5	622.96	647.83	673.72	700.66	728.61	757.81	788.07	819.60	852.38
M6	678.99	706.17	734.34	763.66	794.25	825.91	859.04	893.40	929.13
M7	740.02	769.74	800.51	832.52	865.81	900.37	936.37	973.83	1012.78
M8	806.71	838.74	872.49	907.41	943.68	981.42	1020.21	1061.02	1103.46
М9	879.37	914.56	951.06	989.14	1028.64	1069.81	1112.61	1157.11	1203.39
M10	958.48	996.85	1036.63	1078.04	1121.16	1165.99	1212.66	1261.16	1311.61
M11	1044.78	1086.55	1129.93	1175.15	1222.12	1271.03	1321.82	1374.69	1429.68
M12	1138.71	1184.31	1231.58	1280.88	1332.11	1385.38	1440.72	1498.35	1558.29
M13	1241.28	1286.30	1342.53	1396.19	1452.01	1510.08	1570.47	1633.29	1698.62
M14	1318.66	1371.39	1426.25	1483.31	1542.63	1604.33	1668.51	1735.25	1804.66
M15	1474.76	1533.73	1595.05	1658.78	1725.15	1794.09	1865.80	1940.44	2018.05
M16	1607.48	1671.74	1738.59	1803.13	1880.41	1955.63	2033.77	2115.12	2199.72

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Selectman Setters to accept Article 6 as written and recommended. Discussion followed by Mr. Lebeau. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

<u>Article 7</u>: To see if the Town will vote to establish the annual salaries of its elected officers commencing July 1, 2014, as follows:

Town Moderator	\$400.00
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$6,000.00
Board of Selectmen, (2 members-each)	\$3,000.00
Board of Selectmen, Clerk	\$2,500.00
Board of Health, Chairman	\$2,500.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$3,950.00
Assessors, (2 members-each)	\$3,450.00
Treasurer	\$53,332.00
Tax Collector	\$53,332.00
Town Clerk	\$53,332.00
Planning Board, (5 members-each)	\$500.00
Planning Board, Chairman	\$275.00
Planning Board, Clerk	\$275.00
Library Trustees, (6 members-each)	\$400.00
Library Trustee, Chairman	\$275.00
Library Trustee, Secretary	\$225.00
Playground & Recreation Commissioners, (5 members-each)	\$400.00
Playground & Recreation Commission, Chairman	\$275.00
Playground & Recreation Commission, Clerk	\$275.00
School Committee (5 members-each)	\$3,450.00
Water & Sewer Commissioners, Chairman	\$4,000.00
Water & Sewer Commissioners, (2 members-each)	\$3,500.00

A motion is made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town vote to accept Article 7 as written and recommended. Discussion followed by Steven Moniz, New Hampshire Avenue. Following brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moniz to amend Article 7 to read Board of Selectman Chairman to \$2,750.00, Board of Selectman 2 members each to \$1,500.00, Board of Selectman Clerk to \$1,250.00, Board of Health Chairman to \$1,250.00. There was a second on the floor. Discussion followed by Mr. Moniz, Mr. Lebeau, Mr. Machado, Mrs. Coray, Mrs. Marilyn Souza, Mrs. Patti Steele. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to move the question. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. Moniz that the vote be taken by ballot. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> from the floor. The motion failed by a majority vote in the negative. The Moderator called for the vote on the motion to amend. The motion failed by a majority vote of the body. The Moderator opened the floor for additional discussion on the original motion. Discussion followed by Mr. Machado who made a motion to amend Article 7 to reduce the annual salary of all elected officials making more than \$1,000 with the exception of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Town Tax Collector, as they are full-time positions, be reduced to \$1,000 with \$0 for additional positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Discussion followed on the motion to amend by Mr. Lebeau, Mr. Ouellette, Mr. Bamford, Cheryl Crossley-Simmons, and Christopher Murphy. Mr. Murphy made a motion to move the question, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the floor. The Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative to move the question. The Moderator called for a vote on Mr. Machado's motion to amend. The motion failed by majority vote as declared by the Moderator. The Moderator opened the floor to discussion on the original motion. A motion was made by Mr. Peirce to move the question followed by several seconds from the floor. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. The Moderator called for the vote on the main motion to accept Article 7 as written and recommended. Article 7 carried by a majority vote in the affirmative as declared by the Moderator.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for the ensuing 12 month period beginning July 1, 2014, as follows:

### A. GENERAL BUDGET

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APPROPRIATION	SERVICES	EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION
113 Town Meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0
114 Town Moderator	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
122 Selectmen	\$122,969.00	\$2,525.00	\$125,494.00
123 Town Administrator	\$108,237.00	\$1,724.00	\$109,961.00
124 Contingent	\$0.00	\$6,132.00	\$6,132.00
131 A & F Committee	\$3,350.00	\$300.00	\$3,650.00

134 Centrex	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
135 Town Accountant	\$164,932.00	\$3,185.00	\$168,117.00
136 Annual Audit	\$0.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
137 Computer	\$0.00	\$58,600.00	\$58,600.00
141 Assessors	\$112,755.00	\$4,700.00	\$117,455.00
143 Tax Foreclosure	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
145 Town Treasurer	\$127,392.00	\$33,250.00	\$160,642.00
146 Tax Collector	\$100,751.00	\$25,050.00	\$125,801.00
151 Law Department	\$0.00	\$163,550.00	\$163,550.00
161 Town Clerk	\$95,699.00	\$5,650.00	\$101,349.00
162 Elec. & Regr.	\$17,500.00	\$28,940.00	\$46,440.00
171 Conservation Comm	\$16,217.00	\$0	\$16,217.00
175 Planning Board	\$6,550.00	\$950.00	\$7,500.00
176 Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,025.00	\$4,050.00	\$7,075.00
181 Economic Dev. Comm.	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
184 Cable Advisory	\$1,225.00	\$775.00	\$2,000.00
192 Town Office	\$97,673.00	\$43,500.00	\$141,173.00
193 Old Town Hall	\$0.00	\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00
195 Town Reports	\$0.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
198 Insurance (Gen. Govt: \$3,163,164.00) (School Dept: \$4,574,185.00)	\$0.00	\$7,737,349.00	\$7,737,349.00
199 FICA- General Government	\$0.00	\$109,000.00	\$109,000.00
199 FICA- School Department	\$0.00	\$142,500.00	\$142,500.00
205 Fire/Police Station	\$37,358.00	\$94,414.00	\$131,772.00
210 Police Department	\$2,279,257.00	\$176,162.00	\$2,455,419.00
215 E-911 Dispatch	\$369,396.00	\$11,369.00	\$380,765.00
220 Fire Department	\$1,423,577.00	\$74,925.00	\$1,498,502.00
241 Bldg. Insp./Zoning Agent	\$52,780.00	\$1,880.00	\$54,660.00
242 Gas & Plumbing	\$25,611.00	\$775.00	\$26,386.00
244 Sealer of Standards	\$3,300.00	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
245 Wiring Inspector	\$14,750.00	\$252.00	\$15,002.00
291 Emergency Mgmnt.	\$2,500.00	\$6,770.00	\$9,270.00
292 Dog Officer	\$0.00	\$40,291.00	\$40,291.00
294 Tree Warden	\$500.00	\$11,100.00	\$11,600.00
295 Harbor Master	\$4,000.00	\$5,030.00	\$9,030.00
296 Insect Pest Control	\$400.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,425.00
299 Inspector of Animals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410 Engineering	\$42,529.00	\$2,450.00	\$44,979.00
420 Highway Department	\$661,565.00	\$43,930.00	\$705,495.00
423 Snow Removal	\$74,500.00	\$85,500.00	\$160,000.00
424 Street Lights	\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00
425 Traffic Signal Maint.	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
431 Landfill	\$0.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
440 Water Pollution Control	\$873,040.00	\$817,350.00	\$1,690,390.00
480 Vehicle Maint. Facility	\$110,944.00	\$326,250.00	\$437,194.00
510 Board of Health	\$41,595.00	\$1,150.00	\$42,745.00
522 Town Nurse	\$29,602.00	\$475.00	\$30,077.00
541 Council on Aging	\$68,514.00	\$7,165.00	\$75,679.00
543 Veterans Benefits	\$47,628.00	\$306,550.00	\$354,178.00
544 Graves Registration	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,700.00
610 Libraries	\$373,424.00	\$122,080.00	\$495,504.00
630 Playground & Rec.	\$76,210.00	\$4,450.00	\$80,660.00
633 Public Outdoor Facilities	\$0.00	\$31,074.00	\$31,074.00
691 Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
692 Public Celebrations	\$0.00	\$3,760.00	\$3,760.00
693 AmVets	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
694 American Legion	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
695 VFW	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
696 Mun & Hist Bldgs. 710 Maturing Debt	\$0.00	\$45,750.00	\$45,750.00
General Government	\$0.00	\$866,251.00	\$866,251.00
710 Maturing Debt School Department	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
753 Interest Appropriation General Government	\$0.00	\$163,177.00	\$163,177.00
753 Interest Appropriation School Department	\$0.00	\$24,563.00	\$24,563.00
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832 Contributory Retirement	\$0.00	\$2,146,999.00	\$2,146,999.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVT. \$7,592,155.00 \$14,229,672.00 \$21,821,827.00

	APPROVED FY 2014	PROPOSED FY 2015	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Personal Services	\$ 7,962,568.00	\$ 7,592,155.00	(\$370,413.00)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 3,213,003.00	\$ 3,141,333.00	(\$ 71,670.00)
Fixed Expenses	\$10,857,761.00	\$11,088,339.00	\$230,578.00
TOTALS:	\$22,033,332.00	\$21,821,827.00	(\$211,505.00)

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,821,827.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, for the purposes of the General Budget as designated and that said sum be transferred and raised as follows: by transferring \$9,030.00 from the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund and by raising \$21,812,797.00 from Taxation. Discussion followed by Chief Joseph Ferreira, SPD. A motion was made by Chief Ferreira that line item 210, Police Department, Personal Services be increased by \$100,000.00 to read \$2,379,257.00. There were several 2<sup>nd</sup> from the floor. Discussion followed by Chief Ferreira, Mr. Lebeau, Maria Monte, Thomas Ouellette, David Correira, Mrs. Coray. A motion was made by a member of the voting body to move the question, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from the floor. Motion to move the motion to amend was voted unanimous in the affirmative. The Moderator called for the vote on the motion to amend. Unable to determine by a voice vote, a standing counted vote was requested by the Moderator. Voted 110 in the affirmative, 156 in the negative, the motion to amend failed. The Moderator opens the floor for discussion on the original motion. Discussion followed by Maria Monte and Town Clerk Dolores Berge. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator took the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative as declared by the Moderator.

### **APPROPRIATION**

**8B:** School Department

PERSONAL	<b>OPERATINGTOTAL</b>
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SERVICES EXPENSES APPROPRIATION \$13,540,200.00 \$4,379,678.00 \$17,919,878.00

A motion was made by Mr. Mahjoory and seconded by Mr. Peirce that the Town vote to accept Article 8B and that said sum be raised by taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Mahjoory, Mrs. Coray, Mr. Coray, and Chris Godet. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the motion. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

# APPROPRIATION

**8C:** Water Department

PERSONAL	OPERATING	TOTAL
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**SERVICES EXPENSES APPROPRIATION** \$ 985,243.00 \$ \$2,332,230.00 \$ \$ 3,317,473.00

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by several members of the voting body on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,317,473.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$3,317,473.00 be raised from Water Enterprise Fund Receipts. Discussion followed by Mr. O'Brien. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau that articles 1 through 8C not be reconsidered followed by several  $2^{nd}$  from the floor. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**Article 9**: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Selectman David Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. The motion was seconded from the floor. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

<u>Article 10</u>: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Unused Sick Leave Account as provided in the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw, Article II, Employee Benefits, Section I, Sick Leave.

A motion was made by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lebeau. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating and capital expenses of the Somerset-Berkley Regional School District, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Peirce, SBRSD, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,229,653.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of operating expenses for the Somerset Berkley Regional School District, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset and that said sum be raised by Taxation. The total assessment consisting of two parts: an operating assessment of \$7,465,508.00 and a capital assessment of \$764,145.00. The motion was seconded on the floor. Discussion followed by Mr. Peirce, Pattie Steele, Tony Kucikas, Arnold Bamford, Mr. Coray. A motion was made by Steve Rivard to move the question, there was several 2<sup>nd</sup> on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Moderator called for a vote on the main motion. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

There is a motion made by Patricia Haddad for no reconsideration of Article 11. There were several 2<sup>nd</sup> from the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

<u>Article 12</u>: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating expenses of the **Greater Fall River Vocational Technical High School District** as provided for by section 6 of chapter 697 of the Acts of 1962, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,463,766.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Taxation. The motion was seconded from the floor. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Christopher Godet to move Articles 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 to be heard at this point. The motion was seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative. A motion was then made by Mr. Burke, EDC, to move Article 26 to after Article 38, as they are related. There was a  $2^{nd}$  on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 27: "To see if the town will vote to establish and create an elected position of Board of Public Safety Commission for the Town of Somerset with three (3) members elected to the Board of Public Safety Commission, and to take all other necessary action in regard thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 2", as petitioned. For the next Annual Town Election in May of 2015

Town of Somerset vote to establish and create an elected position of Board of Public Safety Commission the membership of the Somerset Board of Public Safety Commission will be three (3) members and that on May of 2015 the next Annual Town Election, there shall be three (3) newly created members, which one (1) member shall be elected for a three (3) year term, one (1) member shall be elected for a two (2) year term and one (1) member shall be elected for a one (1) year term, so thereafter each new member will be elected to a three (3) year term with no salary or pay stipend, the Somerset Board of Public Safety Commission will oversee the Police Department, Police Chief and Fire Department, Fire Chief and Communication Center, Telecommunication Operator, Emergency

Medical Dispatcher, and any and all other law enforcement and fire prevention providers, as well as the proper licenses and permits, as petitioned."

A motion was made by Mr. Godet and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 27. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Christopher Murphy that the Town so vote. There was a second from the floor. Discussion by Mr. Murphy. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to move the question. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator called for the vote. The motion failed by a nearly unanimous vote in the negative.

Article 28: "To see if the town will vote to establish and create an elected position of Board of Public Health Commission for the Town of Somerset with three (3) members elected to the Board of Public Health Commission, and to take all other necessary action in regard thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 2", as petitioned. For the next Annual Town Election in May of 2015

Town of Somerset vote to establish and create an elected position of Board of Public Health Commission the membership of the Somerset Board of Public Health Commission will be three (3) members and that on May of 2015 the next Annual Town Election, there shall be three (3) newly created members, which one (1) member shall be elected for a three (3) year term, one (1) member shall be elected for a two (2) year term and one (1) member shall be elected for a one (1) year term, so thereafter each new member will be elected to a three (3) year term with no salary or pay stipend, the Somerset Board of Public Health Commission will oversee the Health Department, Health Agent/Health Inspector, any and all town physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, life guards, and any and all other health care providers, as well as the proper licenses and permits, as petitioned".

A motion was made by Mr. Godet and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 28. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Christopher Murphy and seconded from the floor that the Town vote to accept Article 28. There was a motion to move the question and a  $2^{nd}$  from the floor. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator called for the vote. The motion failed by a nearly unanimous vote in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Rivard for no reconsideration of Articles 27 & 28. There was a  $2^{nd}$  from the floor. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 29: "To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5), and to take all other necessary action in regard thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 2", as petitioned. For the next Annual Town Election in May 2015

Town of Somerset vote to increase the membership of the Somerset Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members and that on May of 2015 the next Annual Town Election, there shall be two (2) newly created members, which one (1) member shall be elected for a three (3) year term and one (1) member shall be elected for a two (2) year term, so thereafter each new member will be elected to a three (3) year term, as petitioned."

A motion was made by Mr. Godet and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 29. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and there was a  $2^{nd}$  from the floor to accept Article 29. Discussion followed by Mr. Murphy. A motion was made by Mr. Rivard and seconded on the floor to move the question. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote. The Moderator called for the vote. The motion failed by a majority vote in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Rivard for no reconsideration of Article 29. There was a  $2^{nd}$  from the floor. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 30: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize to establish and create the separate, elected positions of Town Treasurer and Town Tax Collector in place of the present, combined, appointed position of Town Treasurer/Collector, and to take all other necessary action in regard thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 1", as petitioned.

Town of Somerset vote to establish and create the separate, elected positions of Town Treasurer and Town Tax Collector, there shall be two (2) newly created separate, elected positions, which one (1) Town Treasurer shall be elected for a three (3) year term and one (1) Town Tax Collector shall be elected for a three (3) year term, so thereafter each new position will be elected to a three (3) year term

and the salary of \$53,127.00 the same as it was before the Monday March 24, 2014 Somerset Special Town Meeting Article# 13 vote was taken. For the persons who won the office elect for Somerset Town Treasurer and Somerset Town Tax Collector at the Annual Town Election on May 12, 2014 will remain the elected officers for the office of both Somerset Town Treasurer and Somerset Town Tax Collector until their three (3) year term is up at the Annual Town Election on May of 2017 so thereafter both the Somerset Town Treasurer and Somerset Town Tax Collector will be elected to a three (3) year term, as petitioned."

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 30. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to accept Article 30. Discussion followed by Mr. Murphy and Atty. David Correira. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion failed by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by David Messier and seconded from the floor for no reconsideration of Article 30. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

<u>Article 13</u>: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the operating expenses of the **Bristol County Agricultural School** as provided for by section 82 of chapter 6 of the Acts of 1991, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

A motion was made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,019.00 for the purposes of this article, and that said sum be raised by Taxation. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Account #753 (Long Term Interest) and Account #710 (Maturing Debt) for the purpose of paying interest and principal relating to sewer infrastructure debt.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$219,033.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fees. Discussion followed by Mr. O'Brien. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund, authorized pursuant to General Laws chapter 29, section 2Z, said funds to be used to offset in part the Fiscal Year 2015 Sewer Debt Service authorized pursuant to chapter 44, section 7(1), of the General Laws and appropriated under Articles 8A and 14 of this meeting, items number 710 (Maturing Debt) and 753 (Interest Appropriation), or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to accept funds from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund, pursuant to General Laws chapter 29, section 2Z, and that said funds be used to offset in part the Fiscal Year 2015 Sewer Debt Service authorized pursuant to chapter 44, section 7 (1), of the General Laws and appropriated under Articles 8A and 14 of this Annual Town Meeting, items numbered 710 (Maturing Debt) and 753 (Interest Appropriation). Discussion followed by Mr. O'Brien. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

<u>Article 16</u>: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E, to specify that the appropriation for the annual ordinary operating costs of the **Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services** be offset, in part, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by said Department.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$950,000.00 for the purposes of this Article and that said sum be raised from Fire Department Emergency Medical Services offset receipts. Discussion followed by Mr. O'Brien. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expense of collecting and disposing of mixed solid waste, recyclables, yard waste, and white goods and to determine whether pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E, the appropriation for said expense will be offset, in part or in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged for rubbish bags pursuant to Article 10 of the February 8, 1993,

Special Town Meeting, as well as from funds raised by taxation or transferred from available funds in the Treasury.

A motion was made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 17. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$650,000.00 be raised from 'offset receipts', pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53D, and that the sum of \$550,000.00 be raised from Taxation. Discussion followed by Mr. Lebeau, and Mr. Coray. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue the revolving fund for the Somerset Town Nursing Program, such fund to be used to collect and disperse funds in connection with conducting flu clinics, rabies clinics or other departmental programs, to provide further that all fees and charges paid in connection therewith shall be deposited into said revolving fund, and to provide that without further appropriation, the Board of Health may authorize disbursements from said fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed \$80,000.00 to be used for the cost of purchasing medical supplies in conjunction with conducting flu clinics, rabies clinics and other departmental programs, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded on the floor that Town so vote. The motion was seconded from the floor. Discussion followed by Mr. Lebeau. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue the revolving fund to be used to collect and disburse funds in connection with administering the "Board of Health Regulations Concerning Vacant and Foreclosing Properties" and "Town of Somerset By-law Concerning Vacant and Foreclosing Properties", and to provide that without further appropriation, the Board of Health may authorize disbursements from said fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be used for the costs of administering said regulations, and performing remediation and maintenance work as needed and authorized by law, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town so vote. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue the revolving fund for the Library's Lost and/or Damaged Library Materials Program, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds in connection with the replacement of lost and/or damaged library materials, to provide further that all fees and charges paid in connection therewith shall be deposited into said revolving fund, and to provide that without further appropriation, the Board of Library Trustees may authorize disbursements from said fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed \$2,000.00 to be used for the costs of replacing lost/or damaged library materials, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town so vote. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue the revolving fund for the **Somerset Fire Department** to collect and disperse funds in connection with hazardous material ("Haz-Mat") incidents, to provide further that all fees and charges paid in connection therewith shall be deposited into said revolving fund, and to provide that without further appropriation, the Board of Selectmen may authorize disbursements from said fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be used for the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment and/or any incurred Haz-Mat related expenses, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town so vote. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Department, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue a revolving fund for the Public School's Early Childhood Program, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in such program, and to further provide that all receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees received by the School Department for participation in the Early Childhood Program shall be deposited in the Early Childhood Program Revolving Fund under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and to provide that the School Committee may authorize disbursements from such revolving fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed an aggregate total of \$75,000.00, pass any vote, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Mahjoory and seconded by Mrs. Rothwell that the Town vote to accept Article 22 as written and recommended. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Department, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue a revolving fund for the Public School's Creative Arts Program, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in such program, and to provide further that all receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees received by the School Department for participation in the Creative Arts Program shall be deposited in the Creative Arts Program Revolving Fund under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and to provide that the School Committee may authorize disbursements from such revolving fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed an aggregate total of \$20,000.00, pass any vote, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Mahjoory and seconded by Mrs. Rothwell that the Town so vote to accept Article 23 as written and recommended. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Department, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to continue a revolving fund for the receipt of P.T.O. Grants, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds for the nurturing, care, and education of students enrolled in the Somerset Public Schools, and to provide further that all receipts received by the School Department as P.T.O. Grants shall be deposited in said P.T.O. Revolving Account under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and to provide that the School Committee may authorize disbursements from such revolving fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed an aggregate total of \$50,000.00, pass any vote, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion as made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 18 and seconded on the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Mahjoory and seconded by Mrs. Rothwell that the Town so vote to accept Article 23 as written and recommended. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept chapter 73, section 4, of the Acts of 1986, as amended by chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, to allow an additional exemption which shall be uniform for a Surviving Spouse (Clause 17), for Veterans (Clause 22), for the Elderly (Clause 41C) and for the Blind (Clause 37), and none of which shall exceed seventy-five (75%) per cent of said exemptions for which they qualify for Fiscal Year 2015, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Michael Correia and seconded by several on the floor. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 were motioned to be heard after Article 12.

<u>Article 31:</u> To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, section 5, clause 54, in order to establish a minimum value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for personal property accounts, effective July 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Correia and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. chapter 59, section 5, clause 54, for the purpose of establishing a minimum value of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) for personal property accounts, effective July 1, 2014. Discussion followed by Mr. Coray and Mr. Correia. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of data collection regarding residential and commercial permits, as required to satisfy the requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Correia and seconded by Mr. Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 33: To see if the will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of continuing to list personal properties in the Town of Somerset to satisfy the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue's re-certification requirements, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Correia and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds raised by sewer infrastructure fee a sum of money for the purposes of obtaining engineering, design and construction services, including any licensing and legal expenses, in order to update the SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) computer control system at the Water Pollution Control Facility, or take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by the Sewer Infrastructure fee. Discussion followed by Mr. Walsh. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of continuing to fund the development of the Town's website, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowings authorized for the following purposes:

Article 14 of the May 20, 1991, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #90-2701-000) for additional construction and reconstruction of the sewage treatment and disposal facility;

Article 27 of the May 15, 1995, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #90-2702-000) for the purpose of constructing composting modifications and odor management facilities at the Wastewater Facility;

Article 26 of the May 21, 2001, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #61-2705-000) for the construction of various water main replacement projects, repairs to the existing water treatment facility, additions and repairs to Well #2 and the Segregansett River intake station, cleaning and painting Hot & Cold Lane Water tank and making modifications and upgrades to the Hot & Cold Lane Booster Pump Station.

Article 24 of the May 19, 2003, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #90-2706-000) for the purpose of reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the South Middle and South School Roofs;

Article 31 of the May 16, 2005, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #90-2915-000) for the construction of various water pollution abatement projects;

Article 38 of the May 17, 2010, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #61-2711-000) for the construction of a new water storage tank, reconstruction or new construction of the water tank located at Hot & Cold Lane, and remodeling or repairs to Segregansett River Intake Station.

A motion was made by Mr. Setters and seconded from the floor that the Town so vote. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters. A motion was made by Mr. Setters to amend Article 36 to delete "Article 31 of the May 16, 2005, Annual Town Meeting (Acct. #90-2915-000) for the construction of various water pollution abatement projects". The motion was seconded by Mr. Berube. Discussion followed by Mr. Coray and Mr. Setters. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion to amend carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on the motion as amended. The motion as amended carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or to acquire by negotiated purchase or otherwise underground utility easements across the following-described land in order to provide utility services to Town-owned property and to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for said purpose:

### **Easement 1:**

Beginning at the northwest corner of land now or formerly of The Southcoast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Partnership, shown as Lot 236 on Assessor's Map B-4, the point of beginning;

Thence S 30° 03' 59" W, a distance of 20 feet along the westerly lot line of said lot;

Thence S 60° 1' 3" E, a distance of 120 feet to a point;

Thence northeasterly parallel to the westerly lot line of said lot a distance of 20 feet;

Thence N 59° 56' 56" W, a distance of 120 feet to the point of beginning.

#### **Easement 2:**

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 105 of the Suburbia Subdivision as noted on the Plan of Section No. 1 of Suburbia Plat Somerset, Mass. Dated December 1, 1954, shown as Lot B-4 on Assessor's Map B-4;

Thence southerly along the easterly line of said Lot a distance of 125 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot;

Thence a distance of 20 feet west along the southerly line of said Lot;

Thence northerly a distance of 125 feet parallel to the easterly lot line of said Lot to the northerly line of said Lot;

Thence easterly a distance of 20 feet along the northerly lot line of said Lot back to the point of beginning.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 37. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or acquire by negotiated purchase or otherwise underground utility easements across land as described in Article 37 in order to provide utility services to Townowned property, and to appropriate the sum of \$10,001.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 18 of the May 15, 1995, Annual Town Meeting by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to increase the number of citizens who may be appointed to the Economic Development Committee from twelve (12) citizens to eighteen (18) citizens.

A motion was made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. Mahjoory that the Town vote to increase the size of the Economic Development Committee, as set forth in Article 38. Discussion followed by Mr. Burke, EDC. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 26: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an official Reuse and Redevelopment Advisory Committee as a sub-committee of the Somerset Economic Development Committee to participate in reuse and redevelopment planning for Montaup and Brayton Point sites. Said committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) citizens at large, a Selectman or

designee, a member of the Somerset Board of Assessors or designee, a member of the Somerset Economic Development Committee, and a member of the Advisory and Finance Committee or designee.", as petitioned.

A motion was made by Connie Brodeur that Article 26 be indefinitely postponed. There was a second from the floor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000.00 and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters, Atty. Correira, and Mr. Godet. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 32B, section 20, and establish a separate fund to be known as "Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund" in order to help meet the Town's unfunded liability for future health care and other post-employment benefits and to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to begin the funding said "Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund".

A motion was made by Mr. Setters that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 32B, section 20, and establish a separate fund to be known as "Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund", and to appropriate the sum of \$785,633.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Setters and Mr. Godet. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to accept Daisy Court as a town street, if and as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and to take by eminent domain or acquire by any other lawful means any fee, easement, or other interest in land necessary therefor, no appropriation being required. A motion was made by Mr. Simons and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to accept Daisy Court as a Town street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and to take by eminent domain or acquire by any other lawful means any fee, easement, or other interest in land necessary thereof, no appropriation being required. Discussion followed by Mr. Simons. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried as written and recommended by the Planning Board.

<u>Article 42</u>: To see if the Town will vote to accept drainage easements from Edward K. Michno and Kathryn E. Michno and from Thomas R. Tripp and Ginger A. Tripp in and over the following-described land in connection with the acceptance of Daisy Court as a town street:

Beginning at a concrete bound located at the westerly point of reverse curvature of the existing cul-de-sac of Daisy Court, at the southeasterly property line of the land now or formerly of Kathryne E. & Edward K. Michno;

Thence turning and running southwesterly 27.18' to a point along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 60.00', this point being the common front corner of lots 103 and 118, being the beginning of the herein described drainage easement;

Thence running S 54°31'12" W, 22.77' to a point at a corner of the property line between lots 103 and 118;

Thence running S 88°22'02" W, 36.39' to a point at the western property line of lot 103 at the corner of a stone wall;

Thence running S 34°15'46" W, 8.47' to a point along the western property line of lot 103 at the corner of a stone wall;

Thence running S 11°05'46" W, 227.68' to a point along the western property line of lot 103 at the corner of a stone wall;

Thence running S 16°41'37" W, 3.41' to a point along the western property line of lot 103 at the corner of a stone wall;

Thence running S 14°49'51" W, 215.27' to a point at the southern corner of lot 103 at the corner of a stone wall;

Thence running S 45°01'00" E, 4.65' to a point along the southern property line of lot 103 to the southern corner of lots 103 and 118;

Thence running N 34°15'51" E, 305.18' to a point along the southeastern property line of lot 118;

Thence running N 38°12'22" W, 109.09' to a point along the western property line of lot 118;

Thence running N 17°09'35" E, 87.01' to a point along the western property line of lot 118;

Thence running S 80°51'30" E, 19.61' to a point along the eastern property line of lot 118 and the western sideline of the existing cul-de-sac of Daisy Court;

Thence turning and running northerly, 42.84' to a point along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 60.00', this point being the common front corner of lots 103 and 118, being the beginning of the herein described drainage easement.

Said herein described drainage easement contains approximately 24,367 s.f. of land area and is shown upon a plan prepared by Pro-Line Engineering, Inc. of Swansea, Massachusetts titled Definitive Subdivision dated May 4, 2000 and is drawn at a scale of 1"=40". Existing lots 103 and 118 are shown on this Definitive Subdivision Plan as parcels 1 and 2, respectively.

A motion was made and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to waive the reading of Article 42. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Gary Simons, PB, and seconded by Mr. Lima, that the Town vote to accept the drainage easements described in Article 42. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law adopted at the May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting, and subsequently amended, by deleting the title of "PPT – Assistant to the Coordinator-Council on Aging" under Grade 3 and inserting in its place the title of "PPT – Assistant to Director-Council on Aging", or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Berube and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 43. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law adopted at the May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting, and subsequently amended, by deleting the position of "C – Recreation Director" under Grade 7 and inserting that position under Grade 9, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Silvia and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law set forth in Article 44. Discussion followed by Mr. Silvia, Mr. Luttrell, and Dominic Raffa. A motion was made and seconded from the floor for indefinite postponement of Article 44. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion for indefinite postponement. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law adopted at the May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting, and subsequently amended, by deleting the positions of "C – Childrens Librarian" and "C – Reference Librarian" under Grade 8, by inserting the position of "C – Librarian" under Grade 8, and by inserting the position of "PPT – Library Assistant III" under Grade 6, or take any action relative thereto

A motion was made by Bonnie Mendes, and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to amend the Table 1 (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 45. Discussion followed by Mrs. Mendes. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 40 of the May 21, 2012, Annual Town Meeting by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to lease and/or otherwise enter into a power purchase agreement for use of the following-described Town-owned land at and near Wilbur Avenue, in addition to the land that was the subject of the Town Meeting's previous vote, for the purpose of alternative energy generation through use of solar photovoltaic installations:

A certain parcel of land located north of Wilbur Avenue, Somerset, MA containing approximately 18.85 acres, being that portion of Assessor's Map A-9, Lot 229, shown as Lot "G" on a plan of land on file with the Somerset Town Clerk's Office.

There was a motion and a second from the floor to waive the reading of Article 46. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Berube and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to amend its vote under Article 40 of the May 21, 2012, Annual Town Meeting as set forth in Article 46. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Article 47:** To see if the Town will vote to accept a permanent easement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts over land near and beneath the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Somerset described as follows:

A parcel of land situated in the Town of Somerset, County of Bristol; comprising a portion of the June 28, 2006 State highway alteration (Layout No. 7319) of Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6) and bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly location line of said 2006 layout and extending thence, following said location line S 50°28′53" E 8.19 feet; thence S 7°39′39" W 71.87 feet; thence southwesterly by a curve to the right 1,524.84 feet radius and 1.92 feet with a chord bearing S 69°25′36" E and a chord length 1.92 feet; thence, leaving said location line and crossing said Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6), S 12°17′55" W 216.64 feet to a point on the southerly location line of said 2006 layout, thence, following said location line S 44°46′43" W 32.57 feet; thence N 79°13′17" W 36.19 feet; thence, leaving said location line and crossing said Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6), N 44°46′43" E 72.00 feet; thence N 12°17′55" E 260.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 5,323 square feet.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 47. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. A motion was made by Mr. Berube and seconded by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote to accept the permanent easement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as set forth in Article 47. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

<u>Article 48:</u> To see if the Town will vote to amend the Somerset Zoning By-law as follows in order to comply with the requirements of the federal Flood Hazard Management Program, or take any other action relative thereto:

- -Amend section 3.2.4 by deleting the reference to Zone "A", by deleting the words "as amended" and by deleting the date "July 7, 2009" where it appears and inserting in its place the date "July 16, 2014".
- -Amend section 9.3.1 by deleting the letter "F" following each panel number referenced and inserting in its place the letter "G", and by deleting the date "July 7, 2009" in each place it occurs and inserting in its place the date "July 16, 2014".
- -By inserting the following new subsections c, d, and e after the existing provisions in section 9.3.2:
  - c. **Floodway Data**. In Zone A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
  - d. In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify the following of any alterations or relocation of a watercourse:

- 1) Adjacent communities;
- 2) The NFIP State Coordinator, care of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation; and,
- 3) The NFIP Program Specialist, care of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 1.
- e. All subdivision proposals must be designed to ensure that:
- 1) such proposals minimize flood damage;
- 2) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and,
- 3) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to waive the reading of Article 48. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. A motion was made by Mr. Simons and seconded by Mr. Lima to amend the Somerset Zoning By-law as set forth in Article 48. Discussion followed by Mr. Simons including a motion to amend Article 48 so that in addition to amendments already contained in Article 48, the following amendments to the Somerset **Zoning By-law will be made:** 

- In section 9.3.1 (District Maps) of the By-law, delete the reference to District "A"; and,
- At the end of section 9.3.1, insert the following language in brackets: "[The Town reserves any rights it or its citizens might have to challenge said maps and report.]" Discussion followed by Mr. Simons, Mr. Mendes and Attorney Brown. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the Motion to amend noting Article 48 required a 2/3 vote to pass. The motion to amend carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article 48 as amended. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried to accept Article 48 as amended by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made, followed by several seconds to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2014, at 9:27 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attendance: 323

A true copy attest;

**Dolores Berge, Town Clerk**