

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 24, 2014**

The Special Town Meeting of March 24, 2014, as called by the Warrant duly posted on March 7th, 2014, as required by law, was called to order by the Town Moderator, Lucia Casey, at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring qualified accounting and/or financial consultants to provide assistance to the Town Treasurer's office.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Setters that the Town vote to accept Article 1 as written and recommended. The motion was seconded by Selectman O'Neil. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters and Christopher Murphy. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to amend Article 1 that the Town vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring a qualified accounting firm to provide assistance to the Town Treasurer's office, in the amount of \$200,00 as recommended. There was a second from a member of the voting body on the floor. Discussion followed on the amendment with comments by Christopher Murphy, Mr. Setters, and Gerome Waksler. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative. The Moderator called for a vote on Article 1 as amended. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring a qualified outside consultant to review Town operations for efficiency and cost-savings and to provide reports regarding same to the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting.

The Advisory & Finance Committee does not recommend, by a majority, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 for the purposes of this article.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Setters that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 for the purposes of Article 2 as written, and that said sum be appropriated from the funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lebeau. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters, Eleanor Gagnon, Steven Moniz, Christopher Murphy, Selectman Setters, Atty. David Correira, Arthur Gagnon, and Adam Souza. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 2 as motioned. The Moderator declared that Article 2 failed by a majority vote in the negative.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund changes to the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Somerset Fire Fighters Union, Local 2649 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, as awarded by an arbitration panel of the Joint Labor-Management Committee in Case No. JLMC-11-16F.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$247,121.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Setters to accept Article 3 as written and recommended. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters, Bruce Coray, Christopher Godet, Scott Jepson, Robert Mullen, Gerome Waksler, Christopher Murphy, Atty. David Correira, and Don Dionne. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by David Berube that Article 3 not be reconsidered, there was a 2nd on the floor. The Moderator declared that the motion for no reconsideration carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, in addition to the amount previously appropriated under Article 9 of the May 20, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Setters to accept Article 4 as written and recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters, Eleanor Gagnon, followed up by Selectman Setters. A motion was made by Eleanor Gagnon to amend Article 4 to change the amount from \$150,000.00 to \$50,000. There was a 2nd from the floor. The Moderator called for discussion on the amendment and discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters, Eleanor Gagnon, Lorne Lawless, Kathleen Gunning, Richard Peirce, Eleanor Gagnon, Atty. David Correira, Christopher Murphy, John Tripp, Joseph Bolton, Christine Sheehan, Selectman Setters, Kathy Coray, and Steven Moniz, Joseph Ferreira, Christopher Godet, Selectman Setters. More discussion followed by Chief Joseph Ferreira and Kathleen Gunning. A motion was made by Adam Souza to move the question. There was a second from the floor to move the question. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion to move the question. The Moderator declared the motion to move the question carried by a majority vote. The Moderator called for a vote on Article 4 as amended which will now read: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, in addition to the amount previously appropriated under Article 9 of the May 20, 2013 Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator declared that the motion, as amended, carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The Moderator absences herself from Articles 5, 6, 7 & 8 due to having been publicly speaker on the subject matter of these articles. Arthur Frank, appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk presented the following four articles.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw providing a quorum requirement for convening an annual or special Town Meeting, as follows:

At any Town Meeting, not less than seventy-five (75) registered voters shall constitute the quorum required to convene the meeting, provided that a number less than said quorum may adjourn a meeting lacking a quorum to convene.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Setters that to Town vote to adopt a bylaw provision setting a quorum to convene Town Meetings as set forth in Article 5. There was a second by Selectman O'Neil. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Setters, Christopher Murphy, Eleanor Gagnon. Mrs. Gagnon made a motion for indefinite postponement of Article 5. There was a second by Mr. Murphy on Mrs. Gagnon's motion for indefinite postponement. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on the motion for indefinite postponement. Discussion then followed with comments by Mrs. Gagnon, Atty. David Correira, Kathleen Gunning, Robert Mullen, John Toulan, Christine Sheehan, Selectman Setters, John Tripp, David Berube, Atty. Correira, Joseph Glenn, Selectman Setters, and Arthur Gagnon. A motion was made by Steven Moniz, seconded by Mr. Murphy to move the question on the motion for indefinite postponement. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a majority vote of the body. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion for indefinite postponement. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a simple majority vote of the body.

A motion was made by a voter on the floor not to reconsider Article 5, there was a 2nd from the floor. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by majority vote.

A motion was made by a voter on the floor not to reconsider any of the previous articles voted on, Articles 1 – 4, there was a 2nd from the floor. The moderator declared that the motion carried by majority vote.

A motion was made on the floor that Articles 6, 7 & 8 be advanced for consolidation and be voted together for indefinite postponement. There was a second from the floor. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on this motion. Discussion followed with comments by Kathleen Gunning, Christopher Murphy, then Mr. Moniz made a motion to move the question followed by a 2nd. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a

nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to consolidate Articles 6, 7 & 8. The moderator declared that the motion for indefinite postponement of Articles 6, 7 & 8 carried by majority vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a By-law providing for the conditions under which a secret ballot vote can be requested at an annual or special Town Meeting, as follows:

If a motion is made and seconded to conduct a secret ballot vote on any warrant article or proposed amendment to an article at an annual or special Town Meeting and that motion is supported by the vote of at least twenty per cent (20%) of those present and voting at said Meeting, the Moderator shall order a secret ballot vote. A secret ballot vote will also be taken if required by law or if deemed necessary by the Moderator or by a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends, by a majority, that the Town so vote.

See above.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a By-law providing for conditions under which motion to close debate can be made at an annual or special Town Meeting, as follows:

When a motion to close debate, “call the question”, or “move the question” is made, the moderator shall allow those standing and waiting to speak at the time of the motion an opportunity to be heard and then he or she shall take the vote on the motion, for which a two-thirds vote will be required to pass. Such a motion to close debate must be made while standing at a microphone on the floor of the Town Meeting.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote.

See above.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a By-law providing for rules of procedure for an annual or special Town Meeting, as follows:

Except as otherwise set forth in any other by-law of the Town or in the Massachusetts General Laws, Town Meeting shall follow the rules of procedure set forth in the most recent edition of Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends, by a majority, that the Town so vote.

See above.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase five (5) new voting machines.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,075.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman O’Neil that the Town vote to accept Article 9 as written and recommended. The motion was seconded by Dolores Berge. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman O’Neil, Christopher Murphy, Jason Fleet, Arthur Gagnon, Kathleen Gunning, Selectman Patrick O’Neil and Dolores Berge. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money in addition to the sum appropriated under Article 13 of the May 20, 2013, Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of paying the Town’s share of the operating expense of the Bristol County Agricultural School as provided for by section 82 of chapter 6 of the Acts of 1991, said additional amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,434.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. O’Neil that the Town vote to Accept Article 10 as written and recommended. The motion was seconded by a member of the voting body on

the floor. Discussion followed by Selectman O’Neil. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a 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 in addition to the sum appropriated under Article 8A (Account #136 – Annual Audit) of the May 20, 2013, Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of paying for the Town’s Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2013.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman O’Neil that the Town vote to accept Article 11 as written and recommended. There was a second on the floor by a member of the voting body. Discussion followed with comments by Mr. O’Neil. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Account #696 - Municipal & Historical Buildings (Line Items #5241 and #5588) a sum of money from available funds received in the Insurance Proceeds Account (#29-3560-669).

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,495.89 for the purposes of this article that said sum be transferred from the Insurance Proceeds Account.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman O’Neil that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,495.89 for the purposes of this article as follows: Account #696- Municipal & Historical Buildings--Line Items: #5241 – the amount of \$13,321.17 and #5588 – the amount of \$7,174.72, and that said sum be transferred from the Insurance Proceeds Account (#29-3560-669). The motion was seconded by Selectman Lebeau. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman O’Neil. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts to enact the following special legislation to create the combined, appointed position of Town Treasurer/Collector in place of the present, separate, elected positions of Town Treasurer and Town Collector, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

An Act Establishing an Appointed Town Treasurer-Collector Position in the Town of Somerset

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be an appointed treasurer-collector in the town of Somerset. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed by the board of selectmen of the town of Somerset for a term not to exceed 3 years and may be removed by the board of selectmen. The treasurer-collector shall have all of the powers, perform all of the duties and be subject to all of the liabilities and penalties conferred or imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The board of selectmen may establish such qualifications for the office of treasurer-collector as it deems necessary and appropriate. A vacancy in the office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary, fringe benefits and other terms and conditions of employment.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1, the incumbents in the offices of treasurer and collector on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold their respective offices and perform the duties thereof until a treasurer-collector is appointed pursuant to this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition requesting passage of a special act in substantially the form set forth in Article 13

creating the combined, appointed position Town Treasurer-Collector. The motion was seconded by Selectman Setters. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau, Finance Director Joseph Bolton, Ron Hood, Selectman Lebeau, Christine Sheehan, Christopher Murphy, Katelyn Ferreira, Eleanor Gagnon, Joseph Bolton, Gerome Waksler, John Tripp, and again Selectman Lebeau. A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau to vote this article by ballot. The motion to vote by ballot was seconded by Selectman Setters. The Moderator took a vote on the motion to vote by ballot. The motion carried by a majority vote. The Moderator again opened the floor for discussion on the main motion. Discussion continued on the main motion by Atty. David Correia, Atty. Clement Brown, and State Representative Patricia Haddad. A motion was made to move the question by a member of the voting body. The Moderator, however, allowed those standing at the microphone to continue discussion. Discussion continued with comments by Christine Marum, Richard Fenstermaker, Selectman Lebeau, Arthur Gagnon, and Paul Levesque. Mr. Levesque made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded by Selectman O'Neil. The Moderator declared a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative on the motion to move the question. The Moderator called for the Town Clerk to begin the ballot process. Following the ballot vote, the Moderator declared that the motion carried by a simple majority vote with 354 votes in the affirmative, 153 votes in the negative, and four blanks.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds additional sums of money to Account #145 – Treasurer (Line Item # 5112 - Salaries-Full Time Personnel) and to Account #146 – Tax Collector (Line Item #5112 - Salaries-Full Time Personnel) to fund the position of appointed Treasurer/Collector for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau that the Town vote to appropriate the sum \$17,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013 to the following accounts: #145 – Treasurer (Line Item #5112 – Salaries-Full Time Personnel) the amount of \$8,750.00 and #146 – Tax Collector (Line Item #5112 –Salaries-Full Time Personnel) the amount of \$8,750.00. The motion was seconded by Selectman Setters. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau, and Eleanor Gagnon. Mrs. Gagnon made a motion for indefinite postponement of this article. There was a 2nd from the floor. Discussion followed on the motion for indefinite postponement with comments by Eleanor Gagnon and Christopher Murphy. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the motion for indefinite postponement. Unable to determine by a voice vote, the Moderator calls for counters and conducts a standing vote of the body. Following the count, the Moderator declared that the motion for indefinite postponement failed by majority vote; 128 in the affirmative, 228 in the negative. The Moderator called for further discussion on the main motion. There is a motion on the floor to move the question on the main motion and there is a second by Selectman Lebeau. The Moderator called for a vote. The Moderator declared that the main motion carried by a majority vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, sections 5K and 5N, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a senior citizen and veteran real property tax work-off program effective July 1, 2014, for Fiscal Year 2015 and subsequent fiscal years, for resident taxpayers who are over 60 years in age or veterans as defined in M.G.L. c. 4, section 7, clause 43, with a maximum abatement of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per household in addition to any exemption or abatement to which the owners are otherwise entitled, and based on a rate per hour of volunteer service not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, with total annual funding of said program not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00).

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends, by a majority, that the Town so vote.

There is a motion from the floor to waive the reading of Article 15. There is a second from the floor. The moderator declares that this motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Lebeau that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, section 5K and 5N, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a senior citizen and veteran real property tax work-off program effective July 1, 2014, for Fiscal Year 2015 and subsequent years, as set forth in Article 15. The motion was seconded by Selectman O'Neil. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau,

Bruce Coray, Phyllis Burnside, Selectman Lebeau and Thomas Ouellette, Selectman Lebeau. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a majority vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 17 of the May 20, 2013, Annual Town Meeting by reducing the total appropriation for collecting and disposing of mixed solid waste, recyclables, yard waste and white goods from \$1,215,000.00 to \$1,200,000.00 and by reducing the amount of the estimated receipts from the fees charged for rubbish bags from \$665,000.00 to \$650,000.00, with the remaining balance of \$550,000.00 to be raised from taxation.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau that the town vote to amend its vote under Article 17 of the May 20, 2013, Annual Town meeting by reducing the total appropriation for collecting and disposing of mixed solid waste, recyclables, yard waste and white goods from \$1,215,000.00 to \$1,200,000.00 and by reducing the amount of the estimated receipts from fees charged for rubbish bags from \$665,000.00 to \$650,000.00, with the remaining balance of \$550,000.00 to be raised from taxation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Setters. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of permitting the Board of Selectmen to provide appropriate information to citizens concerning Town Meetings.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau that the Town vote to accept Article 17 as written and recommended. The motion was seconded by Selectman Setters. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau, Eleanor Gagnon, and Kathy Coray. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a majority vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Stabilization Fund a sum of money from available funds in the treasury received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Lebeau for indefinite postponement of this Article. The motion was seconded by Selectman Setters. Discussion followed with comments by Selectman Lebeau, Christopher Godet, Eleanor Gagnon, and State Representative Patricia Haddad, Kathleen Gunning. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion for indefinite postponement. The Moderator declared that motion carried by a majority vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19: “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.”

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 12, 2014, 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.

The Advisory & Finance Committee does not recommend, by a majority, that the Town vote to approve this article.

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Murphy to amend Article 19 to replace the wording “that on May 12, 2014” to read “that at the Annual Town Election of May, 2015”. There was a second from the floor. Discussion followed by Mr. Murphy. A motion was made and seconded on the floor for indefinite postponement. Atty. David Correira point of order that the motion for indefinite postponement is out of order. The indefinite postponement amendment was declared out of order by the Moderator. In the absence of further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to amend. The Moderator declared that the motion to amend failed by majority vote. A motion was made by

Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Christopher Godet that Article 19 be indefinitely postponed as the amendment failed, the article would make no sense. With no discussion on this motion, the Moderator called for the vote on indefinite postponement. The Moderator declared that the motion for indefinite postponement carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts to enact the following special legislation to create the appointed position of Town Treasurer in place of the present position of Town Treasurer, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**An Act Relative to the Position of Appointed
Treasurer in the Town of Somerset**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Office of Treasurer for the Town of Somerset is hereby established. The Treasurer shall have all the powers, perform all the duties, and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town Treasurers. Said Treasurer shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three (3) years, and may be removed, by the Board of Selectmen of said Town. The Board of Selectmen may establish such qualifications for said office as deemed necessary and appropriate. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of the term. The Board of Selectmen may establish an employment contract with the Treasurer for salary, fringe benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 above, the incumbent, if any, in the office of treasurer upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a Treasurer pursuant to the terms of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.", as petitioned.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends supporting Article 13.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectmen O'Neil for indefinite postponement of this article. The motion was seconded from the floor. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on indefinite postponement of Article 20. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds an additional sum of money to Account #145 – Treasurer (Line Item # 5112 - Salaries-Full Time Personnel) to fund the position of appointed Treasurer for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends supporting Article 13.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectmen O'Neil for indefinite postponement of this article. The motion was seconded from the floor. In the absence of discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on indefinite postponement of Article 21. The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Having acted on all Articles of Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of March 24, 2014, the Moderator called for a motion to dissolve the meeting. A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. The motion was voted unanimous in the affirmative.

The attendance at the time the Special Town Meeting of March 24, 2014 convened was 585 registered voters.

I hereby certify that this is a true attest of the votes taken at the Special Town Meeting of March 24, 2014.

**Dolores Berge
Town Clerk**