

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
ARTICLES OF WARRANT  
MAY 20, 2013**

The Annual Town meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p.m.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers as required by law, to be chosen by ballot.  
**This article has been taken care of in the election of May 13, 2013.**

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

**Article 3:** 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.

**Motion made and seconded to accept Articles 2, 3, & 4 (Consent Calendar) by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Article 5:** 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.

**Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil to accept Article 5 as written and recommended. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the 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, by substituting and adopting the following, or take any action relative thereto:

**TABLE II  
FY 2014 COMPENSATION PLAN**

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
M3	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
M9	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

**Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town so vote to accept Article 6 as written and recommended. Discussion. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the annual salaries of its elected officers commencing July 1, 2013, 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	\$50,405.00
Town Clerk	\$50,405.00
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

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority to amend the Treasurer's salary to \$50,405.00. The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority in favor of Article 7 with said amendment.

Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded on the floor, to accept Article 7 as written. Discussion. There is a motion on the floor by a voting body member (Kathryn Coray) to amend the Treasurer's salary to \$50,405.00. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the floor. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to move the question. Voted by majority in the affirmative to move the question. Vote on amendment ruled in the negative by majority by the Moderator. There is a request on the floor that the Moderator take a standing vote. Seven voting members stand in favor of a standing vote. The moderator takes standing vote, and motion fails by majority in the negative on the amendment. Discussion. Motion made by a voting member on the floor and seconded on the floor not to reconsider the amended motion. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. A motion is made by a voting body member (Steven Moniz) to amend Article 7 to change the salary of the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector to be equal to the salary of the Treasurer, \$53,332.00 each. There is a second on the floor. A standing counted vote is called for by the Moderator on the motion to amend. Motion carries by standing vote: Yes 163, No 132. The moderator reminds the body we are now on the motion to accept Article 7 as amended. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to move the question. Voted nearly unanimous as declared by the Moderator to move the question. Voted in the affirmative by majority as declared by the Moderator to accept article 7 as amended. A motion is made on the floor not to reconsider Article 7, there is a second on the floor. Motion carries by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative. (Taxation)

**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, 2013, as follows:

**A. GENERAL BUDGET**

APPROPRIATION	PERSONAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
113 Town Meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0
114 Town Moderator	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
122 Selectmen	\$122,815.00	\$2,675.00	\$125,490.00
123 Town Administrator	\$108,237.00	\$2,021.00	\$110,258.00
124 Contingent	\$0.00	\$6,041.00	\$6,041.00
131 A & F Committee	\$3,350.00	\$450.00	\$3,800.00
134 Centrex	\$0.00	\$33,500.00	\$33,500.00
135 Town Accountant	\$158,637.00	\$3,785.00	\$162,422.00
136 Annual Audit	\$0.00	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00
137 Computer	\$0.00	\$59,600.00	\$59,600.00
141 Assessors	\$112,679.00	\$8,500.00	\$121,179.00
143 Tax Foreclosure	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
145 Town Treasurer	\$131,727.00	\$37,830.00	\$169,557.00
146 Tax Collector	\$97,824.00	\$25,050.00	\$122,874.00
151 Law Department	\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00
161 Town Clerk	\$92,507.00	\$5,750.00	\$98,257.00
162 Elec. & Regr.	\$8,500.00	\$18,800.00	\$27,300.00
171 Conservation Comm	\$16,217.00	\$600.00	\$16,817.00
175 Planning Board	\$6,550.00	\$950.00	\$7,500.00
176 Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,025.00	\$4,550.00	\$7,575.00
181 Economic Dev. Comm.	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
184 Cable Advisory	\$1,225.00	\$781.00	\$2,006.00
192 Town Office	\$95,515.00	\$44,594.00	\$140,109.00
193 Old Town Hall	\$0.00	\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00
195 Town Reports	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
198 Insurance (Gen. Govt: \$2,879,386.00-Memo) (School Dept: \$4,537,764.00-Memo)	\$0.00	\$7,417,150.00	\$7,417,150.00
199 FICA- General Government	\$0.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
199 FICA- School Department	\$0.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00

205 Fire/Police Station	\$36,091.00	\$100,952.00	\$137,043.00
210 Police Department	\$2,479,256.00	\$176,162.00	\$2,655,418.00
215 E-911 Dispatch	\$369,195.00	\$11,369.00	\$380,564.00
220 Fire Department	\$1,438,323.00	\$85,100.00	\$1,523,423.00
241 Bldg. Insp./Zoning Agent	\$55,189.00	\$1,450.00	\$56,639.00
242 Gas & Plumbing	\$21,750.00	\$575.00	\$22,325.00
244 Sealer of Standards	\$3,300.00	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
245 Wiring Inspector	\$14,750.00	\$372.00	\$15,122.00
291 Emergency Mgmt.	\$0.00	12,327.00	\$12,327.00
292 Dog Officer	\$0.00	\$39,502.00	\$39,502.00
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.00
299 Inspector of Animals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410 Engineering	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
420 Highway Department	\$797,638.00	\$44,430.00	\$842,068.00
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	\$878,556.00	\$746,723.00	\$1,625,279.00
480 Vehicle Maint. Facility	\$111,194.00	\$328,750.00	\$439,944.00
510 Board of Health	\$41,870.00	\$2,500.00	\$44,370.00
522 Town Nurse	28,544.00	\$475.00	\$29,019.00
541 Council on Aging	\$85,727.00	\$8,015.00	\$93,742.00
543 Veterans Benefits	\$45,917.00	\$306,550.00	\$352,467.00
544 Graves Registration	\$425.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,725.00
610 Libraries	\$429,722.00	\$130,135.00	\$559,857.00
630 Playground & Rec.	\$80,659.00	\$4,850.00	\$85,509.00
633 Public Outdoor Facilities	\$0.00	\$31,374.00	\$31,374.00
691 Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
692 Public Celebrations	\$0.00	\$4,560.00	\$4,560.00
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.	\$0.00	\$59,750.00	\$59,750.00
710 Maturing Debt General Government	\$0.00	\$863,072.00	\$863,072.00
710 Maturing Debt School Department	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
753 Interest Appropriation General Government	\$0.00	\$191,100.00	\$191,100.00
753 Interest Appropriation School Department	\$0.00	\$32,738.00	\$32,738.00
832 Contributory Retirement	\$0.00	\$2,103,701.00	\$2,103,701.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.</b>	<b>\$7,956,714.00</b>	<b>\$14,070,764.00</b>	<b>\$22,027,478.00</b>

	<b>APPROVED FY 2013</b>	<b>PROPOSED FY 2014</b>	<b>INCREASE/ DECREASE</b>
<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$ 8,045,535.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,956,714.00</b>	<b>( \$88,821.00)</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,302,747.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,003.00</b>	<b>( \$89,744.00)</b>
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,208,293.00</b>	<b>\$10,857,761.00</b>	<b>(\$350,532.00)</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$22,556,575.00</b>	<b>\$22,027,478.00</b>	<b>(\$529,097.00)</b>

**The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority to amend Department #210 Police Department Personal Services to \$2,379,256.00, a reduction of \$100,000.00. The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority in favor of Article 8A with Personal Services of \$7,856,714.00 and Expenses of \$14,070,764 for a Total Appropriation of \$21,927,478.00, a 2.8% reduction from FY13.**

**Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,027,478.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for the purposes of the General Budget as designated and that said sum be transferred and raised as follows: by transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund; by transferring \$9,030.00 from the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund and by raising \$20,018,448.00 from Taxation. Discussion. Motion made to amend Article 8A by a voting body member (Mrs. Coray) to reduce from Police Department Personal Services Line #210 by \$100,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Lebeau. Discussion. There is a motion and a second on the floor to move the question. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. Voted by majority in the negative on the motion to amend, motion fails. Discussion. The moderator clarifies for the voting body that the motion now before them is to accept article 8A as written. Motion and a**

second on the floor to move the question. Motion carries by unanimous vote in the affirmative. Whereas a 2/3 vote is required for this article, the Moderator asks for a standing counted vote. Voted by standing vote: Yes – 269 No – 15. Motion carries. There is a motion and a second on the floor not to reconsider Article 8A. Motion carries by unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**APPROPRIATION**

**8B: School Department**

<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>
\$13,148,250.00	\$5,219,960.00	\$18,368,210.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends amending the School Department Total Appropriation to \$18,000,000.00, a 2% decrease from FY 13. The Advisory and Finance Committee unanimously recommends in favor of Article 8B with said amendment.

Motion made by Robert Camara and seconded by Mr. Machado to accept Article 8B. Motion made to amend Article 8B by Mr. Camara to reduce Personal Services to \$13,029,950.00, Operating expenses to remain the same at \$5,189,960.00, for a total appropriation of \$18,219,910.00, and that said sum be raised by taxation. Discussion. Mr. Camara explains that this amendment reflects a 1.25% decrease over last year’s budget. Discussion. A motion is made and seconded on the floor to reduce the School Department budget by 5%. Discussion. A motion is made to move the question. Voted unanimous to move the question. Voted by majority in the negative on the motion to reduce budget by 5%. The Moderator reminds the body we are now on the motion to amend as made by Mr. Camara, reflecting the 1.25% decrease. Discussion. Motion and second on the floor to move the question. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Vote on motion to amend carries by a unanimous vote. Vote to accept Article 8B as amended carries by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative. A motion is made and seconded on the floor not to reconsider Article 8B. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative.

**APPROPRIATION**

**8C: Water Department**

<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>
\$ 897,286.00	\$ 2,265,251.00	\$ 3,162,537.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. O’Brien and seconded by Mr. Robert Lima that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,162,537.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$3,147,537.00 be raised from Water Enterprise Fund Receipts, and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings. Voted in the affirmative by unanimous vote to accept Article 8C as written and recommended.

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.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. O’Neil and seconded on the floor 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. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 9 as written and recommended.

Article 10: 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.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. O’Neil and seconded on the floor 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. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 10 as written and recommended.

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 expenses of the **Somerset Berkley Regional School District**, said amount having been assessed to the Treasurer of the Town of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends amending the Somerset Berkley Regional School District Total Appropriation to \$7,427,637.41. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends in favor of Article 11 with said amendment. Motion made by Mr. Richard Peirce and seconded on the floor that the Town of Somerset vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,616,191 for the purpose of paying the Town’s share of operating expenses and capital costs 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. Discussion. Motion is made and seconded on the floor to move the question. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. Voted to accept Article 11 as written written and moved by Mr. Peirce nearly unanimous in the affirmative as declared by the Moderator. Motion made and seconded on the floor not to reconsider Article 11. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.

**Article 12:** 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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,405,224.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. O'Neil and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,405,224.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Taxation. Discussion. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 12 as written and recommended.**

**Article 13:** 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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,585.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. O'Neil and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,585.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised from Taxation. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 13 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet to waive the reading of Article 14, there is a second on the floor, motion carries by unanimous vote in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$219,286.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fees. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 14 as written and recommended.**

**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 2014 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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion 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 2013 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). Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 15 as written and recommended.**

**Article 16:** 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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee voted nearly unanimously in favor to appropriate the sum of \$950,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be raised by Fire Department Emergency Medical Services offset receipts. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$950,000.00 for the purposes of this Article and that said sum be raised by Fire Department Emergency Medical Services offset receipts. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 16 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee voted nearly unanimous in favor of appropriating the sum of \$550,000.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,215,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that the sum of \$665,000.00 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. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 17 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town so vote. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 18 as written and recommended.**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, sitting as the Board of Health, to continue the revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E1/2, 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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town so vote. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 19 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town so vote. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 20 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Lebeau and seconded by Mr. Setters that the Town so vote. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 21 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Camara and seconded on the floor that the Town Vote to accept Article 22 as written and recommended. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 22 as written and recommended.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Camara and seconded by Mr. Machado to accept Article 23 as written and recommended. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**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.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Camara and seconded by Mr. Machado to accept Article 24 as written and recommended. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**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 fifty (50%) per cent of said exemptions for which they qualify for Fiscal Year 2014, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Discussion. Motion made by Mr. Correia and seconded on the floor to amend Article 25 to read “and none of which shall exceed seventy-five per cent (75%) of said exemptions for which they qualify for Fiscal Year 2014, or take any action relative thereto; and as otherwise required or restricted under said act. Discussion. Motion and a second on the floor to table Article 25 to allow counsel to research as requested by a voting member on the floor. Motion carries by a nearly unanimous vote. Following Article 30 there is a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the floor to take Article 25 off the table. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to accept the amendment on Article 25. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. Voted nearly unanimous to accept Article 25 as amended.**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 60, section 15, to provide that the Town of Somerset may charge for each written demand issued by the Collector a fee of \$10.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, effective as of July 1, 2013.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. O’Neil and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to accept Article 26 as written and recommended. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 60, section 23B, which provides for the following municipal lien certificate fees: for land of less than one acre upon which there is no permanent structure, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); for land upon which is situated a single family, two-family, or three-family residence and outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); for land upon which is situated a residence for four or more families, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); for land upon which is situated a commercial, industrial or public utility structure, a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00); for farms, forest land and all other real property, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00); in no case shall the fee exceed one-half of one percent of the assessed value of the real estate.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. O’Neil and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General laws, chapter 60, section 23B. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 27 as written and recommended.**

**Article 28:** 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 re-certification requirements, and for any purposes incidental thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Correia and seconded by Mr. O’Neil to appropriate \$6,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 28 as written and recommended.**

**Article 29:** 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 consulting, expert and legal services to assist the Town on issues

relating to valuation and taxation of current and former electric and gas utilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. The Advisory and Finance Committee Chairman notes that the Board has changed its recommendation to read \$75,000.00. Motion made by Mr. Correia and seconded on the floor that the Town vote to appropriate \$75,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 29 as written and recommended.**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing fourteen (14) bulletproof vests for the Somerset Police Department.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,200.00 for the purposes of this article. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of this article. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$18, 200.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative with 2 negative votes, declared by the Moderator.**

**Motion was made and seconded to take Article 25 off the table. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. (See Article 25 for vote)**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to submit to the General Court of Massachusetts the following petition in order to amend section 1 of chapter 339 of the Acts of 1926 by substituting the word "may" for the word "shall" following the words "said town of Somerset" and preceding the words "furnish water for the aforesaid purposes" with regard to the provision of water to inhabitants to the Town of Dighton in the vicinity of Somerset pipe lines, provided that the legislature may reasonably vary the form of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred thirty-nine (339) of the Acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-six (1926) is hereby amended by striking out section 1 thereof and inserting in its place the following:

Chapter two hundred and fifty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out section two and inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 2.* The Town of Somerset may also supply the towns of Swansea and Dighton and their inhabitants with water for the above named purposes, and if said town of Somerset shall take any sources of supply in said town of Dighton, as hereinafter authorized, said town of Somerset may furnish water for the aforesaid purposes to such inhabitants of said town of Dighton as live in the vicinity of the pipe lines of said town of Somerset; constructed and maintained under this act, at such rates and under the same terms as said town of Somerset supplies its own inhabitants.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Motion made and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 31. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made and by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town Vote to accept Article 31 as written. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 31 as written.**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to convey to the Town of Dighton, for the public purposes of bridge reconstruction and road widening, the following-described parcels of land in the Town of Dighton in consideration of the granting of a permanent easement and on such additional terms and conditions as said Boards deem appropriate,:

Parcel E-2: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by the Town of Somerset adjoining the northerly location line of the 1916 Town Layout of Brook Street and bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly location line of the 1916 Town Layout of Brook Street, said point being a point on the property line dividing land of Somerset Power LLC and land of the Town of Somerset; thence leaving said location line and following said property line northwesterly about 19 feet; thence leaving said property line S 81° 00'03" E about 61 feet to a point on the property line dividing land of the Town of Somerset and land of Helene L. Travis; thence following said property line southerly about 18 feet to a point again on the said location line; thence following said location line westerly about 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 967 square feet.

Parcel E-5: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by the Town of Somerset, adjoining the southerly location line of the 1916 Town Layout of Brook Street and bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly location line of the 1916 Town Layout of Brook Street, said point being a point on the property line dividing land of the Town of Somerset and land of M. Francis Joyce and Virginia B. Joyce; thence leaving said location line and following said property line southerly about 10 feet; thence leaving said property line S 79° 42'48" E about 89 feet; thence S 87° 26'07" E about 2 feet to a point on the property line dividing land of the Town of Somerset and land of M. Francis Joyce and Virginia B. Joyce; thence following said property line northerly about 6 feet to a point again on the said location line; thence following said location line westerly about 92 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 740 square feet.

Parcel GRS-1: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by the Town of Somerset, adjoining Parcel E-2 and bounded by the line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on section 1 of the 2013 Town alteration of Brook Street, said point bearing N 10° 12'00" E and being 32.42 feet distant from station 9+17.34 of the main baseline; thence N 11° 21'25" W 49.96 feet; thence N 72° 57'44" E 10.00 feet; thence S 17° 02'16" E 57.02 feet to a point again on said alteration line; thence following said alteration line N 81° 00'03" W 16.63 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 675 square feet.

**Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 32. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima to accept Article 32 as written. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 33 as written.**

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to accept a permanent easement from the Town of Dighton in and over the following-described land within the Town of Dighton for the purposes of relocating and maintaining water pipelines and related appurtenances, on such additional terms and conditions as said Boards deem appropriate:

Beginning at a point in the existing roadway of Brook Street, said point bearing N 10°43'01" E and being 3.49 feet distant from station 1+33.50 of the main baseline; thence S 10°43'01" W 32.00 feet; thence S 79°54'46" E 128.22 feet; thence S 83°11'37" E 81.98 feet; thence N 10°43'01" E 25.00 feet; thence N 79°16'59" W 210.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 6,286 square feet of land, more or less.

**Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 33. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Lima to accept Article 33 as written. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 33 as written.**

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 41, to take by eminent domain or acquire by negotiated purchase or otherwise, land within the area designated by the November 3, 1986, Special Town Meeting as the Watershed Protection District for a distance of up to five hundred (500') feet from the mean high water mark of the Somerset Reservoir in order to provide a buffer to protect and preserve the purity of the Town's water supply, and to raise, appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from retained earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund, grants, and/or other available funds for said purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 34 Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 41, to take by eminent domain or acquire by negotiated purchase or otherwise, land within the area designated by the November 3, 1986 Special Town Meeting as the Watershed Protection District for a distance of up to five hundred feet from the mean high water mark of the Somerset reservoir in order to provide a buffer to protect and preserve the purity of the Town's water supply and to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum to be transferred as follows: \$95,888.00 from Article 35 of the May 16, 2005, Annual Town Meeting; \$51,354.00 from Article 7 of the December 7, 2009, Special Town Meeting; \$93,197.00 from Article 8 of the December 7, 2009, Special Town Meeting; and \$9,561.00 from Article 36 of the May 17, 2010, Annual Town Meeting. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 34 as written, recommended and motioned.**

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 conducting a study of the operations of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and system, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund raised by the Sewer Infrastructure fee or from other available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 35. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Rivard and seconded by Mr. O'Neil to appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purposes of this Article and that said sum be transferred from Water Enterprise**

**Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fee. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept article 35 as written, recommended and motioned.**

**Article 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs and updates to the Wastewater Treatment facilities, pumping facilities, and related equipment including any engineering, architectural, and/or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund monies raised by the Sewer Infrastructure fee or from other available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 36. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Lima 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 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fees. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 36 as written, recommended and motioned.**

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of various sewer main collection system projects or repairs, including any engineering and/or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund raised by the Sewer Infrastructure fee or from other available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 37. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for the purposes of this Article and that said sum be transferred as follows: \$1,016.00 from Account #31-3213-441; \$32,444.00 from Account #31-3213-501; \$68,313.00 from Account #31-3213-553; and \$48,227.00 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fees. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 37 as written, recommended and motioned.**

**Article 38:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of conducting a study of sewer mains and pumping stations located in the north end of Town, including engineering and/or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund raised by the Sewer Infrastructure fee or from other available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 38. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Rivard and seconded by Mr. Lima that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of this Article and that said sum be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings raised by Sewer Infrastructure Fees. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 38 as written, recommended and motioned.**

**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Consolidated Personnel By-law, ARTICLE I, APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS, by adding the following provision sequentially after the language of the By-law currently in effect:

**25. Compensatory Time:** Is paid time off granted to an employee in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act for working extra hours.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 39. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the Town vote to amend ARTICLE I, APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 39. Voted unanimous in the affirmative to accept Article 39 as written and recommended.**

**Article 40:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Consolidated Personnel By-law, ARTICLE II EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, Section H. Holidays, by adding the following: Last four (4) hours of the last work day before January 1.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee, by majority, does not recommend approval of this article. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that the town vote to amend ARTICLE II, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Section H. Holidays) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 40. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to move the question. Voted unanimous. Voted in the affirmative by majority vote in the affirmative to accept Article 40 as written and motioned.**

**Article 41:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Consolidated Personnel By-law, ARTICLE II, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, Section I. Sick Leave, by deleting the following paragraph:

Any employee after completing one (1) year of continuous service will be eligible to receive a bonus of \$250 annually if the employee does not utilize any sick leave. Each sick day utilized will cause the bonus to be reduced by \$50.00;

and replacing it with the following:

Any employee after completing one (1) year of continuous service will be eligible to receive a bonus of \$375.00 annually if the employee does not utilize any sick leave. Each sick day utilized will cause the bonus to be reduced by \$75.00.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O’Neil that the Town vote to amend ARTICLE II, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Section I. Sick Leave) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 41. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to move the questions. Voted unanimous. Voted by majority in the affirmative as declared by the Moderator to accept Article 41 as written and recommended.**

**Article 42:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s Consolidated Personnel By-law, ARTICLE III COMPENSATION, Section C. PROVISIONS, by adding the following provision sequentially after the language of the By-law currently in effect:

11. COMPENSATORY TIME: When the Town Administrator closes the Town Office Building due to a state of emergency declared by the Governor or inclement weather, those employees who are required to work shall be entitled to compensatory time off at a rate of straight hourly earnings for the amount of hours the building is closed, or as otherwise required by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee, by majority, recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor to waive the reading of Article 42. Voted unanimous in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O’Neil that the Town vote to amend ARTICLE III, COMPENSATION (Section C. Provisions) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 42. Discussion. Voted by majority in the affirmative to accept Article 42 as written and recommended.**

**Article 43:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding development of the Town’s website, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O’Neil 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. Voted by majority vote in the affirmative to accept Article 43 as written, recommended and motioned.**

**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 following position under Grade 9: “C – Recreation Director” and inserting said position under Grade 7: “C – Recreation Director”, or take any action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by majority that the Town so vote. Motion made by Mr. Setters and seconded by Mr. O’Neil that the Town vote to amend the Table I (Wage & Salary Groups) of the Consolidated Personnel By-law as set forth in Article 44. Discussion. Voted nearly unanimous in the affirmative that the Town vote to accept Article 44 as written and recommended.**

**A motion was made by Mr. O’Neil and seconded on the floor to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Somerset at 11:26 p.m. Voted unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Attendance: 389**

**A true copy attest:**

**Dolores Berge, Town Clerk**