



**Town of Mansfield
Special Town Meeting
April 13, 2010
Adjourned to May 4, 2010**

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$59,146.62 as shown below to pay the following unpaid prior year's bills:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Town Manager - Legal	Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane	\$36,971.26
Town Manager - Professional/Technical	Community Opportunities Group	\$12,010.63
Town Manager - Printing	Sterling Printing	\$1,471.00
Selectmen - Legal	Law Offices Steven A. Torres	\$740.00
Selectmen - Legal	McRoberts & Roberts, LLP	\$480.00
Selectmen – Legal	Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC	\$1,100.00
Police - Operating Supplies	Foxboro Bike Shop	\$2,055.63
Emergency Medical Services - Data Processing	Comstar Ambulance Billing Service	\$1,497.02
Highway Department – Tools	Chuck McGurr, Snap on Tools	171.24
DPW Administration – Refuse Collection	Waste Management	2,649.84
	TOTAL:	\$59,146.62

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: In general, appropriated amounts at Town Meeting for one fiscal year cannot be spent on a previous year's expenditures without Town Meeting approval. This article would pay these outstanding unpaid bills.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$3,511.09 as shown below to pay the following unpaid prior year's bills:

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Engineer. & Arch.	Kimira Water Solutions	\$3,111.09
Wastewater Treatment Plant – Prof. & Technical	Jemco Disposal Services	\$400.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,511.09

Explanation: In general, appropriated amounts at Town Meeting for one fiscal year cannot be spent on a previous year's expenditures without Town Meeting approval. This article would pay these outstanding unpaid bills.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Snow & Ice Other Expenses Salt & Calcium account (Account No. 014232-553005); or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The Town's Snow and Ice account has been overspent for Fiscal Year 2010. This article will transfer money into the Snow & Ice Account to offset that deficit.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$80,000.00 for the construction of approximately 380 feet of 8-inch sewer on Dean Street or take any action in relation thereto.

EXPLANATION: This article will fund the construction an 8-inch overflow sewer line to start at the existing sewer manhole at the intersection of West Street and run approximately 380 feet along Dean Street to an existing manhole. The existing 12-inch sewer line in West Street has surcharged during the two recent major rain events and the new pipe will allow the West Street sewer to overflow into Dean Street when the pipe fills up. Dean Street flows into the Spring Street interceptor that has available capacity.

SPONSOR: Capital Improvements Committee



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Building Inspector Technical Salaries account (Account No. 012511-511003); or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The Education Employee Benefits-Health Insurance account will likely be in a deficit at the end of the year due to unanticipated enrollment increases. This article will transfer money into the Education Employee Benefits – Health Insurance account to offset that likely potential deficit.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee



Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Employee Benefits-Unemployment Compensation account (Account No. 011942-517030); or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The Employee Benefits-Unemployment Compensation account will likely be in a deficit at the end of the year due to unanticipated employment claim continuations and increases. This article will transfer money into the Employee Benefits-Unemployment Compensation account to offset that likely potential deficit.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken in Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 16, 2009 as follows; or take any action in relation thereto.

As Voted:

Raise and Appropriate	\$33,685,728.30
Transfer from Available Funds:	
Wetlands Protection Act	\$4,000.00
Betterment Fund	\$10,287.84
Water Operations	\$767,247.81
Wastewater Operations	\$809,630.14
Electric Department	\$739,427.06
Airport Operations	\$84,079.47
Parking Operations	\$2,265.43
Total	\$36,102,666.05

Proposed Amended Article 1:

Raise and Appropriate	\$33,685,728.30
Transfer from Available Funds:	
Wetlands Protection Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund	\$4,000.00
Industrial Park Betterments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund	\$10,287.84
Water Operations	\$764,247.81
Wastewater Operations	\$809,630.14
Electric Department	\$739,427.06
Airport Operations	\$2,520.00
Parking Operations	\$86,824.90
Total	\$36,102,666.05

Explanation: The vote taken on Article 1 at the FY10 Annual Town Meeting contained some unintentional errors. This article would clarify the account titles of the funds to be used and would correct the amounts to be taken from the Water, Airport, and Parking Enterprise Funds.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 11

To see if the Town will reverse the following action taken in Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 16, 2009; or take any action in relation thereto.

As Voted:

Move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Building Committee available funds in the sum of \$587.00 from the Mansfield Police Station Project and \$6,378.00 from the Jordan Jackson Elementary School Project to the General Fund or other appropriate account:

Raise from Revenue	0
Transfer from Police Station Project	\$587.00
Transfer from Jordan Jackson Elementary School Project	\$6,378.00
Total	\$6,965.00

Explanation: The vote taken on Article 9 at the FY10 Annual Town Meeting contained an unintentional error. Mass. General Laws Chapter 44 Section 20 places restrictions on unused proceeds from long-term bonding. In general, up to \$1,000.00 can be transferred to pay down the debt principal of a bond, and the rest can be transferred to another project that could be bonded for an equal or longer term. These bonded amounts cannot be transferred to the General

Fund except to pay up to \$1,000.00 of debt principal. This article will reverse Article 9's vote and will allow the Town to transfer these amounts to either pay down debt principal or to fund other capital projects in the future.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40 Section 5B of the Mass. General Laws for the purpose of funding capital improvements and/or projects in the Town; or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: This article will establish a Stabilization Fund set aside to fund capital projects. This fund can be used to pay for capital projects directly or it can be used to pay the debt on capital projects in the Town. This article does not place any money into the Fund; it only establishes the account for future use.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to abandon a Sewer Easement on parcels of land Map 20, Lot 184, 282 Chauncy Street and Lot 186, 272 Chauncy Street, as shown on a plan, to be recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, or take any action in relation thereto.

EXPLANATION: This sewer easement is owned by the Town of Mansfield and was never used for its intended purpose. This property may be developed by a private developer, and the sewer easement is located in the upper half of the four parcels on this site on Chauncy Street, and could interfere with the placement of the proposed drainage structures.

SPONSOR: Engineering Department



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a license agreement with Mansfield Youth Soccer to allow for the construction of a new synthetic turf field to be built with private funds on Town-owned land located at 50 Plymouth Street, with an Assessor's Parcel ID of 10-21, also known as the Plymouth Street Recreation Fields, or take any action in relation thereto.

EXPLANATION: Mansfield Youth Soccer has offered to pay for synthetic turf resurfacing of the Plymouth Street Recreation Fields at no cost to the Town. This article would allow the Town to enter into an agreement with Mansfield Youth Soccer so that this construction can take place.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to permit the Conservation Commission to create, thru the Town Accountant, a “special account” to accept funds for the preservation, acquisition, rehabilitation and repair of Conservation controlled properties and to request title searches and necessary legal assistance where required.

EXPLANATION: To ensure that all Conservation controlled properties are maintained properly and to allow for the acquisition of additional parcels of land.

SPONSOR: Conservation Commission



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to permit certain transfers of funds from existing “land acquisition accounts” including any Conservation fees or fines to the “Special Account” as it is defined in Article 15.

EXPLANATION: To make funds available for the maintenance of Conservation land to ensure the land is properly cared for and can be used safely by the residents of Mansfield. [example: Footbridge over Rumford River near Cobbler’s Corner is currently in disrepair and has been declared impassable; simply, we need a new footbridge.] We have been helped in the past from time to time by our Boy & Girl Scout Organizations in clearing over-grown pathways and performing minor repair work (under supervision) at stream crossings.

SPONSOR: Conservation Commission



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of water rights to the Town of Mansfield from the owner of the Otis Street Dam.

EXPLANATION: The owner of the Otis Street Dam has offered to dedicate the water rights of the Otis Street Dam to the Town of Mansfield. This dedication would allow the Town to regulate the height of the Otis Street pond without accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the dam.

SPONSOR: Engineering Department



Vote:

Yes _____

No _____