

**Annual Financial Town Meeting**  
**May 23, 2002 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
**Barrington High School Auditorium**

**Total Eligible 12,437**  
**Attendance: 374 @ 7:40 P.M.**  
**575 @ 9:25 P.M.**  
**589 @ 11:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

- **Town Council:** Mrs. Brinkworth, Mrs. Grant, Mr. DePasquale and Mr. Gillooly
- **Town Manager:** Dennis Phelan
- **Appropriations Committee:** Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Morris, Mr. Sweetser and Mr. Williams
- **School Committee:** Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Scavongelli, Mr. Guida and Mr. Henry
- **School Superintendent:** Ralph Malafronte

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Allan C. Klepper, who announced a quorum present.

Mr. Klepper asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to stand for a moment of silence in memory of those residents who have contributed to the debate at past Financial Town Meetings.

Mr. Klepper introduced students from Mr. Gary Eddins' Social Studies class at Barrington High School and Ms. Geri McCarthy's Economics class, Barrington High School.

Motion by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Guida to dispense with the reading of the Call, but it is part of the record as it appears on page 398A. Passed (voice vote).

**The following eight resolutions were adopted in one motion by voice vote.**

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO ESTABLISH THE**  
**SEWER PUMP STATION CONTROLS CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT AND**  
**TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE**  
**ACCOUNT**

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to §45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve account to be known as the "Sewer Pump Station Controls" and to transfer fiscal year 2001-2002 allocated, unspent funds from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Pump Station Controls Fund.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO DISSOLVE THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**  
**KNOWN AS TOWN HALL COPY MACHINE**

**RESOLVED:** That the account known as Town Hall Copy Machine is hereby dissolved.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE**  
**CAPITAL RESERVE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & REPAIRS ACCOUNT TO**  
**WORKING CAPITAL AND TO DISSOLVE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**  
**KNOWN AS MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & REPAIRS**

**RESOLVED:** That the remaining funds be transferred from Capital Reserve Middle School Renovations & Repairs account to Working Capital and upon transfer dissolve the account known as Middle School Renovations & Repairs.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE**  
**CAPITAL RESERVE COUNTY ROAD REDEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT TO THE**  
**GENERAL FUND AND TO DISSOLVE THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT KNOWN**  
**AS COUNTY ROAD REDEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the remaining funds be transferred from the Capital Reserve County Road Redevelopment account to the Town's General Fund as a revenue source for the 2002-2003 fiscal year and upon transfer dissolve the account known as County Road Redevelopment.

Motion by Mr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Wiegand to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES**

**RESOLVED:** that the real estate and personal property tax rate be set at not greater than \$25.40 per \$1,000 valuation and the motor vehicle tax rate be set at \$42.00 per \$1,000 valuation. The motion passed (voice vote).

Motion by James E. McClelland, III, Republican Town Committee Chairman, and seconded by Jeffrey S. Brenner, Democratic Town Committee Chairman, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A BUDGET  
AND SUBMIT A REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** that a committee of five (5) consisting of William J. Delaney, 38 Upland Way; Raymond F. Morris, Jr., 7 Elton Road; John J. Flanagan, Jr., 5 Greenbrier Drive; Jane T. Wiegand, 3 Hamilton Avenue, and Jerome F. Williams, 26 Hilltop Avenue is hereby appointed to hold a public meeting on the second Thursday in May 2002 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in preparing a budget to be presented to the Financial Town Meeting and to submit a printed report of their recommendations for expenditures to the Financial Town Meeting, and the amount of tax which will be necessary to levy to pay such expenses, and

**RESOLVED:** that in case of a vacancy in the committee after the appointment of its members, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Town Council, and


**RESOLVED:** further that the Town Clerk with the said Committee-on-Appropriations shall prepare and have printed an order of business for each Financial Town Meeting. The motion passed (voice vote).

Mr. Klepper asked if there were any other general business.

Joyce Dube, 21 Highview Avenue, asked how businesses are taxed. Town Moderator Allan Klepper answered that there is one tax rate for everybody.

L. Russell Pet, 12 Woodford Road, asked the Appropriations Committee when preparing next year's report to have a presentation of year to date for actual expenditures for the year be reviewed (this year would be ending June 30, 2001) and a projection line by line where there are surpluses or where there are not. Mr. Morris said the Committee would take it under advisement.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Wiegand to dissolve the Financial Town Meeting at 9:10 P.M. Passed (voice vote).

  
Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk

WARNING FOR FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
County of Bristol, SC:

By the Town Clerk of Town of Barrington, Rhode Island to John M. LaCross, Town Sergeant of the Town of Barrington, or to any of the Constables of the said Town.

GREETING:

Pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, you are hereby required to post at least seven (7) days before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002, written notification in three (3) or more public places in the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island, notifying and warning the electors of the Town of Barrington, qualified to vote upon any proposition to propose a tax or for the expenditure of money to assemble in Town Meeting in the Auditorium at the Barrington High School in the Town of Barrington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002 at seven-thirty (7:30) o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of ordering a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property of the Town and the inhabitants thereof for the payment of the Town debts and interest, for the payment of the Town's proportion of the State tax, for the support of schools, for the support and maintenance of the poor, for the building, repairing and amending of highways, for the building, repairing and amending of bridges, for the improvement in any manner deemed fit of any property belonging to the Town, for all necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within the Town, whether incidental or not to the above, and for consideration of the following matters:

1. Establish the Sewer Pump Station Controls Capital Reserve Account and Authorize the Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Account
2. Dissolve the Capital Reserve Account known as Town Hall Copy Machine
3. Approve Transfer of Funds from the Capital Reserve Middle School Renovations & Repairs Account to Working Capital and Dissolve the Capital Reserve Account known as Middle School Renovations & Repairs
4. Approve Transfer of Funds from the Capital Reserve County Road Redevelopment Account to the General Fund and Dissolve the Capital Reserve Account known as County Road Redevelopment
5. Establish the Personnel Policies Capital Reserve Account and Authorize the Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Account
6. Establish the Federal Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Account and Authorize the Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Account
7. Approve Transfer of School Surplus Funds to the General Fund
8. Establish the St. Andrew's Farm Soccer Field Capital Reserve Account and Authorize the Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Account
9. Disposition of the County Road Police Station Property; vote for one of the options set forth below:
  - **Option 1:** Sale to James C. Watkins and Elizabeth J. Pannell in the amount of \$249,000 for a single-family residential use and glass-blowing studio. (This proposal will require a change of zone from residential to waterfront business.);
  - **Option 2:** Sale to Edward Lundgren and Mary Lundgren in the amount of \$215,000 for single-family residential purposes;
  - **Option 3:** Retain the property for the Town, demolish the police station at a cost of \$80,000, and appropriate \$100,000 for development of a public park, subject to approval by the State Auditor General;
  - **Option 4:** Retain the property and police station for the Town and appropriate \$700,000 for its renovation, subject to approval by the State Auditor General;

and for any or all other purposes authorized by law, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Town of Barrington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002 at the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island.



*Lorraine A. Derois*

Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk

State of Rhode Island  
County of Bristol

By virtue of the foregoing warrant, the electors of the Town of Barrington entitled to vote in Financial Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified to assemble in Town Meeting in the Auditorium of the Barrington High School in said Barrington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the above Warrant.

*John M. LaCross*

John M. LaCross, Town Sergeant

State of Rhode Island  
County of Bristol

In Barrington, in said County, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002, I have warned and notified the electors of the said Town of Barrington as above commanded and required by law by posting up written notification of said Warrant in more than three public places in said Town of Barrington.

*John M. LaCross*

John M. LaCross, Town Sergeant



**RESOLUTION  
TO ESTABLISH THE PERSONNEL POLICIES CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT AND  
TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE  
ACCOUNT**

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to §45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve account to be known as the "Personnel Policies" account and to transfer fiscal year 2001-2002 allocated, unspent funds to the Personnel Policies account.

**RESOLUTION  
TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE  
ACCOUNT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to §45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve account to be known as the "Federal Road Reconstruction" account and to transfer fiscal year 2001-2002 allocated, unspent funds to the Federal Road Reconstruction account.

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FUNDS  
TO THE GENERAL FUND**

**RESOLVED:** Upon completion of the financial audit, the School Department will transfer the amount remaining in its unrestricted fund balance not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) to the General Fund as a revenue source for fiscal year 2002-2003.

**RESOLUTION  
TO ESTABLISH THE  
ST. ANDREW'S FARM SOCCER FIELD CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT AND  
TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE  
ACCOUNT**

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to §45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve account to be known as the "St. Andrew's Farm Soccer Field" and to transfer allocated, unspent funds from fiscal year 2001-2002 to the St. Andrew's Farm Soccer Field account.

**COUNTY ROAD POLICE STATION PROPERTY**

Moderator Allan Klepper announced that in addition to the four options on the ballot re. the County Road police station property, an amendment was filed by Elizabeth "Bonnie" Warren on May 15, 2002 to "retain the property and police station for the town and appropriate \$250,000 for a phased renovation, subject to approval by the state auditor general, which Mr. Klepper has added as the fifth option.

- **Option 1:** Sale to James C. Watkins and Elizabeth J. Pannell in the amount of \$249,000 for a single-family residential use and glass-blowing studio. (This proposal will require a change of zone from residential to waterfront business.);
- **Option 2:** Sale to Edward Lundgren and Mary Lundgren in the amount of \$215,000 for single-family residential purposes;
- **Option 3:** Retain the property for the Town, demolish the police station at a cost of \$80,000, and appropriate \$100,000 for development of a public park, subject to approval by the State Auditor General;
- **Option 4:** Retain the property and police station for the Town and appropriate \$700,000 for its renovation, subject to approval by the State Auditor General;
- **Option 5:** Retain the property and police station for the Town and appropriate \$250,000 for a phased renovation, subject to approval by the State Auditor General. (Amendment filed by Elizabeth "Bonnie" Warren and added by Moderator Klepper.)

Discussion ensued. Motion by Ann Strong, 55 Teed Avenue, and seconded by Beverly Migliore, 51 Chachapacasset Road, to discard the ballot and replace it with a yes/no ballot to keep the property or to sell the property. Motion failed: 305 opposed; 234 in favor (standing vote). Discussion ensued. Motion by William Dwyer, 53 County Road, and seconded not to allow a zone change on the property. Moderator Klepper did not allow the motion because the motion is speaking against Option 1. Mr. Klepper explained that the option with a majority of the votes cast will be declared the winning

option. If one option does not receive 268 votes (535 votes cast), there will be a second vote between the two highest options. The number of votes casts for the five options were as follows:

- Option 1: 247 votes; Option 2: 4 votes; Option 3: 228 votes; Option 4: 3 votes; Option 5: 53 votes.

The second vote was for either Option 1 or Option 3. Option 3 received 235 votes; Option 1 received 224 votes (standing vote). Option 3 to retain the property for the Town, demolish the police station at a cost of \$80,000, and appropriate \$100,000 for development of a public park, subject to approval by the State Auditor General was declared the winning option.

**Report of the Appropriations Committee follows:**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Appropriated for the FY Ending June 30, 2003</b>
0300	Public Schools	\$29,686,083
0010	Town Council	31,196
0020	Town Manager	148,728
0030	Town Clerk	167,076
0040	Town Treasurer	206,290
0045	Computer Operations	19,912
0050	Tax Assessor	94,903
0060	Town Solicitor	125,000
0070	Judge of Probate	2,180
0080	Planning Board	17,882
0090	Zoning Board	6,501
0100	Animal Control	9,600
0110	Memorial Day	3,500
0120	Agencies Support	7,000
0130	Board of Canvassers	16,640
0140	Insurance – Interlocal	280,194
0150	Fire Department	1,344,918
0160	Hydrant Rental	136,000
0180	Police Department	1,791,916
0190	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,100
0200	Harbor Control	17,950
0210	Civil Defense	1,936
0250	East Bay Mental Health	46,400
0260	Public Works	2,157,116
0270	Social Security	444,261
0280	Medical Coverage	1,051,013
0290	Pensions	291,227
0292	Compensated Absences	50,000
0295	Unemployment Insurance	5,000
0310	Library	932,605
0320	Recreation Department	72,155
0325	Senior Services	94,706
0330	Inspections	64,594
0340	Reduction of Bonded Debt	3,143,050
0350	Interest on Debt	1,048,908
* 0360	Capital Items: Municipal <i>(add \$100,000 - see above motion)</i>	933,775
Motion by Elizabeth "Bonnie" Warren and seconded by Barbara Donovan to delete \$80,000 from Capital Item #GF0 0360 4767 Police Station. Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo explained that the Town Charter requires a motion such as this to be filed in advance of the Financial Town Meeting; Mrs. Warren's motion could only reduce the \$80,000 by \$50,000. Mrs. Warren amended her motion to reduce the \$80,000 police station capital item to \$30,000. Discussion ensued. The motion failed (voice vote).		
	School	370,000
0365	Government Center Utilities	120,000
0366	Public Safety Complex Utilities	150,000
0370	Miscellaneous	61,400
Total Gross Expenditures		\$45,753,165
850SE	Sewer Utility	1,163,067
0360	Capital Items: Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund	85,000

Mr. Klepper declared the budget adopted.

Motion and seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE-ON-APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** that the report of the Committee-on-Appropriations, appointed to prepare a budget, be adopted and in accordance therewith, the sum of \$45,153,165 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the several appropriations mentioned, said sums within the amounts appropriated, as may be required upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the Town Manager, or otherwise as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the report of the Committee-on-Appropriations with regard to the Sewer Enterprise Fund be adopted and in accordance therewith the sum of \$1,248,067 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the Sewer Enterprise Fund said sums within the amount appropriated as may be required upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the Town Manager or otherwise as provided by law. The expenditure shall be supported by revenue generated by said fund. The motion passed (voice vote).

Motion and seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX AND DEALING WITH KINDRED MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** that the electors of the Town of Barrington, qualified to vote on any proposition to impose a tax, in Town Meeting assembled, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2002, hereby order the levy and collection of a tax on the ratable real estate, the ratable tangible personal property, ratable tangible personal property of manufacturer's machinery and equipment (the rate of said ratable tangible personal property of manufacturer's consisting of manufacturer's machinery and equipment to be in accordance with limitations and provisions of statutory law of the State of Rhode Island) and motor vehicle excise tax in the sum not less than \$37,122,534 nor more than \$37,358,674, said tax to be for ordinary expenses and charges, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in full or in part of said Town and for other purposes authorized by law. The Tax Assessor shall apportion said tax on the inhabitants and taxable property of said Town according to law, and shall, upon completion of said resulting tax roll, date, certify and sign the same and deliver to and deposit the same in the Office of the Town Clerk on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2002. The Town Clerk, upon receipt of said assessments, shall forthwith make a copy of same and deliver it to the Town Treasurer with a warrant under her hand directed to the Collector of Taxes of said Town commanding him to proceed to collect said tax on the person and estates liable therefore. Said tax shall be due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D. 2002, and all taxes remaining unpaid after September 30, 2002, shall carry until collected, a penalty at the rate of 18 per cent per annum from the due date of any quarterly installment, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the persons assessed to pay their taxes shall have an option to pay the same in equal quarterly installments; the first installment of twenty-five per centum on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002, and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five per centum on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2002, twenty-five per centum on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2003, and twenty-five per centum on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003. If the first installment or any succeeding installments of taxes is not paid by the last date of the respective installment period or periods as they occur then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax as the case may be shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of 18 per cent per annum. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2002, at twelve o'clock midnight, the Assessor of Taxes shall determine the assessed valuation of ratable property in the Town for tax purposes and against such assessed valuations so determined shall apportion the tax levy to be made by the electors in Financial Town Meeting on May 22, 2003 on the inhabitants of the Town and ratable property therein to meet appropriations.

**RESOLVED:** that the Collector of Taxes is hereby directed to attend any meeting of the Town Council held on its regular meeting date on or before May 2003 prepared to certify to the Council the names of all persons whose taxes have remained unpaid or have been paid under protest as of that date, together with all amounts due from each, and also all the information in his possession connected with each case. The Tax Collector shall also prepare and certify to the Town Council the names of all persons

to whom he recommends there shall be granted tax abatements on tangible personal property because they have deceased leaving no assets, have moved out of State leaving no assets or whose tax has been ruled uncollectible by the court, as provided in the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, Title 44, Chapter 7, Section 14, as amended to date, together with the reason for the abatement and the amount.

**RESOLVED:** that the Assessor of Taxes is directed to attend any meeting of the Town Council held on its regular meeting date on or before May 2003 prepared to certify to the Council the names of all persons recommended to be granted tax abatements because of mistakes in the assessment as provided in the General Laws of 1956, Title 44, Chapter 7, Section 14, as amended to date, together with the nature of the mistake, the valuation and the amount of tax recommended for abatement.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to investigate each case so brought before them, and whenever in their judgment, the tax has been illegally or wrongfully assessed or the tax on any tangible personal property is uncollectible because the owner has deceased leaving no assets, has moved out of State leaving no assets or whose tax has been ruled uncollectible by the court, they are hereby authorized and empowered to remit such tax. In all cases, the Collector of Taxes is hereby directed to collect by process of law, all taxes due and unpaid on August 1, 2002. The Collector of Taxes is further directed to collect by process of law all tangible personal property taxes levied in 2002, which remain unpaid on September 30, 2002 unless being paid quarterly.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to hire such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the operation of the Town Government, and

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes and such other Town Officers as the Town Council may designate shall secure their bonds from some good surety company and the Town assume the expenses. The motion passed (voice vote).

Motion and seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES**

**RESOLVED:** that the real estate and personal property tax rate be set at not greater than \$26.10 per \$1,000 valuation and the motor vehicle tax rate be set at \$42.00 per \$1,000 valuation. The motion passed (voice vote).

Motion by James E. McClelland, III, Republican Town Committee Chairman, and seconded by June Speakman, Democratic Town Committee Vice Chairwoman, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A BUDGET  
AND SUBMIT A REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** that a committee of five (5) consisting of William J. Delaney, 38 Upland Way; Raymond F. Morris, Jr., 7 Elton Road; Timothy R. Sweetser, 12 Roberta Drive; Jane T. Wiegand, 3 Hamilton Avenue, and Jerome F. Williams, 26 Hilltop Avenue is hereby appointed to hold a public meeting on the second Thursday in May 2003 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in preparing a budget to be presented to the Financial Town Meeting and to submit a printed report of their recommendations for expenditures to the Financial Town Meeting, and the amount of tax which will be necessary to levy to pay such expenses, and

**RESOLVED:** that in case of a vacancy in the committee after the appointment of its members, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Town Council, and

**RESOLVED:** further that the Town Clerk with the said Committee-on-Appropriations shall prepare and have printed an order of business for each Financial Town Meeting. The motion passed (voice vote).

Mr. Klepper asked if there were any other general business.

There being no further business, the Financial Town Meeting was dissolved at 11:26 P.M. (voice vote).

  
Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk