Annual Financial Town Meeting

May 23, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M. Barrington High School Auditorium Total Eligible:

12,630

Attendance: 1

145 @ 7:15 P.M. 179 @ 7:45 P.M.

#### **Present:**

Town Moderator: Allan C. Klepper

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• Town Clerk: Lorraine A. Derois

Town Council: Jeffrey S. Brenner, John T. Lazzaro, James Schwartz,

June S. Speakman and Kate G. Weymouth

Town Manager: Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr.

• **Appropriations Committee:** Kathryn D. Cadigan, William J. Delaney, John J. Fitta, Mark J. Hanchar and Timothy R. Sweetser

• **School Committee:** Patrick A. Guida, Jim Hasenfus, Amy Page Oberg and Deborah S. Thurston; Doris W. Eddins was absent (out of country)

• School Director of Administration and Finance: Ronald D. Tarro

Moderator Allan C. Klepper, who declared a quorum present, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Klepper asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence for our military who are at war and for others not here who have contributed to this meeting.

Mr. Klepper "rapped" an overview of the meeting's agenda and the rules that would be followed as the process unfolds and announced that Mike Davis is broadcasting the meeting and has done so for the past seventeen years. "Rap" on page 431A.

Motion by Mr. Delaney 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 431A. Passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

## TO DISSOLVE THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT KNOWN AS SOWAMS MULTIPURPOSE FIELDS

**RESOLVED:** That the account known as "Sowams Multipurpose Fields" is hereby dissolved and all unused funds be transferred to the "Recreation Maintenance" Capital Reserve Account.

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

## TO DISSOLVE THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT KNOWN AS SEWER CONSTRUCTION

**RESOLVED:** That the account known as "Sewer Construction" is hereby dissolved and all unused funds be transferred to the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

## TO DISSOLVE THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT KNOWN AS MIDDLE HIGHWAY ATHLETIC FIELDS

**RESOLVED:** That the account known as "Middle Highway Athletic Fields" is hereby dissolved.

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO ASSESSOR AND TREASURER SOFTWARE

**RESOLVED:** That the funds appropriated to the "Permit Tracking Software" for Fiscal Year ended 2007 of \$16,000 be transferred into the "Assessor and Treasurer Software" Capital Reserve Account.

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HARBORMASTER EQUIPMENT

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to Section 45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as "Harbormaster Equipment".

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Guida and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

### TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND

**RESOLVED:** The School Department shall transfer Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from its unrestricted fund balance to the Town as a General Fund revenue source for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Guida and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

## TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

**RESOLVED:** The School Department shall transfer One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$147,000) from its unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Account known as "School Improvements Capital Reserve" for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Guida and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

## TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

**RESOLVED:** The School Department shall transfer Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) from its unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Account known as "School Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve" for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Guida and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

## TO ESTABLISH THE RHODE ISLAND FIRE SAFETY CODE UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to Section 45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as "RI Fire Safety Code Upgrades".

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Guida and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

## TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE RHODE ISLAND FIRE SAFETY CODE UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

**RESOLVED:** The School Department shall transfer Five Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$545,000) from its unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Account known as "RI Fire Safety Code Upgrades Capital Reserve" for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The motion passed (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTES TO FUND EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. In the event of an emergency threatening the public safety, health or welfare and requiring the immediate expenditure of money by the town, the town council, on the written recommendation of the town manager, by resolution, may

#### TOWN MEET'N RAP

Town Meet'n tonight, we're keep'n it light, we'll expedite, cause we're doin' it right! Town Meet'n tonight, we're keep'n it light, we'll expedite, cause we're doin' it right!

As your Moderator, I extend a greeting, to the 2007, Financial Town Meeting.

Resolutions and budgets, attention competing. Tonight's agenda, awaits completing.

main sections, they're a la carte, INTRODUCTIONS are first, that's where we'll start: Officials elected and those connected; the staffers key, to their agency.

RESOLUTIONS are next, the second part. Complicated text, but not complex.

Some dissolve accounts, or establish accounts, transfer in or out, some dollar amounts.

Some deal with sewer, emergencies, and grant new bonding, authorities.

The BUDGET is the part, it's really the heart, there's nothing new; line-by-line review, The WRAP-UP's the time for the final acts; gives the new year's start, then we relax.

We'll codify the budget, set the new tax rate, and elect next year's, COA slate.

Town Meet'n tonight, we're keep'n it light, we'll expedite, cause we're doin' it right!

Now the <u>Charter does state</u>, can't <u>lim</u>it debate, so we <u>cooperate</u>, and <u>regulate</u>
The <u>speaker's time</u>. 3 <u>min</u>utes are prime, to <u>educate</u>, and <u>advocate</u>
Your <u>point</u> of view, or <u>provide</u> a clue, on <u>the</u> issue, you <u>want</u> to pursue.
So <u>when</u> you speak, please <u>concentrate</u>, don't <u>fabricate</u>, or <u>humiliate</u>,
Please <u>watch</u> the timer, don't <u>overstate</u>, for <u>if</u> you do, I'll <u>terminate</u>.
A <u>heal</u>thy debate, I'll <u>facilitate</u>, help you <u>navigate</u>, the <u>budget</u>'s fate.
All <u>questions</u> fair, please ad<u>dress</u> the chair, I'll di<u>rect</u> it from there, get an <u>ans</u>wer square.
Avoid confusion, from <u>parliamentary</u> tool, our <u>practice</u> is, one <u>amendment</u>'s the rule.
Speaking and voting, are your <u>choice and right</u>: <u>both</u> or neither, it's <u>your call</u> tonight.

And <u>would you</u> please note, that <u>when</u> we vote, the <u>quickest</u> choice, will <u>be</u> by voice. The <u>next</u> is standing, it's <u>more</u> demanding. If an <u>obvious</u> count, won't <u>have</u> to mount Using <u>gals</u> and fellers, to <u>be</u> the tellers, who'll <u>document</u>, the <u>vote</u> content. And if you so <u>choose</u>, by 20 percent, a <u>secret</u> ballot, could be time <u>well spent</u>. So <u>guard</u> your ticket, don't <u>be</u> a fool, <u>no ticket</u>-no ballot, cause <u>that's</u> the rule! Must <u>warn</u> this forum, <u>expect</u> decorum, law <u>gives</u> me approval, for <u>your</u> removal. Town <u>Meet</u>'n tonight, we're <u>keep</u>'n it light, we'll <u>expedite</u>, cause we're <u>doin</u>' it right!

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Now the Committee on, Appropriation, will soon make, its presentation. An explanation, of consultation, accommodation, and recommendation. The Budget detail, is in 40 lines, the School is first, that's by design. If you want to undermine, or redefine, the total changes, to rearrange their line. A pre-filed motion, the maker has notion, has sent in a sign, to change the line. "Ye'll deal with it, at the proper section, when the time is right, I'll give direction.

The <u>Town</u> does departments, <u>one</u> by one, if <u>no</u> one objects, that <u>line</u> is done. By <u>tradition once completed</u>, we <u>stay</u> on track. We <u>do</u> the wrap-up, and <u>don't</u> look back. So <u>if you have ques</u>tions, it's <u>time</u> to ask, <u>otherwise we'll proceed</u>, to <u>tack</u>le our task.

Town Meet'n tonight, we're keep'n it light, we'll expedite, cause we're doin' it right! Yes Meet'n tonight, we're keep'n it light, we'll expedite, cause we're doin' it right!

Allan Klepper Town Moderator 5/23/07

#### WARNING FOR FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

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. 2007, 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 arrington, qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money to semble 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. 2007 at seven (7:00) 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. Resolution Dissolving the Capital Reserve Account known as Sowams Multipurpose Fields
- 2. Resolution Dissolving the Capital Reserve Account known as Sewer Construction
- 3. Resolution Dissolving the Capital Reserve Account known as Middle Highway Athletic Fields
- 4. Resolution Transferring Funds to Assessor and Treasurer Software
- 5. Resolution Establishing Harbormaster Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- 6. Resolution Transferring School Surplus Funds to General Fund Subject to School Committee Approval
- 7. Resolution Transferring School Surplus Funds to School Improvement Capital Reserve Account
- 8. Resolution Transferring School Surplus Funds to School Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Account
- 9. Resolution Establishing the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund
- 10. Resolution Approving the Transfer of School Surplus Funds to the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Upgrades Capital Reserve Account
- 11. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Emergency Notes to Fund Emergency Appropriations
- 12. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes
- 13. Resolution Appropriating an Amount not to Exceed \$8,000,000 for Construction, Equipping, Repairing and Renovation of the Sewerage Lines, Sewage Collection and Treatment System in the Town through the Issuance of Bonds and/or Notes

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2007 at the Town of

Barrington, Rhode Island.

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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. 2007 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the above Warrant.

John M./LaCross, Toy'n Sergeant

ate of Rhode Island

County of Bristol

In Barrington, in said County, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2007, 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, Tøwn Sergeant

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appropriate funds in amounts and for purposes in addition to those contained in the operating budget or in the capital budget. Such a resolution shall include a brief statement of the facts that show the existence of such emergency.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. To fund said appropriation, the Finance Director, with the approval of the Town Council, is authorized under Section 45-12-2 of the General Laws Rhode Island to issue emergency notes.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. The manner of sale, denominations, maturities, principal amounts, interest rates, and other terms, conditions and details of any emergency notes issued pursuant to this authority may be fixed by proceedings of the Town Council authorizing the issue or by separate resolution of the Town Council or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the emergency notes. The notes shall be signed by the Finance Director and by the President of the Town Council.

SECTION 4. The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are hereby authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to insure that the interest on the emergency notes will remain exempt from federal income taxation to the extent provided in Section 103 of the Code, and to refrain from taking any action which will cause interest on the emergency notes to lose the benefit of exclusion from gross income provided by Section 103(a) of the Code. The Treasurer and the President of the Town Council are further authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable to designate the emergency notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-4 and Section 6-5-2 of the Town of Barrington Home Rule Charter the Finance Director and the President of the Town Council acting on behalf of the Town, are authorized to issue and refund, from time to time, not to exceed \$5,000,000 interest bearing notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the annual tax assessed or to be assessed upon the taxable property within the said Town as of December 31, 2006 for the financial year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the current liabilities and expenses of said Town.

SECTION 2. The manner of sale, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, dated dates, due dates, interest rates, medium of payment, and other terms, conditions and details of the Notes authorized hereunder may be fixed by proceedings of the Town Council authorizing the issue or by separate resolution of the Town Council or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes.

SECTION 3. The Director of Finance/Treasurer and the President of the Town Council are authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with federal securities laws including Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") and to execute and deliver if required in connection with the Notes a Continuing Disclosure Agreement or a Material Events Disclosure Agreement in the form as shall be deemed advisable by the Director of Finance and the President of the Town Council in order to comply with the Rule. The Town hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all provisions of any such Continuing Disclosure Agreement or Material Events Disclosure Agreement, as either of them may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution or the Notes, failure of the Town to comply with any such Continuing Disclosure Agreement or Material Events Disclosure Agreement shall not be considered an event of default; however, any noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking a mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Town to comply with its obligations under this Section and under any such agreement.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution. Ann Strong, 55 Teed Avenue, asked if the Town needs both the emergency appropriation resolution and the sewer resolution. Finance Director Dean Huff stated the emergency appropriation resolution would be for short-term notes and the sewer

resolution would be for long-term bonds (would have to be ratified at the Financial Town Meeting).

# RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, REPAIRING AND RENOVATION OF THE SEWERAGE LINES, SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM IN THE TOWN THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES

BE IT RESOLVED that:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The sum of \$8,000,000 be appropriated to finance the construction, equipping, repairing and renovation of the sewage collection and treatment system in the Town (the "Project") and to raise said appropriation, the Finance Director, with the approval of the Town Council, is authorized under Section 45-12-2 of the General Laws Rhode Island and Section 7-1-1 of the Home Rule Charter of the Town, as amended, to issue bonds therefor, to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, and to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Section 45-12-5.2.

SECTION 2. The manner of sale, denominations, maturities, principal amounts, interest rates, and other terms, conditions and details of any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this authority may be fixed by proceedings of the Town Council authorizing the issue or by separate resolution of the Town Council or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the bonds or notes. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 45-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, the Town may enter into a financing agreement with the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency pursuant to Title 46, Chapter 12.2 of the General Laws and, with respect to notes or bonds issued in connection with such financing agreements, if any, the Town may elect to have the provisions of Title 46, Chapter 12.2 of the General Laws apply to the issuance of the bonds or notes issued hereunder. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Finance Director and by the President of the Town Council.

SECTION 3. The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are hereby authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to insure that the interest on the bonds and notes will remain exempt from federal income taxation to the extent provided in Section 103 of the Code, and to refrain from taking any action which will cause interest on the bonds and notes to lose the benefit of exclusion from gross income provided by Section 103(a) of the Code. The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are further authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable to designate the bonds and notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

School Finance Administrator Ron Tarro stated that, after meeting with Finance Director Dean Huff to discuss the school unrestricted fund balance, the <u>Barrington Times</u> had reported \$3,058,943 added to surplus since 2001; the amount should be \$2,558,000; the difference was to fund a deficit, not to add to surplus.

#### **Report of the Appropriations Committee follows:**

Account Number Account FY Ending June 30, 2008

Public Schools \$38,601,107

Motion by Jordan Verner, 24 Bay Road and seconded to restore to the School Department budget \$129,996. Ms. Verner stated that a deduction in the baseline budget would determine future budgets, and the rate of future increases is limited because of Senate 3050 (enacted by RI Legislature last session restricting amount by which a municipality may levy a tax over the previous year). Those speaking in favor of the motion were Kim Jacobs, 5 Massachusetts Avenue, Hilary Polumbo, 19 Rumstick Road, Perri Leviss, 7 Maxfield Court, Phil Rosen, 17 Broadview Drive, School Finance Administrator Ron Tarro and School Committee Chairman Patrick Guida. opposing the motion were Appropriations Committee member Mark Hanchar, Ben Wooding, 9 Manor Road, Appropriations Committee member Kathryn Cadigan, John Veader, 3 Ormand Drive, Joel Hellmann, 13 Richmond Avenue and Lucille Wooding, 9 Tom Dalglish, 8 Grassy Plain Road, asked for an explanation of the Manor Road. \$129,996. School Committee Chairman Patrick Guida stated that this amount consists of two full-time teacher positions, which are broken down into four separate partial positions (two 1/2 time teachers, one 2/3 teacher and one 1/3 teacher). Discussion ensued. Motion passed (standing vote: Yes 106; No 52). The School Department budget was increased from \$38,471,111 to \$38,601,107.

0010	Town Council	22,046
0020	Town Manager	176,685
0030	Town Clerk	219,197
0040	Finance Department	307,333
0045	Computer Operations	29,537
0050	Tax Assessor	116,788
0060	Town Solicitor	150,000
0070	Judge of Probate	2,245
0080	Planning Board	89,662
0090	Zoning Board	9,171
0100	Animal Control	12,000
0110	Memorial Day	4,500
0120	Agencies Support	6,900
0130	Board of Canvassers	13,670
0140	Insurance – Interlocal	325,015
0150	Fire Department	1,621,292
0160	Hydrant Rental	138,800
0180	Police Department	2,125,809
0190	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,461
0200	Harbor Control	29,702
0210	Civil Defense	3,750
0250	East Bay Mental Health	46,500
0260	Public Works	2,430,379
0270	Social Security	542,717
0280	Medical Coverage	1,569,225
0290	Pensions	881,500
0292	Compensated Absences	40,000
0295	Unemployment Insurance	7,500
0310	Library	1,099,329
0320	Recreation Department	93,727
0325	Senior Services	112,922
0330	Inspections	86,100
0340	Reduction of Bonded Debt	2,578,957
0350	Interest on Debt	787,262
0360	Capital Items: Municipal	1,079,500
	School	200,000
0365	Government Center Utilities	165,000
0366	Public Safety Complex Utilities	180,300
0370	Miscellaneous	71,900
Total Gross Expenditures		\$55,849,492
850SE Sewer Utility		2,384,179
Mr. Klepper declared the budget adopted.		

Motion by Mr. Delaney 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 \$55,979,488 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, 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 \$2,384,179 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, 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 unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Delaney and seconded to adopt the following 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. 2007, 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 \$47,152,684 nor more than \$47,375,071, 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. 2007. 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 therefor. Said tax shall be due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D. 2007, and all taxes remaining unpaid after September 28, 2007, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007, and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five per centum on or before the 31st day of December 2007, twenty-five per centum on or before the 31st day of March 2008, and twenty-five per centum on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

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 2007, 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 28, 2008 on the inhabitants of the Town and ratable property therein to meet appropriations.

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 2008 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 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 2008 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, 2007. The Collector of Taxes is further directed to collect by process of law all tangible personal property taxes levied in 2007, which remain unpaid on September 28, 2007 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 by Mr. Delaney and seconded by 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 \$13.85 per \$1,000 valuation and the motor vehicle tax rate be set at \$42.00 per \$1,000 valuation. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mary Alyce Gasbarro, Chairwoman of the Democrat Town Committee, and seconded by James E. McClelland, Vice Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, 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 Kathryn D. Cadigan, 88 Rumstick Road, William J. Delaney, 38 Upland Way; John J. Fitta, 153 New Meadow Road; and Timothy R. Sweetser, 12 Roberta Drive is hereby appointed to hold a public meeting on the second Wednesday in May 2008 at 7:00 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).

Moderator Klepper declared the Financial Town Meeting dissolved at 8:45 p.m.

Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk

**Annual Financial Town Meeting** 

May 28, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.

**Barrington High School Auditorium** 

**Total Eligible:** 

15,114

Attendance:

158 @ 7:30 P.M.

168 @ 7:45 P.M.

#### **Present:**

• Town Moderator: Allan C. Klepper

• Town Clerk: Lorraine A. Derois

**Town Council:** Jeffrey S. Brenner, John T. Lazzaro, James Schwartz, June S. Speakman and Kate G. Weymouth

Town Manager: Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr.

• **Appropriations Committee:** Kathryn D. Cadigan, William J. Delaney, Mark J. Hanchar, Pam Wheeler Mitchell and Timothy R. Sweetser

• **School Committee:** Patrick A. Guida, Jim Hasenfus, Amy Page Oberg, Deborah S. Thurston and Doris W. Eddins

School Superintendent: Dr. Robert O. McIntyre

• School Director of Administration and Finance: Ronald D. Tarro

Moderator Allan C. Klepper declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Klepper announced that this Financial Town Meeting is televised live on Channel 9, Full Channel; it's being recorded by Mike Davis, it will be replayed on Full Channel as well as on Cox Cable, and it will also appear on the Town website. The sound system is courtesy of Nahum Mitnik of the Barrington High School.

Mr. Klepper asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of those people who are no longer with us who have participated over the years in this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Delaney and seconded by Mr. Hanchar to dispense with the reading of the Call, but it is part of the record as it appears on page 438A. Passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE POLICE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to Section 45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve fund to be known as "Police Equipment".

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**RESOLVED:** There is hereby established pursuant to Section 45-11-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, a Capital Reserve fund to be known as "Fire Equipment".

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

## TO RENAME THE LANDFILL CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

**RESOLVED:** That the Capital Reserve account known as "Landfill Closure" is hereby renamed "Environmental Issues".

The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).