

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).

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

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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:

...suant 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 28th day of May, A.D. 2008, 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 impose 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 28th day of May, A.D. 2008 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:

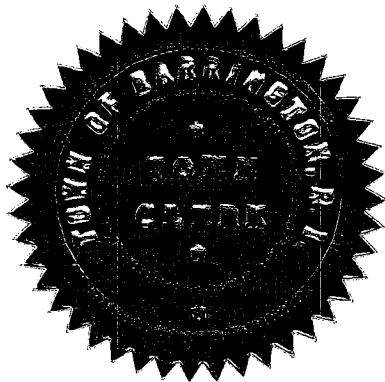
1. Resolution Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund known as Police Equipment
2. Resolution Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund known as Fire Equipment
3. Resolution Renaming the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Account to Environmental Issues
4. Resolution to Finance a Wind Turbine within the Town of Barrington
5. Resolution Transferring Surplus Funds to Wind Turbine Special Revenue Account
6. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Emergency Notes to Fund Emergency Appropriations
7. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Tax Anticipation 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 19th day of May, A.D. 2008 at the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island.

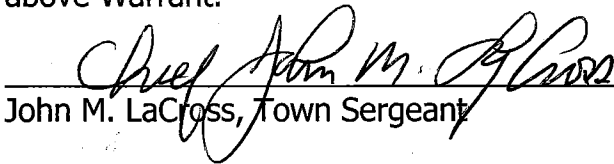


Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk



State of Rhode Island
County of Bristol

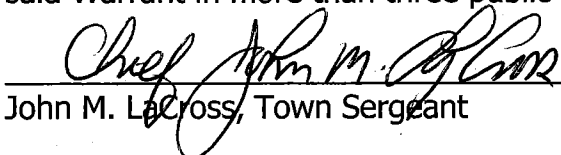
By virtue of the foregoing warrant, the electors of the Town of Barrington entitled to vote in Financial Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified to assemble in Town Meeting in the Auditorium of the Barrington High School in said Barrington on the 28th day of May, A.D. 2008 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the above Warrant.



John M. LaCross, Town Sergeant

State of Rhode Island
County of Bristol

In Barrington, in said County, on the 19th day of May, A.D. 2008, 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, Town Sergeant

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

RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING
APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400,000 TO FINANCE A
~~WIND TURBINE AT THE BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING BUT NOT~~
LIMITED TO, COSTS OF ACQUISITION, SITE PREPARATION AND
INSTALLATION AND ALL OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO
THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES

BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The sum of \$2,400,000 be appropriated to finance a wind turbine ~~at~~ ^{within} the ~~Barrington High School~~ ^{Town of} including but not limited to, costs of acquisition, site preparation and installation and all other costs incidental or related thereto (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. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Finance Director and by the President of the Town Council.

Section 3. This Resolution is an affirmative action of the Town of Barrington toward the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This Resolution constitutes the Town's declaration of official intent pursuant to the Treasury Regulations Section 1.150(2) to reimburse the Town for certain capital expenditures for the Project paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this Resolution, but prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$2,400,000 and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

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 qualify not to exceed \$2,100,000 of the bonds as "Clean Renewable Energy Bonds" for purposes of Section 54 of the Code ("CREBs").

The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are hereby also authorized to take all lawful action necessary or desirable under the Code, to insure that the interest on any bonds and notes not issued as CREBs 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 such 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 not issued as CREBs as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

James Bride, Chairman of the Committee for Renewable Energy for Barrington (CREB), presented slides of the wind turbine project. Discussion ensued with respect to location, noise, safety, wind speed and financing. Voters asking questions were Ann Boodon, 21 Alfred Drown Road; Warren Hebert, 208 Lincoln Avenue; Margaret Kilpatrick, 15 Virginia Road; Sandra Wyatt, 28 Byway Road; David Baum, 17 Heritage Road; Joel Hellmann, 13 Richmond Avenue; Charles Anastasia, 9 Laurel Lane; John Veader, 3 Ormand Drive; Andrew Reich, 21 Half Mile Road; Mark Millspaugh, 20 Heritage Road; Robert Shea, 8 Woodmont Court; Henry Burke, 8 Linden Road; Cynthia Thomsen, 28 Upland Way, Sidney Greenwald, 23 Surrey Road and Ronald Russo, 8 Candleberry Road. Ian Millspaugh, 20 Heritage Road, student who will be going to Barrington High School, asked if the wind turbine could be located at a different location and instead of supplying the energy directly to the High School, it could be supplied to the utilities company, sell the energy to them, and to meet the expenses of the High School. Council President Brenner stated that this is a great idea, but it can't be done under the current law, it's not an option right now. Officials responding to concerns/questions were Town Council President Jeffrey Brenner, School Committee Chairman Patrick Guida, School Superintendent Dr. Robert McIntyre, Town Manager Peter DeAngelis, School Director of Administration and Finance Ronald D. Tarro, Finance Director Dean Huff, CREB Chairman James Bride, Wind Energy

Consultant Henry DuPont and Senator David Bates. Motion by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Hebert to oppose the site at the Barrington High School of the wind turbine generator, but not to oppose the wind turbine generator. The motion was defeated (voice vote and standing vote). The original motion by Mr. Brenner passed (voice vote).

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

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS
TO THE WIND TURBINE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT**

RESOLVED: That the Town shall transfer an amount not-to-exceed Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the General Fund operating surplus for Fiscal Year ended 2008 to the Wind Turbine special revenue account for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The motion passed unanimously (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Lazzaro 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 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.

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 3. 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.

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

Motion by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Lazzaro 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, 2007 for the financial year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 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.

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

Town Council President Brenner stated that the Committee on Appropriations has five members; it's a very hard working group. Each member makes a personal sacrifice during the course of January-May time period. This year two of the members will be stepping down from the Committee. Mr. Brenner presented resolutions to Mr. Delaney who will be resigning from the Appropriations Committee and Mr. Hanchar who is resigning at the close of this meeting. Representative Susan Story presented citations from the Speaker of the House to Mr. Delaney and Mr. Hanchar, and Senator David Bates presented Senate citations and proclamations from Governor Donald L. Carcieri to Mr. Delaney and Mr. Hanchar. Appropriations Committee member Timothy Sweetser, on behalf of the Committee, presented a plaque to Chairman Delaney.

Report of the Appropriations Committee follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriated for the FY Ending June 30, 2009</u>
0300	Public Schools	40,653,507
Perri Leviss, 7 Maxfield Court, asked for a description of the four school personnel positions that will be eliminated this evening and describe the services the children will not receive from those four positions and then specifically describe the decision for continuing or discontinuing the full day kindergarten program that was begun two years ago. Dr. McIntyre stated that he and the School Committee had some difficult decisions to make this year with the budget; they have to live with Senate bill 3050 like everyone else. Dr. McIntyre stated they looked at how they could impact the least number of students. They eliminated were the full day kindergarten program because it was servicing about 43 students; the future of the program probably wouldn't be able to grow a whole lot more because they don't have the space in the buildings nor do they have the staff to accommodate it; it was a lottery system so that only a small number of students were allowed to be part of the full day kindergarten; also eliminated were an enrichment specialist at Hampden Meadows School (small number of students impacted), music position at the Middle School (will not impact chorale or music students; those programs will remain in tact; some of the general music classes were eliminated), and also a part-time math specialist was eliminated at the Middle School. These are important positions but they impact the least number of students.		
0010	Town Council	22,046
0020	Town Manager	183,432
0030	Town Clerk	227,756
0040	Finance Department	319,220
0045	Computer Operations	59,128
0050	Tax Assessor	120,528
0060	Town Solicitor	150,000

0070	Judge of Probate	2,300
0080	Planning Board	92,304
0090	Zoning Board	9,362
0100	Animal Control	12,000
0110	Memorial Day	4,500
0120	Agencies Support	7,400
0130	Board of Canvassers	30,678
0140	Insurance – Interlocal	309,843
0150	Fire Department	1,677,894
0160	Hydrant Rental	138,800
0180	Police Department	2,210,739
0190	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,495
0200	Harbor Control	38,500
0210	Civil Defense	3,750
0250	East Bay Mental Health	46,500
0260	Public Works	2,567,699
0270	Social Security	561,788
0280	Medical Coverage	1,590,259
0290	Pensions	854,909
0292	Compensated Absences	35,000
0295	Unemployment Insurance	7,500
0310	Library	1,128,892
0320	Recreation Department	97,010
0325	Senior Services	115,905
0330	Inspections	92,083
0340	Reduction of Bonded Debt	2,572,468
0350	Interest on Debt	681,305
0360	Capital Items: Police Department	103,500
	Fire Department	213,000
	Public Works	546,000
	Other	145,000
	School	285,000
0365	Government Center Utilities	178,000
0366	Public Safety Complex Utilities	180,300
0370	Miscellaneous	<u>66,900</u>
	Total Gross Expenditures	58,344,200
850SE	Sewer Utility	2,853,007

Mr. Klepper declared the budget adopted.

Motion by Mr. Delaney and seconded by Mr. Hanchar 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 \$58,344,200 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, 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 \$2,853,007 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, 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 by Mr. Hanchar 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 28th day of May, A.D.

2008, 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 \$49,527,805 nor more than \$49,688,808, 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 15th day of June, A.D. 2008. 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 1st day of September, A.D. 2008, and all taxes remaining unpaid after September 30, 2008, 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 30th day of September 2008, and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five per centum on or before the 31st day of December 2008, twenty-five per centum on or before the 31st day of March 2009, and twenty-five per centum on or before the 30th day of June 2009.

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 31st day of December 2008, 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 27, 2009 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 2009 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 2009 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, 2008. The Collector of Taxes is further directed to collect by process of law all tangible personal property taxes levied in 2008, which remain unpaid on September 30, 2008 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 unanimously (voice vote).

Mr. Klepper stated he received a letter (unsigned) questioning why is it that if we adopt a budget that shows a 3.97% tax rate increase that equates to a 55¢ bump in the tax rate and pushes the total to \$14.40; \$14.45 after it's rounded up. The question is why is it rounded up. Finance Director Dean Huff stated that the reason the Town has always rounded up is because when we estimate tax revenue, we don't budget for abatements and we estimate our tax revenue at 100% collection rate and that's not the case; we don't collect 100% of our tax revenue; it has been the Town policy to round up to account for those deductions. Mr. Klepper stated that the Committee on Appropriations also recommended going up to \$14.45.

Motion by Mr. Hanchar and seconded by Mr. Delaney 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 \$14.45 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 III, Vice Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, to adopt the following resolution:

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

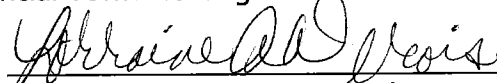
RESOLVED: that a committee of five (5) consisting of Kathryn D. Cadigan, 88 Rumstick Road, William J. Delaney, 38 Upland Way; Geoffrey E. Grove, 16 Robbins Drive; Pam Wheeler Mitchell, 111 Highland Avenue and Timothy R. Sweetser, 12 Roberta Drive is hereby appointed to hold a public meeting on the second Wednesday in May 2009 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 unanimously (voice vote).

Mr. Delaney is resigning after this meeting, his 10th. Mr. Delaney's first Financial Town Meeting was on May 27, 1999. He was elected Chairman on November 22, 2004. Mr. Delaney expressed his gratitude to the members of the Appropriations Committee, town officials and taxpayers. Mark J. Hanchar is resigning after 2½ years as a member of the Appropriations.

Moderator Klepper declared the Financial Town Meeting dissolved at 9:01 P.M.


Lorraine A. Derois, Town Clerk