

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 13, 2023

A quorum of approximately 63 being present, Moderator Ben Warren called the meeting to order at 9:07am. Recognition and a standing ovation were given to Phil Dowling for his many years of very active service on the Selectboard. Recognition and a standing ovation were also given to Dean Bates, Westhampton Elementary Principal for 21 years. Tad Weiss, Finance Committee Chair, summarized FY24 budget process concerns and issues. The following articles were then acted upon:

ARTICLE 1: It was voted unanimously to accept all reports of boards & committees as presented.

ARTICLE 2: It was voted unanimously to amend the general bylaw of the Town of Westhampton by adding section four dash five dash two, part i --- 4-5-2 (i) --- as follows:

(i) One Alternate Member of the Planning Board, in accordance with
Section 81A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws

ARTICLE 3: It was voted unanimously, pursuant to Chapter 164, Section 134 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to grant the Board of Selectmen/Selectboard the authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Westhampton, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted unanimously to take no action on the article.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$19,337.87), to account number 015423.700, "Snow Removal".

ARTICLE 6: It was voted unanimously to authorize the Selectboard to take care of the highways, including entering into contracts, and accepting any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other sources.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted unanimously to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and expend grants from federal or state programs.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted unanimously as amended to reauthorize the Fire Department revolving fund and the Westhampton Cemetery revolving fund, with the purposes, sources of funds, and maximum fund amounts as noted in the warrant. Police Chief, Dave White, noted that the school is no longer budgeting for a SRO.

FY2024 – REVOLVING FUNDS

FUND	PURPOSE	SOURCE OF FUNDS	MAX AMOUNT
Fire Department	Materials, supplies and training	Inspection Fees	\$2,500.00
Westhampton Cemetery	Cemetery upkeep, maintenance and grounds-keeping	Fees Charged	\$6,000.00

ARTICLE 9: It was voted unanimously as amended in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L., which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town, to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$18,775) exactly for Salaries and Compensation to be as of July 1, 2023 as follows:

<u>Official</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Appropriate</u>
Moderator:	\$ 555	\$ 555
Selectboard Chair:	\$ 2,264	\$ 2,264
Selectboard Member (2):	\$ 1,779	\$ 3,558
Board of Assessors Chair:	\$ 3,471	\$ 3,471
Board of Assessors Member (2):	\$ 3,099	\$ 6,198
School Committee Chair:	\$ 521	\$ 521

School Committee Member (4):	\$ 302	\$ 1,208
Tree Warden:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
TOTAL:		\$18,775

ARTICLE 10: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$388,878) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of General Government Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
ARTICLE 10: GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
015122.700	Selectboard Expense	5,800	5,800	5,800	(6,0,0)	
015122.711	Information Technology Support	22,904	41,300	41,300	(6,0,0)	
015122.714	Document Management Sys	2,100	-	-	(6,0,0)	
015129.113	Administrative Asst. Sal.	57,384	59,106	59,106	(6,0,0)	
015132.780	Reserve Fund	15,000	20,000	20,000	(6,0,0)	
015135.114	Accounting Officer Sal.	17,525	22,571	22,571	(6,0,0)	
015135.200	Independent Audit	14,500	18,000	18,000	(6,0,0)	
015135.700	Accounting Officer Exp.	4,790	5,103	5,103	(6,0,0)	
015141.116	Assessor Assistant	16,859	17,365	17,365	(6,0,0)	
015141.700	Assessors Expense	16,577	16,577	16,577	(6,0,0)	
015145.113	Treasurer Salary	17,525	42,000	42,000	(6,0,0)	
015145.700	Treasurer Expense	8,250	8,250	8,250	(6,0,0)	
015145.703	Tax Title Expense	6,500	6,500	6,500	(6,0,0)	
015146.113	Tax Collector Salary	17,525	28,000	28,000	(6,0,0)	
015146.700	Tax Collector Expense	20,150	21,650	21,650	(6,0,0)	
015147.000	Tax Taking Expense	800	800	800	(6,0,0)	
015151.300	Counsel Fees	18,000	15,000	15,000	(6,0,0)	
015161.113	Town Clerk Salary	16,859	20,838	20,838	(6,0,0)	
015161.700	Town Clerk Expenses	7,715	5,595	5,595	(6,0,0)	
015161.704	Training-Treas, Coll, T.Clerk	2,000	5,000	5,000	(6,0,0)	
015163.113	Clerk Board of Registrars	100	100	100	(6,0,0)	
015171.700	Con Com Expenses	225	1,200	1,200	(6,0,0)	
015175.700	Planning Board Expenses	500	1,200	1,200	(6,0,0)	
015176.700	Zoning Board of Appeals	600	1,200	1,200	(6,0,0)	
015192.700	Town Offices Expenses	19,070	23,223	23,223	(6,0,0)	
015192.710	Town Hall & Annex Repairs	2,500	2,500	2,500	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT		311,758	388,878	388,878		

It was noted that the increase to IT Support is due to insurance requirements and that the increase to Treasurer and Tax Collector salaries is due to difficulty filling the Treasurer position.

ARTICLE 11: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$237,956) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Fire, Police and EMS services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
ARTICLE 11: FIRE, POLICE, EMS						
015210.113	Police Chief Salary	35,767	36,840	36,840	(6,0,0)	
015210.114	Police Dept. Salary	52,104	63,700	63,700	(6,0,0)	
015210.700	Police Dept. Expense	24,700	24,480	24,480	(6,0,0)	
015210.704	Police Reform	7,500	7,500	7,500	(6,0,0)	
015220.113	Fire Chief Salary	14,177	14,603	14,603	(6,0,0)	
015220.700	Fire Department Expense	42,750	42,750	42,750	(6,0,0)	
015229.700	Safety Complex Building	14,100	30,100	30,100	(6,0,0)	
015232.113	Emergency Mgt Dir - Salary	2,745	2,828	2,828	(6,0,0)	
015232.700	Emergency Medical Serv.	9,500	9,500	9,500	(6,0,0)	
015232.702	EMS Coordinator - Salary	5,490	5,655	5,655	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLE 11: FIRE, POLICE, EMS		208,833	237,956	237,956		

It was noted that the increase to Safety Complex Bldg. is due to higher utility costs and that the Police Reform figure is an average as the Chief is still assessing the potential cost of the new State law.

ARTICLE 12: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Ambulance Services.

		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
ARTICLE 12: AMBULANCE SERVICE						
015232.703	Ambulance Service	25,000	35,000	35,000	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLE 12: AMBULANCE SERVICE		25,000	35,000	35,000		

ARTICLE 13: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$62,715) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Building Inspection and Other Public Safety Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 13: INSPECTIONS / Other Pub. Safety		FY2023 Appropriated	FY2024 Adopted	FinComm Recommend	FinComm Vote	
015241.114	Inspector Compensation	6,000	6,000	6,000	(6,0,0)	
015241.115	Building Insp/Comm Salary	28,000	33,000	33,000	(6,0,0)	
015241.700	Inspector Exp.	12,000	13,315	13,315	(6,0,0)	
015294.700	Tree Warden Expense	2,600	5,200	5,200	(6,0,0)	
015295.113	Animal Control Officer - Salary	2,060	3,000	3,000	(6,0,0)	
015295.700	Animal Control Officer Expenses	2,200	2,200	2,200	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - INSPECTIONS / Other Pub. Safety		53,584	62,715	62,715		

ARTICLE 14: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Seventy Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars (\$2,073,948) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Educational Services at the Westhampton Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year.

ARTICLE 15: It was voted by a majority to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand, and Twenty Three Dollars (\$1,615,023) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Westhampton’s Assessment for Educational Services at the Hampshire Regional School for the 2023-2024 School Year.

ARTICLE 16: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars (\$300,696) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Vocational Tuition Expenses for 2023-2024 School Year.

ARTICLE 17: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$70,900) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Vocational Transportation expenses for the 2023-2024 School Year.

ARTICLE 18: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$513,481) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Road Maintenance Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLES 18: ROAD MAINTENANCE...		FY2023 Appropriated	FY2024 Adopted	FinComm Recommend	FinComm Vote	
015421.700	Highway Administration	10,000	12,700	12,700	(6,0,0)	
015422.115	Highway Salaries	246,915	259,781	259,781	(5,1,0)	
015422.700	Highway Materials	98,239	100,000	100,000	(6,0,0)	
015425.700	Road Machinery	47,985	50,000	50,000	(6,0,0)	
015426.700	Road Machinery Fuel	51,000	51,000	51,000	(6,0,0)	
015429.700	Road Machinery Buildings	38,000	40,000	40,000	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLES 18: ROAD MAINTENANCE...		492,139	513,481	513,481		

ARTICLE 19: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Snow Removal Services.

ARTICLE 20: It was voted by a majority to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand, Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$105,519) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Salaries and Expenses related to the operation of the Westhampton Transfer Station and the long term monitoring and maintenance of the closed Westhampton Landfill.

ARTICLE 20: TRANSFER STATION and LANDFILL		FY2023 Appropriated	FY2024 Adopted	FinComm Recommend	FinComm Vote	
015430.115	Transfer Station Salaries	16,643	20,479	20,479	(6,0,0)	
015430.700	Transfer Station Expense	76,440	76,440	76,440	(6,0,0)	
015431.700	Landfill Maintenance Expense	7,900	8,600	8,600	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL: TRANSFER STATION and LANDFILL		100,983	105,519	105,519		

ARTICLE 21: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$12,515) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the operation and maintenance of the Westhampton Cemetery, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 21: Westhampton Cemetery		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015491.113	Cemetery Salary	9,000	12,000	12,000	(6,0,0)	
015491.114	Cemetery Commission	500	515	515	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL: Westhampton Cemetery		9,500	12,515	12,515		

ARTICLE 22: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Four Dollars (\$35,544) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Public Health Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 22: PUBLIC HEALTH		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015512.113	Board of Health Salary	1,359	1,401	1,401	(6,0,0)	
015512.700	Board of Health Expense	500	500	500	(6,0,0)	
015513.690	HRMC	8,000	7,830	7,830	(6,0,0)	
015513.700	Foothills Health District	24,312	24,313	24,313	(6,0,0)	
015519.115	Animal Inspector Salary	1,030	1,500	1,500	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLE 22: PUBLIC HEALTH		35,201	35,544	35,544		

ARTICLE 23: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Four Dollars (\$9,774) exactly, **as recommended by the Finance Committee**, for the provision of Council on Aging Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 23: COUNCIL on AGING		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Requested	Recommend	Vote	
015541.113	COA Coordinator	6,000	6,750	6,750	(6,0,0)	
015541.700	Council on Aging	3,025	8,524	3,024	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLE 23: COUNCIL on AGING		9,025	15,274	9,774		

ARTICLE 24: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Twenty Eight Dollars (\$10,028) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Veterans Services and Benefits, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 24: VETERANS' SERVICES		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015543.115	Veterans Agent	1,968	2,028	2,028	(6,0,0)	
015543.700	Veterans Expense	11,000	8,000	8,000	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL: VETERANS' SERVICES		12,968	10,028	10,028		

ARTICLE 25: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand, One Hundred and Six Three (\$124,103) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the maintenance and operation of the Westhampton Public Library.

ARTICLE 25: WESTHAMPTON LIBRARY		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015610.700	Library	119,806	124,103	124,103	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL: WESTHAMPTON LIBRARY		119,806	124,103	124,103		

It was stated that salary and expense line items would be listed at next year’s annual meeting.

ARTICLE 26: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the provision of Culture and Recreational Activities and Services, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 26: CULTURE and RECREATION		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015691.700	Historical Commission	1,200	1,200	1,200	(6,0,0)	
015692.700	Memorial Day	200	200	200	(6,0,0)	
015699.700	Cultural Council	75	50	50	(6,0,0)	
TOTAL - ARTICLE 26: CULTURE and RECREATION		1,475	1,450	1,450		

ARTICLE 27: It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Five Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$1,105,479) exactly, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for Employment Benefits, Insurance, and other Mandated Expenses, in accordance with the specific purposes and amounts as follows:

ARTICLE 27: MANDATED EXPENSES

700 - DEBT SERVICE		FY2023	FY2024	FinComm	FinComm	
		Appropriated	Adopted	Recommend	Vote	
015710.917	Debt: Public Safety Construction	256,800	256,850	256,850	(6,0,0)	
		256,800	256,850	256,850		
800 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES						
015840.690	PVPC	286	300	300	(6,0,0)	
		286	300	300		
900 - UNCLASSIFIED						
015911.170	Hampshire Cty Retirement	257,903	251,758	251,758	(6,0,0)	
015913.170	Unemployment	20,000	23,350	23,350	(6,0,0)	
015914.170	Group Health Insurance	402,250	439,721	439,721	(6,0,0)	
015915.171	Medicare	32,600	33,500	33,500	(6,0,0)	
015945.740	Insurance & Bonds	90,000	95,000	95,000	(6,0,0)	
015998.083	OPEB Trust	5,000	5,000	5,000	(6,0,0)	
	Total Unclassified	807,753	848,329	848,329		
TOTAL - ARTICLE 27: MANDATED EXPENSES		1,064,839	1,105,479	1,105,479		

- ARTICLE 28: It was voted by a majority to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$183,847.44), as may be certified from available funds, due to the Town as Chapter 90 Highway funds from the Transportation Bond Issue.
- ARTICLE 29: It was voted unanimously to transfer from free cash the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$2,925) exactly, for an Actuary Report on the OPEB costs and liability for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- ARTICLE 30: It was voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$8,815.82), for the purposes of opioid abuse treatment and prevention, said funds to be expended at the direction of the Westhampton Police Chief after consultation with the Westhampton Fire Chief, Westhampton Emergency Management Coordinator, and Director of the Foothills Health District.
- ARTICLE 31: It was voted unanimously that the Town purchase a new 10-wheel highway truck with wing plow, and to fund said purchase, transfer Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars Exactly (\$2,800.00) from Account Number 305426.000, the surplus proceeds from the purchase of a 2018 payloader, transfer Fifteen Thousand Twenty Two Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$15,022.71) from Account Number 305426.001, the surplus proceeds from the purchase of a 2021 Highway Truck, and transfer the sum of Three Hundred Forty Two Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Twenty Nine Cents (\$342,477.29) from General Stabilization, for a total amount not to exceed Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Dollars Exactly (\$360,300).
- ARTICLE 32: It was voted unanimously that the town transfer Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Twenty Nine Cents (\$8,732.29), the unspent appropriation from Account Number 015192.712 – the "Great Hall Paint" project – for the purpose of the purchase and installation of a fire detection, alarm, and access control systems for the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex buildings. It was noted that ARPA funds would also be used to cover the project cost.
- ARTICLE 33: It was voted unanimously as amended to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars exactly (\$40,000.00), for the purposes of Roadside Tree Removal Services; said funds to be expended jointly or severally at the direction of the Westhampton Highway Superintendent and the Westhampton Tree Warden. It was noted that this is a start on a long neglected issue and total removal costs may eventually be \$100,000. Future plans may include planting costs.
- ARTICLE 34: It was voted unanimously that the town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars Exactly (\$10,350.00), the total amount of the winning bid from the auction of a 1947 Willys Jeep, to Account Number 825170.000, "the Clapp Fund"; said funds to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Blacksmith Shop.
- ARTICLE 35: After much discussion it was voted by a majority as amended to transfer the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) exactly, from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 36: After much discussion it was voted by a majority to transfer the sum of One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Dollars exactly (\$137,464.00) from Free Cash to balance the budget and reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2024.

ARTICLE 37: It was voted unanimously to adopt the following non-binding resolution:
Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, at Wessagusett (now Weymouth) in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived;

Whereas the Colonial broadsword held by a white hand above the head of the Indigenous person on the Massachusetts Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Indigenous leaders that resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Indigenous person on the Flag and Seal were taken from the skeleton of an Indigenous person unearthed in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from an Indigenous man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and the facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in the winter of 1675, the enslavement of Indigenous people in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Indigenous men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Indigenous adult males by 1772, half that amount for Indigenous women and children;

Whereas Indigenous people were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that Colonial law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate government policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Westhampton, shares a rich Native history with tribal Nations such as the Norwottuck or Nonotuck, who inhabited this area long before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1762;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westhampton hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission on the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2021 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Paul Mark and Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, with the request that they continue their strong support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission and advocate for a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth.

It was then voted unanimously that the Selectboard send a letter to the printer of the Annual Report thanking them for such a fine job.

The meeting dissolved at 11:58pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Katrin Kaminsky, Town Clerk

RECAPITULATION

Article 9 Salaries of Elected Officials	18,775
Article 10 Gen'l Gov't	388,878
Article 11 Fire, Police, EMS	237,956
Article 12 Ambulance	35,000
Article 13 Bldg. Insp & other safety	62,715
Article 14 Elementary School	2,073,948
Article 15 Regional School	1,615,023
Article 16 Vocational Tuition	300,696
Article 17 Vocational Transportation	70,900
Article 18 Highway	513,481
Article 19 Snow Removal	100,000
Article 20 Transfer Stn & landfill	105,519
Article 21 Cemetery	12,515
Article 22 Public Health	35,544
Article 23 COA	9,774
Article 24 Veterans	10,028
Article 25 Library	124,103
Article 26 Culture & Rec	1,450
Article 27 Emp benefits & Ins	1,105,479
Total raise and appropriate [recap pg.4 (B)]	6,821,784.00
 Articles 5, 29, 30, 33-35 from Free Cash for specific purposes [recap pg.4 (C)]	 431,428.69
 Articles 28, 31, 32 from other Available Funds [recap pg.4 (D)]	 552,879.73
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS [recap pg.4 (A)]	7,806,092.42
 Article 36 from Free Cash to balance budget/reduce tax rate [recap pg.2]	 137,464.00