

**Town of Spencer
Annual Town Meeting
May 4, 2014
Memorial Town Hall**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Moderator, Peter J. Adams following the announcement of a quorum by Registrar Elizabeth McPherson.

The Moderator informed the attendees that the meeting would follow the procedures outlined in “Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law.”

The Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. The meeting was posted in accordance with the law. A moment of silence was observed in honor of those residents who had passed away in the past year.

The Moderator led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by James Pervier.

The Moderator introduced himself, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel and Town Clerk. Mary Braney, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced those members of the Committee present.

The Moderator then noted that *“Tonight we will make history in the conduct of our normal affairs as we exercise our right of self-determination to set the affairs of our government by consensus as a free and equal people in this, the 261st year of our existence as a body politic.*

Every day, we make history conducting our lives in the best interests of ourselves, our families and our society. In hindsight, future generations may or may not deem what we do here tonight as momentous or noteworthy; but momentous or not, the ordinary affairs of our lives will become history for our descendents.

One hundred and seventy-three years ago on this date, fifty-eight people did something very ordinary—they moved their families to new homes—and in doing so changed the history of this country. Packing 2500 pounds of supplies and belongings on a four by ten foot hardwood wagon drawn by three teams of oxen and capped by a canvas covered hickory frame, these common people set off on a 2000 mile walk from Independence, Missouri, jolting through the wilderness to California and Oregon. Before the end of the 1800’s more than 200,000 farmers, artisans, fortune seekers and their families followed in their footsteps, repeating what were then ordinary acts, but which today are seen as historic feats of courage and perseverance.

And, parenthetically, for those of you who complain about luggage and packing for the four hour jet flight today to cover the same distance, consider that this journey took five months, averaging fifteen to twenty miles per day, and the basic staples alone which needed to be packed on those wagons included

600 pounds of flour, 120 pounds of biscuits, 400 pounds of bacon, 60 pounds of coffee, 4 pounds of tea, 100 pounds of sugar and 200 pounds of lard.”

The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for filming the meeting and expressed appreciation for the long time services of Senator Brewer, now retiring; Treasurer Mary Barrell, also retiring; and Selectman Donald Berthiaume, now running for State Representative.

Gary Woodbury and Donald Berthiaume, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented Donna Flannery with the Meritorious Service Award for 2013 for her many years of work with Toys for Tots.

Mr. Woodbury then presented the Berthiaume Family with the Meritorious Service Award for 2014 for their many years of service to the Town.

Mr. Berthiaume presented the family of Miles McDonough, the founder of FlexCon with the Leadership Hall Award.

The following articles were acted upon:

Article 1: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* amend its Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Four Dollars and No Cents (\$207,704.00) to the following various accounts to cover additional expenses and further to transfer said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash to meet said appropriation:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Snow & Ice Salaries & Wages	11423-51000	\$14,000.00
Snow & Ice Expenses	11423-57000	\$186,000.00
Parks & Recreation Salaries & Wages	11640-51000	\$ 5,704.00
Parks & Recreation Expenses	11640-57000	\$ 1,000.00
General & Liability Insurance Expenses	11900-57000	\$ 1,000.00
		Total \$207,704.00

Article 2: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* approve a consent agenda consisting of the following actions, or take any action relating thereto. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, or in any combination but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item voted were voted as a separate article.

- A. Receive, in writing, the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.
- B. Authorize the Planning Board to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
 1. to be the depository for monies received from ANR Fees and Subdivision Fees;
 2. to fund the administrative costs of the Planning Board;
 3. to have limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00); and
 4. to have the Planning Board be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- C. Authorize the establishment of a revolving fund for the Sugden Block in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
 1. to be the depository for receipts of rentals and charges from the Sugden Block;
 2. to pay expenses associated with the operation of the Sugden Block;

3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$76,890.00); and
 4. to have the Town Administrator be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- D. Authorize the Office of Development and Inspectional Services (ODIS) to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be depository for 80% of the fees collected for electrical permits;
 2. to compensate the Wiring Inspector;
 3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00); and
 4. to have the Director of the Office, subject to the approval of the Town Administrator, be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- E. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for monies received for park rentals, sticker fees, and fees charged for program offerings;
 2. to be used to fund the costs of part-time personnel, utilities, supplies, and expenses related to program offerings;
 3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Ninety Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$90,000.00); and
 4. to have the Parks and Recreation Commission be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- F. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Celebrations Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for donations, gifts and fees collected for community celebrations, including, but not limited to, the Fourth of July (Independence Day), Halloween, and Christmas;
 2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00); and
 3. to have the Town Administrator, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.

- G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Council on Aging Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for donations, gifts and fees collected for Council on Aging programs;
 2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00); and
 3. to have the Council on Aging be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- H. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Stormwater Management Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for stormwater fees and fines collected to be used for Stormwater Management (MS4) related programs;
 2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00); and
 3. to have the Town Administrator be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- I. Appropriate the sum of money received or to be received from the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways Program to be expended for construction and/or maintenance upon any state approved road, or for any other authorized purpose, for Fiscal Year 2015, with such funds to be reimbursed 100% from such Program.
- J. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend the following funds:
- Community Development Block Grant funds;
Community Innovation Challenge Grant funds;
District Local Technical Assistance Grant funds; and
Other State and Federal grant-in-aid assistance, as appropriate and necessary.
- K. Appropriate the sum of 100% of all fines, penalties, and assessments received in Fiscal Year 2015 as payment under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148A, as amended by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, to an account entitled "Building and Fire Code Enforcement Fines."

- L. Appropriate the sum of 50% of all monies received in Fiscal Year 2015 as payment for the so-called “products,” “conveyance,” “roll-back” or other such tax or payment, other than real estate taxes and related payments-in-lieu-of-taxes, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter(s) 61, 61A, and 61B to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund and the sum of 100% of all monies received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as payments from the Forest Products Trust Fund to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund.
- M. Authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement(s) for Fiscal Year 2015 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, and further vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to borrow such sums of money as he/she may deem necessary, with the consent of the Finance Committee, in anticipation of revenue and/or reimbursements and to issue notes of the Town payable thereof in accordance with applicable law.
- N. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, in conformance with Section 11(m) of the Spencer Governmental Act and MGL c. 40, Section 4, to enter into and negotiate the terms thereof, all contracts for the exercise of its corporate powers.

Article 3: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*, as a block, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2015 as follows:

Board of Selectmen	\$ 0.00	Yearly
Moderator	\$ 160.00	Yearly
Board of Assessors	\$ 950.00	Yearly
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 64,400.00	Yearly
Town Clerk	\$ 62,180.00	Yearly
Water Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Board of Health	\$ 725.00	Yearly

Article 4: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*, as a block, to amend the Personnel Bylaws by substituting the following new compensation schedule, Section 2-Schedules B, C, and D:

(Informational Note: These rates all generally go up 1.3%)

Schedule B

	I	II	III	IV	V
Compensation Grade S-2	\$384.57	\$398.59	\$429.17	\$459.90	\$490.53
Compensation Grade S-3	\$429.17	\$459.90	\$490.53	\$521.19	\$553.35
Compensation Grade S-4	\$490.53	\$521.19	\$553.35	\$582.55	\$613.14
Compensation Grade S-5	\$553.35	\$582.55	\$613.14	\$643.91	\$674.42
Compensation Grade S-6	\$613.14	\$643.91	\$674.42	\$704.28	\$751.16
Compensation Grade S-7	\$674.42	\$704.28	\$751.16	\$797.10	\$843.16
Compensation Grade S-8	\$751.16	\$797.10	\$843.16	\$889.15	\$935.16
Compensation Grade S-9	\$843.16	\$889.15	\$935.16	\$976.84	\$1,035.08
Compensation Grade S-9A	\$889.14	\$936.38	\$980.50	\$1,035.08	\$1,094.00
Compensation Grade S-10	\$935.16	\$976.84	\$1,035.08	\$1,091.91	\$1,151.97
Compensation Grade S-10A	\$988.60	\$1,032.74	\$1,094.11	\$1,154.21	\$1,217.68
Compensation Grade S-11	\$1,035.08	\$1,091.91	\$1,151.97	\$1,215.34	\$1,282.95
Compensation Grade S-12	\$1,151.97	\$1,215.34	\$1,282.95	\$1,326.72	\$1,427.06
Compensation Grade S-13	\$1,282.95	\$1,326.72	\$1,427.06	\$1,505.53	\$1,589.09
Compensation Grade S-14	\$1,427.06	\$1,505.53	\$1,589.09	\$1,676.48	\$1,769.54

Schedule C

Administrative Intern / Co-op Student	\$9.17	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$12,495.36	yearly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer-Alternate	\$681.24	yearly
COA Director	\$17.95	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$10.35	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$11.43	hourly
Engineering Aide	11.38	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$12.16	hourly
Finance Committee Clerk	\$394.00	yearly
Fluoride Coordinator	\$12.16	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$3,821.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal/Intermittent)	\$11.40	hourly
Library Childhood Literacy Coordinator	\$108.24	weekly
Library Page	\$9.17	hourly
Light Equipment Operator (LEO) - Seasonal	\$17.58	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Director	\$17.35	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Head Counselor	\$12.45	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Counselor	\$10.24	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$15.80	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$14.13	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$12.46	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$8.86	hourly

Parks & Rec Chair	\$405.20	yearly
Parks & Rec Clerk	\$405.20	yearly
Planning Board	\$1,040.00	yearly
Planning Board - Alternate	\$489.00	yearly
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,153.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$15.47	hourly
Registrars	\$1,244.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$4,285.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,237.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$8,690.00	yearly
SFD Captain	\$18.27	hourly
SFD Lieutenant	\$16.93	hourly
SFD Fire Science Instructor	\$19.90	hourly
SFD Firefighter (over 10 years)	\$15.47	hourly
SFD Firefighter (5-10 years)	\$14.07	hourly
SFD Firefighter (under 5 years)	\$12.72	hourly
SFD Firefighter (sub)	\$9.54	hourly
SFD Truck Engineer Back Line	\$437.72	yearly
SFD Truck Engineer Front Line	\$582.19	yearly
Tree Climber	\$18.97	hourly
Tree Groundman	\$16.34	hourly
Tree Warden	\$22.29	hourly
Veteran Agent	\$18.99	hourly
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,040.00	yearly
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	\$489.00	yearly

Schedule D

	I	II	III	IV	V
Compensation Grade H-1	\$9.26	\$9.86	\$10.50	\$11.14	\$11.94
Compensation Grade H-2	\$10.50	\$11.14	\$11.94	\$12.95	\$13.70
Compensation Grade H-3	\$11.94	\$12.95	\$13.70	\$14.66	\$15.35
Compensation Grade H-4	\$13.70	\$14.66	\$15.35	\$16.40	\$17.12
Compensation Grade H-5	\$15.35	\$16.40	\$17.12	\$18.10	\$18.89
Compensation Grade H-6	\$17.12	\$18.10	\$18.89	\$19.84	\$21.15
Compensation Grade H-7	\$18.89	\$19.84	\$21.15	\$22.30	\$23.55
Compensation Grade H-8	\$21.15	\$22.20	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.70
Compensation Grade H-9	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.70	\$26.97	\$28.32
Compensation Grade H-10	\$25.70	\$26.97	\$28.32	\$29.74	\$31.21
Compensation Grade H-11	\$28.32	\$29.73	\$31.21	\$32.78	\$34.43
Compensation Grade H-12	\$31.21	\$32.78	\$34.43	\$36.13	\$37.95

Article 5: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, to:

1. raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$5,725,754.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Minimum Local Contribution;
2. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$1,160,916.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;

3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$252,394.00) for the purposes of paying the costs of Debt Service and Capital Assessments Account #11300-56010 for previously approved building and design projects;
4. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$1,107,241.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

provided however that said appropriations are contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014.

The following people spoke on this article: Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Malvey, SEBRSD Business Manager Julie Parenteau, School Committee Member Kurt Nordquist, Caroline Dacey, William Shemeth, III, Jennifer Wozniak, School Committee Chairman Kevin Hayes and Selectman John Stevens.

Article 6: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town to accept M.G.L. c. 64L, §2(a) to impose a local meals excise. (*Petition Article*)

The following people spoke on this article: Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney, Selectman John Stevens, Selectman Donald Berthiaume, Finance Committee Member John Desmarais, Planning Board Chair James Whalen, Citizen William Shemeth, III, Selectman Gary Woodbury, Principal Assessor Mary Williams, and James Pervier.

Article 7: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Three Hundred Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,370,405.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2015, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$97,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account, a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund, from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be needed or decided necessary.

The following people spoke on this article: Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney, Selectman Donald Berthiaume, Malcolm Speicher, and Town Administrator Adam Gaudette.

Article 8: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$484,000.00) to fund a portion of the operations of General Government expenses [Council on Aging (\$90,000), Richard Sugden Library (\$92,000), Fire Department (\$36,000), Police Department (\$16,000), Highway Department (\$51,000), Parks & Recreation (\$61,000), Board of Health (\$4,000), Town Administrator (\$10,000), Town Accountant (\$10,000), Assessors (\$24,000), Treasurer/Collector (\$17,000), Town Clerk (\$26,000),

Inspectional Services (\$37,000), and Miscellaneous Boards and Committees (\$10,000)] for Fiscal Year 2015, provided however that said appropriation is contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014.

The following people spoke on this article: William Shemeth, Finance Committee Member John Desmarais, Donald Clough.

Article 9: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Six, Ninety-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,336,093.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2015, and to fund said appropriation with a transfer from the receipts and revenue of the Water Enterprise Fund collected by the Water Department for said Fiscal Year;
2. authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$129,922.00); and
3. have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2015 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

Article 10: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,086,497.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2015, and to fund said appropriation with a transfer of Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$5,956.00) from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and the balance of said sum from the receipts and revenue of the Sewer Enterprise Fund collected by the Sewer Department for said Fiscal Year;
2. authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$147,265.00); and
3. have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2015 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs.

Article 11: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars and No Cents (\$888,414.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Operating Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$708,867.00

Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Transportation Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$52,480.00

Bay Path Vocation Regional Technical High School "Buy In" Debt Assessment
Account #11300-52500 \$34,130.00

Bay Path Vocation Regional Technical High School Capital Debt Assessment
Account #11300-52500 \$92,937.00

Article 12: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents (\$45,960.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$21,660.00

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation
Account #11300-52100 \$24,300.00

The following people spoke on this article in conjunction with Articles 13 and 14: Susan Terkanian, James Pervier, Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney and William Shemeth.

Article 13: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand, Eighty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$53,085.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$30,585.00

Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation
Account #11300-52100 \$22,500.00

Article 14: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand, Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$39,094.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment	
Account #11300-52000	\$21,094.00
Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation	
Account #11300-52100	\$18,000.00

Article 15: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) for the purpose of designing and replacing the Town Hall Boiler and associated machinery, pipe work, and fixtures as well as removing the existing underground oil storage tank and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) from certified and available Free Cash; or take any action relative thereto.

Selectman Robert O. "Bo" Fritze, Jr. spoke on this article.

Article 16: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* transfer the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$932.00) from the Library Roof Repair Capital Account (#60000-59157) to the Town Hall Stair Treads Resurfacing Capital Account (#60000-59231); or take any action relative thereto.

Selectman Robert O. "Bo" Fritze, Jr. spoke on this article.

Article 17: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) for a Water Department capital project, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund;

1. \$200,000 for Capital Efficiency Plan

Article 18: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$130,000.00) for a Sewer Department capital project, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund:

- A. \$130,000 for funding repairs and upgrades to the Sewer System, including the waste water treatment plant, collection system, and pump stations.

Article 19: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000.00) for the Assessors Department project of performing a relisting and valuation of all existing Personal Property Accounts and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from Overlay Surplus.

Article 20: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* approve the Six Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$632,000.00) borrowing authorized by the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District, for the purpose of purchasing computers and upgraded technology related equipment provided however that this debt approval and appropriation is contingent upon approval of a so called Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014 under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(k).

The following people spoke on this article: School Committee Member Kurt Nordquist, Selectman John Stevens, School Superintendant Dr. Edward Malvey, Finance Committee Member Nancy Tame, Christine Cheney, Planning Board Chair James Whalen, School Committee Chair Kevin Hayes, Kyle Sullivan, SEBRSD Technical Support Provider Steve Torey, William Shemeth, Corey Lacaire, Sheila Grant and Jonathon Stehr.

Article 21: *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote that the Town* authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town, a parcel of approximately 2,283± square feet, being a portion of the property generally known as the Highway Garage located at 7 Meadow Road (identified as being a portion of Map U11 Parcel 8 on the records of the Board of Assessors), and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, and deliver such deeds and other documents it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

Article 22: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59,§38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with OLD WARDOUR SOLAR, LLC, for a period of twenty (20) years, and to approve said agreement under which OLD WARDOUR SOLAR, LLC will pay the Town a sum of money relative to a set annual value of the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.5 megawatts, located on a parcel of land totaling 28.6+/- acres located at 22 Treadwell Drive, Spencer.

Article 23: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59,§38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with Solterra, LLC, for a period of twenty (20) years, and to approve said agreement under which Solterra, LLC will pay the Town a sum of money relative to a set annual value of the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 17.5 megawatts, located on a parcel of land totaling 100 acres+/- located at Alta Crest Road (St. Joseph's Abbey), Spencer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Shemeth and seconded by Mr. Nordquist.
Majority voted at 9:55 p.m. to dissolve the Meeting.
248 registered voters attended.

Laura J. Torti
Town Clerk