

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
LANCASTER MASSACHUSETTS**

Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

October 5, 2009

Abbreviated Notes

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator David I. Spanagel. A total of 79 registered voters and 10 non-voting guests were signed in by Registrars Cecilia Thurlow and John Ranieri. Moderator Spanagel introduced the Town Officials sitting on the stage: Board of Selectmen (BOS) members Christopher Williams, Jennifer Leone, and John P. Sonia, Finance Committee (FinCom) Members John Wojciak, James Piermarini, Jay Riley, Janet Baylis and Walter Sendrowski, Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco, Finance Director Cheryl Gariepy and Town Clerk Sue Thompson. Moderator Spanagel appointed Emily Rose and David Dunn as vote counters. Moderator Spanagel and his son, Paul, led in singing the Star Spangled Banner. After leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Moderator Spanagel asked for a moment of silence for the following residents of the Town who had died during the past year:

Franklin H. "Bud" Perkins, Jr.

April 24, 1927 – May 31, 2009

Finance Committee 1970-1971

Conservation Commission 1965-1974

Town Forest Committee 1964-1981

Civil Defense Fall-out Shelter Committee 1964

Highway Department Building Commissioner 1974-1976

Mildred L. Lewis

May 7, 1904 – July 10, 2009

Boston Post Cane Recipient, May 5, 2008,

Lancaster's Oldest Citizen

Richard Clark Blanchflower, Sr.

February 2, 1920 – July 16, 2009

Board of Health 1965-1977

Council on Aging 1974-1977

Richard A. Folger

September 14, 1919 – July 26, 2009

Substitute Dog Officer 1987-1988

Animal Inspector 1988-1995

Provisional Animal Inspector 1997

Field Driver 1991-1995

Michael G. Ford

January 3 1959 – July 26, 2009

Maintenance, Nashoba Regional School District 1994-2009

Maurice f. “Smokey” Connor
October 16, 1932 – August 4, 2009
Recreation Committee 1971-1980
Tennis Court Building Committee 1975-1980

Blanche L. Somensini
July 11, 1923 – September 5, 2009
Cafeteria, Lancaster Schools

Wilburt H. “Bill” Locke
April 4, 1918 – September 24, 2009
Water Department Superintendent 1948-1966
Fire Department 1951-1984
Fire Chief 1965-1974
Forest Warden 1951-1984

Article 1 – The Town voted unanimously to fund the \$15,707,998 FY2010 town budget from the following sources:

\$13,269,931	Real & Personal Taxes
\$ 1,440,225	Local Receipts
\$ 738,532	Local Aid
\$ 84,310	FB Reserved for School Debt
\$ 175,000	Transfer in from Central Station Capital Project

Article 2 – After much discussion Article 2, to change the name of Hollywood Drive to Patti Linenkemper Lane, was withdrawn.

Article 3 – The Town voted, by a vote of 44 to 17, to accept Runaway Brook Road as a public way.

Article 4 – The Town voted unanimously to amend the Senior Property Tax Work Off Program to reflect changes in state regulations.

Article 5 – The Town voted, by majority vote, to revise the Town By-Law Chapter 30-4 to have the Fire Chief, instead of the Building Inspector, assign a number to a structure at the time the building permit is issued.

Article 6 – The Town voted, by majority vote, to replace the current personnel bylaw and adopt the Personnel Bylaw as printed in the Warrant.

Article 7 – The Town voted unanimously to revise the Town By-Law Chapter 17-10 to increase the membership on the Lancaster Recreation Committee from five to seven members.

Article 8 – Article 8 was amended to add \$15,000 for repairs to the water main at Five Corners. The Town then voted unanimously to take \$27,000 from the Stabilization Fund for a new marked 4 x 4 cruiser for the Police Department; to take \$30,000 from the Langen Road Water Project

Account for the Water Department to connect the 6-inch water main to the 10-inch water main on Main Street and to make repairs at Five Corners; and to take \$26,000 from the Stabilization Fund to repair and water proof the foundation of the Town Hall and remediate the mold and associated damage.

Article 9 – The Town voted unanimously to transfer \$448.76 from available funds to pay unpaid bills from FY09 as detailed in the warrant.

Article 10 – The Town voted unanimously to accept a permanent easement from PJ Keating Company for the Sewer Extension on Duval Road, as described in the warrant and as shown on the plan on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Article 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 – The Town voted unanimously to consider Articles 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 together. The Town then voted unanimously to accept permanent easements from 33 OHP LLC, from Two One Ninety Trust , from Derby Farm LLC, from New England Power Company, and from Boston and Maine Rail Road for the Sewer Extension on Duval Road, as described in the warrant and as shown on the plan on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Article 16 – Article 16 was amended to add Parcel F. The Town then voted unanimously to discontinue and abandon a portion of Old Lunenburg Road shown as Parcel E and F on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Lancaster, Mass” prepared for Daniel J. Warila by David E. Ross Inc.

There being no further business, Moderator Spanagel adjourned the Annual Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m.