

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 25, 2016

The regular meeting for the Board of Selectmen convened at 7:00 p.m. in the public meeting room in the Town Office Building at 110 Main Street. In attendance were John R. Morrell, Edward S. Harrison, and Dr. Richard M. Smith. Also present were Town Administrator Evan Brassard and the media.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Meeting minutes:

Mr. Harrison made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 11, 2016 – open session. Dr. Smith Seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Board of Selectmen Proclamation – Alex Lima:

Alex Lima and his mother approached the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Morrell explained how Mr. Lima helped carry an injured cross country runner from another town one and a half miles, and across the finish line.

Dr. Smith read the proclamation into the record, as attached.

Mr. Harrison said it was remarkable, and that's what sportsmanship is all about.

Mr. Lima said it didn't seem unnatural at the time, it was just a reaction, and thanked the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Lima said Alex didn't want to make this a big thing, and added this is the way they tried to raise him, to take responsibility. Ms. Lima added in a time when there is so much negativity going on and everything is me, me, me and my, my, my, it was a special moment.

Letter of Commendation – Monson Police Department:

Dr. Smith read the letter of commendation from Police Chief Kozloski into the record, as attached.

Mr. Morrell said the officers, dispatchers, and Storm did a good job and thanked them.

Senior Work-off Program Criteria Discussion:

Mr. Brassard noted the Senior Work-off program is a Special Town Meeting warrant article, and wanted to explain it. The program allows residents over 60 years of age and who are trying to make ends meet, to volunteer their services to reduce their taxes. They will earn the minimum wage and can't earn more than \$1,500 per tax year.

Mr. Brassard said they need to apply, be interviewed, have a CORI check done, etc., just like a regular employee.

If this passes at town meeting, Mr. Brassard said it will come back before the Board of Selectmen for them to set the criteria; for example, different income limits, different hour limits, jobs people can and cannot do due to confidentiality, etc., Mr. Brassard added, most of these can be overcome by having a confidentiality agreement just like every employee for the Town has.

Bond Vote:

Town Treasurer Tracy Scibaldi and Assistant Treasurer Kymme Wood approached the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Brassard stated about three weeks ago, the Financial team held a conference call with Standard Enforce, who had reviewed our bond rating. Standard Enforce decided to move Monson up two bond ratings on the bond scale, going from an A2 to a AA Stable, which will help the town a lot with our future borrowing. With this new rating, we are now going after three different areas of borrowing. One is short term borrowing for the sewer treatment plant; this was secured at .98%. We are refinancing the Granite Valley Middle School debt; by doing this we are going to save the taxpayer about \$80,000 on their debt exclusion over nine years. Mr. Brassard said we also are looking at borrowing for this building, which came in at about \$2.9 million and change, and we received a rate of 1.79%, which is much lower than we anticipated.

Mr. Brassard explained tonight we need to vote on the actual bonds and notes.

Dr. Smith read the following into the record:

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Monson, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held October 25, 2016, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all of the Town's \$11,345,000 General Obligation Bonds dated November 1, 2003, maturing on and after November 1, 2017 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$8,029,000, General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016 Bonds of the Town dated November 1, 2016 (the "Bonds"), to FTN Financial Capital Markets at the price of \$8,215,801.22 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on November 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2017	\$839,000	3.00%	2024	\$145,000	2.00%
2018	855,000	3.00	2025	145,000	2.00
2019	870,000	2.00	2026	145,000	2.00
2020	885,000	2.00	2028	290,000	2.00
2021	895,000	2.00	2030	290,000	2.00
2022	900,000	2.00	2033	435,000	2.50
2023	910,000	2.00	2036	425,000	2.50

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that the Bonds maturing on November 1, 2028, November 1, 2030, November 1, 2033 and November 1, 2036 (each a "Term Bond") shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

Term Bond due November 1, 2028

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2027	\$145,000
2028*	145,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due November 1, 2030

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2029	\$145,000
2030*	145,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due November 1, 2033

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2031	\$145,000
2032	145,000
2033*	145,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due November 1, 2036

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2034	\$145,000
2035	140,000

2036*

140,000

*Final Maturity

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$600,000 0.98 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated November 1, 2016, and payable January 18, 2017 (the "Note"), to Easthampton Savings Bank at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$0.00.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 13, 2016, and a final Official Statement dated October 19, 2016 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Note.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the aforementioned as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith read the following:

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Note were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: October 25, 2016

Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Scibaldi and Ms. Wood.

SeedMA Monson:

Bob Bardwell, Director of School Counseling and Alyana Van Tassel, Deputy Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Empowerment, representing State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, approached the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Van Tassel explained Economic Empowerment is a new office in the State Treasurer. One of the goals in the office is to promote financial literacy and college affordability to all Massachusetts residents. One of the keynote programs in their department is a college savings account program known as SeedMA. This started out as a pilot program, announced last December in Worcester. Treasurer Goldberg has a goal of offering a college savings account program to every single kindergartener in Massachusetts.

Ms. Van Tassel said every college savings account offered through SeedMA is a "529 plan", a tax-advantaged investment plan authorized by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and designed to

encourage savings for higher education. These accounts are specifically offered through MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority), which is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and managed by Fidelity Investments.

Every account through the \$eedMA program includes a \$50 seed deposit, to help jump start families on savings for future success. Earnings in the account grow tax deferred, and qualified withdrawals are not subject to federal and state income taxes. Each account can hold a maximum of \$375,000 per beneficiary.

The \$eedMA program is in collaboration with Monson Savings Bank. \$eedMA Monson will be available to all kindergarteners enrolled in Monson Public Schools in the 2016-2017 class with each child receiving a commitment of \$50 through Monson Savings Bank to cultivate the 529 college savings account.

Monson is only the second pilot in the state.

Mr. Harrison noted it's never too late to start saving for college, and would like to see this program extended to other grade levels.

Ms. Van Tassel said if families want to do this, they are willing to work with them as well.

Mr. Brassard added, the account is through Fidelity and people can add funds to this account for Christmas, birthday's, etc. if they wish to do that instead of purchasing presents, and noted information on the \$eedMA program will be posted on the Town's Facebook page.

The Board of Selectmen thanked them for coming in and wished them success with this program.

Emergency Management Director Position – Organizational Structure Review:

Mr. Brassard said we have been working a lot on organizational structure, and currently the Town utilizes a civilian Emergency Management Director position, which can be problematic as it can fall off the radar easily. It's a stipend position that doesn't have a lot of resources tied to it. There are long stretches when the Emergency Management Director is not needed, and this is a hard position to fill and manage due to its transient nature.

Mr. Brassard said the proposal is to appoint our Fire Chief as also the Emergency Management Director. This is common practice for communities because the emergency management component aligns itself very well with what the Fire Department does as a role. Also, the Fire Department has a great deal of resources beyond what the Emergency Management Director's \$500-line item can possibly support. There's grant money that lines up; whenever a grant is written up we use the Fire Department's training as the in-kind match. It also ensures the Board of Selectmen that you have a person in that position that is dedicated to continuing all of the things we need to do with MEMA and FEMA and at the other levels of the State government.

Mr. Harrison asked how that dovetails with Homeland Security.

Mr. Brassard replied the Emergency Management Director does a lot of things that touch DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security) within NIMS (National Incident Management System) and ICSC (International Civil Service Commission) components, hazmat, Tier II facilities, etc. The Fire Department does these same things, and keeps all the records and inspections of the Tier II facilities.

The Emergency Management Director is also in charge of the CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) in which most of the information housed in that comes from the Fire Department's operational planning.

Dr. Smith asked if there is going to be any conflicts as far as time or time resources.

Mr. Brassard responded we shouldn't for two reasons, one is the Emergency Management Director hasn't been very good at delegating authority with our organizational structure. The Emergency Management Director should really be doing the planning and operational stuff prior to an event, and logistics during an event, which can be delegated down through the ICS process when you appoint a logistics person to handle that. We have traditionally used the Emergency Management Director to do things beyond what the Emergency Management Director's really designed to do, and having a direct delegation of authority will be more efficient.

Mr. Brassard noted we are part of a newly revitalized Regional Emergency Planning Committee. The meetings occur during the day usually, with other Emergency Management Directors and Chiefs, and Chief McDonald has been appointed the President or Chairman of that REPC, so it dovetails into that as well.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to appoint Fire Chief McDonald as our Emergency Management Director effective January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Police Parking Ticket Review:

Mr. Morrell explained this was discussed at an earlier meeting, where Mr. Brassard was asked to develop a list. The list was developed and presented tonight, as attached.

Dr. Smith suggested making all the fines \$15, with the exception of handicapped parking which is a \$100 fine.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to accept the list of parking fines as presented, with everything being \$15, with the exception of handicapped parking at \$100.00. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Right of First Refusal – Butler Road:

This was tabled.

Close the Warrant for Special Town Meeting:

Dr. Smith read page one of the requested Special Town Meeting warrant articles into the record, as attached, and made a motion to approve the aforementioned articles, 1 through 4, as read, for placement on the warrant. Mr. Harrison seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Harrison read page two into the record, as attached, and made a motion to add articles 5 through 8 to the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Morrell read page three into the record, as attached. Dr. Smith made a motion to add articles 9 through 11 to the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Mr. Harrison seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith read page four into the record, as attached, and made a motion to approve articles 12 through 15 for placement on the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Mr. Harrison seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Harrison read page five into the record, as attached, and made a motion to approve articles 16 through 19 for placement on the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Morrell read page six into the record, as attached. Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve articles 20 through 23 for placement on the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith read page seven into the record, as attached, and made a motion to approve articles 24 through 32 for placement on the Special Town Meeting warrant, as read. Mr. Harrison seconded. Dr. Smith – Aye; Mr. Harrison – Aye; Mr. Morrell abstained as the Highway Department had articles on this page.

Dr. Smith inquired about the general guidelines of what goes on at the Special Town Meeting verses the Annual Town Meeting, and wondered if some of these items could have waited for the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Brassard responded, the Special Town Meeting is generally reserved for business we feel can't wait, or corrections that need to be made, typically financial. Mr. Brassard noted it's the Board of Selectmen's role to vet that, and the Board would need to create some type of criteria of what they want to see or don't want to see, or vote to not place certain articles on the warrant, that they feel can wait until the Annual Town Meeting in the spring. Mr. Brassard said in reviewing this document, it ends up being a little bit of semantics, because the only difference between the Special and the Annual is the way it's called, and the way it happens.

Dr. Smith added, also the perception of the community.

Mr. Brassard continued, in meeting with the Finance Committee, their general concern is something is being snuck in, in the fall. The intent he tries to stay within, when looking at the finances and working with the finance team and the department heads to build this, is the financial obligations where we can't wait until the spring.

Dr. Smith felt the Board of Selectmen should have a discussion at some point on how to vet that.

Mr. Morrell said a general policy could be developed, but by the same token, anyone can submit an article for consideration and they don't have to put it on the warrant. He felt at some point, if someone submits an article that is out of bounds of the policy, they could come in to explain the rationale of why it should be done now and can't wait until the annual, and the Board could make an exception.

Mr. Brassard noted it does become hard to vet, and when he is working on the document with the department heads, sometimes having things pass in November has a big impact on the department.

Mr. Harrison felt why make the departments wait if we can get some benefits, and felt we need some flexibility to keep everything efficient.

Mr. Brassard said what he tries to do is avoid things that can wait, since the perception is less people show up at Special Town meetings and items are being snuck in. His consistent argument is the Special Town meeting is advertised the same way as the Annual Town meeting, it's held in the same month every year, and it's the citizens' obligation to attend the meetings.

Mr. Brassard noted the three bylaw changes were vetted and found to be time sensitive.

Mr. Brassard recommended we ask Town Counsel if he's aware of any other towns that have guidelines in place, or if he recommends we don't do that because of the open nature of the warrant.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to close the Special Town meeting warrant. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Holiday Lighting Discussion:

Mr. Brassard explained he would like to request \$1,000 from the Gifts to the Town account to light all the trees and shrubbery in front and on the side of the Town Office Building, and to wrap the columns on the Town Hall, with LED soft white lights, and the amount of extension cords needed, plus two Astro sensors to turn the lights on when the sun goes down and off when it comes back up.

Mr. Morrell said it would look nice coming into town.

Mr. Harrison made the motion to take \$1,000 from the Gifts to the Town account for lighting decorations for the trees and shrubbery at the Town Office Building. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Holiday Lighting: Mr. Brassard said he wanted to propose to the Board they consider donating from the Gifts to the Town to the Holiday Lighting Committee. He met with them last week, and they are in the process of restringing Academy Hill. In the process of doing so, they have been doing their own fundraising, and doing an excellent job of it, however they need to replace all of the wire and everything that goes with that, which was damaged in the tornado. They also need to replace some of the oldest light fixtures with new fixtures. Scott Malo is chair of that committee. Mr. Brassard noted all of the lighting fixtures are on sale after the holidays in January/February for a 20% or higher discount, so you can get more for your money. This donation will provide the Holiday Lighting Committee with a little nest egg, so when the items are on sale they can grab whatever they can, since after they rewire Academy Hill, their coffers will be pretty much drained.

Mr. Brassard explained Mr. Malo is hoping to get a lighted "Seasons Greetings" sign with solid red lights that will go on the front lawn of Town Hall, so when you come down Academy Hill into Monson it's all lit up. Mr. Brassard stated the Holiday Lighting Committee is doing some really great work.

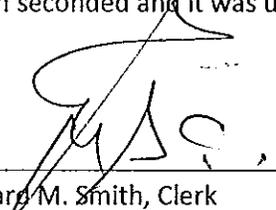
Mr. Morrell noted he also spoke with Mr. Malo and he is going to put a temporary Christmas tree back on the common by the monument, so every year it will be there for the holidays and then taken down after.

Mr. Morrell noted he feels it's great we have all the volunteers we do who put up and take down all the holiday lights, flags two or three times a year, plant flowers and make the wreaths for the doors on the Town Office Building and Memorial Hall, etc., making the town look nice.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to take \$4,000 from the Gifts to the Town account for the Holiday Lighting Committee to use on holiday decorative lighting. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

There wasn't any other business to come before the Board at this time.

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Harrison made a motion to adjourn from open session to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to non-union personnel pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (2) and collective bargaining or litigation pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (3), not to return to open session. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.



Dr. Richard M. Smith, Clerk

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS:

On this date, the Monson Board of Selectmen are honoring Alex Lima, a runner on Monson's cross country team, on his recent outstanding display of sportsmanship, and extraordinary act of kindness; and

WHEREAS:

During a tri-meet at Monson's 5k course on October 11th, Alex observed an opponent, a runner from Holyoke, down from a sprained ankle. Alex and an opponent from Westfield placed rivalry aside, and picked up the injured runner, carrying him 1.5 miles. Crossing the finish line together, they displayed an understanding that reflects a deeper meaning of competition; and

WHEREAS:

Alex was courteous and respectful. Displaying an empathy that great sportsmanship is about playing with dignity, which is a key part of all athleticism. Alex's leadership showed his true character that leaves an honest impression on the spectators, and reflects highly on his team, his coaches, his school, his parents, and his hometown, Monson; and

NOW, THEREFORE: The Monson Board of Selectmen proclaims this date, October 25, 2016, to be "Alex Lima Day", and call upon all our citizens to expressly honor this fine outstanding young man.



John R. Morrell
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Edward S. Harrison

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Dr. Richard M. Smith

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Letter of Commendation

It is with great pleasure that I present this Letter of Commendation to Sgt. Nicholas Gasperini, K-9 Officer David Rondeau, Officer Paul Mayo and Dispatcher William Chaiffre for their actions during an incident that occurred on October 11, 2016.

At approximately 10pm, Disp. Chaiffre received several calls from residents in the vicinity of Gates Street reporting that they heard gunshots in the area. Without delay, Disp. Chaiffre processed these calls and dispatched officers to the area. Upon arrival, Sgt. Gasperini and Off. Rondeau quickly determined that the gunshots were the result of a disturbance that occurred at a residence on Gates Street and that the individual who was in possession of a firearm had fled into the woods. Sgt. Gasperini immediately requested mutual aid to the scene to assist in a search for the individual. Disp. Chaiffre promptly placed calls to the Palmer Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police who in turn dispatched additional resources to the scene to assist.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Sgt. Gasperini, Off. Rondeau and K-9 Storm began tracking the individual that fled. After only about a half hour into their search through difficult terrain and in the dark of night, Off. Rondeau and K-9 Storm located the firearm that is believed to have been the one used in the disturbance concealed in the woods a couple hundred yards behind the residence. Off. Rondeau and Sgt. Gasperini secured the firearm and continued their track of the individual who was still actively evading police.

At approximately an hour and a half into the incident, Off. Mayo located the individual on Cushman Street and placed him under arrest on a variety of charges related to the disturbance and the possession and discharge of the firearm.

I recognize that the professionalism and diligence of these employees directly resulted in the safe and successful apprehension of the individual and the removal of an illegal firearm from our community without further incident and under less than ideal conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Kozloski, Jr.".

Stephen Kozloski, Jr.
Chief of Police

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson in said county:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Granite Valley Middle School on Thompson Street on Monday, November 14, 2016, A.D. at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Cemetery Unemployment Account, for the purposes of unemployment insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Police Department Salaries Account, for the purposes of negotiated salary increases, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate of transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the BOA Assistant Assessor's Salary Account, for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4:

Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$37,456.00 (thirty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-six) from the Insurance Reserved Receipts Account to the Parks and Recreation Expense Account, for the purposes of rebuilding the fire-damaged playground at Flynt Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaws, Section 6.2.24(2)(c)(11) to change points of measurement from each property line to structure, and to allow a reduction in distance requirements under certain circumstances with a specific finding by the Monson Planning Board by adding the following section and further that the Town authorize nonsubstantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw:

ii. No RMD or OMMD facility shall be located within three hundred (300) feet (to be measured in a straight line from the nearest points of each ~~property line~~ structure) of a residential use (including commercial residential uses such as hotels, motels, lodging houses, etc.) or within three hundred (300) feet (to be measured in a straight line from the nearest points of each property line) of a residential zoning district.

1. The distance requirements set forth in Section 6.24(2)(c)(ii) may be reduced by up to 25% by the Site Plan Review Authority upon a specific Finding that the above-listed uses or structures will be sufficiently buffered or separated from the proposed RMD or OMMD facility such that occupants of the above-listed facilities will not be adversely impacted by the operation of the RMD or OMMD facility.

(a) If the RMD or OMMD facility requires a reduction contemplated in Section 6.24(2)(c)(ii)(1) above, the applicant shall file a written request for the reduction with the Planning Board as the Site Plan Review Authority simultaneously with its application for Site Plan Review. The Planning Board shall be required to make a specific Finding with regard to the application for such reduction prior to hearing the Application for Site Plan Review. The Planning Board shall be authorized to hear the application for reduction at the same public hearing as the Application for Site Plan Review.

Article 10:

Submitted by: Chief of Police

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new truck for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11:

Submitted by: Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new generator for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16:

Submitted by: Principal Assessor

To see if the town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K, as amended which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a program in accordance with said law, entitled "Senior Tax Work Off Program" to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the town and in exchange for such volunteer services the town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such person over the age of 60 on his tax bills in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 in any tax year and further that said program shall be available in FY17, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17:

Submitted by: Principal Assessor

To see if the town will vote to accept General Law Chapter 59 Section 5N, as amended which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a program in accordance with said law, entitled "Veteran Tax Work Off Program" to allow veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third section 7 of chapter 4 or a spouse of a veteran in the case where a veteran is deceased or has a service connected disability to volunteer to provide services to such the town and in exchange for such volunteer services the town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such person on his tax bills in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 in any tax year and further that said program shall be available in FY17. The reduction of the real property tax bill not to exceed \$1,000 in a given tax year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$29,350.00 from the FY17 Historic Preservation Account for the purpose of repairing and stabilizing the Keep Homestead Museum located at 35 Ely Road, which has had water seepage issues in the basement. The aforesaid funds will be used for necessary repairs, restoration and stabilization of the property and are authorized under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B and any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space and Recreation Account to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee including, but not limited to, appraisals, legal fees and title searches pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Library Monson Free Library Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25:

Submitted by: Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$2,500 from available funds to the Forest Fire Vehicle Maintenance Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26:

Submitted by: Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$774.00 from the Ambulance Reserved Receipts Account to the Ambulance EMT Part-Time Salary Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27:

Submitted by: Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$5,000 from the Ambulance Reserved Receipts Account to the Ambulance Vehicle Maintenance Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28:

Submitted by: Highway Surveyor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000.00 for the purposes of resurfacing Park Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 29:

Submitted by: Town Accountant

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Annual Town Meeting appropriation for debt service for the 110 Main Street Construction Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30:

Submitted by: Town Accountant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to the Debt Service for the 110 Main Street Construction Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 31:

Submitted by: Town Accountant

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Annual Town Meeting appropriation for the debt service for Granite Valley Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of October, 2015.

Richard M. Smith, Chairman

John Morrell

Edward S. Harrison

MONSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Town of Monson by posting an attested copy of said Warrant in at least two places in said Monson fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Constable of Monson

Town Clerk

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Violation	Agawam	Amherst	E Longmeadow	Ludlow	Northampton	Palmer	Springfield	Sturbridge	Ware	Warren	Wilbraham	Monson	Average	Proposed
Handicapped Zone	\$300	\$200	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$100 (first offense) \$200 (2nd and subsequent)	\$50	\$150	\$100 (first offense) \$300 (subsequent)	\$50	\$100	\$10	\$92.50	\$100.00
Fire Zone	\$15		\$15	\$15	\$25			\$75	\$15		\$15		\$25.00	
Severe Weather Ban (including Snow Removal)	\$15	\$25	\$15	\$15		\$20	\$20	\$30	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$17.27	\$15.00
On Sidewalk	\$15		\$5	\$15	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$15.91	\$15.00
On Crosswalk	\$15	\$25	\$5	\$15	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$16.82	\$15.00
Within 10' of Fire Hydrant	\$50	\$35	\$5	\$15	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$75	\$50	\$15	\$50	\$5	\$31.36	\$25.00
Bus Stop	\$15	\$100	\$5	\$15	\$100	\$100			\$15		\$15	\$5	\$41.11	\$15.00
Over 12" From Curb	\$15	\$15	\$5	\$15	\$15	\$20		\$25	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$5	\$14.09	\$15.00
Wrong Direction	\$15	\$15	\$5	\$15	\$15	\$20		\$25	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$14.55	\$15.00
Within 20' of Intersecting Way	\$15		\$5	\$15	\$15	\$20		\$25	\$15	\$5	\$15	\$15	\$14.44	\$15.00
Within Intersection	\$15	\$25	\$5	\$15	\$25			\$30	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$17.00	\$15.00
At Schools	\$15		\$5								\$15		\$11.67	\$15.00
Prohibited Zones or Areas (No Parking)	\$15	\$25	\$5	\$15	\$25	\$25 (first offense) \$50 (subsequent)		\$30	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$16.50	\$15.00
Parking Vehicle for Sale			\$5	\$15	\$15						\$15		\$12.50	
Double Parking		\$25	\$5	\$15	\$15	\$20		\$25	\$15			\$5	\$15.63	\$10.00
Allowing Less Than 10' for Unobstructed Lane	\$15		\$5	\$15	\$15				\$15		\$15		\$13.33	
Center Strip or Island			\$5										\$5.00	
Within 15' or Opposite Fire Station			\$5	\$15	\$15			\$50					\$21.25	
Entrance to Public Buildings		\$6	\$6					\$25					\$15.50	
On or Under Bridges		\$5	\$5	\$15				\$25					\$15.00	
Private Roads or Driveways	\$15		\$5	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$15	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$5	\$15.00	\$15.00
Service Zone			\$5	\$15									\$10.00	
Near Street Excavation so as to obstruct				\$15						\$5			\$15.00	
Improper Diagonal Parking			\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20						\$5	\$11.67	
All Night Parking			\$15	\$15	\$25	\$20						\$5	\$16.25	
In Area of Safety Zone			\$15	\$15									\$15.00	
In Taxi Cab Stand			\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20			\$15				\$16.25	
Unattached Trailer	\$15		\$15	\$15					\$15		\$15		\$15.00	
Parking on State Highway			\$15	\$15					\$15		\$15	\$5	\$15.00	
Overtime Parking		\$10			\$15	\$20	\$15	\$25	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$5	\$15.00	\$15.00
Improper Parking						\$20	\$20						\$18.33	
Parking over 24 Hours							\$20						\$15.00	
Interfering with Free Flow of Traffic		\$50						\$50	\$15	\$10			\$31.25	
Engine Operating and Unattended	\$15	\$25						\$25	\$15				\$20.00	
Designated No Passing Zone	\$15								\$15		\$15		\$15.00	
Grass/ Landscaped Area- Municipal Property	\$15				\$15						\$15		\$15.00	
Displaying Advertising or Goods on a Way	\$15				\$15				\$15		\$15		\$15.00	
Obstructing a Handicapped Ramp	\$300	\$200							\$50				\$15.00	\$183.33
Parking in Disobedience to Police Officer Upon the Roadway in Rural or Sparsely Settled District										\$15			\$1.36	
Disobedience to Traffic Signs										\$10			\$10.00	
										\$15			\$15.00	