

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 5th, 2008,

The first Monday of May, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the

Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium.

Immediately preceding the Annual Town Meeting to transact fiscal year end 2008 town business.

MAY 5, 2008

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within The Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING In accordance with the above notice and Article III, Section 1 of the Town of Boylston By-Laws, the following articles will be considered on **Monday, May 5th, 2008, the first Monday of May, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA.**

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of the Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on May 5, 2008. With 172 registered voters. Selectmen, Roger Deal, Ken Sydow, James Stanton were present. Also, present were Town Administrator, Sue Olsen, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Sandra Bourassa. Dennis Pojani, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.. Mr.Pojani stated we had the required quorum present, Calling of the meeting and officer's return of service are in order as required. He set the bounds of the hall and introduced the Town officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A MOTION by Mr. Stanton was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mrs.Olsen. Vote on the MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from Fiscal Year 2008 Highway Salaries and Wages (Acct. # 001-420-5110) to the account for tuition payments to be made to the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School;

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Sydow. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations, hitherto made to other accounts;

MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to accept the following transfer as read by Town Accountant, Mr. Haynes. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Mr. Haynes read the following transfers: From- (001-122-5780-000) Selectboard Exp.-

\$10,000.00, (001-192-5780-000) Municipal Office Exp.- \$5,000.00, (001-151-5110-000) Town Counsel Retainer-\$5,000.00, (001-320-5510-000)Elementary Education \$29,690.00, (001-420-5780-000) Highway Exp. -\$15,000.00, (001-752-5915-000)Interest on Temp Loans \$3,000.00, (001-942-5740-000)General Insurance-\$20,000.00,(410-192-3590-000 Digital Property Purchase \$23,955.02- Total \$111,645.02. To: (001-151-5780-000) Town Counsel \$25,162.74, (001-146-5780-000) Tax Collector Exp. -\$4,000.00, (001-197-5780-000) Town Garage Exp. \$2,000.00,(001-345-5320-000) Vocational Tution-\$29,690.00, (001-423-5780-000) Snow & Ice Removal -\$36,792.28, (001-914-5171-000) Group Insurance-\$14,000.00. Total \$111,645.02 Finance Committee recommends approval. MOTION passed.

MOTION by Mr. Stanton to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. MOTION passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M. Mr. Projani stated that the Annual meeting posting stated that it would start at 7:30 P.M. . So there would be a break and the Annual meeting would start at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Bourassa, Town Clerk

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GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

1. GENERAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 5, 2008

on Monday, the fifth (5th) of May AD, 2008 at seven thirty (7:30) P.M., at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through thirty-one (31) of this Warrant; and at its adjournment, which shall be upon completion of Town Meeting action upon all articles listed on the Warrant.

2. ELECTION AND BALLOT – MAY 12, 2008

on Monday, the twelfth (12th) of May AD, 2008, to vote by ballot at the Town's annual election, at the Boylston Town Hall, at the Hillside Municipal Complex located at 221 Main Street within the Town of Boylston, with polls opening at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and closing at eight o'clock (8:00) P.M. on the following:

ARTICLE 32. To vote by official ballot for the necessary Town Officers, namely:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for three (3) years; One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years; One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years; One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years; One (1) Municipal Light Board member for three (3) years; Two(2) Library Trustee members for three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years; One (1) Parks and Recreation Commission member for five (5) years; One (1) Parks and Recreation Commission member for four (4) years; One (1) Parks and Recreation Commission member for three (3) years; One (1) School Committee member for three (3) years; and vote the following ballot question:

1. Shall the Town of Boylston be allowed to assess an additional \$624,379 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the expenses of the Boylston Elementary School (\$42,393), the assessment from the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District (\$363,925) and for the tuition and transportation costs of students attending the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District (\$218,061) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?

Yes_____ No_____

The results of the question for article #32 were yes – 415 no – 461 blanks – 10

The question was defeated . The school's budget is not balanced. The selectmen voted to have a Special Town meeting on June 30, 2008. If both articles pass then there will be a balanced budget for FY 09.

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required. He set the bounds of the hall. Motion by Mr. Stanton was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote on the MOTION passed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Olsen to Passover Article #5. Seconded by Mr. Brose. MOTION passes.

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton accept article 1-4 and 6-15 as a group. Seconded by Mr. Brose. MOTION passes. MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to accept article 1-4 and 6-15 as written in the warrant. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Selectmen recommend approval. Finance committee recommend approval Light Dept recommends article #10.. Mr. Projani asked if there were any question. Mark Edmonds,71 Sewall St. had a question on the Town's balances, the Town reports were not available .The balance at the present time in free cash is \$477,00.00.Vote on the MOTION passed unanimously.

***ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary Town officers; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officials and committees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ Counsel where, in their judgment, it may be necessary under the provisions of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, and to issue a note or notes therefore and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, as amended; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to enter into a Compensating Balance Agreement, or Agreements, for Fiscal Year 2009, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Tax Collector/Treasurer

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Public Library to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

***ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Commissioners of the Cemetery to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, including the appointment of a Cemetery Superintendent, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

***ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

***ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Library grant-in-aid for the purpose of purchasing books and other items at the discretion of the Library Trustees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote that the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expensed by the manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and for the purchase, sale, installation and servicing of merchandise and equipment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937; and for any out of state travel expense in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and if said sum and income shall exceed said expense for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and fix the compensation of the Municipal Light Board members for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, as provided by Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows: Chairman - \$300.00 and two (2) members - \$300.00 each, a total of \$900.00, and such compensation to be paid from the operating account of the Municipal Light Plant; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any highway funds from County, State or Federal agencies, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with Mass Highway, so-called, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time during Fiscal Year 2009, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance, in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 6A for maintenance, repair, construction of Town roads and programs consistent with Chapter 90 funds, to be expended by the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to continue its use of the revolving fund, established at the May 1995 Annual Town Meeting, under and subject to the provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes:

1.To be the depository for all departmental receipts of the Cemetery Commission and from those funds to make expenditures in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Sections 41, 42, 52 and 56 for the following:

- a. For operational purposes other than regular wages and including the cost of grave openings and related expense,
- b. For payment of maintenance expenses including supplies and materials and part-time labor
- c. For payment of expenses related to the expansion of the cemetery
- d. For compensation for part time commissioners and clerk;
- e. To set the expenditure limit as not to exceed \$15,000;
or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 8, 2000 Annual Town Meeting, established in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Planning Board to various developers for the plan review process.
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process.
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$20,000.
4. To have the Planning Board be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 14, 2002 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Conservation Commission to various developers for the plan review process.
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process.
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$10,000.
4. To have the Conservation Commission be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the office of the Boylston ambulance service to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 2, 2005 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for all receipts of the ambulance service and to authorize the Fire Chief to make expenditures in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Sections 41, 42, 52 and 56 for the following:
 - (a) for operational purposes other than regular wages;
 - (b) for payment of the cost of the repair, replacement and upgrading and enhancement of ambulance equipment and supplies and other related expenses; and
 - (c) for compensation for non-salary emergency medical technician/inspection and fire education services and clerical services needed for the billing of ambulance fees by the Fire Department.
2. To set the expenditure limit of \$42,000; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Finance Committee Recommendation: will be made at the Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Recommends approval.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for the following Town Officers: three (3) Selectmen, Town Clerk, Moderator, three (3) Assessors, three (3) School Committee members, three (3) Board of Health members, three (3) Cemetery Commissioners, five (5) Planning Board members, all in accordance with the

recommendations of the Finance Committee, and to instruct the Selectmen or other boards to fix a given compensation for the persons hired or appointed by such boards; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION by Mr. Deal was made to accept this article written in the warrant Seconded by Mr. Olsen .Finance Committee recommends approval. MOTION passes.

Finance Committee comments:

Selectmen, Chair	\$ 1,354	2 members each at \$ 1,137
Town Clerk	\$ 27,704 plus fees	
Town Moderator	\$ 15	
Assessors, Chair	\$ 1500	2 members each at \$ 1,000
School Committee, Chair	\$ 100	2 members each at \$ 50
Board of Health, Chair	\$ 277	2 members each at \$ 185.50
Cemetery Commission, Chair	\$ 200	2 members each at \$ 150
Planning Board, Chair	\$ 370	4 members each at \$ 53
Planning Board, Vice-Chair	\$ 0	
Planning Board Clerk	\$ 53	

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Personnel Plan and By-laws by replacing Schedules A, B and C with the following; or take any action relative thereto: (proposed changes are in bold)
Section 15: Classification Schedule Amended May 2008 - Effective July 1, 2008

Classification	Position Status	Grade	Hourly Rates	
			Min	Max
Library Page	Hourly		8.10	8.36
Election Worker	Hourly		8.10	8.36
Town Meeting Checker	Hourly		8.10	8.36
Election Clerk	Hourly		9.02	9.02
Election Warden	Hourly		9.02	9.02
Clerical	Special Temp		8.10	10.85
Library Housekeeper	Special Part Time		9.00	9.82
Asst Laborer	Special Hourly	2		
Library Assistant/Sr. Technician	Reg. Part Time	3		
Laborer/Custodian	Reg. Full Time	3		
Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	3		
Firefighter	Hourly	3		
Deputy Chief	Hourly	3+\$500		
Fire Captain	Hourly	3+\$300		
Fire Lieutenant	Hourly	3+\$200		
Asst Town Clerk	Special Part Time	5		
Police Service Aide	Hourly	5		
Asst. Inspector/Electrician	Hourly	5		
Assessors' Clerk	Reg. Part Time	5		
Children's Librarian	Reg. Part Time	5		
COA Coord/Community Outreach	Reg. Part Time	5		
P&R Program Coordinator	Reg. Part Time	5		
Equipment Operator/Laborer	Reg. Full Time	6		
Facilities Technician	Reg. Full Time	6		
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Part Time	6		
Asst Library Director	Reg. Part Time	7		

Admin Asst. Board of Assessors	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Hwy Supt.	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Chief of Police	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Planning Board	Reg. Part Time	7
Admin Asst to Board of Selectmen	Reg. Full Time	7
Equipment Operator/Mechanic	Reg. Full Time	7
Working Foreman	Reg. Full Time	8
Admin Asst to Health & Conservation	Reg. Part Time	8
Town Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Part Time	9
Foreman	Reg. Full Time	9
Building Inspector	Salaried	10
Library Director	Salaried	11
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	Salaried	12
Hwy/Cemetery Superintendent	Salaried	12+\$845
Police Chief	Salaried	14
Town Administrator	Salaried	14

Schedule B: Salary Compensation Schedule

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Mid</u>	<u>Max</u>
1	9.34	10.99	12.66
2	10.08	11.91	13.68
3	10.92	12.88	14.84
4	11.77	13.86	15.93
5	12.74	14.98	17.21
6	13.78	16.19	18.61
7	14.87	17.40	20.09
8	16.05	18.87	21.69
9	17.36	20.37	23.40
10	18.74	22.01	25.31
11	20.26	23.76	27.33
12	21.84	25.66	29.49
13	23.59	27.71	31.85
14	25.48	29.92	34.39
15	27.52	32.33	37.14
16	29.72	34.92	40.11
17	32.08	37.72	43.33
18	34.63	39.68	46.79

Schedule C: Salary Compensation Schedule-

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chairman, Registrar of Voters	\$ 693
Council on Aging, Meal Coordinator	\$ 941
Director of Veteran's Services	\$ 979
Electrical Inspector	\$ 7,464
Assistant Electrical Inspector	\$ 515

Plumbing Inspector	\$ 8,010
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	\$ 667
Gas Inspector	\$ 2,410
Assistant Gas Inspector	\$ 206
Registrar of Voters	\$ 269
Health Agent	\$ 34,967
Town Counsel	\$ -----
Dog Officer	\$ 1,966
Animal Inspector	\$ 1,131
Nurse	\$ 1,500
Vital Stat Clerk	\$ 200
Tree Warden	\$ 1,061

MOTION was made by Mr. Deal to accept this article was written in the warrant with the amendment to Town Treasurer/Collector from Reg. Part Time to Reg. Full Time. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Finance Committee recommends approval .Vote on the MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 from the Hillside Receipts Reserved Account to the Appropriation Account (Account # 192-5785), for the maintenance, upkeep, repair, operations and improvements of town-owned buildings, property and land, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read with the change of the dollar amount being \$215,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Vote on the MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the purchase and installation of a replacement HVAC system for the Municipal Office Building; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sydow to accept article as read, as a transfer of \$120,000. from “free cash.” Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Capital Planning Committee recommends approval. Mr. Edmonds had questioned what was being bought. Mrs. Olsen answered the question that this was the last steps on the project that has been going on to replace the heating/air conditioning in the municipal building. Vote on MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purpose of making the basement level of the Municipal Office Building suitable for leased space to be retrofit by a tenant; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Deal to accept this article as read, as a transfer of \$40,000.00 from “free cash”. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Capital Planning recommends approval. Mr. Edmonds asked what work was going to be done. Mr. Olsen answered his question about the scope of the project. Vote on MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for expenses related to post-closure landfill monitoring, including engineering and testing; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Costello, Sanitation Agent to accept this article as read, as a transfer of \$50,000.00 from “free cash” Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Costello stated that this transfer was requested because in the past years this was a line item each year and the land fill needs to be

monitored and it is $\frac{3}{4}$ done on the closing, so they are asking for one lump sum to finish the project. Vote on MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$42,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and appropriate said sum for the purpose of paying clerical fees for ambulance billing services and for funding a portion of the salary of a full-time emergency medical technician/firefighter/ inspector/fire education officer; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Edmond asked what the break down was, Mr. Flanagan stated \$4,300.00 was clerical and the remainder was for the Fire fighter. The Ambulance Receipts balance is \$80,000.00. Vote on the MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of money not to exceed \$9,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and appropriate said sum for the purpose of paying for Nextel communications equipment used by Fire Department Emergency Medical Technicians while responding to or at emergency scenes; or act in any other way thereon..

MOTION by made Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and appropriate said sum for the repair, replacement and upgrading of ambulance equipment and supplies, reimbursement of advanced life support services provided to the town and other related expenses; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on the MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account and appropriate said sum for the purpose of upgrading fire department ambulance radio communication equipment; such sum may be used for the Town's matching portion of the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Program; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Stanton stated that the grant that the fire Dept had received was \$125,000.00. Vote on the MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the purpose of commissioning a Tahanto Regional High School and Middle School Building Feasibility Study as required by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts School Building Assistance Program; or act any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Perrone, School Committee to accept this article as read with the following amendment:

That the Town transfer and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00), for the purpose of funding Boylston's apportionment share of a feasibility study for the renovation and /or new construction of Tahanto Regional Middle-High School, located at 1001 Main Street, Boylston, MA, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, provided that the Town of Boylston acknowledges that Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole

responsibility of the Town and further provided that the amount authorized for expenditure pursuant to this motion shall be reduced by the Town's apportioned share of any amounts received or expected to be received from the MSBA, or by all of such amount if the grant is made directly to the Town. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Connelly, Superintendent of School, gave an update of the school report. Mr. Edmonds asked if this passes will the project move forward? Mrs. Dono-Healy stated that the process is different from when we did the Elementary School project., the Town would have more control over the project. Vote on the MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount not to exceed \$19,507 for the purpose of purchasing mobile computer labs, replacement desktop computers and other hardware as part of an established five-year technology capital plan; or act in any way thereon.

MOTION by Mr. Perrone to accept this article as a transfer from "free cash" for the amount of \$19,507.00. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of two (2) two-thousand (2,000) gallon above-ground fuel tanks and Dispensing Management System(s) to service town department vehicles; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read, as a transfer from "free cash" of \$30,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Perrone. Finance Committee recommends approval. Capital Planning recommends approval. Mr. Stanton explained that his tank would save the Town money on fuel. Mrs. Murphy, 3 Clearveiw Ave. asked where the tank would go. Mr. Stanton stated that it would be at the highway /fire Dept. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000 from the Assessor's Overlay Surplus and appropriate said sum for the Town-wide appraisal/re-evaluation; or act in any way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Olsen. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sums as may be necessary to defray and pay all Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as the Town sees fit for the fiscal year 2009, and to fix the compensation and salaries of all Town Officers, as may be shown in whole or in part by the Town Budget, so-called, as shown in the Fiscal Year 2009 Report of the Finance Committee; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Butler, Finance Committee to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Olsen. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Butler stated that his budget does include the over ride. Mrs. Carter, Tower Hill Rd. asked why the Town Administrator salary had increased by 30%. Mr. Sydow stated that Mrs. Olsen was retiring and that her replace would be hired at a higher salary. Vote on MOTION passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$624,379 for the following purposes: for funding expenses of the Boylston Elementary School and thereby increasing line 5510 in the Town Budget by \$42,393; for funding the assessment from the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District and thereby increasing line 5651 in the Town Budget by \$363,925; and for funding the tuition and transportation costs of students attending Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District and thereby increasing line 5380 in the Town Budget by \$218,061; provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 override question under MGL Chapter 59 section 21C, as set forth on the ballot for the Annual Town Election to be held on May 12, 2008; or act in any other way thereon.

MOTION was made by Mr. Perrone to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Finance Committee recommended approval. Dr. Connelly gave a power point presentation that explained the school's budget and the need for the override. Mr. Cravedi, Assessor stated that with the over ride the increase in taxes would be .71 After a few questions and answers there was a MOTION to move the question MOTION was seconded by Mr. Stanton. Vote on MOTION passes. Vote on MOTION passes with a voice vote taken.

MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Olsen. Vote on MOTION passes

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Bourassa, Town Clerk