

2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 28, 2017

7:00pm

Sunderland Elementary School

Moderator, Robert T. Duby, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Town Clerk, Wendy Houle, read the Constable's Return.

Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator introduced town officials.

Town Clerk, swore in tellers: Elizabeth Sillin, Jennifer Unkles, Dan VanDalsen, and Michael Zeoli.

Motion to dispense of reading of the motions was made and seconded, passed unanimously

Motion to allow the Moderator to call a unanimous vote.

Moderator recognized Dana Roscoe, recipient of the 2016 Annual Report dedication for his many years of service to the Town of Sunderland. The Moderator also recognized those who passed away in 2016; Sophie Buczynski, Albert Drake, Anthony Kudrikow, and Robert Kowaleck all served the Town of Sunderland to make it a better place.

ARTICLE 1. **VOTED** to hear the reports of the Selectmen, the Sunderland School Committee and all other Town Officers, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. **VOTED** to appropriate the total amount of **\$9,043.45** to pay certain bills of prior fiscal years, and as funding therefor to transfer **from Free Cash the sum of \$2,688.30** to the Town of Sunderland for FY 13 and FY 14 Public Safety Complex sewer charges; the sum of **\$5,178.51 from Free Cash** to the Sunderland Elementary School for FY16 encumbrances; the sum of **\$510.48 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund** to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. for a claim that was paid in error to the Town of Sunderland; and the sum of **\$666.16 from Free Cash** to Eversource for FY 15 utility charges at the Sunderland Town Office Building.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. **VOTED**, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, to set the salaries and compensation of all its elected officials connected therewith for Fiscal Year 2018.

Assessors: Chairman \$2,907.00 annually Clerk \$2,907.00 annually Member \$2,907.00 annually

Moderator: \$200.00 annually

Planning Board: Chairman \$660.00 annually Clerk \$660.00 annually Members each \$410.00 annually

Town Clerk: \$42,047.00 annually

Selectmen: Chairman \$3,275.00 annually Vice Chairman \$2,850.00 annually Clerk \$2,850.00 annually

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,058,571, appropriate from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$20,000, appropriate from Fund 318-Comcast PEG Access Fund the sum of \$29,000, appropriate for Fund 610-WWTP Sewer Fund the sum of \$338,791, appropriate from Town Fund 419-Title V the sum of \$5,063 and appropriate from Free Cash the of \$127,144 for the sum total of \$7,578,569 for Town and general municipal purposes connected therewith for Fiscal Year 2018, all as set forth in a document entitled "Town of Sunderland FY 18 Town Meeting Budget", provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ so-called, override question, allowing the town to raise the additional amount of \$300,000 outside the limits imposed by said Proposition 2 1/2, all in accordance with M.G.L. c59, §21C(g).

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND FY18 TOWN MEETING BUDGET	FY15 Budget FINAL	FY16 Budget FINAL	FY17 Budget FINAL	FY 18 Budget RECOM	Change from FY 17 FINAL	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Personnel Services	154,695	161,220	169,649	169,895		
Elected Officials	59,712	60,690	61,669	62,493		
Expenses	166,635	172,701	179,762	188,477		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	381,042	394,611	411,080	420,865	9,785	2.4
TOWN BUILDINGS						
Personnel Services	0	0	0	0		
Expenses	128,601	139,932	139,932	219,579		
TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS	128,601	139,932	139,932	219,579	79,647	56.9
POLICE DEPARTMENT						
Personnel Services	331,478	352,477	382,728	397,823		
Expenses	37,000	37,500	37,500	45,159		
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	368,478	389,977	420,228	442,982	22,754	5.4
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
Personnel Services	47,679	48,158	50,417	51,425		
Expenses	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000		
Regional EMS	235,948	235,972	191,347	162,438		
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	316,627	317,130	274,764	246,863	-27,901	10.2
INSPECTORS & OTHER PROTECTION						
Personnel Services	23,221	23,418	23,815	24,221		
Expenses	22,434	25,020	25,903	15,005		
TOTAL INSPECTORS & OTHER PROTECTION	45,655	48,438	49,718	39,226	-10,492	21.1
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT						
Personnel Services	140,304	149,252	152,404	159,226		
Expenses	109,752	110,252	111,252	113,252		
TOTAL HIGHWAY	250,056	259,504	263,656	272,478	8,822	3.3
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Personnel Services	12,687	12,743	12,998	12,998		
Expenses	11,164	11,535	11,208	11,208		
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	23,851	24,278	24,206	24,206	0	0.0
LIBRARY						
Personnel Services	95,169	98,121	102,732	109,703		

	Expenses	24,278	24,885	24,885	24,885		
TOTAL LIBRARY		119,447	123,006	127,617	134,588	6,971	5.5
TOTAL ELEMENTARY		2,104,000	2,156,600	2,376,190	2,500,338	124,148	5.2
TOTAL FRANKLIN CTY TECH ASSESSMENT		136,045	158,406	97,748	101,400	3,652	3.7
TOTAL FRONTIER ASSESSMENT		1,811,006	1,723,452	1,706,380	1,731,437	25,057	1.5
OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION			0	46,166	45,610	-556	-1.2
BENEFITS & INSURANCE							
Personnel Services		0	0	0	0		
Expenses		533,091	582,149	629,921	721,200		
TOTAL BENEFITS & INSURANCE		533,091	582,149	629,921	721,200	91,279	14.5
MISCELLANEOUS & RESERVE FUND							
Personnel Services		8,453	8,537	8,708	8,708		
Expenses		103,135	105,163	107,160	102,193		
TOTAL MISC. & RESERVE FUND		111,588	113,700	115,868	110,901	-4,967	-4.3
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		6,329,487	6,431,183	6,637,308	7,011,673	374,365	5.6
WWTP							
Personnel Services		0	0	0	0		
Expenses		311,448	316,790	332,580	307,116		
Sewer Debt Service		30,538	30,063	29,979	31,675		
TOTAL WWTP BUDGET		341,986	346,853	362,559	338,791	-23,768	-6.6
DEBT & INTEREST							
Personnel Services		0	0	0	0		
Expenses		246,137	239,143	232,432	228,105		
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST		246,137	239,143	232,432	228,105	-4,327	-1.9
GRAND TOTAL		6,917,610	7,017,179	7,278,465	7,578,569	300,104	4.1

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$277,557 to the Stabilization Fund.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$77,144 to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. **VOTED** to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$124,727 and the sum of \$10,000 from Fund 318 Comcast PEG Access Fund and \$11,275 from the Sewer Reserve Fund for the sum total of \$146,002 for the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget, specifically for the capital equipment, buildings, facilities and other capital projects as shown on a document entitled, "FY18 CAPITAL BUDGET BY FUNDING SOURCE" on file with the Town Clerk and as may be necessary in connection therewith, to authorize one or more lease purchase agreements.

CAPITAL STABILIZATION

		\$
HIGHWAY	Mini Split	4,000.00
		\$
HIGHWAY	Storm Drain Repair Replace	10,000.00
		\$
		14,000.00
		\$
HISTORICAL	GML Rehabilitation	9,000.00
		\$
LIBRARY	HVAC Compressor Replacement	3,500.00
		\$
POLICE	Cruiser Replacement	15,567.00
		\$
POLICE	Evidence Room Monitoring	2,150.00
		\$
		17,717.00
		\$
ADMINISTRATION	Accounting Software	14,671.00
		\$
ADMINISTRATION	Engineering/Bldgs Assessment	30,000.00
		\$
ADMINISTRATION	Streetlight Purchase Project	8,632.14
		\$
		53,303.14
		\$
		97,520.14

CAPITAL STABILIZATION

		\$
HIGHWAY	Truck Lease -Year 1	27,206.48

COMCAST PEG ACCESS FUND

		\$
Administration	Technology Improvements	10,000.00

SEWER RESERVE

WWTP	New Bar Rack	\$ 1,650.00
WWTP	Remove Rebuild Install Pump	\$ 5,498.00
WWTP	Pump Station Access Grate	\$ 2,299.00
WWTP	Remove and Rebuild Blower	\$ 1,828.00
TOTAL SEWER RESERVE		\$ 11,275.00

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. **VOTED** to appropriate the sum of **\$20,874.70** from the from the **Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Budgeted Reserve** to fund, for recreational use purposes, Sunderland Library Backyard Enhancements under the direction of the Sunderland Library Trustees.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. **VOTED** to appropriate **\$17,583** from the **Community Preservation Fund Historical Resource Reserve** to fund, for historic preservation purposes, the Town of **Sunderland's Records Preservation & Rehabilitation program** under the directions of the Sunderland Town Clerk.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. **VOTED** to appropriate the total sum of **\$100,000** from the **Community Preservation Fund**, of which **\$49,000** shall come from the **Community Housing Reserve** and **\$51,000**, shall come from the **Undesignated Budgeted Reserve**, to fund the development of Sunderland Affordable Senior Housing.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. **VOTED** to appropriate or reserve from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2018.

Appropriations:

Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
Community Preservation Debt Service	\$ 26,083.19

Reserves:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 25,000.00
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Community Housing Reserve	\$ 26,000.00
Open Space Reserve	\$ 25,000.00
FY 2018 Undesignated Budgeted Reserve	\$ 66,197.19

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. **VOTED** to transfer from Free **Cash** the sum of **\$105,000** to the **Anniversary Celebration Fund** for the Town of Sunderland's 2018 Tri-centennial celebration.

Moderator declared motion passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 13. **VOTED** to instruct our members of Congress to support an amendment to the United States Constitution to clarify that corporations do not have the same rights as people, and that money is not speech for the purposes of election-related spending, and/or take any action relative thereto.
 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings ("real people"); and,
 WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations; and,
 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's 2010 decision, by a 5 -4 vote, in the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission case, overturned longstanding precedent that prohibited corporations from spending their general treasury funds in public elections. This presents a serious threat to self-government by allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections; and,
 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the US Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Sunderland, Massachusetts hereby instruct our members of Congress to support an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people, and that money is not speech for the purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions.

Moderator declared motion passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 14. **VOTED to accept G.L. Chapter 90, §17C**, added by Section 193 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, thereby allowing the Board of Selectmen to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on any or all Town-owned roadways within a thickly settled or business district.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. **VOTED** to authorize the Frontier Regional and Union School district to use the remaining **\$8,847.47** of the \$14,748.50 originally appropriated under Article 11 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting for repairs to and re-roofing the Central Office, **for the costs of relocating the Central Office to the Frontier Regional Middle/High School**, including all incidental and related expenses.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. **VOTED** pursuant to the provisions of General Laws c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to **(1) establish** the following revolving funds and fiscal year spending limits as set forth below, and further **(2) to**

amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as set forth in the warrant under Article 16.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. **VOTED to amend Chapter 125 of the Code of Sunderland**, the Zoning Bylaws, for the purposes of reorganization and recodification, as proposed by the Sunderland Planning Board and on file with the office of the Sunderland Town Clerk, 12 School Street, Sunderland.

Dana Roscoe gave an oral presentation.

Moderator declared motion passed unanimously.

Articles 18 through 23 , inclusive, are so called Consent Articles-

Moderator declared motions passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. **VOTED to authorize** the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2018, as permitted by G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 19. **VOTED to authorize the Board of Selectmen** to apply for, accept and expend any grants or donations from State or Federal governments or private agencies, individuals or institutions.

ARTICLE 20. **VOTED to accept and expend** any sum or sums of money which may be available from the State for Chapter 90 work for road improvement and equipment expense.

ARTICLE 21. **VOTED** under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A **to authorize the Board of Selectmen** to enter into inter-municipal agreements.

ARTICLE 22. **VOTED to authorize the Board of Selectmen** to enter into contracts for goods and services with duration in excess of three years pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 30B, Section 12 (b).

ARTICLE 23. **VOTED to authorize the Town Treasurer**, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with G.L. Chapter 44, Section 17.

Motion to dissolve at 10:10pm, seconded and voted unanimously.

Election warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Houle, MMC/CMMC
Sunderland Town Clerk