

**WARRANT  
TOWN OF ABINGTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**PLYMOUTH, SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Abington . . .

GREETINGS. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in

**ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
201 RICHARD FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY  
IN PRECINCT FOUR IN SAID ABINGTON, ON MONDAY, THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF  
OCTOBER, 2008, AT 7:00 IN THE EVENING**

**Then and there to act on the following articles:**

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of -0- to fund the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

**The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article at this time. We are awaiting the final certified figure of Free Cash. The current balance in the Fund is \$685,654.63.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000 to fund the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The current balance in the Trust Fund prior to this transfer is \$33,490.71.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$350,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2009 operating budget and to vote the sum of \$37,000 from Overlay Reserves to fund the Fiscal Year 2009 operating budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$182,617 from Capital Improvement Trust Fund, \$200,000 from Chapter 90 Funds, \$555,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Undesignated Fund Balance, \$45,000 from the Golf Undesignated Fund Balance, \$152,432 from Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation, \$7,000 from the Fire Alarm Revolving Fund, \$74,000 from line item 001-9450-5740-0500 Liability Insurance, \$5,344 from Article 4 November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting 001-2200-5800-8255 Fire Department Bay Door replacement, \$1,764 from Fire Department Jaws Replacement Article 3 November 7, 2005 Special Town Meeting 001-2200-5800-8163, \$395,000 from the LNR Mitigation Agreement for a total appropriation of \$1,618,157

Replacement Fire Alarm Bucket Truck	\$20,000
Lease Payment – Car 1 (year 4 of 4)	\$8,500
Lease Payment – Engine 3 (year 2 of 5)	\$93,108
Lease Payment – Rescue 1 (year 2 of 5)	\$37,824
Sidewalk Snow Removal Tractors	\$175,000
Chapter 90 Road Program	\$200,000
Drainage Program	\$10,000
Tennis Court Reconstruction	\$50,000
Basketball Court Improvements	\$10,000
Police Station Environmental Remediation	\$60,000
ECC Roof bond payment	\$153,725
Frolio MS Fire Curtain	\$40,000
Sewer Department Garage Addition	\$450,000
Sewer Manhole Frame and Cover Replacement	\$15,000
Sewer Manhole HDPE Bowls	\$50,000
Lease Payment – IT System (year 3 of 5)	\$75,000
COA Center Enhancements	\$125,000
Golf Course Landscaping	\$20,000
Design of Golf Course Irrigation System	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,618,157</b>

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The current balance in the Sewer Enterprise Undesignated Fund is \$1,150,618.00. The current balance of the Golf Undesignated Fund Balance is \$416,862.00.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,844.00 for payment to North River Collaborative for an unpaid bill for FY2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. North River Collaborative performs the Medicaid collection for Abington. During the period**

**for this invoice, \$38,861.38 was collected for the Town. The source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Abington Police Department to transfer from the Federal Motor Vehicles Fines Account the amount of \$6,633.00 for the purpose of purchasing and/or upgrading three handheld traffic radar units and one Violent Prisoner Restraint Chair, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY POLICE CHIEF

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. These purchases are paid for by an existing fund and represent a transfer of monies from that fund.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,717.38 for the purpose of sick leave buy back for the library director, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. A contractual obligation of the Town, the source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds.**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,890.49 for the purpose of sick leave buy back for a library employee, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. A contractual obligation of the Town, the source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,440.00 for sick leave buy back for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY FIRE CHIEF

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. A contractual obligation of the Town, the source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Debt Service Line Item, Department 7100 from Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 7, 2008, in the amount of 3,290,846 and all relevant funding sources. And furthermore to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to fund the Debt Service Line Item, Department 7100 necessary for the FY09 budget.

BY TREASURER/COLLECTOR

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article which will raise the debt and interest budget from \$3,290,845.66 to \$3,301,269.77. The original debt and interest budget was predicated on estimates because final bonding for the Senior Center and the High School Windows and Doors was not completed until June of 2008. In addition, market conditions made it advantageous to enter into a refunding arrangement on our original Library and Town Hall Bonds. This was also completed in June. The adjustment related to these three items actually reduces the amount of funds that we need to raise as part of the FY09 debt exclusion and will serve to lowering the final tax rate as well. The new debt and interest figures also include additional funds necessary to cover any potential interest needs related to the Water Tank replacement project which is now expected to move forward quickly.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000.00 for compliance in Mass Building Life Safety Code to install a proscenium curtain on the Frolio Middle School stage area, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This purchase of a safety curtain will allow the only theatre stage in Abington to remain open and be used by the schoolchildren and people of the town. The source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds or take any other action relative thereto. It is noted that this item is also listed in the Capital Budget in Article 4. Any approval of this item in Article 4 would render action in this Article moot.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$147,625.00 for the purpose of upgrading computers/software per the Massachusetts Department of Education Guidelines for Technology at the High School, Woodsdale, and Early Childhood Center, and improving technical support, infrastructure and therefore efficiency, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article at this time. Nevertheless, it is noted that this is normally an item in the Town Capital Plan for the year (the Capital Plan of FY10 provides for the amount of \$50,000), this year's amount includes the purchase of 40 computers in Abington High School, 40 computers in Woodsdale School, 45 computers in the ECC and district wide, the ECC Network switch, ECC additional Network wiring and software and licensing costs. The source of funding would be to raise and appropriate these funds.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,500,000, or any other sum of money, for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Woodsdale Elementary School, consisting of the installation of energy efficient replacement windows and doors and related masonry work; to determine whether this

appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article at this time. Nevertheless, it is noted that this Article is part of the original Town Manager's Proposed Capital plan for this year, this amount provides for the replacement of windows and doors of the Woodsdale School that are over 50 years old. The estimated annual reduction in heating costs is \$17,000.00. The source of funding would be a debt-exclusion. The Tax Rate impact would be \$25.63 increase in the first year of borrowing and \$13.66 in the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) year. This article if approved would go to a further town-wide vote.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for settlement of a legal claim relating to the sale and use of tax foreclosed property.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article at this time. The Finance Committee awaits further documentation.**

