

MOTIONS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

(May 13, 2008)

ARTICLE 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

I move that Town vote:

- (1) to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers as presented in the town and school operating budgets;
- (2) to choose the following officers, viz: a Moderator for one [1] year; two [2] Selectmen for three [3] years; three [3] members of the School Committee for three [3] years; and one (1) member of the Housing Authority for five years, the above officers to be voted on one ballot at the YMCA Gymnasium, 110 County Road, on **TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008. The polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. and shall close at 8:00 p.m.;**
- (3) to transfer **\$275,000** from surplus funds in the Electric Division to the General Fund;
- (4) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint temporarily a member of said Board to Acting Town Manager for a limited period of time not to exceed the date of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting for purposes of vacation, leave, or absence in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A, sections 20 and 21A; and
- (5) to rescind the unexpended balances of authorized but un-issued debt: Article 20 of the April 7, 2003 Annual Town Meeting (extension of the sanitary sewer); Article 12 of the October 16, 2006 Special Town Meeting (addition to Article 20 of the 2003 ATM, extension to the sanitary sewer); Article 22 of the April 2, 2007 Annual Town Meeting (High Street sewer extension); and Article 24 of the April 2, 2006 Annual Town Meeting (Library roof project).
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 2

FINANCE COMMITTEE ELECTION

I move that the Town elect _____ to the Finance Committee for a term of three (3) years.
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 3

FY'08 TOWN BUDGET AMENDMENTS

I move that the Town vote to amend its action taken under Articles 7 and 8 of the April 2, 2007, Annual Town Meeting (the FY'08 Municipal Operating Budget), to transfer:

		<u>TRANSFERS:</u>	
		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Town Mgr	11232-5308	Labor Relations	9,039.94
Town Mgr	11231-5113	Salary (Judy)	9,039.94
Misc Exp	11931-5110	Mgmnt Transfer	1,177.84
Town Mgr	11231-5112	Appt Salary	1,177.84
Animal Contrl	12922-5246	Radio Equip	200.00
Animal Contrl	12922-5585	Boarding Dogs	300.00
Animal Contrl	12922-5588	Other Supplies	670.00
Animal Contrl	12922-5721	Out State Travel	150.00
Animal Contrl	12923-5818	Vehicles	11.00
Animal Contrl	12921-5121	Temp PT	800.00
Animal Contrl	12921-5123	Other Pay	531.00
Elections	11621-5123	Other Pay	346.24
Elections	11622-5383	Oth Purch Svc	346.24
Misc Exp	11931-5110	Mgmnt Transfer	18,909.19
Shellfish	12961-5112	Appt Salary	16,608.91
Purchasing	11361-5115	Perm Wages	2,300.28
Misc Exp	11931-5110	Mgmnt Transfer	12,583.35
Reserve Fund	11322-5730	Reserve Fund	27,000.00
Accounting	11341-5113	Salary	14,600.00
Accounting	11341-5131	Overtime	900.00
Assessor	11371-5115	Perm Wages	1,520.00
MIS	11542-5511	Training	1,730.00
Treasurer	11381-5141	Diff/Inc	400.00
Treasurer	11382-5930	Debt Issue Exp	700.00
Appeals Bd	11742-5422	Printed Forms	150.00
Appeals Bd	11742-5304	Advertising	850.00
Library	16101-5116	Perm PT	1,000.00
Library	16102-5512	Books	8,000.00
Misc Exp	11932-5311	Other Consultants	4,000.00
Equip Maint	14221-5115	Perm Wages	2,000.00
Equip Maint	14222-5215	Gasoline	9,000.00
Equip Maint	14222-5216	Diesel Fuel	13,000.00
Sanitation	14312-5385	Sanitary Collection	115,000.00
Highway	14241-5115	Perm Wages	15,450.00
Cemetery	14912-5354	Civic Observances	1,045.00
Bldg Insp	12511-5123	Other Pay	12,000.00
Bldg Insp	12512-5311	Other Consultants	1,000.00
Health	15122-5304	Advertising	300.00

Snow & Ice	14231-5131	Overtime	26,412.49
Snow & Ice	14232-5215	Gasoline	7,750.23
Snow & Ice	14232-5216	Diesel Fuel	6,128.96
Snow & Ice	14232-5272	Vehicle Rental	30,411.00
Snow & Ice	14232-5481	Oil & Lube	175.00
Snow & Ice	14232-5484	Parts Snow Repair	54,649.92
Snow & Ice	14232-5539	Other PW Supplies	133,998.75
Snow & Ice	14232-5712	Meals/Lodging	3,052.00
Police	12102-5381	Ambulance	20,000.00
Police	12102-5381	Ambulance	70,000.00
Police	12101-5131	Overtime	70,000.00
Equip Maint	14221-5115	Perm Wages	3,000.00
Consol Bldg	14721-5115	Perm Wages	3,000.00
Harbormaster	12951-5123	Other Pay	4,154.00
Harbormaster	12952-5383	Other Purch. Svcs.	4,154.00

APPROPRIATE

Town Ins. Recovery	D6110-48407	Insurance Proceeds	30,674.00
Police	12103-5818	Vehicles	30,674.00

So that total FY'08 municipal operating budget, as so amended and inclusive of override debt service, shall total **\$13,556,506** offset by revenues totaling **\$690,265** leaving an amount to be raised and assessed of **\$12,866,241**.
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 4

PRIOR YEAR UNPAID BILLS

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$621.58** to pay bills incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid:

DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Recreation	Boston & Maine 1382	\$1.00
		\$1.00
Police	Ipswich Ford 393	\$73.18
		\$118.71
Fire Dept.	Brand Company 2652	\$85.05
	Fire Tech & Safety 4455	\$55.00
	Sideris Baer MD 1004	\$55.97
	American Messaging 17275	<u>\$231.67</u>
	TOTAL	\$621.58

(4/5ths majority)

ARTICLE 5

FY'09 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

I move that the Town vote:

- (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,676,968** for the purposes indicated in the FY'09 Municipal Operating Budget as outlined in the Finance Committee Report, and that, in addition to the **\$12,676,968**, the Town vote to raise and appropriate:

for Excluded Debt Service..... **\$1,030,479**

for a Total Appropriation of.....**\$13,707,447;**

- (2) and to transfer from available funds:

from Free Cash..... **\$100,000**

from Free Cash (restricted revenue - Library).....**\$36,001**

from 4% Tourism **\$1,000**

from Library Construction Grant..... **\$60,300**

from the overlay surplus..... **\$94,000**

Total Available Funds..... **\$291,301**

Leaving a net to be raised and assessed of..... **\$13,416,146**
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 6

FY'08 SCHOOL BUDGET

I move that the Town vote:

- (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,489,995** for the School Department budget for FY'09, and for the FY'09 School Department budget of **\$18,489,995**,

transfer from available funds:

Free Cash..... **\$100,000**

Overlay Surplus..... **\$94,000**

Total Available Funds..... **\$194,000**

Leaving a net to be raised and assessed of... **\$18,295,995**
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 7

GENERAL OVERRIDE

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,491,000** for the purposes of funding the FY'09 school department operating budget; said appropriation to be contingent upon the passage of an override referendum under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(m);

And further move that this Town Meeting adjourn, after acting on all articles in the warrant, to vote by printed ballot on May 20, 2008, at the YMCA Hall, County Road, the polls being open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question:

“Shall the Town of Ipswich be allowed to assess an additional **\$1,491,000** for the purpose of funding a supplement to the FY'09 School Department operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?”
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 8

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,532,590** for FY'09 debt service payments related to the construction and furnishing of the new Middle School and High School including, without limitation, moving expenses and expenses necessary to secure the former Whipple Middle School.
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 9

SCHOOL BUDGET AMENDMENT

I move that the Town vote to amend its action taken under Article 9 of the April 2, 2007, Annual Town Meeting; (the FY'08 School Budget), as amended by Article 11 of the April 2, 2007 and Article 3 of the October 15, 2007 Special Town Meeting, by increasing the appropriation thereunder and by transferring the sum of **47,619.98** from an incentive grant from Keyspan Corporation/National Grid deposited in the insurance recovery fund (D-5).
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 10

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND APPROPRIATION

I move that the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the May 13, 2008, Annual Town Meeting (Municipal Operating Budget) as follows:

- 1) to transfer **\$59,750** for maintenance and improvements to the Public Library and the Police and Fire Departments to the Facilities Department; and
- 2) to transfer **\$50,000** to fund the initial phase of a window replacement program at Town Hall to the Facilities Department; and

- 3) to transfer **\$25,000** to the Department of Public Works to fund a feasibility study to replace the existing Highway garage; and
- 4) to transfer **\$8,500** to the MIS Department to fund a needs assessment for the Town's Geographic Information System; and
- 5) to transfer **\$16,818** to the MIS Department for the third year of a five year program to replace desktop computers; and
- 6) to transfer **\$20,000** to the Building Department to install permit tracking software to improve coordination among regulatory and permitting boards and departments; and
- 7) to transfer **\$17,000** to the Planning Department for the Town match for **\$57,400** in state funds to undertake the planning and design phase of the North Green Improvements project;
- so that the amount transferred from the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund totals **\$197,068**. *(2/3rds majority)*

ARTICLE 11 WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$574,195** for the Town's share of the FY'09 annual operating, capital and debt service expenses of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District. *(Simple majority)*

ARTICLE 12 FY'08 WATER & SEWER BUDGETS

I move that the Town vote:

- 1) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,397,492** for the FY'09 operating, debt service, and capital expenses of the Water Division, Department of Utilities, said sum to be offset in part by the water surplus of **\$2,066**, the balance of said appropriation to be met by revenues of the Water Division during FY'09; and
- 2) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,692,737** for the FY'09 operating, debt service, and capital expenses of the Wastewater Division, Department of Utilities, said sum to be offset in part by the Wastewater surplus of **\$207,365**, the balance of said appropriation to be met by revenues of the Wastewater Division during FY'09. *(Simple majority)*

ARTICLE 13 EQUIPMENT BOND

I move that the Town vote to: 1) appropriate the sum of **\$600,000** to purchase heavy equipment for the Department of Public Works and to fund overhaul of a Fire Department pumper truck and to expand and upgrade the sidewalks program; and (2) to raise this appropriation by authorizing

the treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, as amended.

(2/3rds majority)

ARTICLE 14

CHAPTER 90

I move that the Town vote: to appropriate the sum of **\$327,214** under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to obtain any materiel, equipment and/or services incidental thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements in conjunction therewith by purchase, gift, lease, eminent domain or otherwise; and in furtherance of the project(s), to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state and/or private grants without further appropriation; and to meet this appropriation by transferring an equal sum from Chapter 90 available funds.

(2/3rds majority)

ARTICLE 15 REVOLVING FUNDS: COUNCIL ON AGING; HISTORICAL COMMISSION; HEALTH DIVISION; SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

I move that the Town vote to re-authorize for FY'09 the following revolving funds established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½:

- (1) A **Council on Aging Revolving Fund**, to be funded through activity fees and to be used to pay for special activities, expendable supplies and/or part-time wages, with no more than **\$100,000** to be expended by the Council on Aging from monies transferred into said fund during FY'09; and
- (2) An **Historical Commission Revolving Fund**, to pay for preservation of Town records and the purchase of expendable supplies, with no more than **\$5,000** to be expended by the Historical Commission from monies transferred into said fund during FY'09, with the source of such funds being the sale of publications such as replicas of the Declaration of Independence and other historical documents; and
- (3) A **Health Division Revolving Fund**, the use of said fund to finance additional part-time help in the Health Division and to pay related expenditures with no more than **\$7,000** to be expended by the Health Division in FY'09 from funds transferred into said fund during FY'09, with the source of such funds being housing code inspection fees; and
- (4) A **Shellfish Department Revolving Fund**, to be funded through a surcharge of **\$50** on commercial shellfish licenses, the use of said fund to enhance the shellfish resources of the town under the guidance of the Shellfish Advisory Board and Town Manager with no more than **\$7,000** to be expended from the Shellfish Department Revolving Fund during Fiscal 2009.

(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

I move that the Town vote to accept the reports of, and continue the following committees as standing committees of the Town: the Historic District Study Committee; the Commuter Rail Committee; Ipswich Coalition on Youth; Hall-Haskell Committee; the Open Space & Recreation Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee examining the Feoffees of the Grammar School.
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 17

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

I move that the Town vote to add the following parcel to the Open Space Parcels List (as referenced in Article 18 of the Warrant for the April 3, 2000 Annual Town Meeting) on file in the office of the Director of Planning and Development and in the Office of the Town Clerk, said changes having been placed on file in the office of the Director of Planning and Development and in the Office of the Town Clerk by April 15, 2008:

a) Land now/formerly of Eugene R. Lynch c/o Atty. Donald M. Greenough, 215 Linebrook Road, also known as Assessor's Map 29C Parcel 3, consisting of approximately 5.4 acres, this property to be acquired by the Town for the purpose of public water supply protection and managed by the Ipswich Water Department.

(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 18

RIVERWALK BONDS

I move that the Town vote amend its actions taken under Article 24 of the Warrant for the April 7, 2003, Annual Town Meeting ("Riverwalk Bonds") and Article 22 of the Warrant for the April 5, 2004, Annual Town Meeting (Riverwalk Supplemental Funding) by changing the purpose for which the bonds were to be expended from: "...survey, design, and construct a pedestrian bridge across the Ipswich River, to be located in the area of South Main Street and Union Street, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto", to: "...survey, design, and construct a pedestrian bridge across the Ipswich River, to be located in the area of South Main Street and Union Street, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto, and further in conjunction with said project, to survey, design, and construct improvements such as crosswalks, landscaping, sidewalks and foot paths, in the general vicinity of the Riverwalk entrance on South Main Street, and along the river near the Riverwalk entrance off Union Street, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto

(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 19

WIND TURBINE PROJECT

I move that the Town vote to appropriate **\$4,242,000** to survey, design, purchase and undertake construction of a wind turbine electric generator and associated transmission equipment at the end of Town Farm Road on property owned by the Town; and that to meet this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer

(1) with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue **\$4,242,000** in bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 as amended or any other enabling authority; and

2) with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, to issue a portion of such bonds, currently estimated in the amount of **\$1,600,000**, as Clean Renewable Energy Bonds under section 54 of the Internal Revenue Code;

And further move that this Town Meeting adjourn, after acting on all articles in the warrant, to vote by printed ballot on May 20, 2008, at the YMCA Hall, County Road, the polls being open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question:

“Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$4,242,000** to survey, design, purchase and undertake construction of a wind turbine electric generator and associated transmission equipment at the end of Town Farm Road on property owned by the Town; and to authorize the Treasurer (1) with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue **\$4,242,000** in bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 as amended or any other enabling authority; and (2) with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, to issue a portion of such bonds, currently estimated in the amount of **\$1,600,000**, as Clean Renewable Energy Bonds under section 54 of the Internal Revenue Code.”
(2/3rds majority)

ARTICLE 20

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

I move that the Town vote:

to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5(54), added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, to permit the Assessors of the Town of Ipswich to establish a minimum fair cash value of \$10,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed, starting in FY 2009.

(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 21

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS

I move that the Town vote:

To authorize the Selectmen to enter into inter-municipal agreements with one or more municipalities to permit member municipalities to lease municipal equipment or vehicles from one another, to acquire jointly, by lease, purchase or otherwise, equipment or vehicles or to share operational costs of such equipment or vehicles, all on terms satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen.
(Simple majority)

ARTICLE 22

RECONSIDERATION

I move that action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

(Simple Majority)