

TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 17, 2010

In accordance with the warrant of the Selectmen, the Annual Town Meeting was held in the Auditorium of the East Longmeadow High School on Monday evening, May 17, 2010, thus the fourth Town Meeting held on the third Monday of May following the by-law change from the Annual Town Meeting of 2006. Town Moderator, Mr. James Sheils, called the meeting to order at 7:04PM; there being 230 registered voters present. Mr. Sheils offered the opening prayer and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then congratulated the various elected town officials who were recently elected at the April 13th Annual Town Election.

Mr. Paul Federici, Chairman for the Board of Selectmen, requested the Assembly to recognize those town employees who had anniversaries celebrated in FY 2010. Paul also recognized the various department heads and their staffs for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year.

Mr. Carl Ohlin, Chairman of the East Longmeadow Independence Day Parade Committee, presented a plaque to Mr. Daniel Lacedonia in honor of Mr. Lacedonia being named Honorary Grand Marshall of the 2010 East Longmeadow Independence Day Parade. Daniel was honored for his many past and present contributions to the Town of East Longmeadow, especially his diligent work and dedication as the Chairman of the Board of Registrars, years of involvement with emergency management teams and decades of involvement with the East Longmeadow Lions Club to name just a few.

Mr. Sheils then proceeded with some housekeeping issues: Location of fire exits, warrant articles that can be moved within the warrant if approved by a 2/3 majority vote and the recognition from Mr. Sheils to the town's election workers for their hard work and dedication.

The Town Moderator is now allowed to determine, without a count, based on the by-law change adopted in May 2006, whether a 2/3's quorum town vote has been obtained, subject to the right of challenge by seven (7) voters as authorized the Town By-Law, Section 2.030 Chapter 13. If seven (7) or more voters challenge the vote, a teller count shall be required.

Article 1

Reports of Officers and Committees

The Moderator reported that reports of Town Officers and Committees are available online at the Town's website: www.eastlongmeadowma.gov , and that DVD and paper copies are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Point of Order: Motion made to take Article 8 out of order and act upon it prior to Article 2.

2/3rd Vote required, per Town By-Law.
Motion failed as declared by Moderator.

Article 2

Appropriations Committee - Operating Budget

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the amount of \$48,481,592.00 for Town purposes and charges in anticipation of revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and all Acts and amendments thereof, and including in addition thereto Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969 as amended, for the operation of the Town departments, as contained in the Town of East Longmeadow Operating Budgets as printed in a chart published with the Warrant for this meeting and shown as Exhibit A entitled "Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budgets", and from the following transfers:

\$150,000.00 Transfer from Fund #2805, Solid Waste Revolving Fund;

\$25,000.00 transfer from Fund #2615, Community Preservation Fund;

And \$872,051.00 Transfer from Free Cash;

And funds from any other available sources as may be required to balance the budget.

With the exception of specific line items (below) which were "questioned",

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Motioned to amend Article 2, under Board of Public Works, Line 440 Sewer Fund – Operating Budget by striking out \$331,178.00 under Personal Services and inserting \$331,613.00, and under Operating Expenses, striking out \$768,300.00 and inserting \$767,865.00.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator

Motioned to amend Article 2, under Board of Public Works, Line 421 DPW – Administration/Hwy by striking out \$1,069,555.00 under Personal Services and inserting \$1,069,991.00, and under Operating Expenses, striking out \$469,235 and inserting \$468,799.00.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Motioned to amend Article 2, under Board of Public Works, Line 422 DPW – Bldg. Maintenance by striking out \$413,396.00 under Personal Services and inserting \$431,650.00, and under Operating Expenses, striking out \$354,620 and inserting \$336,366.00.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator

Motioned to amend Article 2, under IT Department, Line 155 by striking out \$165,835.00 and inserting \$188,167.00 to be funded from Free Cash in an equal amount of the increase.

Article 2 continued

Town of East Longmeadow Recommended Operating Budgets – Fiscal Year 2011 From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011								
General Fund								
Town Wide Expenses		Personal Services	Operating Expenses	FY 2011 Recommended	FY 2010 Budget	Change 10 vs. 11		
132	Reserve Fund		300,000	300,000	300,000	-	0.0%	
151	Law Department		78,000	78,000	78,000	-	0.0%	
430	Trash Collection		915,708	915,708	891,270	24,438	2.7%	
752	Interest on ST Debt		10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%	
912	Workers' Compensation		135,705	135,705	135,705	(19,295)	-12.4%	
914	Health & Life Insurance		4,414,616	4,414,616	4,204,396	210,220	5.0%	
919	Employee Benefits		331,001	331,001	321,360	9,641	3.0%	
945	Liability Insurance		255,702	255,702	336,450	(80,748)	-24.0%	
946	Retirement Contribution		1,834,439	1,834,439	1,768,692	65,757	3.7%	
947	PVPC Assessment		2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%	
<i>Sub total</i>			8,277,671	8,277,671	8,048,373	229,298	2.8%	
Principal Payments (on existing projects)								
710	Retirement of LT Debt (General Fund)		2,377,247	2,377,247	1,930,405	446,842	23.1%	
710	Retirement of LT Debt (Water Fund)		471,000	471,000	477,935	(6,935)	-1.5%	
710	Retirement of LT Debt (Sewer Fund)		406,558	406,558	380,598	25,960	6.8%	
<i>Sub total</i>			3,254,805	3,254,805	2,788,938	465,867	16.7%	
Interest Payments (on existing projects)								
751	Interest on LT debt (General Fund)		1,054,369	1,054,369	929,359	125,010	13.45%	
751	Interest on LT debt (Water Fund)		25,000	25,000	-	25,000	7.7%	
751	Interest on LT debt (Sewer Fund)		239,676	239,676	232,868	6,808	2.9%	
751	Interest on LT debt (Sewer Fund)		194,883	194,883	188,238	6,645	3.5%	
<i>Sub total</i>			1,513,928	1,513,928	1,350,465	163,463	12.1%	
School Budget								
300	Education	20,355,304	4,082,476	24,437,780	24,267,527	170,253	0.7%	
399	School Committee	4,200	-	4,200	4,200	-	0.0%	
<i>Sub total</i>			20,359,504	4,082,476	24,441,980	24,271,727	170,253	0.7%
Other Boards								
114	Town Moderator	550	100	650	650	0	0.0%	
131	Appropriations Committee	2,500	500	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%	
141	Board of Assessors	163,135	71,450	234,585	234,471	114	0.0%	
175	Planning Board	118,123	4,525	122,648	122,624	24	0.0%	
610	Library	544,800	75,160	619,960	618,860	1,100	0.2%	
<i>Sub total</i>			829,108	151,735	980,843	979,605	1,238	0.1%
Board of Public Works								
421	DPW – Administration/Hwy	1,069,991	469,799	1,538,790	1,538,790	0	0.0%	
422	DPW – Bldg. Maintenance	431,650	336,366	768,016	607,016	161,000	25.6%	
423	DPW – Snow & Ice		111,636	111,636	111,636	-	0.0%	
429	DPW Utilities		1,050,642	1,050,642	1,050,642	-	0.0%	
433	DPW – Waste Collections	14,874	42,500	57,374	44,784	12,590	28.1%	
<i>Sub total</i>			1,197,825	2,028,633	3,526,458	3,352,868	173,590	5.2%
Board of Selectmen								
122	Board of Selectmen's Office	212,879	15,267	228,146	226,821	1,325	0.6%	
135	Town Accountant	167,869	30,905	198,774	198,774	-	0.0%	
145	Treasurer/Clerk/Collector	320,666	51,100	371,766	372,416	(650)	-0.2%	
155	Information Technology	265,867	188,167	431,702	356,282	75,420	21.2%	
159	Operational Support	-	51,055	51,055	51,055	-	0.0%	
160	Elections & Registration	23,500	20,350	43,850	29,136	14,714	50.5%	
171	Conservation/Zoning	-	4,989	4,989	4,989	-	0.0%	
199	Town Communications	-	12,789	12,789	12,789	-	0.0%	
210	Police	2,250,885	106,613	2,357,498	2,327,693	29,805	1.3%	
220	Fire	601,134	61,146	662,280	661,364	916	0.1%	
241	Inspectors	99,324	12,018	111,342	111,342	-	0.0%	
519	Board of Health	18,000	63,351	81,351	81,351	-	0.0%	
541	Council on Aging	202,282	6,893	209,175	209,175	-	0.0%	
543	Veterans	9,520	34,626	44,146	44,146	-	0.0%	
630	Recreation	120,583	42,827	163,410	163,365	45	0.0%	
693	Cultural	-	17,740	17,740	17,740	-	0.0%	
<i>Sub total</i>			4,292,509	697,504	4,990,013	4,868,438	121,575	2.5%
GENERAL FUND		26,978,946	20,006,752	46,985,698	45,660,414	1,325,284	2.9%	

Article 2 continued

Town of East Longmeadow Recommended Operating Budgets – Fiscal Year 2011 From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011							
Town Wide Expenses		Personal Services	Operating Expenses	FY 2011 Recommended	FY 2010 Budget	Change 10 vs. 11	
Water Fund							
450	Operating Budget	374,961	1,047,436	4,422,397	4,412,303	10,094	0.7%
WATER FUND		374,961	1,047,436	1,422,397	1,412,303	10,094	0.7%
Sewer Fund							
440	Operating Budget	331,613	767,862	1,099,478	1,093,648	5,830	0.5%
SEWER FUND		331,178	768,300	1,099,478	1,093,648	5,830	0.5%
Animal Control Fund							
	Operating Budget	17,970	3,000	20,970	20,970	-	0.0%
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND		17,970	3,000	20,970	20,970	-	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET		27,703,055	21,825,488	49,528,543	48,187,335	1,341,208	2.8%

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Article 3

Capital Planning Committee – Fund F.Y. 2011 Capital Projects

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate, transfer and re-appropriate and bond under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, for capital projects for the 2011 fiscal year, a total sum of \$4,056,800.00 for the purposes and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit C published in the Warrant entitled “Capital Planning Article”.

Capital Planning Article				
Funding Sources				
1. Taxation				0
By Transfer from:				
2. Water Fund – Undesignated Fund Balance				150,000
3. Sewer Fund – Undesignated Fund Balance				72,800
4. Closed capital Projects with Balances				-
5. “Borrowing under Terms of Massachusetts General Laws – Chapter 44				<u>3,834,000</u>
TOTAL RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS				\$4,056,800
Specific Capital Projects:	FY 11 Amount Requested	Capital Planning Recommendation	Appropriations Committee Recommendation	Funding Sources
Police Department				
Police Cruisers	70,000	70,000	70,000	Bonding
Sub total	70,000	70,000	70,000	
Fire Department				
4x4 Vehicle	35,000	0	0	
Sub total	35,000	0	0	
IT Department				
Phone System – Police & Fire	35,000	35,000	35,000	Bonding
Phone system – MS & MB	200,000	200,000	200,000	Bonding
Computer Replacement	50,000	50,000	50,000	Bonding
Server Technology Upgrade	60,000	60,000	60,000	Bonding
Public Safety Radio System	810,000			
Sub Total	1,155,000	345,000	345,000	
School Department				
Turf Athletic Field	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	Bonding
MS New Heating System & Design	300,000	300,000	300,000	Bonding
MB Renovate Portable Classroom trailer	45,000	45,000	45,000	Bonding
MB Integrated Intercom System	0	0	0	
MS Integrated Intercom System	0	0	0	
HS Gym Windows	0	0	0	
BP Install Floor VCT Tiles	0	0	0	
HS EMT	0	0	0	
DW School Buses	0	0	0	
MB Asphalt Playground	70,000	70,000	70,000	Bonding
MV Asphalt Playground	70,000	70,000	70,000	Bonding

Article 3 continued

Capital Planning Article				
Specific Capital Projects:	FY 11 Amount Requested	Capital Planning Recommendation	Appropriations Committee Recommendation	Funding Sources
School Department continued				
HS Asphalt Parking Lot/Lights & Security	300,000	0	0	
HS Renovate Water Basin Grates	38,937	0	0	
HS Renovate Tennis Courts	34,200	0	0	
MV ADA Classroom Sink/Hot Water	204,820	0	0	
BP Update Classroom Video System	59,200	0	0	
BP 16 Camera Security System	20,000	0	0	
HS Thorguard Lighting Protection	9,500	0	0	
MV Playscape Equip	31,199	0	0	
Sub total	3,442,856	1,985,000	1,985,000	
Department of Public Works				
Repair Dump Truck #9	25,000	25,000	25,000	Bonding
Repair Dump Truck #68	165,360	0	0	
Sub total	190,360	25,000	25,000	
DPW Managed Projects				
Council on Aging Renovations	200,000	200,000	200,000	Bonding
Replace Fuel Pump Control System (DPW)	30,000	30,000	30,000	Bonding
Sidewalk Construction	75,000	75,000	75,000	Bonding
New Fire Alarm System (Police Dept.)	45,000			
New Air Handlers (Town Hall)	30,000			
New Soccer field (Heritage Park)	500,000			
Renovate Shower Facility (Pine Knoll)	40,000			
Renovate Town Clerk's Office	40,000			
Office Furniture & Fence (Police)	25,000			
Parking Lot Lighting (Pine Knoll)	30,000			
Energy Management System (Library Fire)	60,000			
Replace Swimming Pool (Pine Knoll)	1,500,000			
Space Study (Town Hall)	100,000			
Sub total	2,675,000	305,000	305,000	
Total of above Projects...	7,568,216	2,730,000	2,730,000	
Water Department				
Water Meters	150,000	150,000	150,000	Fund Balance
Sub total	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Sewer Department				
Pump Station Upgrades	1,104,000	1,104,000	1,104,000	Bonding
Sewer Jet Truck	72,800	72,800	72,800	Fund Balance
Sub total	1,176,800	1,176,800	1,176,800	
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	8,895,016	4,056,800	4,056,800	

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Motioned to amend Article 3, under Police Cruisers Capital Project by changing the amount of \$70,000 to \$ 71,005.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator

Article 4**Appropriations Committee – Transfer of funds to Stabilization Account**

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Stabilization Account #8216-122 to set aside said funds for future expenditures.

2/3'rds vote required. Passed Unanimously.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 5

Board of Selectmen – Transfer of Funds

No motion Made

No Action

Article 6

Appropriations Committee – Appropriate Funds for Prior Years Bills

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,085.22 to pay outstanding bills incurred in prior years as follows:

USI Insurance Services	\$204.00
Green Lawn Cemetery	\$486.00
ETEC Lighting	\$829.40
School Department Transportation	\$1,065.82
Seagul Consultants	\$7,500.00

A 4/5's Vote needed.

Passed in excess of 4/5's by count: 187-Yes, 2-No.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 7

Department of Public Works – Highway Construction

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, \$443,062.00 for the construction, reconstruction and/or maintenance of public ways, said sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth and expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 8

Citizen Petition – Appropriate Funds to Allow Lowering of Bus Fees

Motioned that the Town raise and/or appropriate, transfer, or otherwise provide the sum of \$385,000.00 from Free Cash fund to allow lowering the bus fee of \$270.00 per student, per year, within the two mile radius of the school, to \$150.00 per family, per year, for grades K-12.

Motion Fails

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

Article 9

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Local Cable Access

Motioned that the Town re-establish a “Local Cable Access Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2011, which fund shall be separate from the General Fund, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from public and private sources in order to fund the local cable access program activities, as administered by the committee established for such purpose, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed \$132,000.00 during the fiscal year, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator
Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 10

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Center School Park

Motioned that the Town re-establish a “Center School Park Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2011, which fund shall be separate from the General Fund, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from public and private sources in order to fund the Center Hill Park development activities, as administered by the East Longmeadow Cultural Affairs Council, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 during the fiscal year, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator
Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 11

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Solid Waste Disposal

Motioned that the Town establish a “Solid Waste Disposal Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2011, which fund shall be separate from the General Funds, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from public and private sources in order to fund the solid waste disposal program, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 during the fiscal year, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator
Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 12

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Council on Aging

Motioned that the Town establish a “Council on Aging Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2011, which fund shall be separate from the General Funds, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from public and private sources in order to fund the General Programming of the Council on Aging, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 during the fiscal year, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously, as declared by Town Moderator
Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 13

Board of Library Trustees – Revolving Fund – Public Library

No Motion Made

No Action Taken

Article 14

Board of Selectmen – Fund Human Resources Consulting Services

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to fund Human Resources Consulting services.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 15

Community Preservation Committee – Fund Allocation

Motioned that the Town accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2011 from revenues estimated to be \$200,000.00 allocated as follows:

Administrative Expenses	5.0%
Historic Resource Reserve	10.0%
Community Housing Reserve	10.0%
Open Space Reserve	10.0%
Undesignated General Reserve	65.0%

Passed Majority.

Article 16

Community Preservation Committee – Historic Fence Replacement

Motioned that the Town accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Fiscal Year 2011 from the reserve accounts as follows:

Historic Preservation Reserve:

Greenlawn Cemetery for historic fence replacement the expenditure not to exceed \$21,000.00 to replace the fence around the Greenlawn Cemetery with a reproduction historically accurate fence made with modern materials

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 17

Community Preservation Committee – Replacement of Windows

Motioned that the Town accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Fiscal Year 2011 from the reserve accounts as follows:

Community Housing Reserve:

A sum not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund, in addition to the sum previously approved, to replace windows at Village Green.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 18

School Department – Consolidate IT Department with Town IT Department

Motioned that the Town approve, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 37M, the consolidation of the functions of the Information Technology Department of the School Department into one Town-wide department.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Board of Public Works Recommendation: Recommended

Article 19

School Department – Consolidate Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Functions

Motioned that the Town approve, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 37M, the Buildings and Facilities maintenance functions of the School Department into one Town-wide department.

Passed Majority, as declared by Town Moderator

Board of Public Works Recommendation: Recommended

Article 20

Board of Selectmen – Amend General By-Law, Section 2.020 (D)

Motioned to amend the General By-laws of the Town of East Longmeadow by deleting the existing language in Section 2.020 (D) and inserting in place thereof:

“The Warrant for that part of the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business shall close for the acceptance of petitioned Articles on March 1, and for all Articles as determined by the Board of Selectmen.”

Passed Unanimously

Article 21

Amend Zoning By-Law, 1991 Revision, Section 3.31

Motioned that the Town adopt Appendix 120 AA of the Massachusetts Building Code Chapter 780, Code of Massachusetts Regulations entitled "Stretch Energy Code."

Point of Order: Quorum questioned; Moderator called for count, 124 Voters counted (quorum requirement being 150)

No action due to lack of quorum.

Motion to Adjourn

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M., for lack of quorum, to be continued on May 24, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the East Longmeadow High School.

••☪ Certificate of Quorum ☪••

This is to certify that more than 150 Registered Voters were present at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 17, 2010. Voter attendance was recorded as follows:

Precinct 1	54
Precinct 2	41
Precinct 3	59
Precinct 4	<u>76</u>
Total	230

Count of Registered Voters at 10:20 P.M. was as follows:

Table	8
Left Section	46
Center Section	41
Right Section	<u>29</u>
Total	124

True Record: Attest:

Thomas P. Florence
Town Clerk

Retyped April 2016 to add language of the Warrant.