

**TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 21, 2007**

In accordance with the warrant of the Selectman, the Annual Town Meeting was held in the Auditorium of the East Longmeadow High School on Monday evening, May 21, 2007, thus the first 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 7:14PM; there being 186 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 10th Annual Town Election.

Mr. Jack Villamaino, Chairman for the Board of Selectman, requested the Assembly to recognize those town employees who had anniversaries celebrated in 2006. Jack 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. Lee Hildreath in honor of Mr. Hildreath being named Honorary Grand Marshall of the 2007 East Longmeadow Independence Day Parade. Lee was honored for his many past and present contributions to the Town of East Longmeadow, especially his diligent work and dedication leading to the renovation and planned changes for the Senior Center.

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 Town Report is available in the Selectman's Office and the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall. The Town Report is also available in CD ROM at both afore mentioned locations as well as on the Town's website, www.eastlongmeadow.org.

Article 2

Operating Budget

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,734,018 for Town purposes and charges in anticipation of revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and all Acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969 as amended for the operation of the Town Departments as follows:

Town of East Longmeadow							
Operating Budget Summary							
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008							
UMAS CODE	Department	Personal Services F.Y. 2008	Other Expenses	Total Recommended F.Y. 2008	% Change FY08 vs FY07	Appropriated in F.Y. 2007	Actual in F.Y. 2006
Funded Expenses							
292	Dog Officer	18,840	2,627	21,467	68.37%	12,750	10,799
<i>(21,467 from Dog Fund Revolving)</i>							
12-450	Water Fund	352,590	795,929	1,148,519	0.00%	1,148,519	1,042,743
13-440	Sewer Fund	273,754	772,836	1,046,590	0.92%	1,037,053	863,781
Sub Total		645,184	1,571,392	2,216,576	0.83%	2,198,321	1,917,323
Town Wide Expenses							
132	Reserve Fund	0	200,000	200,000	0.00%	200,000	58,139
151	Law Department	57,864	25,300	83,164	25.66%	66,180	69,998
231	Ambulance Service	0	45,000	45,000	24.47%	36,154	35,795
430	Trash Collection/Disposal	0	857,227	857,227	1.11%	847,813	823,328
752	Interest on S/T Borrowing	0	10,000	10,000	-33.33%	15,000	0
912	Workers' Compensation	0	150,454	150,454	4.75%	143,625	124,002
914	Health & Life Insurance	0	4,042,774	4,042,774	9.00%	3,708,967	3,125,902
919	Employee Benefits-Other	0	290,700	290,700	4.01%	279,488	272,097
945	Liability Insurance	0	373,096	373,096	3.00%	362,229	289,806
946	Hampden County Retirement	0	1,963,750	1,963,750	20.00%	1,636,458	1,387,388
947	PVPC Assessment	0	2,115	2,115	0.00%	2,115	2,115
Sub Total		57,864	7,960,416	8,018,280	9.87%	7,298,029	6,188,569
Capital Budget Items							
710	Retirement of Debt	0	2,794,623	2,794,623	13.74%	2,456,956	2,274,586
<i>Water Fund 477,401.98 - Sewer Fund 381,170.83</i>							
751	Interest on L/T Debt	0	1,557,325	1,557,325	7.13%	1,453,740	1,469,162
<i>Water Fund 271,369.43 – Sewer Fund 209,198.25</i>							
Sub Total		0	4,351,948	4,351,948	11.28%	3,910,696	3,743,748
Departmental Expenditures							
School Committee							
300	Education	18,244,477	4,161,992	22,410,669	6.70%	21,004,056	20,654,203
399	School Committee	4,200	0	4,200	0.00%	4,200	4,266
Sub Total		18,248,677	4,161,992	22,410,669	6.70%	21,004,056	20,654,203
Moderator							
114	Town Moderator	550	100	650	0.00%	650	550
Appropriations Committee							
131	Appropriations Committee	2,500	500	3,000	0.00%	3,000	2,346
Board of Assessors							
141	Board of Assessors	144,566	18,649	163,215	3.00%	158,460	134,904

Article 2 Cont.

UMAS CODE	Department	Personal Services F.Y. 2008	Other Expenses	Total Recommended F.Y. 2008	% Change FY08 vs FY07	Appropriated in F.Y. 2007	Actual in F.Y. 2006
	Planning Board						
175	Planning Board	105,881	11,400	117,281	3.30%	113,536	105,964
	Public Library						
610	Public Library	464,431	121,550	585,981	6.10%	552,290	524,636
	Board of Public Works						
421	Hwy/Sts – Administration	1,016,110	456,359	1,472,469	2.98%	1,429,875	1,380,275
423	Hwy/Sts – Snow & Ice	20,297	91,339	111,636	0.00%	111,636	240,106
422	Building Maintenance	339,457	549,736	889,193	24.90%	711,916	498,706
433	Waste Collection	14,784	30,000	44,784	14.88%	38,984	35,190
	Sub Total	1,390,6489	1,127,434	2,518,082	9.84%	2,292,410	2,154,277
	Board of Selectmen						
122	Board of Selectmen	193,769	11,424	205,193	3.00%	199,217	168,419
135 & 149	Town Accountant	158,456	31,200	189,656	1.19%	187,427	174,079
145 & 158	Treasurer/Clerk/Collector	289,281	49,450	338,731	10.56%	306,366	301,024
155	Mgmt. Information Systems	144,223	184,125	328,348	7.25%	306,154	285,705
159 & 152	Operations Support – Other	0	51,550	51,550	0.03%	51,537	50,288
160 & 113	Elections & Registration	10,000	18,850	28,850	-9.28%	31,800	24,384
171 & 176	Conservation/Zoning Commission	0	4,989	4,989	1.98%	4,892	2,879
199 & 291	Town Communications	0	11,400	11,400	2.93%	11,075	5,093
210	Police Department	1,927,237	88,665	2,015,902	5.70%	1,907,195	1,638,512
220	Fire Department	586,466	46,244	632,710	3.01%	614,249	586,364
241 & 244	Insp.-Buildings Wiring Plumbing Weights	76,436	9,120	85,556	2.99%	83,076	78,856
519	Health Department	14,395	65,550	79,945	10.97%	72,045	43,502
541	Council on Aging	177,226	6,498	183,724	6.00%	173,328	165,682
543	Veterans	4,389	23,715	28,104	0.31%	28,018	19,694
630	Recreation						

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Article 3**Appropriate Free Cash to School Department for Special Education Costs**

Voted that the Town appropriate \$200,000.00 from free cash to the School Department for FY2007 Special Education Costs in account number SP930099 532002.

Passed Unanimously.

Article 4

Capital Budget

Voted that the Town appropriate \$3,355,029 for the purpose of providing or otherwise constructing the Capital Items for the Fiscal Year 2008 beginning July 1, 2007, as contained in the chart attached to the Warrant entitled "Capital Planning Article," and that to meet this appropriation \$477,420 shall be raised and appropriated from the tax levy for the Fiscal Year 2008; \$60,909 shall be transferred from Water Fund – Undesignated Balance; \$28,051 shall be transferred from Sewer Undesignated Balance; \$646,441 from unexpended proceeds of prior bond issues of the Town related to Closed Capital Projects; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$2,142,208 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, all as described below:

Taxation:		\$477,420		
By Transfer (from):				
Water Fund – Water Undesignated Fund Balance (WF)		\$60,909		
Sewer Fund – Sewer Undesignated Fund Balance (SF)		\$28,051		
Closed General Capital Projects (GCP)		\$472,534		
Closed Water Capital Projects (WCP)		\$70,525		
Closed Sewer Capital Projects (SCP)		\$103,382		
By Borrowing Under Terms of Massachusetts General Laws-Chapter 44		\$2,142,208		
Total Capital		\$3,355,029		
Project	Amount Requested	Capital Planning Committee Recommendation	Appropriation Committee Recommendation	Funding Sources
School Committee				
District Wide Requests				
Computers (Year 2 of 3)	250,000	250,000	250,000	B
Oil Tank remove & Replace	139,000	139,000	139,000	B
School Buses	1,031,402	0	0	
Sub-Total Schools	1,420,402	389,000	389,000	
Police				
Police Cruisers (2)	60,000	60,000	60,000	T
Board of Selectmen				
IT Financial Package	100,000	100,000	100,000	B
Record/Storage Filing System	55,000	55,000	55,000	T
Health Department				
Fire Station Building Pump and Enclosure	55,000	55,000	55,000	B
Somers Landfill CAAA & CSA	60,000	60,000	60,000	B
Allen Street Landfill CAD	20,000	20,000	20,000	B
IT Department				
Computer Equipment	89,300	89,300	89,300	T
Sub-Total Board of Selectmen	439,300	439,300	439,300	
Board of Public Works				
Pickup trucks (2)	94,300	94,300	94,300	WF, SF, SCP, T
WF=31,433.33, SF=28,050.98, SCP=3,382.35, T=31,433.34				
Sub-Total Board of Public Works	94,300	94,300	94,300	
Board of Public Works – Water Fund				
Water Meters	100,000	100,000	100,000	WCP, WF
WCP=70,524.73, WF=29,475.27				
Sub-Total Board of Public Works-Water Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	

Article 2 Cont.

Project	Amount Requested	Capital Planning Committee Recommendation	Appropriation Committee Recommendation	Funding Sources
Board of Public Works – Building Maintenance				
Meadowbrook School				
Replace Motors & Coils-Café & Gym Air Handling Unit	96,750	96,750	96,750	B
Light Fixture Upgrades-Classrooms & Hallways	100,000	100,000	100,000	B
Update Plumbing System-Hot/Cold Water Supplies	180,000	180,000	180,000	GCP
Replace carpets with tile	90,000	90,000	90,000	B
Mountain View School				
ADA Restroom Renovations (4 primary wings)	30,420	30,420	30,420	T
Kitchen – Repair Rusted Panels in Lower Walls	22,763	22,763	22,763	T
Mapleshade School				
Replace East Asphalt Parking Lot & Sidewalks	42,350	42,350	42,350	B
Update Plumbing System (Hot & Cold Water Supplies)	180,000	180,000	180,000	GCP
Replace Gym, Library & Speech Room Floors	27,642	27,642	27,642	B
Birchland Park Middle School				
120 Additional Student Lockers – Increased Enroll	21,504	21,504	21,504	T
Sprinkler System for PE Fields	27,000	27,000	27,000	T
High School				
Bring Existing Fire Alarm System up to Code/PA System	145,000	145,000	145,000	B
ADA Toilets	20,000	20,000	20,000	B
Replace Boilers in Room #2 (GCP=112,534, B=67,466)	180,000	180,000	180,000	GCP & B
Install ADA Hardware/Locks on all Interior Doors	129,000	129,000	129,000	B
Recreation/Pine Knoll				
Feasibility Study (Quote from Tighe & Bond Engineers)	45,000	45,000	45,000	T
Improvements to Buildings/Land	180,000	180,000	180,000	B
Senior Center				
Renovations Bathroom/Kitchen	565,800	425,000	425,000	B
Town Hall				
Renovate Stairwells	35,000	35,000	35,000	T
Replace Windows	80,000	80,000	80,000	B
Convert Boiler to Hot Water Base Board Heat	60,000	60,000	60,000	T
Public Works				
Replace Roof – Main Bldg of Service Building	45,000	45,000	45,000	B
New Boom Lift	70,000	70,000	70,000	
Sub-Total Board of Public Works-Bldg Maintenance	2,373,229	2,232,429	4,232,429	
TOTAL CAPITAL	4,527,231	3,355,029	3,355,029	

Passed Unanimously.

Article 5**Board of Selectmen - Appropriate Funds to be added to Stabilization Account**

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund Account for the purpose of setting aside funds for future capital expenditures.

Passed Unanimously.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 6

Board of Assessors - Fund Annual Revaluation Contract

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate \$53,000.00 to fund the revaluation contract executed by the Board of Assessors.

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 7

Board of Public Works – Highway Construction

Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate by borrowing \$434,402.00 for the construction, reconstruction and/or maintenance of public ways, said sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Passed Unanimously.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 8

Board of Public Works - Transfer of Funds from Water and Sewer Undesignated Fund Balance

Motioned that the Town appropriate \$1,339,140.49 from the Water & Sewer Undesignated Fund Balance; Water Undesignated Fund Balance Account Number 123590 and Sewer Undesignated Fund Account Number 133590; and transfer said sum to the General Fund Long Term Debt and Interest Account, Long Term Debt Account Number 7105910, and Long term Interest Account Number 7515915

Passed Unanimously.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 9

School Committee - Transfer Funds from Free Cash to School Department for Athletic Fees

Motioned that the Town appropriate \$116,000.00 from free cash to the School Department for FY2007 student athletic fees, account number HS351040.

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 10

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Local Cable Access

Motioned that the Town re-establish a “Solid Waste Disposal Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2008, 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 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 Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 11

Board of Selectmen – Revolving Fund – Solid Waste Disposal

Motioned that the Town re-establish a “Local Cable Access Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2008, 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 \$40,500.00 during the fiscal year, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 12

Board of Selectmen – Transfer from Solid Waste Disposal Revolving Fund to Trash Collection Account

Motioned that the Town appropriate and transfer \$150,000.00 from the Solid Waste Disposal Revolving Fund to the Trash Collection Account in the General Fund.

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Appropriations Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Article 13

Revolving Fund – Center School Park

Motioned that the Town re-establish a “Center School Park Revolving Fund” for Fiscal Year 2008, 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 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 14

Board of Selectmen – Request the General Court to Amend Chapter 423 of the Acts of 2006

Motioned that the Town request the General Court to amend Chapter 423 of the Acts of 2006, by replacing Section 1 & 2 as follows:

Section 1

Notwithstanding Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of East Longmeadow may grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under Section 12 of said Chapter 138, provided however, that said license shall not be in addition to licenses that may be issued as a result of population increases in 2010 or subsequent years and shall reduce by one license the licenses that would otherwise be available for issuance due to any future increase in population..

Section 2

This act shall take effect upon its passage

Passed Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Article 15

Planning Board – Amend Town Zoning Bylaw Section 3.308, Unregistered Vehicles

Motioned that the Town amend the East Longmeadow Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.308 “Unregistered Vehicles” by modifying the text as follows:

3.308 Unregistered Vehicles

In districts where residential uses are allowed.

Article 15 cont.

The keeping of more than one (1) unregistered or inoperable vehicle, assembled or disassembled, and in sight of all abutters and public ways, for more than (30) days on any premises shall not be permitted. The condition of said unregistered vehicle shall not pose a safety or health issue. All other unregistered vehicles on residential parcels must be stored in an enclosed building, out of sight of all abutters and public ways. The use of a tarp or similar material to satisfy the out of sight requirement is prohibited.

The keeping of unregistered truck trailers or the like, either assembled or disassembled, on a parcel is prohibited for all residential uses, except the aforementioned will be exempt when used for agriculture or farm business. See definitions of Agriculture, Farm Business and Vehicle in section VIII of the East Longmeadow Zoning Bylaw.

A 2/3 majority is needed for this zoning amendment.

Passed 2/3rd Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Article 16**Planning Board – Amend Town Zoning Bylaw, 1991 Revision, Section 2.1, District Locations and Boundaries**

Motioned that the Town amend the East Longmeadow Zoning Bylaw, 1991 Revision, Section 2.1 “District Locations and Boundaries” by deleting “May, 2004” in lines 2 and 4 and replacing same with “May 2007”, and to adopt said “Zoning Districts Map dated May, 2007”, by bringing the zones and boundaries up to date, as approved in previous Town meetings, as shown on display in the office of the Planning Board and on the community bulletin in the Town Hall Municipal Building.

Passed Unanimously.

Article 17**Planning Board – Amend Town Zoning Bylaw, 1991 Revision, replacing a paragraph at 3.31 Residential Districts**

Motioned that the Town amend the East Longmeadow Zoning By-Law, 1991 Revision, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A to make changes for the purpose of replacing a paragraph at Section 3.31 Residential Districts – AA, A, B and C – 3.311 “Accessory Buildings in Residential Areas”:

§3.311 Paragraph 2

“An accessory building shall not be used as a residence”.

A 2/3 majority is needed for this zoning amendment.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Town Moderator.

Article 18

Planning Board – Authorize Board of Selectman to Take In Fee Simple for Highway Purposes

Motioned that the Town authorize the Board of Selectman, by virtue of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79, to take in fee simple for highway purposes the street described as follows:

Deer Run Terrace:

A strip of land fifty (50) feet in width beginning on the southerly side of Pease Road thence running a distance of approximately Two Hundred Sixty feet (260) at which point the road widens to a sixty (60) foot strip of land in width and continuing in a southerly direction turning to the west in a circular design thence in a northerly direction approximately One Thousand Forty (1,040) feet to its terminus for a total length of approximately Twelve Hundred Ninety-five (1,295) feet, as shown on plans recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 318, Page 67.

Passed Unanimously.

Article 19

Planning Board – Authorize Board of Selectman to Take In Fee Simple for Highway Purposes

Motioned that the Town authorizes the Board of Selectman, by virtue of Massachusetts General Law 79, to take in fee simple for highway purposes the described as follows:

Halon Terrace:

A strip of land sixty (60) feet in width beginning at the easterly side of Shaker Road thence running easterly for a distance of approximately Eight Hundred Twenty (820) feet to its terminus at a cul-de-sac as shown on plans recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 333, Page 20.

Passed Unanimously.

Article 20

Board of Public Works & Planning Board – Authorize Board of Selectman to Take In Fee Simple for Highway Purposes

No Motion Made

No Action Taken

Article 21

Board of Public Works & Planning Board – Authorize Board of Selectman to Take In Fee Simple for Highway Purposes

Motioned that the Town authorizes the Board of Selectman, by virtue of Massachusetts General Law 79, to take in fee simple for highway purposes the described as follows:

Nottingham Drive:

A strip of land Sixty (60) feet in width beginning at Parker Street and running easterly thence in a counterclockwise direction a distance of approximately Thirty-six Hundred (3600) feet until it intersects with itself, as shown on plans recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 320, Pages 120-122.

Passed Unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m., the business of the Warrant having been completed.

Certificate of Quorum

This is to certify that more than 150 Registered Voters were present at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 21, 2007. Voter attendance was recorded as follows:

Precinct 1	57
Precinct 2	33
Precinct 3	49
Precinct 4	<u>47</u>
	186

True Record: Attest:

Thomas P. Florence
Town Clerk

Retyped October 2015 to add the language of the Warrant