

Annual Town Election

Monday, May 16, 2005

Polls opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 6:30 P.M.

The following people served as election officers today:

Warden	Leslie Rathbun
Clerk	Linda Hunt
Box Clerk	Dolores Hunt & Pliny Hunt
Inspectors	Mary Bertocci
	Barbara Bracknell
	Carole Jenny
	Mary Johnson
	Marjorie Kingston
	Helen Pigott
	Anna Pilling
Counters	Pliny Hunt
	Ronald Muir, Sr.

There were 251 ballots cast in the Annual Town Election from which 6 were absentee ballots. There was one spoiled ballot. The total number of Registered Voters at the close of registration for the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting was 1438.

ARTICLE 1.	Town Offices	Votes	Blanks Misc. Write-ins	Total
Selectmen...3 years.....	George E. Shippey.....	200	51	251
Town Collector...3 years.....	Joseph Patrick Ruggio.....	200	51	251
Treasurer...3 years.....	Karen T. Williams.....	208	43	251
Board of Assessors...3 years.....	John A. Miller.....	201	50	251
Board of Health...3 years.....	Gregory M. Pilling.....	178	73	251
Housing Authority...5 years.....	Frances G. Antoniazzi.....	147		
	Jennifer Quetti.....	96	8	251
Parks and Recreation...3 years.....	Robert L. Flower.....	198	53	251
Planning Board...5 years.....	Eric M. Plakun.....	190	61	251
Sewer and Water Commissioners... 3 years.....	Thomas Paul Schuler.....	202	49	251

QUESTION 1. Do you support the option of home delivery of mail by the U. S. Postal Service in the Town of Stockbridge?

YES – 122 NO – 102

Margaret Tracy and Nancy Wilcox were in charge of check-in for the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. I move that the following Officers be chosen for the year 2005:

Fence Viewers: GEORGE W. SCHNEYER & CHRISTOPHER MARSDEN
Measurers of Wood: WILLIAM MARKHAM & PLINY W. HUNT
Measurers of Coal: H. LINDEN SEARING & NICHOLAS F.NADORFF
Weighers of Sand & Gravel: JOHN "JAKE" DONOVAN & CLINTON E. SCHNEYER
Field Drivers: RICHARD B. WILCOX & LOUIS J. PEYRON

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 0

ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town vote to accept all printed reports of Town Officers and Committees as published in the Annual Report.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 0

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town fix the annual salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town for the 2005-2006 fiscal years, pursuant to Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws as follows:

Moderator \$ 177
Selectmen
Chairman \$ 4,693
2 Members @\$3,843 \$ 7,686
Town Clerk \$29,809
Town Treasurer \$18,455
Town Collector \$34,384 plus \$1,000 for certification
Board of Assessors
Chairman \$ 3,372
2 Members @\$2,699 \$ 5,398
Board of Health
Clerk \$ 941
2 Members@\$475 \$ 950
Tree Warden \$ 1,560

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 0

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,695,322 to defray the expenses of the various departments of the Town in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

VOTE: YES - 120 NO - 0

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,180,067 for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

VOTE: YES - 121 NO - 0

ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$415,305 toward the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's capital cost of constructing the new school buildings.

VOTE: YES - 125 NO - 0

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town vote to allow the Berkshire Hills Regional School District to establish a Stabilization Fund according to the provisions of section 16G of Chapter 71 of General Laws, contingent upon the approval of a majority of District member municipalities at their respective 2005 Annual Town Meetings.

VOTE: YES - 60 NO - 65

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$87,600 for utilities and janitorial needs at the Plain School.

VOTE: YES - 125 NO - 0

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town vote to petition the General Court for the passage of a Special Act reading substantially as set forth in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: YES - 130 NO - 0

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$35,000 to purchase a drive vehicle for the Police Department.

VOTE: YES - 129 NO - 1

ARTICLE 12. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$50,000 to increase the Stabilization Fund, which sum is specified for the purchase of a fire truck.

VOTE: YES- 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 13. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to purchase new fire hose for the Fire Department.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 14. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$125,958 for blacktop for selected Town roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 15. I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of \$200,000 to be added to monies previously transferred by Article 15 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting and Article 16 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting for the closure of the Landfill on Glendale Middle Road.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 16. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Stockbridge Bowl Fund, established by Article 22 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to be used, upon further appropriation, for maintenance, dredging, cleaning or improvement of the Stockbridge Bowl; public access thereto; retaining walls, piers, wharves or moorings thereof; or law enforcement or fire prevention in connection therewith.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 17. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 for the construction of a new water storage tank.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 18. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus a sum of \$98,792 to provide for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 19. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus a sum of \$8,000 for the purchase of a riding lawn mower.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 20. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$400 as the Town's share of the Fiscal Year 2005 expenses associated with the group purchasing program authorized by Article 25 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 21. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,000 to be added to the sums appropriated by Article 24 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting and Article 24 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, to meet the Town's share of the cost of participating with other communities for the collection of household hazardous waste.

VOTE: YES - 135 NO - 0

ARTICLE 22. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to:

- a. Appropriate a sum of \$50,000 for affordable housing purposes to provide financial assistance to Construct Inc. for costs associated with the Pine Woods affordable housing project. \$20,600 of this funding will come from FY2006 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues and \$29,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.
- b. Appropriate and Reserve a sum of \$75,000 for open space purposes. \$50,000 of this funding will come from FY2006 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues and \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.
- c. Appropriate and Reserve a sum of \$75,000 for historic preservation purposes, which sum is specified for repair and improvement of historic Town buildings. This funding will come from FY2006 Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues.

- d. Appropriate a sum of \$2,500 for Chesterwood for historic preservation purposes. This funding will come from the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.
- e. Appropriate a sum of \$3,500 for the Community Preservation Committees' administrative expenses. This funding will come from the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.

VOTE: YES - 145 NO – 3

ARTICLE 23. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$65,000 to digitalize the Town's Assessor Map.

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 24. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to hire a consultant to survey historic properties in Stockbridge.

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 25. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 for legal and expert witness fees and related expenses associated with defending against actions filed in court challenging the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations or seeking judicial review of decisions made thereunder.

VOTE: YES - 150 NO – 0

ARTICLE 26. I move that the Town vote to amend Article 27 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting by striking the year "2005" therefrom and replacing it with the year "2007".

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 27. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$50,000 to retain the services of a consultant to provide technical assistance in reviewing the provisions of the Town's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations to ensure that such provisions are necessary and adequate to protect public safety, health and the environment.

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 28. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,000 to perform restoration work on the Beach House at Stockbridge Bowl.

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 29. I move that the Town vote to request the Board of Health to explore the possibility of the Town's joining with the Towns of Lee and Lenox to form a Regional Health District pursuant to section 27B of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, to consist of a regional Board of Health, a Director of Health and any staff, and to make any recommendations to a future Annual or Special Town Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 148 NO – 0

ARTICLE 30. I move that the Town vote to ratify and confirm the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the Town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility for ten years.

VOTE: YES - 147 NO - 0

ARTICLE 31. I move that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding Article XX111, Regulation of Dogs and Kennels, as set forth in Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: YES - 147 NO - 0

ARTICLE 32. I move that the Town vote to transfer a sum of \$750,000 from Certified Free Cash for the purpose of lowering the property tax rate.

VOTE: YES - 147 NO - 0

ARTICLE 33. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase the Stabilization Fund as defined in section 5B Chapter 40, of the General Laws.

WITHDRAW ARTICLE

VOTE: YES - NO -

ARTICLE 34. I move that the Town vote to approve the Citizen's Petition Article - Petition For Peace

Where as; resident voters of Stockbridge, Massachusetts supports peace.

Where as; we have no quarrel with ordinary men, women and children of Middle East.

Where as; the billions of dollars spent to stage, invade and occupy the Middle East are billions of dollars taken away from Education, Health, and Social services.

Where as; this petition will be sent to state and federal governmental representatives, indicating the town's desire for PEACE.

Amendment:

Further, that this petition be ultimately voted upon at a special election which date and time the Selectmen shall set.

Stop Debate

VOTE: YES - 70 NO - 20

Call the Vote

VOTE: YES - 70 NO - 20

Vote on Amendment

VOTE: YES - 50 NO - 70

Vote on Article 34 as it is

VOTE: YES - 69 NO – 60

I move that the actual tally be recorded as the vote rather than just saying the Town Of Stockbridge is voting in favor of this petition.

VOTE: YES - 70 NO – 20

ARTICLE 35. I move that the town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to file a Special Act with the Massachusetts General Court and to take any and all other necessary steps to establish the position of Town Manager in the Town of Stockbridge. The Town Manager is to be the chief administrative officer of the Town. He or she would be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the effective management of all Town affairs placed in the Town Manager's charge by the Special Act, the Board of Selectmen, or vote of the Town Meeting. The Town Manager is to be responsible for the implementation of Town policies, established by the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: YES - 3 NO – 117

ARTICLE 36. Other business that may legally come before this meeting.