

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTEREY, MAY 2, 2015

On May 2, 2015, 81 people qualified to vote in Town Meeting gathered in the Fire House of the Town of Monterey at 9:30am.

Proceeding to the Articles of this Meeting, the following actions were taken on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of all Officers, Agents and Committees of the Town.

This article was unanimously passed over.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries as indicated below to be paid to elected officials for the period July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Chair	\$4,386
Select Board 2 nd	\$4,386
Select Board 3 rd	\$4,386
Assessors Chair	\$4,080
Assessors 2 nd	\$4,080
Assessors 3 rd	\$4,080
Board of Health Chair	\$ 408
Board of Health 2 nd	\$ 408
Board of Health 3 rd	\$ 408

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate certain sums of money, including appropriation and transfers from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including salaries of certain Town Officers and employees, debt and interest, and provide for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year, or raise, appropriate or transfer any other sum of money.

Account	Description	FY 15 APPROVED	FY16 REQUEST	Increase Decrease
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
114	Moderator	300.00	300.00	0.00
122	Select Board Elected	12,900.00	13,158.00	258.00
122	Select Board Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
124	Temporary Employee	3,000.00	2,000.00	(1,000.00)
131	Finance Committee Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00
132	Town Reserve Fund	22,000.00	27,000.00	5,000.00
135	Town Accountant Salary	13,560.00	13,831.00	271.00
135	Town Accountant Expenses	1,000.00	250.00	(750.00)
141	Assessors Elected	12,000.00	12,240.00	240.00
141	Principal Assessor/Consultant	37,489.00	38,239.00	750.00
141	Assessors Clerk Wages	8,609.00	8,781.00	172.00
141	Assessors Expenses	7,250.00	7,250.00	0.00
141	Assessors Software	15,375.00	16,859.00	1,484.00
145	Treasurer Elected Salary	14,567.00	14,858.00	291.00
145	Treasurer Expenses	3,130.00	3,130.00	0.00
145	Treasurers Tax Titles	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
146	Tax Collector Elected Salary	18,000.00	18,360.00	360.00
146	Tax Collector Expenses	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
147	Tax Coll. Computer	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
148	Bank Charges	640.00	640.00	0.00
151	Town Counsel	11,254.00	11,479.00	225.00
151	Town Counsel Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

153	Monterey Municipal Lighting Plant Annual Assessment	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
158	Meeting Warrants Printing & Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
159	Administrative Assistant Salary	44,578.00	45,470.00	892.00
160	Procurement Expenses	1.00	1.00	0.00
161	Town Clerk Elected Salary	17,215.00	17,559.00	344.00
161	Town Clerk Expenses	6,049.00	6,049.00	0.00
162	Election	6,186.00	8,586.00	2,400.00
163	Registration	294.00	331.00	37.00
164	Street List/Census	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
164	Street List/Census Expenses	750.00	750.00	0.00
165	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
171	Conservation Comm.	750.00	750.00	0.00
175	Planning Board Clerk Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
175	Planning Board expenses	600.00	1,565.00	965.00
176	Board of Appeals expenses	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
176	Board of Appeals Clerk	1.00	1.00	0.00
192	Meeting Hall	975.00	975.00	0.00
195	Town Report	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
196	Town Offices	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
197	Computer Software & Supplies	4,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00
197	Broadband Services (town hall, lib and fire dept)	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
198	Accounting/Treasurer Software	8,050.00	8,050.00	0.00
	Subtotal	343,473.00	359,412.00	15,939.00
200	<i>PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY</i>			
209	Constable	300.00	600.00	300.00
210	Police Chief Salary	70,500.00	71,910.00	1,410.00
210	Sergeant Salary	50,500.00	51,510.00	1,010.00
210	Part Time Officer Wages	0.00	52,230.00	52,230.00
210	Police Expenses	79,785.00	32,984.00	(46,801.00)
212	Police Rental Facilities	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
220	Fire Dept. Expenses	49,800.00	50,200.00	400.00
221	Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	9,088.00	9,361.00	273.00
222	Fire Dept Compensation (calls)	61,500.00	61,500.00	0.00
222	Fire Dept Compensation (training/education)	28,000.00	30,000.00	2,000.00
240	Building Inspector Salary	27,830.00	28,387.00	557.00
240	Building Inspector Expenses	6,868.00	7,118.00	250.00
243	Plumbing and Gas Inspector	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
243	Plumbing /Gas Inspector Exp	100.00	100.00	0.00
244	Fire Inspector	2,600.00	2,850.00	250.00
245	Wiring Inspector	2,500.00	2,700.00	200.00
245	Wiring Inspector Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00
246	Alternate Inspectors	500.00	500.00	0.00
247	Animal Inspector	900.00	900.00	0.00
292	Animal Control/Dog Officer	1.00	1.00	0.00
293	Animal Control Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
296	Tree Warden Salary	3,150.00	3,150.00	0.00
296	Tree Warden Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
	Subtotal	421,122.00	433,701.00	12,579.00
300	<i>EDUCATION</i>			
301	School Committee	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
310	Schools: Capital	42,368.00	47,706.00	5,338.00

310	Schools: Operating & Transportation	1,226,099.00	1,442,321.00	216,222.00
	Subtotal	1,269,667.00	1,491,227.00	221,560.00
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES			
422	Highway Maintenance	145,943.00	165,000.00	19,057.00
422	Director Of Operations Salary	71,629.00	66,300.00	(5,329.00)
422	Foreman Wages	49,780.00	50,776.00	996.00
422	Hwy 2 Wages	46,940.00	47,879.00	939.00
422	Hwy 3 Wages	46,020.00	46,020.00	0.00
423	Salt and Sand	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
423	Supplies & Fuel	43,944.00	43,944.00	0.00
423	Winter Overtime	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
424	Public Lighting	3,000.00	3,100.00	100.00
427	Machinery & Tools	35,000.00	36,000.00	1,000.00
428	Town Garage	17,465.00	18,000.00	535.00
429	Highway Capital	75,000.00	90,000.00	15,000.00
430	Dam Inspection & Maint.	4,000.00	9,000.00	5,000.00
431	So. Berk. Waste District	3,220.00	3,220.00	0.00
433	Transfer Station	106,800.00	106,800.00	0.00
435	Household Hazardous Waste	1,069.00	1,069.00	0.00
436	Group Purchasing Regional	600.00	600.00	0.00
491	Cemetery Maintenance & Lawn Care	25,350.00	25,350.00	0.00
495	Soldiers Graves	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
	Subtotal	849,510.00	886,808.00	37,298.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES			
510	Board of Health Salary	1,200.00	1,224.00	24.00
510	Board of Health Expenses	400.00	400.00	0.00
510	Board of Health Clerk Salary	4,590.00	4,682.00	92.00
511	Sanitary Inspector Salary	23,106.00	23,568.00	462.00
522	Visiting Nurse	2,074.00	2,074.00	0.00
523	Berkshire Mental Health (The Brien Center)	752.00	752.00	0.00
529	Community Health Program	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
531	Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
541	Council on Aging	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
543	Veterans Benefits	10,500.00	11,100.00	600.00
	Subtotal	47,372.00	49,050.00	1,678.00
600	CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	Library General	29,250.00	28,250.00	(1,000.00)
610	Library Wages	27,000.00	34,600.00	7,600.00
611	Library Maintenance	5,460.00	5,460.00	0.00
630	Park Commission	35,280.00	38,808.00	3,528.00
630	Parks Lawn maint., spring/fall clean up	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
641	Cultural Council	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
692	Memorial Day	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
	Subtotal	108,190.00	118,318.00	10,128.00
700	DEBT SERVICE			
700	Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00
900	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
911	Berk. County Retirement	84,782.00	87,973.00	3,191.00
913	Employment Security	925.00	925.00	0.00
914	Health Insurance	143,450.00	155,000.00	11,550.00
914	Life Insurance	500.00	525.00	25.00
915	Medicare	11,000.00	11,500.00	500.00
945	Bonds & Insurance	56,000.00	60,000.00	4,000.00
	Subtotal	296,657.00	315,923.00	19,266.00

	Total Operating Expenses	3,335,991.00	3,654,439.00	318,448.00
	Special Articles	379,981.00	769,997.00	390,016.00
	Total	3,715,972.00	4,424,436.00	708,464.00
	Less Stabilization, Free Cash & Borrowing	129,700.00	472,418.00	n/a
	Total	3,586,272.00	3,952,018.00	n/a

AMENDMENT: Account 114 - Increase to \$306

VOTE: YES - Unanimous

AMENDMENT: Account 296 – Increase to \$3,213

VOTE: YES - Unanimous

AMENDMENT: Account 301 – Increase to \$1,224

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

New Totals:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY16	\$359,418	Increase \$6
PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY	FY16	\$433,764	Increase \$63
EDUCATION	FY16	\$1,491,251	Increase \$24
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	FY16	\$3,654,532	Increase \$93
TOTAL	FY16	\$3,952,111	

With amendments:

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$350,000 or any other sum to construct a new transfer station, and to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said amount or take any other action relative thereto. **(secret ballot and 2/3 vote required)**

The Finance Committee does not support approving this article.

VOTE: YES – 70

NO – 15

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum to replace half the roof on the town hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 or any other sum from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire department turnout gear for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**

The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,218 or any other sum from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a Police Cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 or any other sum for a Town Audit for Fiscal Year 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 or any other sum for repairs to the Monterey School, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Majority

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 or any other sum for the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee Town Assessment, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 or any other sum for repairs and maintenance of the Bally Gally house on the former Wilson McLaughlin property, or take any other action relative thereto. *The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.*

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,953 or any other sum from the Receipts Reserve Septic Loan Fund for the Community Septic Loan Program, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000 or any other sum from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 or any other sum to be deposited in a Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Health and Life Insurance; or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,247 or any other sum from the Group Health Life Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Group Health/Life Insurance Benefit, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,398 or any other sum for the loan and interest on the construction of a salt storage shed, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,915 or any other sum for the loan and interest on the Grader, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,266 or any other sum for the loan and interest on Fire Department Rescue Vehicle and Hydraulic Tools, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports approving this article.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 or any other sum for the Veteran’s Memorial, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to appropriate \$130,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - Unanimous

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Treasurer to use available funds in the Treasury or, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of Highway Capital Funds, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 6A, and to issue notes therefore for a period not to exceed two years from this date, and the proceeds from such reimbursement shall be applied to discharge the loan, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - Unanimous

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 23A to authorize and empower the Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator who may be appointed by them for a term of one to three years and to remove him or her at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – 66

NO – 10

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2015, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appoint any committee or officers and them or any other officer of the Town instructions, authority or indemnity thought best, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article was passed over as there is no business.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Town board to appoint any member thereof to another office or position for the term provided by law (if any), otherwise for the term not to exceed one year, and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 4A, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article was passed over as there is no business.

ARTICLE 27. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Fire Station of the Monterey Fire Company, Ltd. 411 Main Road in said Town on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.** and then and there to vote their ballots for the election of the following Town officers:

One member of the Board of Appeals for 5 years
One member of the Board of Assessors for three years

One member of the Board of Health for three years
One member of the Cemetery Committee for three years
One member of the Finance Committee for three years
Two Library Trustees for three years
One Library Trustee for two years
One Moderator for one year
Two members of the Park Commission for three years
Two members of the Planning Board for five years
One member of the Select Board for three years
One Town Clerk for three years
One Tree Warden for one year

All of the above will be voted upon an official ballot provided at the election place by the Town Clerk and Election officers.

And to vote upon the following question: Shall the Town of Monterey be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so called, the amount required to pay for the bond(s) issued for the purchase and outfitting of a 2015 or 2016 Ford F-550 Truck for the Highway Department?

Yes _____ No _____

And to vote upon the following question: Shall the Town of Monterey be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so called, the amount required to pay for the bond(s) issued for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District roof and boiler project which was accepted at the February 26, 2015 Special Town Meeting?

Yes _____ No _____

And to vote upon the following question: Shall the Town of Monterey be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so called, the amount required to pay for the bond(s) issued to construct a new transfer station?

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open at 12:00 noon and remain open until 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the evening.

There being no further business to be brought before this Town Meeting, the Moderator entertained a motion, which was then seconded, to adjourn at 11:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Brown
Town Clerk

A true copy attest:

Jennifer Brown
Monterey Town Clerk