

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTEREY MAY 3, 2014

On May 3, 2014, 84 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.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

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, 2014, to June 30, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, of the General Laws.

Select Board Chair	\$4,300
Select Board 2 nd	\$4,300
Select Board 3 rd	\$4,300
Assessors Chair	\$4,000
Assessors 2 nd	\$4,000
Assessors 3 rd	\$4,000
Board of Health Chair	\$ 400
Board of Health 2 nd	\$ 400
Board of Health 3 rd	\$ 400

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

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 14 APPROVED	FY15 REQUEST	Increase Decrease
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
114	Moderator	100.00	100.00	0.00
122	Select Board Elected	12,900.00	12,900.00	0.00
122	Select Board Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
124	Temporary Employee	1.00	1,000.00	999.00
131	Finance Committee Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00
132	Town Reserve Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
135	Town Accountant Salary	13,560.00	13,560.00	0.00
135	Town Accountant Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
141	Assessors Elected	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
141	Principal Assessor/Consultant	36,754.00	36,754.00	0.00
141	Assessors Clerk	8,440.00	8,440.00	0.00
141	Assessors Expenses	15,725.00	7,250.00	(8,475.00)
141	Assessors Software	6,600.00	15,375.00	8,775.00
145	Treasurer Elected	13,567.00	13,567.00	0.00
145	Treasurer Expenses	2,530.00	3,130.00	600.00
145	Treasurers Tax Titles	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
146	Tax Collector Elected	16,922.00	18,000.00	1,078.00
146	Tax Collector Expenses	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
147	Tax Coll. Computer	4,800.00	6,800.00	2,000.00
148	Bank Charges	200.00	640.00	440.00
151	Town Counsel	11,254.00	11,254.00	0.00
151	Town Counsel Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
153	Monterey Municipal Lighting Plant Annual Assessment	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
158	Meeting Warrants Printing & Postage	250.00	1,000.00	750.00
159	Executive Secretary	43,704.00	44,578.00	874.00
160	Procurement Expenses	1.00	1.00	0.00
161	Town Clerk Elected	16,215.00	17,215.00	1,000.00
161	Town Clerk Expenses	14,650.00	6,049.00	(8,601.00)

162	Election	6,186.00	6,186.00	0.00
163	Registration	294.00	294.00	0.00
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	10,400.00	5,000.00	(5,400.00)
171	Conservation Comm.	750.00	750.00	0.00
175	Planning Board Clerk	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
175	Planning Board expenses	1,000.00	600.00	(400.00)
176	Board of Appeals expenses	4,000.00	2,100.00	(1,900.00)
176	Board of Appeals Clerk	1.00	1.00	0.00
192	Meeting Hall	975.00	975.00	0.00
195	Town Report	950.00	1,100.00	150.00
196	Town Offices	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
197	Computer Software & Supplies	10,100.00	4,000.00	(6,100.00)
197	Broadband Services (town hall, lib and fire dept)	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
198	Accounting/Treasurer Software	6,232.00	8,050.00	1,818.00
	Subtotal	339,261.00	334,369.00	(4,892.00)
200	<i>PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY</i>			
209	Constable	300.00	300.00	0.00
210	Police Chief Wages	65,500.00	66,810.00	1,310.00
210	Sergeant	45,500.00	50,500.00	5,000.00
210	Police Expenses	79,785.00	79,785.00	0.00
212	Police Rental Facilities	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
220	Fire Dept. Expenses	49,800.00	49,800.00	0.00
221	Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	9,088.00	9,088.00	0.00
222	Fire Dept Compensation (calls)	91,500.00	61,500.00	(30,000.00)
222	Fire Dept Compensation (training/education)	0.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
240	Building Inspector	27,284.00	27,284.00	0.00
240	Building Inspector Expenses	6,868.00	6,868.00	0.00
243	Plumbing and Gas Inspector	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
243	Plumbing/Gas Inspector Exp	100.00	100.00	0.00
244	Fire Inspector	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00
245	Wiring Inspector	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
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	15,230.00	20,000.00	4,770.00
	Subtotal	407,806.00	416,886.00	9,080.00
300	<i>EDUCATION</i>			
301	School Committee	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
310	Schools: Capital	45,628.00	42,368.00	(3,260.00)
310	Schools: Operating & Transportation	1,231,663.00	1,226,099.00	(5,564.00)
	Subtotal	1,278,491.00	1,269,667.00	(8,824.00)
400	<i>PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES</i>			
422	Highway Maintenance	145,943.00	145,943.00	0.00
422	Director Of Operations	70,225.00	71,629.00	1,404.00
422	Foreman	48,804.00	49,780.00	976.00
422	Hwy 2 Compensation	46,020.00	46,940.00	920.00
422	Hwy 3 Compensation	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	21,000.00	22,500.00	1,500.00
424	Public Lighting	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
427	Machinery & Tools	34,000.00	35,000.00	1,000.00
428	Town Garage	17,465.00	17,465.00	0.00
429	Highway Capital	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
430	Dam Inspection & Maint.	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00

431	So. Berk. Waste District	3,220.00	3,220.00	0.00
433	Transfer Station	104,000.00	106,800.00	2,800.00
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	840,910.00	849,510.00	8,600.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES			
510	Board of Health Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
510	Board of Health Expenses	400.00	400.00	0.00
510	Board of Health Clerk	4,590.00	4,590.00	0.00
511	Sanitary Inspector	23,106.00	23,106.00	0.00
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	1,200.00	1,250.00	50.00
531	Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
541	Council on Aging	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
543	Veterans Benefits	9,100.00	10,500.00	1,400.00
	Subtotal	45,422.00	47,372.00	1,950.00
600	CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	Library General	54,600.00	29,250.00	(25,350.00)
610	Library Salaries	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
611	Library Maintenance	5,300.00	5,460.00	160.00
630	Park Commission	35,280.00	35,280.00	0.00
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	1,500.00	1,700.00	200.00
	Subtotal	106,180.00	108,190.00	2,010.00
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	87,714.00	84,782.00	(2,932.00)
913	Employment Security	925.00	925.00	0.00
914	Health Insurance	136,391.00	143,450.00	7,059.00
914	Life Insurance	648.00	500.00	(148.00)
915	Medicare	10,830.00	11,000.00	170.00
945	Bonds & Insurance	56,000.00	56,000.00	0.00
	Subtotal	292,508.00	296,657.00	4,149.00
	Total Operating Expenses	3,310,578.00	3,322,651.00	12,073.00
	Special Articles	414,843.00	398,066.00	(16,777.00)
	Total	3,725,421.00	3,720,717.00	(4,704.00)
	Less Stabilization Purchases/Transfers		129,700.00	
	Total		3,591,017.00	

Amendment: Account 114 Increase to \$300.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

Amendment: Account 124 Increase to \$3,000.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

Amendment: Account 132 Increase to \$22,000.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

Amendment: Account 141 Principal Assessor/Consultant Increase to \$37,489

VOTE: YES – 83 NO – 1

Amendment: Account 141 Assessors Clerk Increase to \$8,609.00

VOTE: YES – 83 NO – 1

Amendment: Account 147 Decrease to \$4,800.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

Amendment: Account 210 Increase to \$70,500.00

VOTE: YES – 83 NO – 1

Amendment: Account 240 Increase to \$27,830.00

VOTE: YES – 51 NO – 8

New Totals:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FY15 \$342,473.00 Increase/Decrease \$3,212.00

PROTECTION, PERSONS &
PROPERTY FY15 \$421,122.00 Increase/Decrease \$13,316.00

Total Operating Expenses FY15 \$3,334,991.00 Increase/Decrease \$24,413.00

Special Articles FY15 \$379,981.00 Increase/Decrease (\$34,862.00)

Total FY15 \$3,714,972.00 Increase/Decrease (\$10,449.00)

Less Stabilization Purchases/Transfers

Total FY15 \$3,585,272.00

With Amendments:

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$117,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting of a 2015 Ford F-550 4500 Truck for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Select Board to trade in or sell at auction the Town's 2007 Chevy 4500. 2/3 vote required

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,500 or any other sum for the loan and interest on the construction of a salt storage shed.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,000 or any other sum for the loan and interest on the Grader.

Amendment: Decrease to \$42,915.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

With Amendment:

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 7. 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.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 or any other sum to purchase defibrillators for the Fire and Police Departments, town beach and pavilion.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund.

Amendment: Decrease to \$8,000.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

With Amendment:

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum from the Receipts Reserve Septic Loan Fund for the Community Septic Loan Program.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum to be deposited in a Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Health and Life Insurance.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,700 or any other sum from the Group Health Life Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Group Health/Life Insurance Benefit. **2/3 vote required**

Amendment: To change the word “appropriate” to “transfer”.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

With Amendment:

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600 or any other sum for repairs and maintenance of the Bally Gally house on the former Wilson McLaughlin property.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 15. 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.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to appropriate \$75,000 or any other sum, and to transfer said sum from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 17. 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.

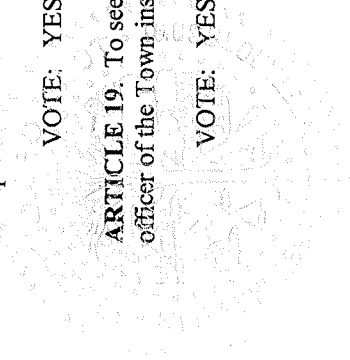
VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 18. 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, 2014, 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.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 19. 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.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO



ARTICLE 20. The Town did not 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 because there were no requests for any board to appoint one of their members to an additional position under their jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 21. Citizen Petition To see if the Town will vote to amend the third paragraph of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House, Inc. by adding the word “private” in the pertinent phrase as follows: “to raise money by PRIVATE contributions and through civic events,” so that the paragraph reads in its entirety:

and through civic events, so that we preserve and enhance the historic character of the Town of Milton. WHEREAS FRIENDS OF WILSON MCLAUGHLIN HOUSE, INC. ("FWMH"), a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 302, Monterey, MA 01245, was created in order to preserve and maintain "WMH", to encourage its use as a Town resource and to raise money by private contributions and through civic events to be applied to the maintenance, preservation, restoration and development of the Wilson McLaughlin House.

Call the question: 2/3 vote required

VOTE: YES - 48

NO-25

Vote failed

Secret Ballot requested:

VOTE: YES - 24

NO-44

Voice vote on Article 21, motion failed

ARTICLE 22. Voters were directed to meet in the Fire Station of the Monterey Fire Company, Ltd. 411 Main Road in said Town on **Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 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 five 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 one year
- Two Library Trustees for three years
- One Moderator for one year
- One member of the Park Commission for three years
- One member of the Park Commission for one year
- Two members of the Planning Board for five years
- One member of the Select Board 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 of a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle and Hydraulic Tools which was accepted at the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting?

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 of a grader which was accepted at the July 12, 2013 Special Town Meeting?

The polls will be open at 12:00 noon and remain open until 7:00 o'clock PM 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 11:42 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Johnson
Town Clerk

A true copy attests

 Emily Johnson
 Monterey Town Clerk