

REPORT ON THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF MONTEREY, MAY 5, 2018

COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, SS.

On May 5, 2018, 69 people qualified to vote at Annual Town Meeting gathered in the firehouse of the Town of Monterey at 9:30 a.m. 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.
UNANIMOUS TO WAIVE READING REPORTS

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, 2018, to June 30, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Chair	\$4,655
Select Board 2 nd	\$4,655
Select Board 3 rd	\$4,655
Assessors Chair	\$1,500
Assessors 2 nd	\$1,500
Assessors 3 rd	\$1,500
Board of Health Chair	\$ 433
Board of Health 2 nd	\$ 433
Board of Health 3 rd	\$ 433

UNANIMOUS VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Inspector Fees Revolving	\$10,000
Board of Appeals Revolving	\$3,000
Wetlands Protection Revolving	\$20,000
Outside Consultant Revolving	\$10,000
Composting Bins Revolving	\$2,000
Bldg & Fire Insp Education Revolving	\$1,000
Community Center and Bally Gally	\$50,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to table: Yes 45, No 1 Tabled

ARTICLE 4. 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 18 APPROVED	FY19 REQUEST	Increase/ Decrease
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
100				
114	Moderator	318.00	324.00	6.00
115	Constable	625.00	637.00	12.00
120	Administrative Assistant Salary	47,308.00	48,254.00	946.00
	Administrative Assistant Procurement, Training and Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
122	Select Board Elected	13,692.00	13,965.00	273.00
122	Select Board Expenses	6,000.00	5,500.00	(500.00)
122	Grant Writers	15,660.00	10,000.00	(5,660.00)
	Grant Writer Expenses	0.00	500.00	500.00

123	Town Administrator	35,000.00	1.00	(34,999.00)
123	Town Administrator Expenses	1,500.00	1.00	(1,499.00)
124	Temporary Employee	3,000.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
131	Finance Committee Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00
131	Finance Committee Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
132	Town Reserve Fund	25,000.00	20,000.00	(5,000.00)
135	Town Accountant Services	14,108.00	15,000.00	892.00
135	Town Accountant Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
135	Accounting/Treasurer Software	4,350.00	3,800.00	(550.00)
135	Annual Audit	18,500.00	18,500.00	0.00
141	Assessors Elected	12,736.00	4,500.00	(8,236.00)
141	Principal Assessor Salary	39,784.00	40,580.00	796.00
141	Assessors Clerk Wages	9,136.00	9,319.00	183.00
141	Assessors Expenses	5,400.00	5,750.00	350.00
141	Assessors Software	16,959.00	18,159.00	1,200.00
145	Treasurer Services	14,858.00	15,000.00	142.00
145	Treasurer Expenses	7,850.00	5,500.00	(2,350.00)
146	Tax Collector Elected Salary	23,537.00	24,008.00	471.00
146	Tax Collector Expenses	4,300.00	4,350.00	50.00
146	Tax Collector Software	5,130.00	5,417.00	287.00
148	Bank Charges	1.00	0.00	(1.00)
151	Town Counsel	11,943.00	12,182.00	239.00
151	Town Counsel Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
154	Meeting Warrants Printing & Postage	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
155	Computer Software & Supplies	4,000.00	7,500.00	3,500.00
155	Broadband Services (town hall)	7,234.00	3,700.00	(3,534.00)
158	Tax Title Legal Services	5,000.00	1,500.00	(3,500.00)
160	Town Clerk Salary	19,210.00	19,360.00	150.00
160	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
160	Town Clerk Expenses	5,000.00	5,300.00	300.00
161	Registration	339.00	500.00	161.00
162	Election	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
163	Annual Street List/Census Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
163	Annual Street List/Census Expenses	750.00	750.00	0.00
171	Conservation Comm.	750.00	1,000.00	250.00
175	Planning Board expenses	1,080.00	1,080.00	0.00
176	Board of Appeals expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
176	Board of Appeals Clerk	1.00	1.00	0.00
192	Town Offices	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
195	Town Report	1,100.00	1,000.00	(100.00)
	Subtotal	426,409.00	374,188.00	(52,221.00)
200	PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY			
210	Police Chief Salary	74,815.00	76,311.00	1,496.00
210	Sergeant Salary	53,591.00	56,591.00	3,000.00
210	Part Time Officer Wages	54,341.00	55,428.00	1,087.00
210	Police Expenses	28,742.00	29,742.00	1,000.00
210	Police Rental Facilities	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
220	Fire Dept. Vehicle Equipment Maintenance	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00
220	Fire Dept Calls	61,500.00	61,500.00	0.00
220	Fire Dept. Utilities & Facilities Rental	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
221	Fire Inspector	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
222	Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	9,931.00	10,229.00	298.00
240	Building Inspector Salary	29,534.00	30,125.00	591.00
240	Building Inspector Expenses	8,000.00	7,000.00	(1,000.00)
243	Plumbing /Gas Inspector Exp	100.00	100.00	0.00
245	Wiring Inspector Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00

291	Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee Assessment	500.00	500.00	0.00
292	Animal Control/Dog Officer	1.00	1.00	0.00
292	Animal Control Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
293	Animal Inspector	900.00	900.00	0.00
294	Tree Warden Salary	3,343.00	3,410.00	67.00
294	Tree Warden Expenses	20,000.00	26,000.00	6,000.00
	Subtotal	428,898.00	441,437.00	12,539.00
300	EDUCATION			
301	School Committee	1,273.00	1,298.00	25.00
380	Schools: Capital	47,051.00	42,252.00	(4,799.00)
310	Schools: Operating & Transportation	1,491,576.00	1,525,963.00	34,387.00
	Loan & Interest SBRSD bond	51,877.00	32,180.00	(19,697.00)
	Subtotal	1,591,777.00	1,601,693.00	9,916.00
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES			
422	Highway Operations	170,000.00	170,000.00	0.00
422	Director Of Operations Salary	68,978.00	70,358.00	1,380.00
422	Foreman Wages	52,827.00	53,884.00	1,057.00
422	Hwy 2 Wages	49,813.00	50,809.00	996.00
422	Hwy 3 Wages	47,879.00	48,837.00	958.00
	Temporary Highway Employee	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
422	Hwy Overtime (not winter)	2,500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)
422	Machinery & Tools	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
422	Highway Capital	110,000.00	115,000.00	5,000.00
423	Snow & Ice, Salt & Sand	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
423	Winter Overtime	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
424	Public Lighting	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00
425	Fuel	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
430	Dam Inspection & Maint.	5,800.00	5,800.00	0.00
431	So. Berk. Waste District	3,460.00	3,600.00	140.00
432	Household Hazardous Waste	1,069.00	1,086.00	17.00
433	Transfer Station Operations	78,000.00	75,000.00	(3,000.00)
433	Transfer Station Part Time Employees	36,601.00	37,469.00	868.00
435	Group Purchasing Regional	600.00	700.00	100.00
491	Cemetery Maintenance & Lawn Care	25,350.00	25,500.00	150.00
491	Soldiers Graves	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
	Subtotal	894,727.00	902,893.00	8,166.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES			
510	Board of Health Salary	1,272.00	1,299.00	27.00
510	Board of Health Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00
510	Board of Health Clerk Salary	4,872.00	4,970.00	98.00
510	Sanitary Inspector Salary	19,380.00	19,768.00	388.00
510	Visiting Nurse	2,160.00	2,184.00	24.00
541	Council on Aging	3,060.00	3,215.00	155.00
543	Veterans Benefits	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
545	Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
545	Community Health Program	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
545	Berkshire Mental Health (The Brien Center)	752.00	752.00	0.00
	Subtotal	39,446.00	40,138.00	692.00
600	CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	Library General	30,000.00	30,933.00	933.00
610	Library Wages	35,998.00	38,070.00	2,072.00
610	Library Maintenance	5,740.00	5,800.00	60.00
630	Park Commission	21,808.00	21,808.00	0.00
630	Lifeguard Payroll/Administrative fees	20,705.00	19,146.00	(1,559.00)

630	Parks Lawn maint., spring/fall clean up	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
650	Community Center Operations	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
692	Memorial Day	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
699	Cultural Council	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
	Subtotal	133,751.00	135,257.00	1,506.00
700	DEBT SERVICE			
700	Community Septic Loan Program	4,953.00	0	0
4700	Highway Grader	42,915.00	39,856.00	(3,059.00)
700	Rescue Vehicle & Hydraulic Tools	56,266.00	0.00	(56,266.00)
700	Highway F550 Truck	27,100.00	26,497.00	(603.00)
700	Fire Truck	113,548.00	113,000.00	(548.00)
700	Transfer Station	60,150.00	57,250.00	(2,900.00)
700	Library Loan	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	Subtotal	304,932.00	256,603.00	(43,376.00)
900	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
911	Berk. County Retirement	105,787.00	124,352.00	18,565.00
913	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
914	Health Insurance	157,333.00	172,640.00	15,307.00
915	Life Insurance	450.00	490.00	40.00
916	Medicare	12,500.00	12,750.00	250.00
945	Bonds & Insurance	70,000.00	70,338.00	338.00
	Subtotal	347,070.00	381,570.00	34,500.00
	Total Operating Expenses	4,167,010.00	4,133,779.00	(33,231)
	Total of Special Articles (not including borrowing, use of free cash or stabilization)	131,558.00	139,750.00	8,192.00
	Total	4,298,568.00	4,273,529.00	(25,039.00)
	Proposed change to budget		-1%	

Admin Assistant Expenses- hold then voted as follows: Administrative Assistant procurement, training, expenses \$3,000. Unanimous vote – yes

#123- Town Administrator-hold- 49 yes -6 no to end discussion then voted to maintain \$1.00 in account 43 yes, 13 no passes to change appropriation to \$1.00.

#123 Town Administrator Exp reduced to \$1.00 by voice vote

#158- Tax Title Legal Services appropriate \$1,500.00 unanimous yes vote

#294- Tree Warden Expenses- hold then unanimous vote to appropriate \$26,000

#510- Visiting Nurse hold then voted to appropriate \$2,184.00 unanimous yes vote

#610 – Library wages-hold then voted unanimously to appropriate \$38,070

#650- Community Center Operations hold then voted unanimously to appropriate \$8,000

#700-Community Septic Loan Program hold then voted to amend from \$4,898.00 to 0 and transfer from funds from Stabilization Loan Septic Reserve Fund unanimous vote

Article 4: pass with a unanimous yes vote

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$181,700 or any other sum to purchase a loader with a boom mower attachment for the Highway Department, to authorize the Select Board to trade in or sell at auction the current loader, and to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said amount or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3 vote required)

The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.

AMEND: \$181,700 TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH

YES- UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum for the Bridges, Roads and Culverts Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.

YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000 or any other sum from the Bridges, Roads and Culverts Stabilization Fund for the Curtis Road Bridge Repair, or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3 vote required)

The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.

YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 or any other sum for the Curtis Rd Bridge Repair, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
AMEND: \$100,000 TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 or any other sum for the purpose of purchasing new fire hose for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
AMEND: \$20,000 TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH
YES: UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to be deposited to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
AMEND: RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$75,000
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 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 Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000 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 Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum for the purpose of hiring a CART (Communication Access Real Time Translation) professional to attend town meetings for the deaf, late deafened and hard of hearing people, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,750 or any other sum for the purpose of performing a GASB75 study (Governmental Accounting Standards Board, accounting and financial reporting for postemployment benefits other than pensions), or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support approving this article
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,900 from the special article approved at the May 2015 annual town meeting for Monterey School Repairs to a new account, Monterey School Expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 18 Quarterly Meeting of the Town Bylaws to read: To direct the Select Board to establish an All Boards Meeting held at least once a year, which will be announced in advance and open to the public, consisting of at least one representative from each Town Committee, Board and Department to coordinate current and future Town needs and activities.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. CITIZEN PETITION To see if the town will amend the current bylaw regarding “no dogs allowed on the town beach or town park” to “no dogs allowed on the town beach.”, or take any other action relative thereto.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state, federal or private grant for any amount without further appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 268A, section 21A, to authorize commissions or boards to appoint members to any office or position under the supervision of such commission or board, or take any other action relative thereto.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 20. 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.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3, which leaves any balance remaining in a revolving fund established for the rental or lease of a municipal building or property/surplus school building or surplus space within a school building in the revolving fund and allows the expenditure of the fund for the upkeep and maintenance of any facility under the control of the Board of Selectmen starting in fiscal year 2019, which begins on July 1, 2018.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 22. 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, 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.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will remove a current bylaw pertaining to Town Meeting Warrants, specifically Article 1, Section 7, Item 1, requiring inclusion of the following language on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant: "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," or take any other action relative thereto.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 24. 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.
YES-UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town of Monterey will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 11.1.0, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, that would provide as follows,:"

Section 11.1.1 Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016 by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and thereafter, on July 28, 2017 by Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses no later than April 1, 2018. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment"), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Section 11.1.2 Definition

"Recreational Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana related business."

Section 11.1.3 Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues. Or take any action relative thereto.
Passed #25- motion made to amend section 11.1.3 and add dates: January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019.
Passed with 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 26 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 8, 2018, 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 Appeals for five years
One member of the Board of Assessors for two 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 Moderator for one year
Two members of the Parks Commission for three years
One member of the Parks Commission for one year
One member 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 loader with boom mower attachment for the Highway Department?

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open at 12:00 noon and will 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 seconded to adjourn at 11:47 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Terry L. Walker

Town Clerk, Town of Monterey