

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

On May 3, 2014, 49 people qualified to vote in the Special Town Meeting gathered in the Fire House of the Town of Monterey at 9:15AM.

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

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$58,172 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Sand and Snow Account.

Amendment: Increase to \$73,802.00

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 2. 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 3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the December 6, 2013 Special Town Meeting for the transfer of free cash in the amount of \$2,800.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,800 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Mass Elderly Fund Balance.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

ARTICLE 5. Volunteer Fire Department Real Estate Tax Exemption for Retired Members

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to take any and all steps necessary to obtain an amendment of St. 1993, c. 110, section 342, providing for a real estate tax exemption to persons serving as members of the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department, to replace the existing legislation with the following language, and in so doing limit said exemption to retired members of the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 59 of the General Laws, the town of Monterey may adopt a bylaw providing a real estate tax exemption to retired member of the Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to this section.

A. Said real estate shall be occupied and owned by said individual as his or her domicile, or occupied as his or her domicile but owned by a member of his or her immediate family (mother, father, sister, brother, husband, wife, son or daughter).

B. Any retired member of the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department shall be eligible for an exemption not to exceed \$1,050, provided that said individual has reached his or her 60th birthday prior to the fiscal year for which an exemption is being sought, and has served as a member of the Department for not less than 15 years immediately preceding his or her retirement. If retiring after 20 years of service, the retiree shall receive an exemption not to exceed \$1,200, and after 30 years of service, shall receive an exemption not to exceed \$1,350. The foregoing amounts may be raised annually based on an index approved by the Commissioner of Revenue."

VOTE: YES – Unanimous NO

There being no further business to be brought before this Special Town Meeting, the Moderator entertained a motion, which was then seconded to adjourn at 9:22AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Emily Johnson

Town Clerk

A true copy, Attest:


Emily Johnson

Monterey Town Clerk