



# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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Mr. Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
Town of West Newbury  
381 Main Street  
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

The following is a report of expenditures voted at the Special Town Meeting which convened on October 18, 2020 and adjourned the same date, together with other votes affecting the finances of the Town. Also, included with this report is a schedule of the funding of appropriations.

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on September 28, 2020, which was posted on October 2, 2020 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Fall Special Town Meeting was to be held on October 17, 2020 to be held outside in the bandstand and ballfield located behind the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury, MA. Due to the forecast of inclement weather, K.C. Swallow, the Town Moderator, acting pursuant to the powers vested in her by MGL c. 39 sec. 10A, postponed the Fall Special Town Meeting until October 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of the Board of Registrars of Voters of a quorum of 40 or more registered voters (the Board of Selectmen had reduced the number required for a quorum for this Fall Special Town Meeting from 90 to 40). The Board of Registrars announced that 84 voters were in attendance. The Town Clerk read the return of service. The Moderator introduced Town Officials and reviewed new Town Meeting procedures to address any changes in the conduct of this Meeting. There were no objections to non-resident Town Officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

No reports of town officers and committees were heard at this time.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$80,953 from the School Stabilization Fund to pay the Town’s share of debt service associated with the building of the new Pentucket Middle/High School.

Since this Article constituted an expenditure from a Stabilization Account, the Moderator ruled that a two thirds vote was necessary for passage.

The Town Moderator declared that the Motion passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3.** (Amendments to the Omnibus Budget) The Finance Committee Booklet contained the Finance Committee’s Fiscal Year 2021 recommended budget amendments. The Moderator addressed the procedure for adoption of the proposed amendments to the Line Item Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. For purposes of this Article the recommendation of the Finance Committee is considered the main motion. Each Line Item is considered a separate appropriation and the main motion for each line item may be considered separately. Any Town Meeting member wishing to discuss a line item or move a different amount may call out “Hold” when the line item number is read. The Moderator read each Line Item number.

The proposed amendments to the Omnibus Budget were set forth on Appendix A Page 5 of the Finance Committee Booklet, October 17, 2020, as follows

<b>Budget Section</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Increase (Decrease)</b>
3 Town Manager	Expenses	\$295,057	\$15,000
6 Finance Department	Salary & Wages	\$179,619	\$45,000
7 Special Counsel	Legal Fees and Expenses	\$12,500	\$10,000
9 Board of Registrars	Salary & Wages	\$6,500	\$2,000
15 Police Department	Police Cruiser	\$36,000	\$4,000
23 Education - Pentucket	Pentucket Capital Assessment	\$710,567	(-\$328,600)
24 Education – Whittier	Whittier Minimum Contribution	\$151,344	(-\$5,082)
24 Education – Whittier	Whittier Other Assessments	\$24,248	(-\$1,678)
26 DPW	Town Bldg Improvements	\$51,000	\$9,980
26 DPW	Highway, Sidewalk & Trees	\$142,262	\$2,900
26 DPW	Highway, Sidewalk & Trees	\$142,262	\$50,000

32 Recreation	Recreation Expenses	\$5,500	\$17,220
39 Unemployment Compensation	Unemployment Insurance	\$1	\$7,500
40 Employees' Health Insurance	Group Insurance	\$479,745	(-\$63,000)
<b>Combined Net Effect of Proposed FY21 Budget Amendments:</b>	<b>(-\$234,760)</b>		

A hold was called on the following Line Item number 26:

Line 26 Town Building Improvements-- \$9,980.00.

Selectmen David Archibald moved that in connection with this expenditure that the Town authorize the DPW to enter into a five-year assured warrantee plan for electric vehicle charging stations

The Moderator ruled that this Amendment passed by majority vote.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the finance committee for the October 17, 2020 Special Town Meeting be appropriated, as amended hereby, for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes; that the sum of \$234,460.00 be deducted from the Total Line Item Budget adopted by the Motion pursuant to Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 27, 2020; and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 16,303,921.00 for the Total Line Item Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,303,921.00 for the Total Line Item Budget.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Finance Committee gave a positive recommendation on this Article.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$220,000.00 from the Assessors' Released Overlay Reserve Account to reduce the Fiscal Year 2021-year tax rate.

The Moderator ruled that this Amendment passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the Town vote to appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenue, the sum of \$14,920 for Insurances.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 6.** The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$240,000 to purchase a new dump truck, with plow and spreader to replace a 2008 International dump truck with same or comparable equipment, and to dispose of the existing dump truck in accordance with Town policy for disposition of surplus property. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

Since this Article constituted an expenditure from a Stabilization Account, the Moderator ruled that a two thirds vote was necessary for passage.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed 83 to 1.

**ARTICLE 7. NO MONEY ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 8. NO MONEY ARTICLE**

Attest:



Michael P. McCarron  
Town Clerk

cc: Town Accountant (2)  
Board of Selectmen  
Finance Committee  
Board of Assessors