

TURNERS FALLS FIRE DISTRICT
Motions
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
April 18, 2017

Meeting Commences at 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. Moved that the District accept the reports of the District Officers as published and the reports of any committee appointed by the Moderator.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2. Moved that the District authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee and Water Commissioners to borrow monies from time to time in anticipation of revenue or water rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and issue such note or notes therefore, payable one (1) year within and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3. Moved that the District require a bond from a fidelity company for its Treasurer.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 4. Moved that the District vote to **transfer** to the **Ambulance Enterprise fund** from **Free Cash the sum of \$11,272**, an amount equivalent to **FY16 Ambulance Surplus**, and further to appropriate from said fund the total sum of **\$38,500** for operations of the enterprise in Fiscal Year 2018, to be expended as proposed in the Annual Report.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODEATOR

ARTICLE 5. Moved that the Moderator read the amounts for the purpose of **operating said District** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 with such amounts to be raised and appropriated under this article, and unless objection is made, the total of such recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as **appropriated for the purpose stated**. If objection is made to any approval, such appropriation shall be taken separately and the amount thereof and the manner of making the same shall be determined by vote of the Meeting and tentatively accepted. One vote shall be taken appropriating the total amount so accepted not to be exceeded. To meet these appropriations:

\$ 2,211,632 Shall be taken from **Taxation**

\$ 582,551 Shall be taken from **Water Revenue**

\$ 2,794,183 **Total**

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 6. Moved that the District appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a **used ambulance** for the Fire Department, including any incidental or related costs, and that this amount be taken from **Ambulance Surplus**.

DEFEATED VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

NO - 57

YES - 35

ARTICLE 7. Alternatives:

Moved that the District authorize the Prudential Committee to enter into a **lease for purchase** agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §21C for a period in excess of three years to purchase and equip a ladder truck and to appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** for the first year payment of said agreement as follows:

\$ 90,000 Shall be taken from **Stabilization Fund**

\$ 60,000 Shall be taken from **Free Cash**

\$150,000 Total Appropriation

DEFEATED VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

NO - 58

YES - 30

ARTICLE 8. Move that the District appropriate the sum of **\$23,500** for the purpose of **replacing air bottles** for the Fire Department and to meet this appropriation the following Special Article unexpended balances be transferred for this purpose and that the remaining amount be transferred from Free Cash:

<u>Acct no.</u>	<u>Orig Art# and Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-250-5887	Art 6, 4/19/16	New truck	\$ 1,798.00
1-250-5896	Art 6, 4/21/15	Surplus equipment	\$ 3,264.43
1-250-5909	Art 4, 4/19/16	Unused sick pay	\$ 184.00
1-250-5920	Art 8, 4/21/15	Unused vacation pay	\$ 326.53
1-250-5921	Art. 7, 4/21/15	Fire alarm system	<u>\$ 611.00</u>
Total Appropriation from Special Article unexpended balances			\$ 6,183.96

Additional amount to be taken from **Free Cash** \$17,316.04

Total Appropriation.....\$23,500.00

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 9. Move that the District appropriate the sum of **\$4,800** for the purpose of purchasing an **emergency reporting system** for the Fire Department, including any incidental or related costs, and that this amount be taken from **Free Cash**.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the District appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** for the purpose of designing, engineering and constructing a **water connection with Greenfield on the General Pierce Bridge**, including any incidental or related costs, and that to meet this appropriation this amount be taken from **Water Surplus**.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 11. Moved that the District appropriate the sum of **\$11,000** for the purpose of **cleaning and inspection of water storage tanks** including any incidental or related **costs**, and that to meet this appropriation this amount be transferred from the **Special Article unexpended balance** for the new truck for the Water Department, account #4-450-5925 as voted under Article 10 of the April 19, 2016 Annual District Meeting.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 12. Moved that the District appropriate the sum of **\$9,500** for the purpose of insulation and other building improvements for the **Water Department and District Office** including any incidental or related costs, and that to meet this appropriation this amount be transferred from **Water Surplus**.

AMENDED ARTICLE: Moved that the District appropriate the sum of **11,000** for the purpose of insulation and other building improvements for the **Water Department and District Office** including any incidental or related costs, and that to meet this appropriation this amount be transferred from **Water Surplus**.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED SO DECLARED BY THE MODERTOR

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the District vote, to re-authorize in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E ½, and authorized by Chapter 170, Section 1 of the Acts of 2015, the establishment of a **revolving fund** for Fiscal Year 2018 for the **Water Department's land management program**, into which fund will be placed forestry funds collected and further to authorize the Water Superintendent, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to **expend up to a maximum of \$5,000** from the fund for the purpose of conservation, maintenance and surveying of District property.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 14. Moved that the District vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44 §53E ½, as most recently amended, to amend the District Bylaws by inserting a **new bylaw establishing revolving funds**, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Funds

1. There are hereby established in the Turners Falls Fire District pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44 §53E ½, the following revolving funds:

<u>Program or Purpose</u>	<u>Representative or Board Authorized to Spend</u>	<u>Departmental Receipts</u>
Land Management	Water Superintendent with approval of the Water Commissioners	Fees and charges received from forestry services

2. Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by District Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 44§53E ½.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 15. Moved that the District re-accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 32, Section 20 which updates provisions governing the **Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund**.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 16.. Moved that the District transfer from available unappropriated funds the sum of: **\$0.00** for the Board of Assessors to use for the purpose of reducing District Taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 17. Moved that the District authorize the Prudential Committee and/or the Water Commissioners to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE SO DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

Meeting Adjourns Without Day at 10:04 PM