

5/24/07 – Green Cards Attendance: 392  
 Articles 10 thru 15 passed  
 Adjourned to a time certain June 13, 2007  
 at Mt. Ararat. All money articles tabled.  
 6/13/07 – Pink Cards Attendance: 208

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

24 May 2007 & June 13, 2007

GREETING; you are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham, qualified to vote on Town Affairs, to assemble at Mt. Ararat High School on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Daylight Savings Time and then and there to act on Article I thru 24 to wit:

**Article 1** – To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

Robert Lemna

**Article 2** – To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, for the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed. (By state law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot).

(The Selectmen Recommend approval. Budget Committee Recommends not to approve.)

5/24/07 – Failed Yes – 127

No-265

**Article 3** – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **General Government** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

	2006-07	2007-08
<b>General Government</b>		
1. Administration	\$252,564	\$245,757
2. Municipal Officers	\$ 15,820	\$ 16,295
3. Treasurer	\$ 57,482	\$ 59,206
4. Central Services	\$100,400	\$103,412
5. Tax Collector	\$185,513	\$194,295
7. Code Enforcement	\$ 65,973	\$ 67,952
8. Assessing	\$123,129	\$134,962
9. Elections/Registration	\$ 6,645	\$ 16,000
10. Planning Office	\$177,393	\$175,665
11. Municipal Insurance	\$ 96,281	\$116,255
12. Municipal Building	\$ 32,630	\$127,040
13. Police/Rescue Building	\$ 8,887	\$ 1,805
14. General Assistance	\$ 37,976	\$ 39,115
15. Contractual Services	\$196,000	\$183,500
16. Public Utilities	\$211,100	\$225,000
17. Economic Development	\$ 82,943	\$ 74,749
18. Community Services	\$305,227	\$314,384
19. Library	<u>\$320,465</u>	<u>\$342,000</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,276,428</b>	<b>\$2,437,392</b>

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
<u>Recommendation</u>	Taxation
\$ 309,347	State Revenue Sharing
\$ 765,000	General Revenues
\$1,363,045	
<b>\$2,437,392</b>	<b>Total \$2,437,392</b>

6/13/2007

Passed

**ARTICLE 4** – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for the Capital Projects Fund under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same.  
 Capital Program to raise and spend in fiscal year 2007-08

Item	Selectmen's
	Recommendation
Road	
Reconstruction	\$250,000
Public Works Truck	\$110,000

Revaluation	\$100,000
Traffic Calming	
Bridge Street	\$0
Solid Waste	
TOTAL	\$460,000

Capital Program to raise and reserve (not spend in fiscal year 2007-08)

ITEM	Selectmen's Recommendation
Street Sweeper	\$0
Catch Basin Cleaner	\$0
Fire Truck	
Replacement	\$ 50,000
Recreation Field	
Lights	\$0
Vehicle Replacement	\$0
Ambulance Replacement	\$ 50,000
Library Building	
Reserve	\$0
TOTAL	\$560,000

Total Amount to raise and appropriate: \$560,000

<u>Selectmen</u>	Allocation
<u>Recommendation</u>	
\$460,000	Taxation
\$100,000	Capital Reserves
\$	<u>Homestead Exemption</u>
\$560,000	

Passed

**ARTICLE 5** – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Safety** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same:

	2006-07	2007-08
	Allocation	Selectmen
		Recommendation
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Police Protection	\$1,165,581	\$1,222,209
Fire & EMS Protection	\$ 516,303	\$ 531,792
TOTALS	\$1,681,884	\$1,754,001

<u>Selectmen</u>	Allocation
<u>Recommendation</u>	
\$ 185,000	Homestead Revenue
\$ 412,250	Surplus
<u>\$1,156,751</u>	<u>Taxation</u>
\$1,754,001	<u>Total</u>

Passed

**ARTICLE 6** – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling** Program under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same. The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.

	2006-07	2007-08
	Appropriation	Selectmen
		Recommendation
Public Works		
Recycling Program	\$ 979,020	\$1,008,391
Transfer Station Management	\$ 375,000	\$ 433,795
TOTAL	\$1,354,020	\$1,442,186

<u>Selectmen</u>	Allocation
<u>Recommendation</u>	
\$1,314,905	General Revenues
\$ 105,281	Taxation
<u>\$ 22,000</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
\$1,442,186	<u>Total</u>

Passed

**ARTICLE 7** – To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the **Economic and Community Development** Plan for fiscal year 2008 and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same. The proposed use for the funds is to supplement the funding to purchase and develop the land for a waterfront park on Green Street as approved at the July 2002 Town Meeting.

Selectmen's  
Recommendation  
\$0

Allocation  
General Revenues

Passed

ARTICLE 8 – To have the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,333,974 for Debt Service.

	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
LIBRARY ROAD	\$ 137,750
	\$ 50,000
	\$ 60,000
	\$ 64,700
BUILDING PROJECT	\$ 883,124
SIDEWALK	\$ 138,400
TOTAL	\$1,333,974

Allocation  
Surplus  
from Road Bond proceeds  
Anticipated Impact Fees  
From Existing Impact Fees  
Taxation  
Taxation

Passed

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to allocate tax revenues as necessary to fund the previously approved articles? (Explanation: Until the final revaluation numbers are in place, the taxes paid into the TIF programs will not be known and the allocation of those tax revenues are limited to specific uses in each program. This article does not change how much is collected, it only authorizes the Board to allocate the taxes appropriately.)

Selectmen Recommend: To Approved

Approved

ARTICLE 10 – Shall the Town approve the Order of Discontinuance of Frost Street as previously adopted by the Board of Selectmen, such Order of Discontinuance being in the form presented to this Town Meeting and as has been on file in the Town Clerk's office, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Board of Selectmen recommends a "yes" vote

Approved

ARTICLE 11 – To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way "Adams Landing Road", along with all appurtenant structures.

Planning Board recommends acceptance. See Handout #1

Approved

ARTICLE 12 – To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way "Beechwood Drive" in, along with all appurtenant structures.

Planning Board Recommends acceptance. See Handout #2

Approved

ARTICLE 13 – To see if the Town will vote to enact an ordinance entitled "Amendments to Chapter 6 of the Town of Topsham Code". (The amendment clarified the number of members on the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals and eliminates the prohibition of on-call Fire Department employees being on Town Committees).

See Handout #3

Approved

ARTICLE 14 – To see if the Town of Topsham will vote to amend the Town of Topsham Comprehensive Plan, 2005, by adding language summarized in the attached document, in order to re-submit to the Marine Office of State Planning for a Determination of Consistency with State Comprehensive Planning Guidelines.

See Handout #4

Passed

ARTICLE 15 – Shall the voters adopt an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 225), the Topsham Site Plan Review Ordinance (Chapter 175) and the Recovery of Costs of Application Reviews Ordinance, dated April 3, 2007, and the Topsham Zoning Map, dated March 2007, based on the Recommendations of the RT. 196/I-295 Interchange Study Committee.

See Handout #5

Interchange Committee recommendation

ought to pass

Planning Board recommendation

ought to pass

Board of Selectmen recommendation

ought to pass

Passed

ARTICLE 16 – Shall the voters adopt an ordinance entitle "An ordinance to amend the Town of Topsham Zoning Ordinance, Signs (Sections 27 and 33), to better define setback area"? See Handout #6

Planning Board recommendation

ought to pass

Board of Selectmen recommendation

ought to pass

