

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 10, 2021
BACKGROUND**

ARTICLE 1: Unpaid bills prior years: Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws allows towns which have unpaid or over-expended bills of prior years to pay such bills at Town Meeting by nine-tenths vote:

\$157.80	Ludlow Fire Department Quench USA
\$153.75	Ludlow Police Department Corcoran Plumbing & Heating
\$125.00	Recreation Turley Publications
\$436.55	TOTAL

Note, these are the bills as presented at the time of the warrant posting. There could be further bills added prior to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: This article will appropriate or transfer from free cash available funds to cover overtime expenses incurred by the Police Department. The primary cause for the deficit is the FY20 Police Department budget cut, replacement costs for positions and work-related injuries. In addition, there have been incidents necessitating the need for overtime during time sensitive criminal investigations, arrests or emergency situations.

ARTICLE 3: This article will appropriate or transfer from free cash available funds to cover the trash budget deficit incurred by the Department of Public Works due to the new trash fee program and the timeliness of the trash fee bills.

ARTICLE 4: This article will allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into an energy pilot with Ludlow Renewables LLC for the solar photovoltaic energy facility at 0 East Street (Map 27, Parcel 31, Map 27, Parcel 30, Map 27, Parcel 29) owner SODI INC; 0 East street (Map 27, Parcel 26) owner SILVA REAL ESTATE; 0 East Street (Map 27, Parcel 27) Owner Julian Popko; 0 East Street (Map 27, Parcel 28) Owner Marion R. Scully.

ARTICLE 5: This article will amend Chapter II, Section 14a of the Town Bylaws by increasing the fixed assets threshold from \$1,000 or more to \$10,000 or more for internal control and amend Chapter II, Section 14b by increasing the assets greater than \$5,000 in value to \$20,000 in value for the accounting listing of assets. See attached A.5.

ARTICLE 6: This article will allow the Town and Marcus Communications to enter into an additional ten-year contract for the purpose of a System Support Plan and Hardware Maintenance Agreement for the new radio equipment system.

SECTION 10: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all bonds and insurance policies belonging to the Town, except that the surety bonds of the Treasurer and Tax Collector shall be in the custody of the Town Clerk.

SECTION 11: The Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to sell at public auction all or any of the Town property acquired by virtue of sale for nonpayment of taxes, which sales have been confirmed by the Land Court or the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor.

SECTION 12: The Town Treasurer shall be a member, ex-officio (without vote) of any Board or Committee appointed by or on behalf of the Town, for the purpose of planning a project which involves the borrowing of money on behalf of the Town.

SECTION 13: The Town Accountant shall be an ex-officio member (without vote) of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 14: The Town Accountant shall keep a listing by department, board, committee, commission or officer, of all:

- a. For internal control, fixed assets owned by the Town that have a value of \$1,000.00 or more.
- b. For accounting purposes, assets greater than \$5,000.00 in value, i.e. vehicles, machinery, equipment;
- c. For accounting purposes, the Town will also include in its inventory, infrastructure in excess of \$150,000.00 including land, buildings, building improvements and facilities.

The Town Accountant shall formulate and set up such procedures as deemed necessary to complete such inventory. The Town Accountant shall require an inventory each year, and all boards, or officers of the Town shall comply with such request. The Town Accountant shall be notified immediately by all boards, committees, commissions or officers of any disposal or acquisition of capital items such as those described in items a,b,c, above. **(amended 11/18/2002)**

SECTION 15: No board or officer shall make any contract on behalf of the Town, the execution of which shall necessarily extend beyond three years from the date thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, unless specific authority to do so has been given by vote of the Town.

For Example see Art. 11, Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1991 RE: Agreement for recycling, composting of solid waste.

SECTION 16: No officer or board of Town Officers having the power or authority to appoint any Town Officer or agent shall appoint himself or any member of such board to a salaried office or position, but this shall not prohibit any Town Officer from being chairman or clerk of the board of which he may be a member.

SECTION 17: See Article 4, Special Town Meeting, June 4, 1990 - Uniform Procurement Act, Chapter 30B.

SECTION 18: Every contract for construction work, whether for alterations, repairs or original construction, shall comply with bond requirements as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws, c. 149-Building Construction Contracts and c.30,sec 39M-Public Works (Non-Building) Construction Contracts (with labor).**(amended 05/11/2015)**

SECTION 19: Any board or officer in charge of a department of the Town may, with the approval of the Selectmen and the Town Accountant, sell any personal property of the Town within the possession or control of the department which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the department, and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value.