

Excerpt from the 2008 Town Meeting Warrant and FY09 Financial Statement:

Enclosed in this booklet are materials relating to the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday March 29. We hope they will enlighten you and stimulate as many as can do so to attend and participate in Town Meeting. We especially urge and welcome new residents to come and take part in the legislative process of town government, where the actions of all registered voters who attend and vote determine the policies and priorities of Town Government which will affect the future of the Town.

What follows is the report of the Finance Committee explaining the preparation of the Town's operating budget, then the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. After the budget is an outline of certain relevant procedures for the conduct of Town Meeting. The Warrant for the Meeting is at the end of the booklet; this lists the Articles to be presented at the meeting for consideration and action by the voters present. Also included in this mailing is a copy of the Consent Calendar, which is explained at the end of the section entitled "An Outline of Town Meeting Procedures".

The Annual Town Meeting is both a significant event in the conduct of the business of the Town, and equally important it is an enjoyable community gathering at which there is opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors. While the Meeting may seem intimidating and suited only to knowledgeable "old hands", it is intended that all should feel free to participate, and we encourage you to do so. If you feel you do not know enough, this is an opportunity to become more informed and to have your questions answered.

John B. French, Moderator

Gary A. Taylor, Chair
Sarah Cannon Holden
Sara Mattes

Board of Selectmen