

**Town of Merrimac Warrant Articles  
Special Town Meeting, April 26, 2010**

Essex, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the Frederick N. Sweetsir School in Merrimac on April 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM to act on the following articles, namely:

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer various sums of money from line items to other line items to supplement various departmental expense accounts Article 1 of the April 27, 2009 Annual Town Meeting Article, in the FY2010 Omnibus Budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This article is a housekeeping article, to allow for the transfer of balances between appropriations. Per request of the Finance Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**

**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote appropriate from Free Cash, a sum of money in the amount of \$ 68,158 for the following specific purposes outlined below; or takes any other action relative thereto.

- a. **\$ 33,158** to be transferred to Line # 81 of Article 1 of the April 27, 2009 Annual Town Meeting Article, Snow & Washout, to reduce the deficit in this line item.
- b. **\$ 35,000** for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

**Rationale:** This article allows the Town to transfer funds from Free Cash to various one-time expenses within the Town budget. Per request of the Finance Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**

**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$4,000 from Article 9 of the 4/27/09 Annual Town Meeting, Solid Waste, Recycling & Disposal, to have an actuarial study performed, per the requirements of GASB 45; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will transfer surplus funds allocated for Solid Waste, Recycling & Disposal, to be used to prepare an actuarial study on the post retirement benefits of the Town, as required by GASB 45. The Town is required to perform this study every three years. Per the request of the Finance Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**

**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$4,500 from Article 9 of the 4/27/09 Annual Town Meeting, Solid Waste, Recycling & Disposal, to replace the lighting in the apparatus bay and the meeting room at the Fire Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will transfer surplus funds allocated for Solid Waste, Recycling & Disposal, to be used to replace the lighting in the apparatus bay and the meeting room at the Fire Station, which is over 35 years old. Per the request of the Board of Fire Engineers.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**

**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$1,183 from Article 3g of the 4/28/08 Special Town Meeting, Replace Asbestos Tile at the Sweetsir School, to Article 3e of the 4/28/08 Special Town Meeting Replace the Bathroom Floor Tiles at the Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will transfer funds allocated for the removal of asbestos tiles at the Sweetsir School, to replace the tiles in the third floor bathrooms at the Donaghue School. Per the request of the PRSD.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to pay prior years invoices in the amount of \$3,500; or take any other action relative thereto.

**This will require a 9/10 vote.**

**Rationale:** The Planning Board is negotiating with an engineering firm to settle some invoices previously in dispute from a prior fiscal year. Per the request of the Planning Board.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$24,000 for the engineering and construction for repairs of manholes within the sanitary systems; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Wastewater Retained Earnings that were raised through Inflow and Infiltration Fees for the repairs of manholes in order to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (leaks into the sewer system) within the sanitary district. Per the request of the DPW Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$60,000 for the purchase of two generators and all associated items including installation; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Wastewater Retained Earnings for the replacement of generators, which are part of a scheduled replacement plan. Per the request of the DPW Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$45,000 for the purchase and installation of a new boiler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Wastewater Retained Earnings for the replacement of the boiler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is approximately 30 years old, and is inefficient. Per the request of the DPW Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$40,000 for the engineering and design to upgrade the Bear Hill Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Water Retained Earnings fund the engineering and design costs for the repairs necessary at the Bear Hill Pumping Station. Per the request of the DPW Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of an air compressor for the water department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Water Retained Earnings to purchase an air compressor for the water department. Per the request of the DPW Director.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of \$100,780, for the construction and engineering of a water main in Ridgefield Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** This will appropriate funds from Water Retained Earnings for the water main in Ridgefield Rd. Per the request of the DPW.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation:**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the borrowing and the appropriation in Article 2 of the 10/15/2007 Special Town Meeting, Mill St. Substation, a sum of money in the amount of \$271,381.98, for costs associated for a second transmission source and connection to Burnside Substation; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Rationale:** A second electrical transmission source will improve the reliability of the incoming transmission source to Merrimac residents. This will enable Merrimac Light to have 2 transmission sources and be able to swap from one source to another in case of outages on the transmission system. The ability to swap transmission lines will reduce outage time in the event our transmission source from National Grid is interrupted. Per the request of the Light Commissioners.

**Selectmen Recommendation: 3-0**  
**FinCom Recommendation: 6-0**

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

**SELECTMEN**

**OF**

**MERRIMAC**

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**W. Earl Baumgardner**

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**Ricky J. Pinciario**

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**Carol A. Traynor**

A true copy attest:

CONSTABLE \_\_\_\_\_

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for the purposes therein expressed.

Posted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010 in the following three places:

Towne Market  
Cozy Cleaners  
Town Hall