

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 3, 2008**

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Decommissioning Vermont Yankee

Whereas the town of Montague lies approximately fifteen miles to the southeast of the Entergy Nuclear corporation's Vermont Yankee nuclear power reactor in Vernon, Vermont; and,

Whereas the residents of Montague and other neighboring towns have an inalienable right to have their voices heard regarding possible threats to the health, safety, and general well-being of themselves, their property, and the surrounding environment arising from the continued operation of the Entergy Nuclear reactor;

Therefore, we the citizens of Montague call for:

1. The decommissioning of the Entergy Nuclear reactor on or before the expiration of its 40-year license in March of 2012, and for immediate efforts to decontaminate the reactor site utilizing current workers and the safest and most effective technologies available;
2. The development and implementation of strategies for full re-employment of displaced workers after decontamination operations have been completed; and,
3. Immediate efforts to replace the electricity now provided by the Entergy Nuclear reactor with a combination of energy conservation and efficiency measures and sustainable sources of power that are safe, renewable and affordable.

We further direct the Montague town clerk, upon passage of this resolution, to send copies to Montague's state representative, state senator, congressional representatives, U.S. senators, the governor of Massachusetts, and the Vermont Senate, House of Representatives, and Governor, with an accompanying cover letter stating that this resolution was passed by the residents of Montague at their Annual Town Meeting, in 2008.
(Petitioned Article)

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. General Law Ch. 44, Section 53E ½, as amended, to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. the SARA Title III Committee) into which fund will be placed the fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills, and to further authorize the SARA Title III Committee to expend up to a maximum of \$7,500 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills.

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY07 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY08 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY09 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY09 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	317	327	327	327
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Chairman	2,745	2,827	3,561	3,561
Second/Third Members	2,534	2,610	3,271	3,271
BOARD OF ASSESSOR				
Chairman	3,398	3,500	3,500	3,500
Second/Third Members	2,854	2,940	2,940	2,940
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	52,015.60	54,828.27		57,038.94 (8-15)
TOWN CLERK	49,977.20	52,708.95		53,786.68 (8-12)
BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
Town Clerk	750	772	772	772
TREE WARDEN	1,230	1,267	1,267	1,267
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Chairman	1,265	1,303	1,727	1,727
Second/Third Members	1,129	1,163	1,554	1,554
TREASURER/WPCF	1,313	1,352	combined with regular stipend	
SEWER COMMISSION				
Chairman	543	560	combined with BOS stipend	
Second/Third Members	361	372		

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY07 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY08 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY09 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY09 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>				
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	338	338	338	338
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,330	5,490	5,490	5,490
BURIAL AGENT	650	670	670	670
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,300	1,339	1,339	1,339
FOREST WARDEN - Annual	1,538	1,584	1,632	1,584
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>				
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR/Inspect.	26.27	27.06	27.06	27.06
GAS INSPECTOR/Inspection	26.27	27.06	27.06	27.06
PLUMBING INSPECTOR/Inspection	26.27	27.06	27.06	27.06
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR/Inspection	26.27	27.06	27.06	27.06
FOREST WARDEN – add'l for actual fires	11.03	11.36	11.70	11.36
FIREFIGHTERS	9.82	10.11	10.41	10.11

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY07 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY08 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY09 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY09 RECOMMEND</u>
EXTRA CLERICAL				
All Departments & Election Workers/hr.	7.62	7.85	8.00	8.00
SUMMER HIGHWAY	7.62	7.85	8.00	8.00
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	10.82	11.14	11.14	11.14
PART TIME POLICE OFFICER	13.22	14.62	14.62	14.62
RELIEF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	15.76	16.55	16.55	16.55
PARKS & RECREATION	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>
	7.00-25.63	7.50-25.63	7.50-25.63	7.50-25.63

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE

<u>SALARIED</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2008</u>		<u>Range FY2009</u>	
		Start	End	Start	End
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	11	63,323.82	88,646.04	63,323.82	88,646.04
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	8	43,245.09	60,546.78	43,245.09	60,546.78
CHIEF OF POLICE	10	60,272.73	84,407.40	60,272.73	84,407.40
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	10	60,272.73	84,407.40	60,272.73	84,407.40
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	8	43,245.09	60,546.78	43,245.09	60,546.78
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	9	43,647.03	61,076.61	43,647.03	61,076.61
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	10	60,272.73	84,407.40	60,272.73	84,407.40

HOURLY

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	5	15.98	22.35	15.98	22.35
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	4	15.67	21.93	15.67	21.93
COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR	6	17.66	24.73	17.66	24.73

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,699,655 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, \$6,420,030 to be raised from taxation, \$35,874 from Sale of Real Estate, and \$243,751 from the Overlay Reserve.

<u>DEPT NO.</u>	<u>BUDGET FY08</u>	<u>REQUEST FY09</u>	<u>PERCENT Increase</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED FY09</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
113 TOWN MEETING	1,677	2,207	31.60%	2,207
122 SELECTMEN	130,762	137,590	5.22%	137,590
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	945	945	0.00%	945
132 RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	0.00%	50,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	66,481	66,147	-0.50%	66,147
141 ASSESSORS	148,824	149,096	0.18%	146,096
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	171,641	184,409	7.44%	176,692
151 TOWN COUNSEL	41,600	41,600	0.00%	41,600
159 SHARED COSTS	49,260	51,850	5.26%	51,850
159 SHARED COSTS –COMP EQUIP	Special Article	8,200		8,200
TOWN CLERK & BD OF				
161 REGISTRARS	107,489	115,988	7.91%	114,380
175 PLANNING	70,793	73,164	3.35%	73,164
176 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	2,930	2,930	0.00%	2,930
190 PUBLIC BUILDING UTILITIES	90,200	103,810	15.09%	103,810
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	932,602	987,936	5.93%	975,611

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY08	REQUEST FY09	PERCENT Increase	RECOMMENDED FY09
PUBLIC SAFETY					
211	POLICE	1,078,251	1,113,786	3.30%	1,113,786
211	POLICE CRUISER	35,000	35,000	0.00%	35,000
212	DISPATCH	147,899	171,795	16.16%	171,795
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR SEALER OF WEIGHTS &	109,275	111,039	1.61%	111,039
244	MEASURES	2,900	2,900	0.00%	2,900
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,640	5,640	0.00%	5,640
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	43,271	45,005	4.01%	6,405
294	FOREST WARDEN	3,084	3,132	1.56%	3,084
299	TREE WARDEN	8,867	10,867	22.56%	8,867
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		1,434,187	1,499,164	7.15%	1,458,516
PUBLIC WORKS					
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC					
420	WORKS	1,232,194	1,343,214	9.01%	1,272,176
420	DPW CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000
423	SNOW & ICE	174,177	192,067	10.27%	192,067
491	CEMETERIES	7,000	7,000	0.00%	5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		1,423,371	1,552,281	9.06%	1,479,243
HUMAN SERVICES					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	110,308	111,550	1.13%	85,732
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	34,457	35,279	2.39%	-
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	32,500	75,500	132.31%	75,500
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		177,265	222,329	25.42%	161,232
CULTURE & RECREATION					
610	LIBRARIES	287,945	293,500	1.93%	258,500
610	LIBRARIES CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,400	-		-
630	PARKS & RECREATION	96,612	97,929	1.36%	-
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	0.00%	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		388,657	393,129	1.15%	260,200
DEBT SERVICE					
700	DEBT SERVICE	273,132	383,356	40.36%	383,356

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY08	REQUEST FY09	PERCENT Increase	RECOMMENDED FY09
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	87,039	84,873	-2.49%	84,873
MISCELLANEOUS					
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,663,942	1,807,187	8.61%	1,807,187
946	INSURANCE	89,011	89,437	0.48%	89,437
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		1,752,953	1,896,624	8.20%	1,896,624
GRAND TOTAL TOWN		6,469,206	7,019,692	9.10%	6,699,655

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 as a supplemental appropriation for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and that said appropriation be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override vote.

The items subject to the override are:

Town Nurse position	26,000
Town Libraries budget	35,000
Animal Control Officer position	39,000
Less associated revenue	(20,000)
Curbside recycling	41,000
Parks and Recreation Department	98,000
Council on Aging Department	36,000
Less associated revenue	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total	250,000

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,002,683 for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, \$6,839,691 to be raised from taxation and \$162,992 from the GMRSD Debt Reserve.

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,915,036 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, \$186,244 to be raised from taxation and \$1,728,792 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY2008	REQUEST FY2009	PERCENT Increase	RECOMMEND FY2009
440 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY					
	Wages & Expenses	1,254,479	1,296,809	3.37%	1,296,809
	Capital Outlay	5,500	-		-
	Debt Service	346,505	416,911	20.32%	416,911
	Employee Benefits	146,849	146,357	-0.34%	146,357
TOTAL WPCF		1,753,333	1,860,077	6.09%	1,860,077

DEPT NO	BUDGET FY2008	REQUEST FY2009	PERCENT Increase	RECOMMEND FY2009
449 HIGHWAY SUBSIDIARY				
Wages & Expenses	46,959	46,959	0.00%	46,959
Capital Outlay	8,000	8,000		8,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY SUBSIDIARY	54,959	54,959	0.00%	54,959
TOTAL WPCF	1,808,292	1,915,036	5.90%	1,915,036

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing a ¾ ton pick up truck to replace an existing vehicle at the Water Pollution Control Facility, said sum to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$93,957 for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, said sum to be raised from Colle Undesignated Fund Balance.

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,687 for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, \$23,000 to be raised from taxation and \$27,687 from Airport User Fees.

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$678,881 for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, said sum to be raised from taxation.

ARTICLE 15. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of replacing exterior doors at the Sheffield School, said sum to be raised from taxation.

ARTICLE 16. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,000 for the purpose of funding student tuition and transportation costs for Montague student(s) who are attending Smith-Vocational Technical School in the 2008-2009 school year, said sum to be raised from the Overlay Reserve.

ARTICLE 17. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$69,689 for the purpose of funding existing lease payments for the Recycling Truck and Sewer Vactor Truck, said sum to be raised from \$20,000 from the Recycling Grant, \$10,000 from Stabilization, \$17,440 from Sewer User Fees and \$22,249 from the Overlay Reserve.

ARTICLE 18. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding new purchases and major repairs of DPW equipment, said sum to be raised from Stabilization.

ARTICLE 19. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$385,180 for the purpose of funding Chapter 90 local transportation projects in anticipation of state reimbursement, said sum to be raised from borrowing in anticipation of grants.

ARTICLE 20. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate property values for First Light Hydro Generating Company for the fiscal year 2010 triennial revaluation.

ARTICLE 21. MOVED: That the Town vote, in accordance with MGL 82A, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate a board or individual to serve as the “permitting authority” responsible for enforcing state-mandated procedures to secure unattended trenches on private and municipal property.

ARTICLE 22. MOVED: That the Town vote to adopt the following by-law:

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT BYLAW

All persons appointed to boards, committees, commissions and authorities shall be residents of the Town of Montague provided, however, that this bylaw shall not apply to appointments to those boards, committees, commissions or authorities whose charge or enabling legislation specifically requires appointment of non-resident members. If an appointed member of a board, committee, commission or authority shall remove from the Town, such member shall, after a hearing held by the Board of Selectmen, be deemed to have vacated his office. If an appointed member of a board, committee, commission or authority moves within the Town, notice shall be provided to the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of such move.

Applicants for appointment and reappointment to municipal boards, committees, commissions and authorities shall provide to the appointing authority proof of residence in the Town. For the purposes of this bylaw, proof of residence shall include, but not be limited to, a driver’s license, recent utility bill, rent receipt on a landlord’s printed letterhead, lease, duplicate copy of a voter registration affidavit, or any other government-issued printed identification which contains the person’s name and address. The appointing authority may require provision of additional evidence of residence. (Petitioned Article)

ARTICLE 23. MOVED: That the Town vote to approve the following General Bylaw:

FALSE ALARM BYLAW

When the Chief of Police determines that the Police Department has responded to a false alarm, he shall impose a charge on the responsible alarm users according to the following schedule:

- A. For the fourth and subsequent alarms, \$50.00 per false alarm within the twelve (12) month period, payable to the Town of Montague. The twelve (12) month period shall begin January 1st and extend for 12 months thereafter.
- B. The charge shall be payable within twenty (20) days from the date of notice. This will operate as a final disposition of the matter with no resulting criminal record.
- C. Violation of this Bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition of the violation as provided in the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40, Section 21D. Penalty: \$50.00 Enforcing Persons: Police Officers.

ARTICLE 24. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use \$300,000 from free cash for the purpose of reducing taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.