

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
September 29, 2016**

**ARTICLE 1. MOVED:** That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 4 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the annual salary of the elected Treasurer/Tax Collector to \$68,954 and increasing the annual salary of the Town Clerk to \$67,602.

**SCHEDULE I  
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<b>FY17 CURRENT</b>	<b>FY17 REQUESTED</b>
<b>INCUMBANT TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b> Grade G Step 10	68,271	68,954
<b>TOWN CLERK</b> Grade G Step 9	66,933	67,602

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 2. MOVED:** That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 5 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by changing the wage ranges for the following Non-Union employees as shown and adding the position of appointed Interim Treasurer/Collector.

**SCHEDULE II  
Appointed Officials**

**NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE**

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Current Range FY2017</u>		<u>Requested Range FY2017</u>	
<u>SALARIED</u>		Start	End	Start	End
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	85,737	105,515	86,594	106,570
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	55,746	68,271	56,303	68,954
INTERIM TREASURER/COLLECTOR	G			56,303	68,954
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	77,943	95,922	78,722	96,881
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	70,858	87,202	71,567	88,084
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	55,746	68,271	56,303	68,954
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	55,746	68,271	56,303	68,954
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	H	70,858	87,202	71,567	88,084

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Current Range FY2017</u>		<u>Requested Range FY2017</u>	
<u>HOURLY</u>		Start	End	Start	End
SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	E	20.72	25.50	20.93	25.76
POLICE LIEUTENANT (steps 6-10)	G+8.5*	34.78	37.68	35.13	38.03

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 3. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,050 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Police Officers for Fiscal Year 2017, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2016, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 4. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,100 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2017, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2016, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 5. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100 for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2017, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2016, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 6. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,004 for the purpose of funding a Wage Adjustment for the pay schedule for non-union employees shown on Schedule II for Fiscal Year 2017, as amended pursuant to the vote taken pursuant to Article 2 at this Special Town Meeting, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2016, said sum to be raised from \$208 from Airport Retained Earnings and \$6,796 from taxation.

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 7. MOVED:** That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant Article 7 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Treasurer/Collector line by \$4,500 and to appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purpose of funding said increase, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Treasurer/Tax Collector Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 8. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of restructuring the stage to add classroom space at Hillcrest Elementary School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 9. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing pillars in the front of the Administration Office at the Sheffield Elementary School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 10. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2017 sewer rates, said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings.

(WPCF Request)  
Finance Committee recommends \$200,000 Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend \$200,000 Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 11. MOVED:** That the Town vote to rescind Article #20 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$200,000 to the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund from Sewer User Fees.

(WPCF Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 12. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a vehicle for the police department, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Police Department Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 13. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,100 for the purpose of purchasing and installing permit and inspection software and equipment for the Building Inspector and Board of Health, including one year of technical support and the payment of all costs incidental and related to said purchase, installation and support, said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Board of Health and Building Inspector Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 14. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a phone system for the Town Hall and purchasing and installing wiring for the phone system and other technology, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from taxation.

Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 15. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$73,346 for the purpose of increasing the Town General Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

(Finance Committee Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0

**ARTICLE 16. MOVED:** That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to continue Montague's participation in DPU docket 16-103 (or any succeeding docket number), concerning a review of Berkshire Gas Company's five-year Forecast and Supply Plan, for the purpose of achieving a local, incremental, and timely solution to the Company's moratorium on new and expanded natural-gas service in Montague and other Pioneer Valley ratepayer Towns, and to participate in any appeals, consolidations of cases, or related regulatory or legal proceedings at the state or Federal level that will have any bearing on the end of the moratorium, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Funds appropriated in this Article shall be spent at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. Funds appropriated in this Article may fund or help to fund actions undertaken by the Town alone or in conjunction with actions taken by any other municipality, coalition, or organization engaging in such regulatory or legal action, said sum to be raised by transfer from Article #33 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$20,000 from the Town General Stabilization Fund to continue Montague's participation in DPU docket 15-178.

(Board of Selectmen Request)  
Finance Committee recommends Voted 5-0  
Selectmen recommend Voted 2-0