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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM & AUDITORIUM
62 CAPRON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN, IN SAID COUNTY;
GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE DIRECTED TO NOTIFY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, IN PRECINCT 2, IN SAID UXBRIDGE, ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1: FY07 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY07 budget approved under Article 7 of the May 9, 2006, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager¹

Commentary: *Transfers from and between miscellaneous Town department line items to others which are needed to fund FY07 anticipated budget deficiencies (with the exception of the transfer in item#1); additional appropriation from Stabilization (\$125,000) as noted.*

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amounts as stated in the following chart for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, each item being considered a separate appropriation for FY07:

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| 1. | School Roof Boiler Art 6 Nov 2004 | School/Town Bldg Maintenance | \$72,225.00 |
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Commentary: Funds for the Taft School Roof were approved via a \$160,000 bond authorization and a \$190,000 fund, part of which was originally funded via a transfer from the School/Town Building Maintenance account. The roof came in under budget, allowing for these funds to be returned to the maintenance account via this request. Such was approved by the DOR.

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| 2. | Board of Health Salaries | Board of Health Expenses | \$23,000.00 |
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Commentary: It was anticipated that a salaried position would be created when the Health Agent was funded for FY 2007, but it was later determined that a contracting a service would be the better option. Contractors cannot be paid via a salary line item, thus the request for transfer to expenses.

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| 3. | Treasurer/Collector Expense | Treasurer/Collector Salaries | \$1,000.00 |
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Commentary: Inter-departmental transfer based on salary expenditure trends. No increases or additional hours. Salary budget was slightly under funded when the new union contracts were apportioned.

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| 4. | Police Salaries | Police Expenses | \$22,900.00 |
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¹ Similar to their action of 2/26/07, the BOS voted on 5/14/07 for the Town Manager to sponsor certain articles under the responsibility of the Town Manager.

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Commentary: Excess funds in the Police salary account due to military service leave of staff, to be transferred for the following uses, and the item in #5: \$6,400 for cruiser maintenance for increase expense on aging fleet; \$2,000 for bi-annual certifications for radar, breath units and other police equipment upgrades; \$8,000 for cruiser laptops in each car, eliminating the need for equipment transfers between cars, \$5,500 to complete the public safety radio tower project on High Street, and add two portable radios for the Police Department as part of that system; and \$1,000 for potential shortfall in the Police utility budget.

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| 5. | Police Salaries | Computer Lease/Purchase | \$12,000.00 |
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Commentary: To purchase a new server for Town Hall. For the past few months, the server has been experiencing power outages, particularly after hours when the server is scheduled to be automatically back up data. After extensive testing, the firm who is contracted to oversee the operation of our system has determined that the server is beyond repair, and must be replaced.

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| 6. | Library Expenses | Library Salaries | \$1,500.00 |
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Commentary: Inter-departmental transfer, based on current trends. No increases or additional hours funded. Salary budget was slightly under funded when the new union contracts were apportioned.

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| 7. | Computer Expense | Computer Lease Purchase | \$4,036.00 |
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Commentary: Transfer required within overall budget; due to increased contracted maintenance.

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| 8. | Election & Registration Expense | Election & Registration Salary | \$10,000.00 |
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Commentary: Transfer required as the salary account was funded at \$1,000 for FY 2007, which is insufficient, as poll workers are considered to be temporary employees, not independent contracts, and as such, must be paid through a salary line item.

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| 9. | Treasurer Collector Expense | Street Lighting Expense | \$7,000.00 |
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Commentary: Increased electricity costs born by the Town.

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| 10. | Treasurer Collector Expense | COA Salaries | \$1,300.00 |
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Commentary: Salary budget was slightly under funded when the new union contracts were apportioned.

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| 11. | Town Clerk Salaries | Pout Pond Expense | \$1,000.00 |
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Commentary: Mandatory water testing was not included in the FY 2007 budget for Pout Pond.

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| 12. | Treasurer Collector Expense | Celebrations Expense | \$637.00 |
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Commentary: An unanticipated bill was assessed against this account. Funds are required to purchase flags.

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| 13. | Treasurer Collector Expense | Historical Commission Expense | \$635.00 |
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Commentary: Increased electricity costs.

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| 14. | Treasurer Collector Expense | Building Department Expense | \$400.00 |
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Commentary: Unanticipated expenses regarding the refurbishment of an old cruiser, which has been converted for use by the Building Inspector. The previous vehicle was surplus.

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| 15. | Moderator | Town Hall Salaries | \$100.00 |
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| | Town Accountant Salaries | Town Hall Salaries | \$50.00 |
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Commentary: Salary budget was slightly under funded when the new union contracts were apportioned.

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| 16. | Town Accountant Salaries | Selectmen/Town Manager Exp | \$24,905.00 |
| | Town Hall Expense | Selectmen/Town Manager Exp | \$10,095.00 |

Commentary: Shortfall in budget to the unanticipated rehire of interim consultant/accounting services upon failure of our former accountant to successfully complete probationary period. Services expected to conclude in FY 2008.

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| 17. | Town Hall Expense | Assessors Salaries | \$3,130.00 |
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Commentary: Salary budget was under funded when the new union contracts were apportioned.

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| 18. | Town Hall Expense | Lighting U.S. Flag Common Exp | \$1,005.00 |
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Commentary: Increased electricity costs, as well as an unanticipated repair bill.

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| 19. | Debt Service Expense | Property & Liability Expense | \$699.00 |
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Commentary: Unanticipated deductible on public official's policy

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| 20. | Debt Service Expense | Tree Warden Salary | \$113.00 |
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Commentary: Unanticipated shortfall

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| 21. | Debt Service Expense | Worker's Comp | \$22,714.00 |
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Commentary: Workers Comp budget under funded for FY 2007 due to a payroll audit. Comp insurance out to bid for FY 2008

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| 22. | Debt Service Expense | Planning Salaries | \$1,500.00 |
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Commentary: Shortfall in account due to overtime expenses associated with meetings for the Administrative Assistant.

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| 23. | Treasurer/Collector Expense | Property/Liability Insurance | \$6,085.00 |
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Commentary: Unforeseen expense; deductible on legal case defended by the Town's insurer

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| 24. | <i>Stabilization</i> | Health Insurance | \$75,000.00 |
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Commentary: Additional appropriation. Budget for FY 2007 insufficient due to increased enrollments throughout the year.

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| 25. | <i>Stabilization</i> | Town Counsel | \$50,000.00 |
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Commentary: Additional appropriation. Higher than anticipated litigation costs resulting in higher average monthly bills; retainer not affected.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable Action (5-0-1). The committee recommends favorable action on this article. These transfers are needed to appropriately align the FY07 Budget with actual expenditures. Failure to make these transfers will prevent the town from paying its bills (MGL, Chapter 44: Section 64. Payment of bills incurred in excess of appropriations). Any FY07 bill not paid in the current year will require authorization for payment at a future Town Meeting.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3 vote, per bylaw and use of stabilization per MGL.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Uxbridge Post Office, one at the North Uxbridge Post Office and one at the Linwood Post Office, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29 day of May, in the year 2007.

Uxbridge Board of Selectmen:

Julie A. Woods, Chair

Daniel Stack, Clerk

James F. Dwyer, Sel.

Kevin J. Kuros, Sel.

A True Copy - Attest:

Constable, Town of Uxbridge

Date