SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS BYLAW LISTENING SESSION With the Planning Board 1/12/13 Town Hall Annex

# **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$500,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion and second to approve Article 9 as printed in the warrant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$500,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L. c. 111, §127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that project and financing costs, including without limitation all costs as defined in G.L. c. 29C, § 1, shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to said Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Voted: unanimously.

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$610,000.00 to pay extraordinary costs associated with the Town's response to the flooding experienced by the Town in the Spring of 2010 and Tropical Storm Irene in late Summer 2011 and also to pay costs of constructing, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to roadways, drainage culverts and other elements of public infrastructure within the Town that are in need of repair as a result of such flooding and storm, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

Motion and second to approve Article 10 as printed in the warrant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$610,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L. 44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority.

Voted: unanimously

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
EXCERPT OF THE 2012 STM MINUTES

#### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Westport Zoning By-Laws to insert a new by-law entitled, "Solar Energy Systems", and to make related amendments to the existing Definitions and Table of Uses sections of the Zoning By-laws, all as set forth below, and/or take any other action relative thereto:

<u>First</u>, to amend **ARTICLE 1**, **PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS**, "Section 1.1 Definitions", by inserting the following new definitions, in appropriate alphabetical order:

As of Right Siting – Development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development shall be subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated by the Building Inspector. Also known as "by-right."

**Building Permit** – A construction permit issued by the Building Inspector; the building permit evidences that the project is consistent with the state and federal building codes as well as local zoning By-Laws, including those governing ground- mounted large-scale solar photovoltaic installations.

**Designated Location** – The zoning districts designated by Article 24.

**Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations** – A solar electric system that is structurally mounted on the ground, not roof-mounted, and occupies more than 1,000 square feet of land.

**On-Site Solar Photovoltaic Installation** – A solar installation that is constructed at a location where other uses of the underlying property occur.

Rated Nameplate Capacity – The maximum rated output of electric power production of the photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

**Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations** – A solar electric system that is structurally mounted on the ground, or roof-mounted, and occupies 1,000 square feet of land or less.

**Solar Photovoltaic Array** – An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

**Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Installation** – Solar photovoltaic arrays placed on the roof of residences, commercial buildings and Town-owned municipal buildings.

<u>Second</u>, to insert in the Zoning By-Laws a new article, **ARTICLE 24, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**, as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 24**

#### **SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

## 24.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to provide as-of-right siting for small scale solar energy systems in all zoning districts and such development may proceed without need for discretionary approval as set forth herein and to limit large scale solar energy systems as set forth herein. The provisions set forth in this section of the Zoning By-Law shall apply to the construction, operation, repair, and/or removal of solar electric installations, and to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.

The intent of the By-Law is to ensure that the construction and operation of all solar photovoltaic installations be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable nuisance, stormwater, safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

# 24.2 AS-OF-RIGHT SMALL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

## 24.2.1 **Purpose**

The purpose of small-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations and roof-mounted energy solar installations is to promote the creation of renewable energy for individual residences, commercial enterprises and municipal buildings, as-of-right, requiring the issuance of a building permit after demonstrating compliance with this bylaw.

## 24.2.2 Small-Scale Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Equipment

Retrofitted roof-mounted solar equipment shall be located so as not to increase the total height of the structure more than one (1) foot above the applicable zoning regulations related to height in the District in which it is located, or such other height as is determined by the Building Inspector to be essential for proper operation, but in no case no more than four (4) feet above existing roof plane, whichever is lesser. All new construction shall comply with the existing height regulation as listed in Article 7 of the Zoning Bylaw (Intensity Regulations).

## 24.2.3 Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Equipment

Small-scale ground mounted solar equipment is not permitted in the Zoning Dimensional Setbacks as listed in Article 7 of the Zoning Bylaw (Intensity Regulations) and may not be located closer than 50 feet from residential side-yard lines.

Small-scale ground-mounted equipment shall be adequately screened from the neighboring lot line as determined by the Building/Zoning Official.

The height of Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Equipment shall not exceed 10 feet.

## 24.2.4 Required Documents

The following documents shall be required:

- **a.** Sun and shadow diagrams specific to the proposed installation to determine the solar access.
- b. Detailed information, including maps, plans or dimensional sketches showing proposed location of the solar installation, including any setbacks from property lines or distances from structures, which are used for habitation on adjacent properties.
- **c.** Site drawings showing the building footprint, property lines, location and the dimensions of solar collectors, ridgeline of roof and description of the solar system.
- **d.** Elevation drawings showing heights of buildings and solar installation above the roof.

# 24.2.5 Permitting

Small-scale solar equipment requires only a building permit. All data listed above shall be submitted to the Building/Zoning Official. All other necessary permits, such as electrical, shall be obtained through the Building Official/Zoning Official.

## 24.2.6 As-Built Plans

As-built plans shall be submitted prior to final inspection.

## 24.3 LARGE SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

## **24.3.1** Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to facilitate the creation of new Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on environmental, scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

The provisions set forth in this Section shall apply to the construction, operation and/or repair of large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations.

# 24.3.2 <u>Site Plan Approval</u>

Large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations are allowed by Site Plan Approval in the Business District and Unrestricted District.

## 24.3.3 Special Permit

Large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations are allowed by special permit granted by the Planning Board in the Residence-Agriculture District.

## 24.3.4 Administration

The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for a Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Electric Installation special permit. The SPGA shall follow the procedural requirements for special permits as set forth in Section 9 of MGL Chapter 40A. After notice and public hearing and consideration of application materials, consultant reviews, public comments, and the recommendations of other town boards and/or departments, the SPGA may grant such a permit. The SPGA shall impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, safety, and protect water quality, air quality, and significant environmental resources, and/or otherwise serve the purpose of this section.

## 24.3.5 Required Review

All large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations in the Business zoning district shall require Site Plan Approval under Article 15

and a building permit under this Zoning By-Law §23.4.2 issued by the Building Inspector. Low Impact Development Site Plan Review, under Zoning By-Law Article 20 by the Planning Board shall govern.

All large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations in the Res/Ag zoning district shall require a special permit under this Zoning By-Law §23.4.3 and Low Impact Development Site Plan Review, under Zoning By-Law Article 20 by the Planning Board. A public hearing shall be held by said Board.

## 24.3.6 Utility Notification

Evidence shall be provided at time of the application that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is be located has been informed of the intent of a solar photovoltaic installation and that approval to connect to the grid has been granted or appropriate application(s) have or will be been made to such utilities for interconnection. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement. Reasonable efforts should be made to place all utility connections underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, wetlands, shape and topography of the site. The Building Inspector or Planning Board will review this information in their deliberations.

# 24.3.7 Fees

An application shall be accompanied by the required fee and a tri-party account for engineering review, monitoring, and inspections fees. An application for a building permit shall be accompanied by the fee required for a building permit. All other fees that shall be required by permitting parties (Conservation Commission, etc.) shall be administered according to their regulations.

# 24.3.8 <u>Dimensional Requirements for Large Scale Systems (Lot Size, Frontage, Setbacks and Height)</u>

No minimum lot size in required in any zoning district

Frontage - 50'

Height of Structures – No component of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar

Electric Installation shall exceed 15 feet above existing grade (except for connection to the grid.

Setbacks in Residential Districts\*:

Front Yard - depth shall be at least
Side Yard - depth shall be at least
Rear Yard - depth shall be at least
100 feet
100 feet

Setbacks in Business and Unrestricted Districts\*:

Front Yard - depth shall be at least 50 feet Side Yard - depth shall be at least 50 feet Rear Yard - depth shall be at least 50 feet

\*Setbacks may be reduced if, in the opinion of the Planning Board based on evidence submitted by applicant, that existing &/or proposed screening will be adequate to minimize visual impact (as described in 24.3.11.d). Under no circumstance will setbacks be reduced to less than the dimensional requirements for the zoning district.

## 24.3.9 Required Documents

In addition to any other documents required under the Zoning Bylaw, the following documents shall be provided for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation:

- a. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts in accordance with the "Plans and Plan Content" section of Rules and Regulations of the Westport Planning Board for Site Plan Approval (Section 2.2.3).
- **b.** Drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures shall be shown on the plans.
- c. One or three line electrical diagrams detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components and electrical interconnection methods with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices shall be shown on the plans.
- **d.** Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the electric generating PV panels, mounting system, inverter, etc. shall be provided (including applicable material safety data sheets (MSDS).
- e. A list of any hazardous materials proposed to be located on the site in excess of household quantities and a plan to prevent their release to the environment, as appropriate, (including applicable material safety data sheets (MSDS).
- f. Name, address, signature and contact information for project proponent, co-proponent and name, address, signatures and contact information of any agents representing the project proponent proposed system installer shall be provided.
- **g.** Photometric plan for any required and or site lighting with specific cut-sheet details.
- All signage detail shall be submitted with the application showing dimensions and detail.
- i. A rendering or photo simulation showing the proposed project at completion.
- j. Locations of wetlands and Priority Habitat Areas defined by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP);
- **k.** Locations of Floodplains or inundation areas for moderate or high hazard dams.

- **I.** Locations of local or National Historic Districts and Priority Heritage Landscapes.
- **m.** Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site.
- **n.** Provision of water including that needed for fire protection.
- Existing trees of 6" caliper or larger and shrubs.
- **p.** Proof of liability insurance.

The Building Inspector or Planning Board may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate. All waiver requests must be written on the site plan.

# 24.3.10 Site Control

The applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar photovoltaic installation.

## 24.3.11 Design Standards

## a. <u>Lighting</u>

Lighting of solar photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting shall be compliant with Section 20.9, Outdoor Lighting, in the Rules and Regulations of the Westport Planning Board for Site Plan Approval.

# b. <u>Signage</u>

Signage size shall comply with the Zoning Bylaw and Section 20.15.f of the Rules and Regulations of the Westport Planning Board for Site Plan Approval and shall not be used for displaying any advertising except to identify the owner and/or operator of the solar installation and a 24–hour emergency contact telephone number.

## c. Land Clearing, Landscaping, Vegetation Maintenance

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for construction, operation and maintenance of the installation. Article 20, Low Impact Development Site Plan Approval shall govern.

Herbicides shall only be applied by properly licensed personnel, as enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Mowing, grazing, or using geotextile materials underneath the solar arrays are possible alternatives.

# d. <u>Visual Impact</u>

Structure shall be reasonably shielded from view by vegetation and/or joined and clustered to minimize adverse visual impacts.

Landscaping, natural features, opaque fencing and other suitable methods shall be utilized. A screening plan shall be submitted ensuring that the solar arrays and any appurtenant structures are screened from roads and from adjacent residential lots by a minimum twenty-five (25) foot wide and five (5) foot tall staggered and grouped planting of shrubs and small trees. The Building Inspector or Planning Board may alter or waive this requirement if such screening would have a detrimental impact on the operation and performance of the array, or would prove to be ineffective for the site. Fences may be required for safety purposes.

When possible, a diversity of plant species shall be used, with a preference for species native to New England. Use of exotic plants, as identified by the most recent copy of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is prohibited.

Such plantings shall use native plants and a mix of deciduous and evergreen species and may be located within the setback area. Said vegetative screening shall reach a mature form to effectively screen the installation within five years of installation. Planting of the vegetative screen shall be completed prior to final approval of the electric installation by the Building Inspector or consultant reviewer. A landscape maintenance bond may be required for two (2) growing seasons.

Pre-application site clearing is discouraged. Pre-application clearing may negate the application for Large Scale Systems at the Planning Board's discretion.

## e. Safety, Emergency Service and Hazardous Materials

The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan. The applicant shall develop an emergency response plan including showing all means of shutting down the solar installation. The applicant shall submit the name of the person answerable to inquires throughout the life of the installation. If the designated person changes, the name of the new designated person shall be submitted as an addendum.

Hazardous materials stored, used, or generated on site shall not exceed the amount for a Very Small Quantity Generator of Hazardous Waste as defined by the DEP pursuant to MassDEP regulations 310 CMR 30.000 and shall meet all requirements of the DEP including storage of hazardous materials in a building with an impervious floor that is not adjacent to any floor drains to prevent discharge to the outdoor environment. If hazardous materials are utilized within the solar electric equipment then impervious containment areas capable of controlling any release to the environment to prevent potential contamination of groundwater are required.

# f. Monitoring and Maintenance

The applicant shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining the site including safe access, stormwater control, structural repairs and the integrity of security measures. These measures shall be approved by the Fire Chief and emergency medical services personnel. The owner &/or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the installation.

# g. Appurtenant Structures

All appurtenant structures to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall, in the case of special permits, be subject to reasonable conditions concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be screened from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

## h. Rare and Endangered Species

The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

# i. Wetlands

The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act and the Town of Westport Conservation Commission Policies and Procedures.

# j. Noise

Noise generated by Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations and associated equipment and machinery shall conform to applicable state and local noise regulations, including the DEP's Division of Air Quality noise regulations, 310 CMR 7.10. A source of sound will be considered in violation of said regulations if the source:

- i. increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 db(A) above ambient; or
- ii. produces a "pure tone" condition, when an octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two (2) adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by three (3) decibels or more. Said criteria are measured both at the property line and at the nearest inhabited residence. "Ambient" is defined as the background Aweighted sound level that is exceeded 90% of the time measured during equipment hours, unless established

by other means with the consent of the DEP. Noise generated shall further comply with Section XL of the Town of Westport bylaws.

## k. Impact on Agricultural and Environmentally Sensitive Land

The facility shall be designed to minimize impacts to agricultural and environmentally sensitive land and to be compatible with continued agricultural use of the land whenever possible.

## 24.3.12 As-Built Plans

As-built plans shall be approved by the Building Inspector, if said plans represent construction of the facility as shown on the building permit application or the site plan approved by the Planning Board before a Certificate of Completion or Occupancy may be issued.

## 24.3.13 Modifications

All modifications to a solar photovoltaic installation made after issuance of the required building permit that would increase lot coverage or height shall require further review in compliance with this Bylaw.

## 24.3.14 Change in Ownership

If the owner and/or operator of a large scale ground mounted solar facility changes, notice shall be given to the Building Inspector and Planning Board with the contact information of the new owner/operator within one month of the change in ownership and/or operations.

## 24.3.15 Annual Reporting

The owner or operator of the installation shall submit an Annual Report which certifies compliance with the requirements of this bylaw and their approved site plan including control of vegetation, noise standards, and adequacy of road access by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Annual Report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Planning Board, Select Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, Building Inspector, Board of Health and Conservation Commission (if Wetlands Permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year. Penalties for noncompliance are enforceable under Article 2 of the Zoning Bylaws.

# 24.3.16 Abandonment, Decommissioning and Removal

The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of their proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The notification shall consist of the methodology of physical removal of all structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines, disposal of all solid and hazardous waste and stabilization or re-vegetation of the site.

If the owner or operator fails to remove the installation on municipally owned property in accordance with the above criteria, the Town may, after the receipt of an appropriate court order or consent of the property owner, enter the property and physically remove the installation at the owner's expense. As a condition of siting any such use, a property owner shall allow the Town entry to remove an abandoned or decommissioned installation. The cost for the removal will be charged to the property owner in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. 139, Section 3A as a tax lien on the property.

## Decommissioning shall consist of:

- **a.** Physical removal of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Electric Installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site, including any materials used to limit vegetation.
- **b.** Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- c. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.
- **d.** Restoration of designated prime agricultural land to a condition suitable for resumption of agricultural production.

## 24.3.17 Financial Surety for Removal/Remediation on Municipal Property

The applicant shall provide surety (either through escrow account or other form of surety approved by the Building Inspector or Planning Board) to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscapes, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board. Such amount shall not exceed 150% of the estimated cost of removal and compliance with any additional requirements set forth herein. The project owner/operator shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal cost due to inflation. The estimate shall be verified by the Planning Board's consultant engineer or other expert who may be engaged pursuant to Section 24.4.

# 24.4 CONSULTANT REVIEW

The Building Inspector (for by-right systems) and the Planning Board (for special permit systems) shall establish a procedure for engaging a professional engineer and/or other technical consultant to advise the Building Inspector or Planning Board, and to review application plans and documents in application phase and the construction phase. The applicant shall pay for the cost of the consultant review pursuant to the procedures specified in M.G.L. c. 44, §53G or §53A. Further, the Building Inspector and the Planning Board shall establish a procedure for engaging consultants to inspect and confirm compliance with any requirements during construction and maintenance. Refusal to pay the necessary fees shall be a basis to deny the building permit, site plan, or special permit approval. Such procedure shall include prior notice to the owner or operator of the installation of the cause of such proposed engagement.

## 24.5 EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS

The Town shall adopt reasonable Rules and Regulations governing permit issuance such that all local permitting decisions - formal determinations, orders of conditions, licenses, certificates, authorizations, registrations, plan approvals, or other approvals or determinations with respect to the use, development or redevelopment of land, buildings, or structures required by any issuing authority – applicable to the siting and construction of clean energy facilities within the relevant zoning district(s) can be issued within 1 year of submission of a completed application.

# 24.6 AMENDMENT, SEVERABILITY, AND VALIDITY

Amendments. This chapter may be amended from time to time in accordance with Section 5 of the Zoning Act.

Severability. If any provision herein is determined to be unlawful, it shall be severed from this section and all remaining provisions shall remain in force and effect.

Validity. The invalidity, unconstitutionality or illegality of any provision of this chapter or boundary shown on the Zoning Map shall have not any effect upon the validity, constitutionality or legality of any other provision or boundary.

<u>Third</u>, to amend **TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS** by inserting the following new uses, in appropriate alphabetical order:

#### **TABLE OF USES**

Uses	Residential	Business	Unrestricted
Small-Scale Ground- Mounted Solar Electric Installations	Y	Y	Y
Large-Scale Ground- Mounted Solar Electric Installations	Y/SPPB	Y/SPA-PB	Y/SPA-PB

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Motion and second to amend the Zoning By-laws and approve Article 11 as printed in the warrant with the following modifications:

- in the first paragraph of new section 24.2.3 deleting the words; "and may not be located closer than 50 feet from residential side yard lines"
- in the second paragraph of new section 24.2.3 replacing the number "10" with the number "12"
- in the first paragraph of new section 24.2.3 delete the word "not" in the first sentence
- in the fourth sentence of new section 24.3.8 add the word "not" between "shall" and "exceed"

Motion and second to call question. Voted: the Moderator declared the vote carried by 2/3.

The Moderator appointed Robert McCarthy, Michelle Duarte, Hugh Morton and Tracy Priestner to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Motion and second on Article 11 with modifications was defeated. Yes: 68 No. 49

## **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to pass over Article 12. Voted: unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn and dissolve the Special Town Meeting at  $8:38\ p.m.$ 

Voted: unanimously.

There were 171 registered voters and 17 press and visitors in attendance.

A true record, Attest:

Marlene M. Samson Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Westport this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year two thousand and twelve.

Richard M. Spirlet, Chairman

Antone C. Vieira Jr., Vice-Chairman

Steven J. Ouellette

Craig J. Dutra

R. Michael Sullivan, Clerk

WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson Town Clerk Westport, MA 02790 October 30, 2012

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012, I posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Briere's Inc. a..a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall
Lees Supermarket

David Simcoe #1 Westport Police Officer