

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 27, 2014

Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Town Moderator, Wayne C. Perkins, who declared a quorum present in the Middleborough High School Auditorium.

The Moderator introduced Veterans' Agent Paul Provencher and the Veterans' Council. Mr. Provencher made the following presentation:

In December of 2013 the Selectmen of our Town at the request of Chapter One of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club, with the backing of the Middleborough veterans' community, voted to purchase a POW MIA chair prominently displayed in our town hall lobby. The member organizations of the Middleborough Veterans' Council covered the cost of the chair and the setting up of the display. The Veterans' Council had the chair personalized to also be a memorial for Army SSG William Mark Smith of Middleborough along with the more than 91,000 other U. S. service members that have not returned home from World War One to present. William Mark Smith was one of 15 Middleborough residents who perished during the Vietnam War era while serving our country. He is our only Middleborough soldier from that war who has not returned home. He was born in New Bedford on April 2, 1949, a 16-year resident of Middleborough and was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was only 21 years old, when he served in Vietnam and went missing in action while on patrol. He was serving with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division when he was reported "missing in action" on March 3, 1969. A report stated that Smith, while with his unit about 25 miles east of the City of Kontum, disappeared after falling down an embankment. Members of the unit returned to look for him, but miscommunications from the front claimed he had returned to the head of the column. It was later learned that he had been captured by the enemy, the North Vietnamese. Interviews with former U.S. Prisoners of that war in the spring of 1973 revealed that William had died while on a trail to a North Vietnam prison camp. Three years after the incidentthe U.S. Government declared him.... "dead by hostile actions" his body has never been found. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of 2 Starrett Avenue, a 1967 graduate of Middleborough's Memorial High School. The class yearbook which includes his picture on page 35, states.... "Bill likes physical education and plans to be a future teacher in that field." William Mark Smith's name is listed on panel 30 n—line 32 of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington and is also remembered on our war dead monument in the Middleborough Veterans Memorial Park along with being listed as one of our casualties on the Vietnam War Monument, also in our Veterans' memorial park. We are here tonight to dedicate this one more time. We had the formal dedication ceremony yesterday at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Middleborough Veterans' Memorial Park. We presented this to the town on behalf of all the missing in action since World War One to present and William M. Smith. Thank you very much.

The Veterans' Council led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then introduced the following: Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen Courtney Adelman who sang the National Anthem, and acknowledged and thanked the members of the Middleborough High School Student Council for acting as pages and counters for the evening.

The Moderator introduced the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Allin Frawley who presented Certificates of Recognition to Elia Velez of the John T. Nichols Middle School and Alexa Cushing of the Middleborough High School for their contribution of artwork for the Town of Middleborough's 2013 Annual Town Report cover.

Voted by majority vote to allow as necessary the following non-resident individuals to address Town Meeting: Charles Cristello, Town Manager; Steven Dooney, Town Accountant; Lance Benjamino, Fire Chief; Joseph Silva, Water Superintendent; Christopher Peck, DPW Director; Roseli Weiss, Superintendent of Schools; Kathleen Piatelli, School Business Manager, Ellen Driscoll, I.T. Director, Jane Kudcey, Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development, Fran Cass, Parks Superintendent, Ruth Geoffroy, Town Planner; James Harding, Facilities Manager; Michael McKeon of Kastle Boos Architects and Joseph Sullivan, Police Station Project Manager; and further for approval of taking a voice vote first on those votes requiring a super majority.

Before any action was taken, the Moderator asked if everyone had a copy of the articles and the budget book. He stated copies were available in the lobby. In addition, he noted the budget pages and motions would be projected on the screen for Town Meeting. He reminded those in attendance to turn off all cell phones and pagers; a motion to amend must be in writing for the record allowing time for those to write out the amendment if needed; anyone who would like to address the meeting to use the microphone stating their name and address to be recognized by the Moderator; debate and questions are healthy but to maintain order should be directed through the Moderator and as always maintain civility as Town Meeting is not the place for personal attacks or derogatory comment.

The Moderator certified that the warrant had been posted, served and returned in a proper fashion by Police Chief Bruce D. Gates.

The following act on was taken:

ARTICLE 1: Voted unanimously to transfer from the Employee Fringe Benefits department, number 919, Health and Life Insurance account 517400, the total sum of \$401,669.00 to supplement the following budgets and account numbers for fiscal year 2014.

<i>Department</i>	<i>Dept. No</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Line Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Town Accountant	135	511101	Regular Pay	\$ 1,204.00
Elections and Registration	162	511108	Officers	\$ 3,000.00
Conservation Commission	171	511104	Regular Pay Clerical	\$ 2,444.00
Conservation Commission	171	542900	Sundry Expenses	\$ 2,861.00
Police Department	210	511126	Regular Pay Officers	\$ 5,535.00
Police Department	210	550000	Medical Expense	\$ 3,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	244	542900	Sundry Expenses	\$ 800.00
DPW- Highway	422	015293	Snow Removal	\$ 382,325.00

- Further voted unanimously that \$10,000 be transferred from the Employee Fringe Benefits Department, 919, FICA account 517600 to the DPW Tree Warden Department 429, account 529500, Trimming Trees.
- Further voted unanimously that \$20,000 be transferred from the School Transportation Miscellaneous Department, 899, Mini-bus drivers account 511165 to the School budget, department 300, Tuition, other district account 313.563150.9100.29990.
- Further voted unanimously that \$40,000 be transferred from the School Transportation Contracted Department, 900, Homeless Transportation account 530407 to the School budget, department 300, Tuition, other district account 313.563150.9100.29990.

ARTICLE 2: Voted unanimously (by counted vote yes, 203 and no, 0) that the Town Transfer the sum of \$750.00 from the Employee Fringe Benefits department, number 919, FICA account 517600, in order to pay previous years, unpaid bills, account number 01.951.515401.0.0.

- Pay to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Invoice, 37006 in the amount of \$650.00 and invoice 35635 in the amount of \$100.00 both in reference to the School Department account 390.530467.4220.89990.

ARTICLE 3: Voted unanimously that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$6,566 from the Employee Benefits FICA Account #517600 to fund sick leave buy-backs in the following departments:

Police Department	#519700	\$6,566
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ARTICLE 4: Voted unanimously that the Town vote to transfer \$36,100 from the Employee Benefits FICA Account # 517600 for the purpose of reimbursing retired Town employees and other persons enrolled in the Town's Medicare health insurance plans for some of the health insurance premiums and co-payments paid by said retirees and other persons after Fiscal Year 2012, and to pay any related costs.

ARTICLE 5: Voted unanimously that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2014, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$6,758
From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$6,758
From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$6,758

Board of Selectmen Recommended Favorable Action

Voted unanimously to dissolve the meeting at 7:25 PM.

A true copy, attest:

ALLISON J. FERREIRA
Town Clerk