

APPENDIX

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**Special State Primary
March 4, 2014
Official Results**

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17,890 Total Registered Voters
1,136 Total Ballots 6.3% of registered voters cast as follows:

	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Total Voters per Precinct	2,550	2,313	2,224	2,251	2,230	1,723	2,340	2,259	17,890
Total Ballots per Precinct	166	145	135	152	160	90	166	122	1,136
Percentage per Precinct	6.5%	6.3%	6.1%	6.8%	7.2%	5.2%	7.1%	5.4%	6.3%

Democrat									
Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3
Christopher G Fallon	35	22	36	25	41	18	20	24	221
Anthony V Guardia	19	28	16	15	24	9	25	17	153
Jason M Lewis	84	67	62	82	72	42	96	63	568
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	139	117	114	123	137	69	141	105	945

Republican									
Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monica C Medeiros	27	28	21	29	23	21	25	17	191
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27	28	21	29	23	21	25	17	191

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4,373 Total Ballots 24.4% of registered voters cast as follows:

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Total Voters per Precinct	2,547	2,328	2,231	2,243	2,232	1,727	2,334	2,258	17,900
Total Ballots per Precinct	708	509	424	568	525	433	672	534	4,373
Percentage per Precinct	27.8%	21.9%	19.0%	25.3%	23.5%	25.1%	28.8%	23.6%	24.4%

Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	9	5	7	17	9	8	6	5	66
Jason M Lewis	339	202	208	272	301	195	345	211	2,073
Monica C Medeiros	356	301	208	275	215	229	320	317	2,221
Other	4	1	1	4	-	1	1	1	13
Total	708	509	424	568	525	433	672	534	4,373

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Total Ballots per Precinct	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468
Percentage per Precinct	29.9%	18.9%	19.7%	25.5%	23.8%	25.5%	30.3%	25.6%	25.0%

Moderator for one year - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	234	129	134	160	165	149	234	192	1,397
Alan Foulds *	524	310	306	409	364	290	473	382	3,058
Other	4	-	-	2	2	2	-	3	13
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

* Elected

Board of Selectmen for three years - Vote for Two

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	649	390	398	466	486	392	641	543	3,965
John R Halsey *	495	245	249	341	282	247	399	309	2,567
Kevin M Sexton *	378	242	232	331	290	242	372	297	2,384
Other	2	1	1	4	4	1	2	5	20
Total	1,524	878	880	1,142	1,062	882	1,414	1,154	8,936

* Elected

Board of Assessors for three years - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	751	436	440	569	529	439	703	559	4,426
Kara Fratto	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Frank Golden	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Robert N Marshall *	8	2	-	-	2	2	4	16	34
Vineet Mehta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

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Board of Library Trustees for three years - Vote for Two

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	623	362	352	398	452	363	598	504	3,652
David P Hutchinson *	455	258	265	374	301	267	410	330	2,660
Victoria V Yablonsky *	442	257	263	368	306	247	406	317	2,606
Other	4	1	-	2	3	5	-	3	18
Total	1,524	878	880	1,142	1,062	882	1,414	1,154	8,936

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Board of Library Trustees for two years - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	306	154	167	199	209	168	291	237	1,731
John E Brzezinski *	454	285	272	370	321	272	415	337	2,726
Other	2	-	1	2	1	1	1	3	11
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

* Elected

Municipal Light Board for three years - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	277	140	147	211	207	163	282	229	1,656
Thomas B O'Rourke *	483	297	293	360	323	277	425	346	2,804
Other	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	8
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

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Municipal Light Board for one years - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	289	157	162	198	208	171	305	237	1,727
Robert H Soli *	469	282	278	373	322	270	402	338	2,734
Other	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	7
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

* Elected

School Committee for three years -Vote for Two

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	342	232	227	241	261	237	367	312	2,219
Jeanne M Borawski *	386	209	231	360	319	267	378	307	2,457
Linda Snow Dockser *	472	231	218	318	280	217	377	277	2,390
Philip Vaccaro	323	204	203	221	202	161	291	255	1,860
Other	1	2	1	2	-	-	1	3	10
Total	1,524	878	880	1,142	1,062	882	1,414	1,154	8,936

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School Committee for one year -Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	102	84	83	70	107	78	29	115	668
Nicholas J Face	210	120	137	214	178	179	320	188	1,546
Elaine L Webb *	447	234	220	287	246	184	356	273	2,247
Other	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	7
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468
* Elected									

Precinct One - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	2,456								2,456
Sheila M Clarke *	382								382
Nancy A Docktor *	423								423
John R Halsey *	418								418
David Francis Lee Jr *	329								329
Linda Snow Dockser *	477								477
Carol Anne Hepner	261								261
Peter L Lydecker *	302								302
Barbara S Smith	258								258
Douglass E Webb *	379								379
Elaine L Webb *	400								400
Other	11								11
Total	6,096								6,096
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Precinct Two - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		2,438							2,438
Karen I Burke *		283							283
Francis P Burke *		264							264
Elise M Ciregna *		260							260
Susan D Taylor *		261							261
Anthony V Bastiani *		3							3
Walter J Carroll *		1							1
Gretchen Latowsky *		1							1
Carol Sampson *		1							1
Other		-							-
Total		3,512							3,512

* Elected

Precinct Two - Town Meeting Members - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		147							147
Amanda L Foulds *		292							292
Other		-							-
Total		439							439

* Elected

Precinct Two - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Two

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		599							599
George A Snow *		279							279
Other		-							-
Total		878							878

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Precinct Three - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks			2,642						2,642
John D Breslin *			278						278
Steven G Oston *			270						270
Brian C Snell *			287						287
Eric J Bergstram *			4						4
Joan F Carcia			1						1
Peter P Carcia **			3						3
Daniel J Dewar			2						2
Richard W Eagleston Jr			2						2
Robert J Hurley			1						1
Mark W Jackson			1						1
Gregory D Johnson **			3						3
Jeanne MacDonald Duran			1						1
Barbara J McDade **			3						3
Richard M Nohl			2						2
Grace R Riccardi **			3						3
Joseph A Riccardi **			3						3
Nicholas J Safina *			7						7
David B Tuttle *			7						7
Other			-						-
Total			3,520						3,520

* Elected

** Tie Breaker to be determined by Precinct at Annual Town Meeting

Precinct Three - Town Meeting Members - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks			437						437
Charles R Arthur Jr **			1						1
Jeffrey A Callahan **			1						1
Barbara G Faso **			1						1
Other			-						-
Total			440						440

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Precinct Four - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks				1,876					1,876
Lynne H Cameron *				331					331
David G Mancuso *				334					334
Richard E McDonald *				330					330
Mary Ellen O'Neill *				360					360
Chuck Robinson *				353					353
Harry M Simmons *				335					335
Ralph L Vinciguerra *				346					346
Cameron P Cieslak *				300					300
Other				3					3
Total				4,568					4,568
* Elected									

Precinct Five - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks					2,127				2,127
Angela F Binda *					242				242
Erin K Calvo-Bacci *					236				236
Marie B Ferrari *					237				237
Eleanor K Higgott *					239				239
Gina Snyder *					238				238
David A Talbot *					227				227
Gina M Dirocco					226				226
Dianne P Kennedy *					232				232
Anne DJ Landry *					236				236
Other					8				8
Total					4,248				4,248
* Elected									

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Precinct Six - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks						2,971			2,971
Diana M Kaine *						263			263
Michael Smith *						276			276
Kristin E Bonazoli **						1			1
Donna L Dudley **						1			1
Brandon Keane M **						1			1
Michael Allen Mandell *						3			3
Robert L Mandell *						8			8
Jeffery D Perkins **						1			1
Steven J Sadwick **						1			1
Greg F Selvitelli **						1			1
Cynthia A Tozian Cool **						1			1
Other						-			-
Total						3,528			3,528
* Elected									
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Precinct Six - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Two									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks						874			874
Paul D Defilippo **						1			1
Keith J Driscoll **						1			1
Donna Dudley **						1			1
Kenneth Mathew Lafferty **						1			1
Jacqueline MK Petrillo **						1			1
Lori Ann Russo *						2			2
Steven J Sadwick **						1			1
Other						-			-
Total						882			882
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Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks							2,710		2,710
Carl F Anderson III *							365		365
Charles V Donnelly-Moran *							334		334
Norman F Kozlowski *							361		361
Linda M Phillips							277		277
Frances C Sansalone *							337		337
Karl Weld *							341		341
Carolyn R Whiting *							327		327
Susan A Churchill *							315		315
Jeffrey M Hansen *							283		283
Other							6		6
Total							5,656		5,656
* Elected									

Precinct Eight - Town Meeting Members - Vote for Eight									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks								2,336	2,336
William O Finch *								266	266
Donald J Golini *								261	261
Kathleen E Golini *								276	276
Patricia Jean Lloyd *								278	278
James F Lordan Jr *								269	269
Bruce A Mackenzie *								265	265
Craig D Merry *								221	221
Ramesh N Patel								204	204
Daniel W Ross *								226	226
Other								14	14
Total								4,616	4,616
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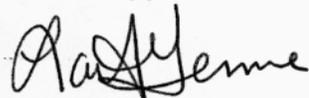
Precinct Eight - Town Meeting Members - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks								573	573
Vineet Mehta **								1	1
Alexander R Mackenzie **								1	1
Cameron Ryan Marchand **								1	1
Matthew A Annunziata **								1	1
Other								-	-
Total								577	577
* Elected									
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Question 1

Shall the Town of Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to renovate and expand the Reading Public Library?

Question 1									
	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Yes *	394	214	211	352	312	232	419	295	2,429
No	345	205	210	214	202	192	272	260	1,900
Blanks	23	20	19	5	17	17	16	22	139
Total	762	439	440	571	531	441	707	577	4,468

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Democrat Ballot									
Senator in Congress - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	117	88	88	103	100	79	107	87	769
Edward J Markey	235	219	216	240	234	173	285	194	1,796
Other	3	3	2	4	-	3	2	3	20
Total	355	310	306	347	334	255	394	284	2,585

Governor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	5	1	3	1	4	3	3	4	24
Donald M Berwick	82	69	46	75	101	53	115	69	610
Martha Coakley	151	112	136	146	116	108	143	116	1,028
Steven Grossman	117	128	121	125	112	91	133	95	922
Other	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total	355	310	306	347	334	255	394	284	2,585

Lieutenant Governor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	85	64	59	75	81	59	86	71	580
Leland Cheung	62	61	60	72	74	55	83	48	515
Stephen J Kerrigan	126	119	124	115	121	87	130	89	911
Michael E Lake	82	66	62	85	58	54	95	76	578
Other	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Attorney General - Vote for One

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Blanks	18	15	13	20	20	9	21	15	131
Maura Healey	214	181	181	212	191	162	245	171	1,557
Warren E Tolman	121	114	112	115	123	84	128	98	895
Other	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
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Secretary of State - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	102	78	74	103	91	70	109	75	702
William F Galvin	250	232	232	244	242	184	283	209	1,876
Other	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	7
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Treasurer - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	43	32	26	52	45	33	62	52	345
Thomas P Conroy	85	61	58	76	57	53	77	58	525
Barry R Finegold	123	126	121	119	125	90	139	100	943
Deborah B Goldberg	103	91	101	100	106	79	115	74	769
Other	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
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Auditor - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	144	107	111	133	136	100	145	112	988
Suzanne M Bump	211	203	194	214	197	155	248	172	1,594
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Representative in Congress - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	11	6	10	10	13	4	13	10	77
John F Tierney	122	95	93	134	102	78	134	83	841
Marisa A DeFranco	21	16	19	17	30	19	26	20	168
John Patrick Devine	12	17	9	9	17	11	14	10	99
John J Gutta	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	7
Seth W Moulton	186	174	175	177	170	143	207	161	1,393
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	355	310	306	347	334	255	394	284	2,585

Councillor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	158	98	102	143	143	112	150	125	1,031
Terrence W Kennedy	197	211	203	204	191	142	243	159	1,550
Other	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	4
Total	355	310	306	347	334	255	394	284	2,585

Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	143	97	104	130	126	99	137	116	952
Jason M Lewis	212	213	201	216	208	156	257	168	1,631
Other	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	355	310	306	347	334	255	394	284	2,585

Representative in General Court 30th Middlesex - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		88	101	128	110				427
James J Dwyer		222	204	218	223				867
Other		-	1	1	1				3
Total	-	310	306	347	334	-	-	-	1,297

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Representative in General Court 20th Middlesex - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	345					252	387	280	1,264
Other	10					3	7	4	24
Total	355	-	-	-	-	255	394	284	1,288

District Attorney - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	46	31	31	41	50	38	67	45	349
Marian T Ryan	186	165	168	187	165	136	204	146	1,357
Michael A Sullivan	123	114	107	119	118	81	123	93	878
Other	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
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Register of Probate - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	143	104	107	146	143	113	156	122	1,034
Tara E DeCristofaro	212	206	198	201	191	142	238	162	1,550
Other	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Republican Ballot

Senator in Congress - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	36	28	25	24	21	15	30	34	213
Brian J Herr	86	67	60	71	47	71	76	82	560
Other	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
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Governor - Vote for One									
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Blanks	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	6
Charles D Baker	104	67	66	83	58	62	84	93	617
Mark R Fisher	17	26	18	14	10	23	21	23	152
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Lieutenant Governor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	29	22	12	17	10	13	20	25	148
Karyn E Polito	93	73	73	79	58	73	86	90	625
Other	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
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Attorney General - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	29	21	21	19	12	15	23	28	168
John B Miller	93	74	64	77	56	71	82	87	604
Other	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Secretary of State - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	32	24	23	26	19	15	28	32	199
David D'Arcangelo	90	71	62	68	49	71	78	84	573
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Treasurer - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	28	21	21	25	13	13	28	37	186
Michael J Heffernan	94	74	64	72	55	73	77	79	588
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Auditor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	35	27	27	29	19	16	32	37	222
Patricia Saint Aubin	87	68	58	68	49	70	74	79	553
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Representative in Congress - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	19	16	11	14	6	6	12	20	104
Richard R Tisei	102	79	74	83	62	80	94	95	669
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Councillor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	38	29	23	29	23	17	36	40	235
Vincent L Dixon	84	66	62	68	45	69	70	76	540
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Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	26	22	20	22	12	16	21	30	169
Monica C Medeiros	96	73	65	73	56	70	85	86	604
Other	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	122	95	85	97	68	86	106	116	775

Representative in General Court 30th Middlesex - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		94	85	96	68				343
Other		1	-	1	-				2
Total	-	95	85	97	68	-	-	-	345

Representative in General Court 20th Middlesex - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	22					15	19	24	80
Bradley H Jones Jr	99					71	86	91	347
Other	1					-	1	1	3
Total	122	-	-	-	-	86	106	116	430

District Attorney - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	121	95	85	95	68	86	100	113	763
Other	1	-	-	2	-	-	6	3	12
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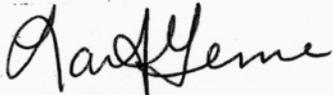
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Register of Probate - Vote for One									
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Blanks	36	25	28	31	16	13	32	36	217
John W Lambert Sr	86	70	57	66	52	70	74	80	555
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Total Ballots per Precinct	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791
Percentage per Precinct	63.9%	55.5%	59.5%	59.0%	55.3%	63.8%	63.6%	62.3%	60.3%

Senator in Congress - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	57	47	59	53	52	31	65	73	437
Edward J Markey	851	718	723	724	734	610	807	704	5,871
Brian J Herr	709	514	585	536	448	454	597	637	4,480
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Governor and Lt Governor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	9	10	9	14	18	4	15	9	88
Baker and Polito	988	678	779	752	607	592	792	876	6,064
Coakley and Kerrigan	567	535	539	509	561	462	613	498	4,284
Falchuk and Jennings	34	37	31	30	38	31	40	21	262
Lively and Saunders	7	12	3	4	6	1	5	8	46
McCormick and Post	11	7	7	5	4	6	4	2	46
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Attorney General - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	94	69	55	64	71	46	84	87	570
Maura Healey	769	669	673	662	700	569	764	658	5,464
John B Miller	753	541	639	587	463	481	621	669	4,754
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Secretary of State - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	102	58	65	70	66	58	93	94	606
William F Galvin	949	806	829	853	784	696	905	791	6,613
David D'Arcangelo	531	387	438	370	337	324	440	490	3,317
Daniel L Factor	35	27	36	21	47	18	31	39	254
Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Treasurer - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	139	108	95	111	95	79	131	134	892
Deborah B Goldberg	653	575	588	565	582	497	672	553	4,685
Michael J Heffernan	769	557	637	596	496	496	623	691	4,865
Ian T Jackson	55	39	48	41	61	24	43	36	347
Other	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Auditor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	175	137	121	135	125	96	168	157	1,114
Suzanne M Bump	712	642	614	623	622	519	714	604	5,050
Patricia Saint Aubin	683	464	586	524	421	452	549	625	4,304
MK Merelice	46	36	47	32	66	29	38	28	322
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Percentage per Precinct	63.9%	55.5%	59.5%	59.0%	55.3%	63.8%	63.6%	62.3%	60.3%

Representative in Congress - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	37	31	27	18	31	24	44	39	251
Seth W Moulton	715	596	633	616	658	507	677	605	5,007
Richard R Tisei	828	599	674	647	515	543	708	742	5,256
C J Stockwell	36	51	34	31	30	22	40	28	272
Other	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	5
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Councillor - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	233	133	153	191	160	135	238	182	1,425
Terrence W Kennedy	729	660	626	591	635	530	701	613	5,085
Vincent L Dixon	654	486	589	531	439	430	530	618	4,277
Other	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	4
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Senator in General Court - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	171	112	119	122	111	109	173	160	1,077
Jason M Lewis	696	636	622	629	639	535	689	589	5,035
Monica C Medeiros	750	531	626	562	484	452	606	664	4,675
Other	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	4
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Representative in General Court 30th Middlesex - Vote for One									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks		408	487	457	378				1,730
James J Dwyer		869	875	854	856				3,454
Other		2	6	3	-				11
Total	-	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	-	-	-	5,195

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Representative in General Court 20th Middlesex - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	416					320	434	342	1,512
Bradley H Jones Jr	1,183					770	1,024	1,068	4,045
Other	18					6	11	4	39
Total	1,617	-	-	-	-	1,096	1,469	1,414	5,596

District Attorney - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	649	452	533	489	429	450	592	582	4,176
Marian T Ryan	958	822	831	817	801	643	859	819	6,550
Other	10	5	4	8	4	3	18	13	65
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Register of Probate - Vote for One

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	250	158	166	191	171	160	238	205	1,539
Tara E DeCristofaro	746	657	653	620	644	529	692	626	5,167
John W Lambert Sr	620	464	548	501	417	406	537	582	4,075
Other	1	-	1	2	2	1	2	1	10
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Question 1

Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	38	29	28	28	32	15	32	41	243
Yes	938	701	759	753	607	601	807	789	5,955
No	641	549	581	533	595	480	630	584	4,593
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

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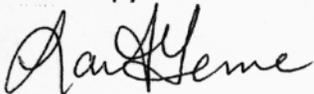
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Question 2									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	13	17	14	16	14	5	12	18	109
Yes	301	223	236	265	313	209	325	260	2,132
No	1,303	1,039	1,118	1,033	907	882	1,132	1,136	8,550
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Question 3									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	19	22	21	17	21	6	18	30	154
Yes	640	514	565	610	535	457	688	612	4,621
No	958	743	782	687	678	633	763	772	6,016
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

Question 4									
Candidate	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4	Pr 5	Pr 6	Pr 7	Pr 8	Total
Blanks	34	26	30	22	21	9	23	29	194
Yes	757	673	709	670	677	606	783	689	5,564
No	826	580	629	622	536	481	663	696	5,033
Total	1,617	1,279	1,368	1,314	1,234	1,096	1,469	1,414	10,791

A true copy. Attest:



Laura A Gemme
Town Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Alan E Foulds, at 7:41 PM, there being a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by those in attendance.

The Warrant was partially read by the Assistant Town Clerk, Julia Rodger, when on motion by James Bonazoli, Board of Selectmen, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer-Collector, Board of Assessors, Director of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, School Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Cemetery Trustees, Community Planning and Development Commission, Conservation Commission, Town Manager and any other Board or Special Committee.

Background: This article appears on the Warrant for all Town Meetings. At this Special Town Meeting, no report(s) are anticipated.

Finance Committee Report: No report

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

On motion made by James Bonazoli, Board of Selectmen Article 1 was tabled

ARTICLE 2: To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Special Committees and determine what instructions shall be given Town Officers and Special Committees, and to see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of funding Town Officers and Special Committees to carry out the instructions given to them, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background: This Article appears on the Warrant of all Town Meetings. There are no known Instructional Motions at this time. The Town Moderator requires that all proposed Instructional Motions be submitted to the Town Clerk in advance so that Town Meeting Members may be "warned" as to the subject of an Instructional Motion in advance of the motion being made. Instructional Motions are normally held until the end of all other business at Town Meeting.

Instructional Motions Submitted:

Motion made by Barry Berman, Precinct 4 to move that Town Meeting instructs the Bylaw Committee to bring before Subsequent Town Meeting in November 2014 an amendment to the Bylaws creating a Permanent Building Committee. The Bylaw Committee will hold at least on public hearing on the matter to gauge input from the public and other Board and Committees.

DUTIES

The Permanent Building Committee is responsible for oversight and management of construction, reconstruction, major alteration or enlargement of all municipal buildings. The Permanent Building Committee is also responsible for working with the Director of Facilities to conduct a periodic review of the physical condition of all existing buildings and for preparing and recommending on-going comprehensive capital management and spending plans to the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Permanent Building Committee works with the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Library Trustees and any other Board or Committee which proposes building or renovation projects.

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The Permanent Building Committee establishes criteria and guidelines for communication regarding these projects between and among interested committees and the public.

Any Board or Committee which intends to propose a project or a feasibility study before Town Meeting shall provide goals and financial requirements to the Permanent Building Committee in advance of the Town Meeting where funding will be requested. Permanent Building Committee will review the information to determine whether the sums are reasonable and will report such to Town Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

The Permanent Building Committee will be comprised of volunteer Reading residents, and be appointed jointly by the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. Permanent Members will be selected from among the following professions: architect, engineer, builder, project manager, building trades and attorney.

Allowances will be made for each project to have temporary voting members from the proposing body. The Bylaw Committee will recommend length of Terms, town staffing, number of members, temporary membership rules and to whom the Committee reports.

Motion made by David Greenfield, Precinct 5 to include "or other solution that those instructed may recommend"

Motion to amend Carried

Finance Committee Report: No report

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Instructional Motion Carried as Amended

On motion made by John Arena, Board of Selectmen Article 2 was tabled

ARTICLE 3: On motion made by Ben Tafoya, Board of Selectmen it was voted to amend the FY 2014 - FY 2023, Capital Improvements Program as printed in the "Report on the Warrant – Special Town Meeting – February 13, 2014" including the revised total of \$18.4 million for the Library building project, as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background: The following amendments are proposed to the FY2014 – FY2023 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as previously approved at Annual Town Meeting in April 2013 and amended at Subsequent Town Meeting in November 2013. These amendments need to be included in the CIP in order for Town Meeting to consider funding them under Article 5 later at this Special Town Meeting. Since the changes are so minor, blue pages showing these Capital Improvement Plans are not included in this Warrant Report, but will be back at Annual Town Meeting when significant changes are proposed.

General Fund

FY14: +\$200,000

- ◆ \$200,000 School department technology for the State online testing system

FY15:

- ◆ No changes made

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FY16 to FY23:

- ◆ No changes made

Water Fund

FY14: +\$120,000

- ◆ \$120,000 dump truck – at November Town Meeting was moved to FY15 from FY18, but is now in urgent need of replacement

FY15: -\$120,000

- ◆ - \$120,000 dump truck – see above

FY16 to FY23:

- ◆ No changes made

Sewer Fund

FY14: +\$120,000

- ◆ \$120,000 dump truck – not urgent, but was scheduled for replacement in FY15 and combining with Water dump truck purchase will be most economical

FY15: -\$120,000

- ◆ - \$120,000 dump truck – see above

FY16 to FY23:

- ◆ No changes made

Finance Committee Report - given by Paul McNeice: The Finance Committee recommends all of the proposed amendments to the FY 2014 - 2023 Capital Improvements Program by a vote of 5-0-0 at their meeting on January 29, 2014. Placing items in the Capital Improvement Program is a prerequisite but in itself does not authorize spending funds towards these items.

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 4: On motion made by Dan Ensminger it was voted to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or exchange, or dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, various items of Town tangible property, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background: Following is a list of surplus vehicles that are scheduled to be disposed of in FY 2014. Town Meeting approval is required for disposition of tangible property with a value of \$5,000 or more. It is unlikely that all of these items have a value that exceeds that amount, but to be safe, Town Meeting approval is requested. Disposition could be through trade in, auction, or other sale:

- Election equipment
- Library materials and equipment
- Water Dump Truck #14 {2000 International 4900, 4x2}
- Sewer Dump Truck #17 {2001 International 4900, 4x2}

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At Annual Town Meeting, the Capital plan will add \$72,000 of election equipment replacement in FY16. There is a chance that the Town may be able to participate in a beta test of new election equipment for the state within the next year, at a substantial savings. Trading in old equipment would be part of the transaction. As only Town Meeting can declare surplus equipment, that permission is sought now. If funding is needed before FY16 for the new equipment and the opportunity cannot wait for the next vote of a local Town Meeting, then the Town will approach the Finance Committee with a Reserves request.

The library will be disposing of some materials and equipment as they consolidate and move to smaller temporary quarters. While it is unlikely that any item will exceed the technical \$5,000 threshold, Town Meeting should be aware that in total the disposed items may well exceed that value.

Finance Committee Report - given by Mark Dockser: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 4 by a vote of 5-0-0 at their meeting on January 29, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 5: On motion made by Marsie West, Board of Selectmen it was voted to see if the Town will vote to amend one or more of the votes taken under Article 11 of the April 22, 2013 Annual Town Meeting relating to the Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Budget, and amended under Article 11 of the November 12, 2013 Subsequent Town Meeting and see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate as the result of any such amended votes for the operation of the Town and its government, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
C99 Capital	School Technology for State online testing system		\$200,000
J92 - FINCOM Reserves	In anticipation of replacing Boiler system at Joshua Eaton School		\$200,000
	Subtotals		\$400,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$400,000
	From Free Cash		\$400,000

Enterprise Funds – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
W99 - Water Enterprise Fund	Dump Truck		\$120,000
W99 - Sewer Enterprise Fund	Dump Truck		\$120,000
	Subtotals		\$240,000

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	Net Operating Expenses		\$240,000
	From Water Reserves \$120,000 (balance declines from \$1,728,653 to \$1,608,653 which is well above FINCOM suggested minimum target)		\$120,000
	From Sewer Reserves \$120,000 (balance declines from \$2,203,974 to \$2,083,974 which is well above FINCOM suggested minimum target)		\$120,000

Over the next two years, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is transitioning from the current paper state test (MCAS) to a more computer-based online testing system called PARCC. The field testing will begin this spring and may be fully implemented next year. In order to prepare for this transition, the Reading Public Schools is requesting this additional funding for the purchase of laptops, workstations, and hardware infrastructure to improve wireless capacity and to allow multiple classes in each school to take the test at the same time. This additional technology will help with scheduling during the testing periods and will also be used outside of the testing periods for instructional use by students.

During the month of November, boiler #1 at Joshua Eaton developed an interior leak. Upon further investigation it was discovered that three sections of the boiler were rotted out causing a drop in system pressure and an inability for the boiler to function properly. The sections, due to their location and size, are cost prohibitive to repair. Therefore, a full replacement of both boilers is recommended at this time. Since both were installed during the renovation in 1997, and in the same general condition, it makes sense to upgrade these gas fire hydronic boilers to 4 smaller high efficiency gas fired condensing boilers. Bids will be opened on February 14th, one day after the Special Town Meeting. Therefore the exact cost is not known. To adjust for this uncertainty, a request to add \$200,000 to the FINCOM Reserves Fund will then allow the Facilities Department to seek reimbursement from FINCOM instead of waiting for the Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee Report - given by Barry Berman: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 5 by a vote of 5-0-0 at their meeting on January 29, 2014. FINCOM would like to have this equipment replaced as soon as possible, and agrees with the method of transferring funds to their Reserve Fund.

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 6: On motion made by Andrew Grimes, Board of Library Trustees it was voted that the Town raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate the sum of three million five hundred thousand (\$3,500,000) for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Reading Public Library located at 64 Middlesex Avenue, including the costs of consulting services, audits, plans, documents, cost estimates, bidding services, moving, temporary relocation, and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Manager; and that the Town authorizes the Board of Library Trustees, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, or any other agency of the Town, to apply for a

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grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said improvements; and that the Town authorizes the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Town Manager to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article, subject to approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion for the additional cost of the project. These funds will be additional to the \$14.9 million previously approved by vote of Town Meeting on January 28, 2013 and a majority of the voters at a local election on April 2, 2013, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background:

Reading Public Library Building Project Design and Cost Updates and Supplemental Funding Request

Project Introduction

In April 2013, Reading voters endorsed a proposed project to renovate and modestly expand the public library by approving debt exclusion, authorized by Town Meeting in November 2012, in the amount of \$14.9 million, the total estimated project cost. Reading Public Library had successfully written a grant application and was awarded a grant from the state library commission of \$5.1 million to offset the total project cost.

The Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees, at the request of Town Meeting, created a Library Building Committee to oversee the project. This Committee comprises three interested and well qualified residents (appointed by the Town Moderator and a representative from each of the Boards), two Library Trustees, the Library Director, a staff member, and a Finance Committee representative.

A project manager (STV) was engaged in July 2013. An Architect (CBT) for the project was selected in September, though only placed under contract in November 2013.

In October and November of 2013, when the architects and project manager took a first look at the construction budget, they thought some costs may have been underestimated or overlooked at the conceptual design phase completed two years ago. At that time, the hope was that some of those costs could be designed out without compromising the integrity of the library renovation and addition, and that offsetting savings might be available in the "soft" project categories.

The Library Building Committee urged the Town to allow the architects to proceed to develop the design fully to generate solid information about existing conditions, a good schematic design, and a clear understanding of both construction costs and overall project costs. The Town committed to the architects by contract in November 2013. The Library Building Committee and Town Manager instructed the architects to gather as much information as they could as quickly as possible and to bring back a complete project with acute awareness of cost while they addressed the deficiencies of the current building and its limitations as a functional library.

Now in January 2014, the Town has a schematic design from the architects that meets the requirements of the library program it was planned to fulfill and meets the community's expectations for a well-planned, highly-functioning renovation/addition. Though conformed to the now known details and infirmities of the existing building and systems and optimized for entry, flow and safety, this design follows the same parameters for the renovation and addition previously proposed.

The Library Building Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Town Manager are committed to full transparency. On January 16, 2014, the proposed schematic design and the compilation of updated costs were presented to the Town Manager and the Library Building Committee and finalized in the weeks

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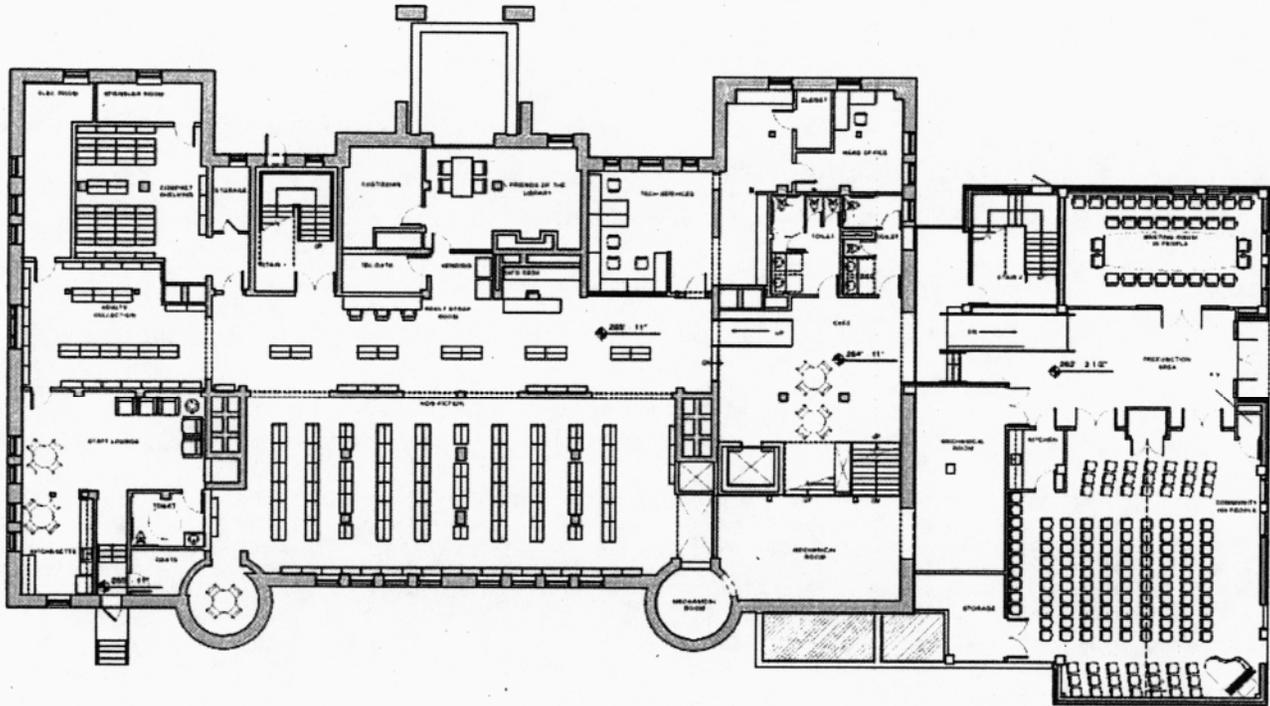
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following. Accordingly, they were presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee on January 29, with a request to call a Special Town Meeting in February 2014.

Proposed Design

Following are drawings prepared by CBT, the project architects, showing the internal and external renderings of the proposed building project.



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Reading Public Library
14 Main Street, Reading, MA
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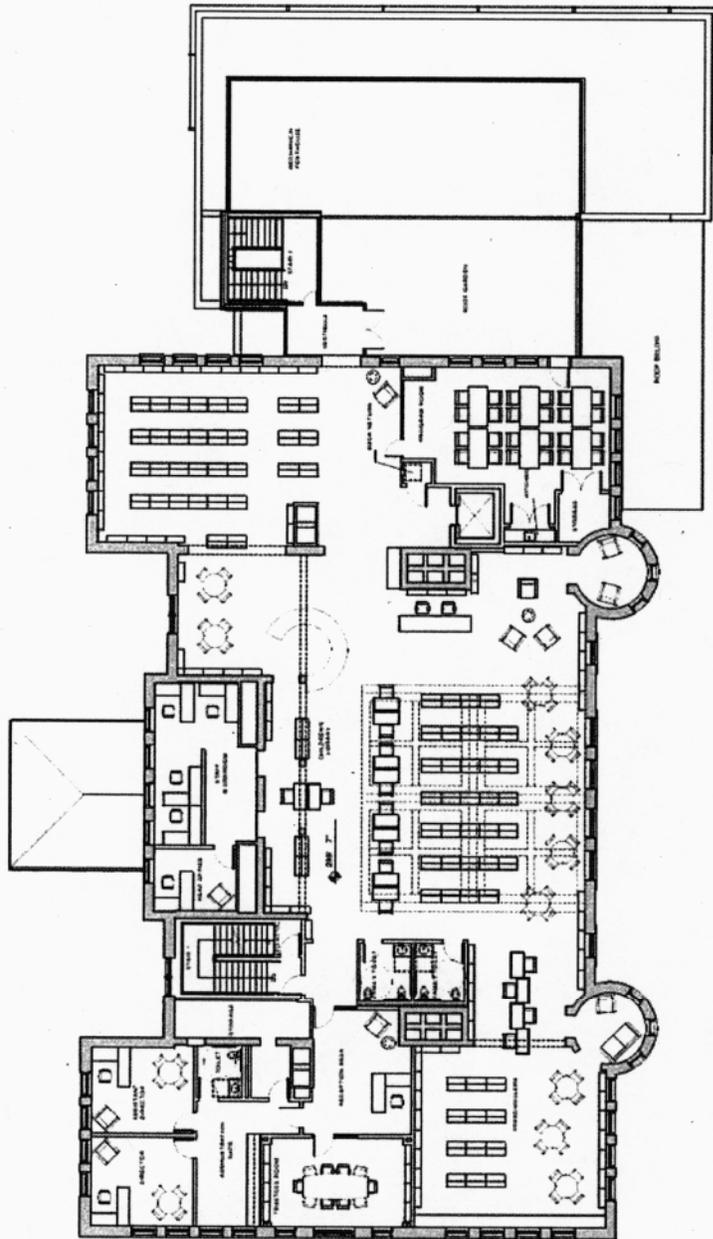
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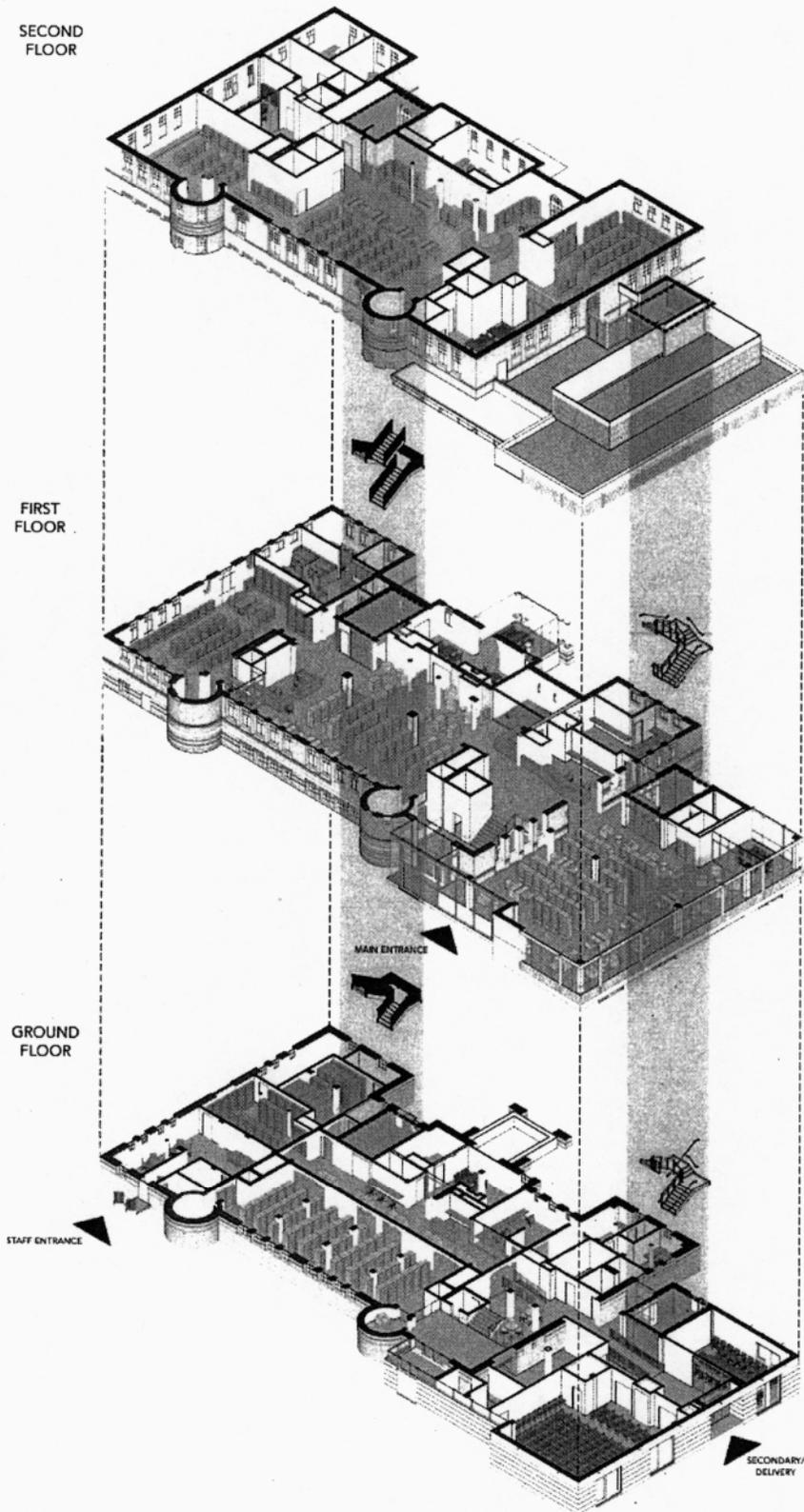
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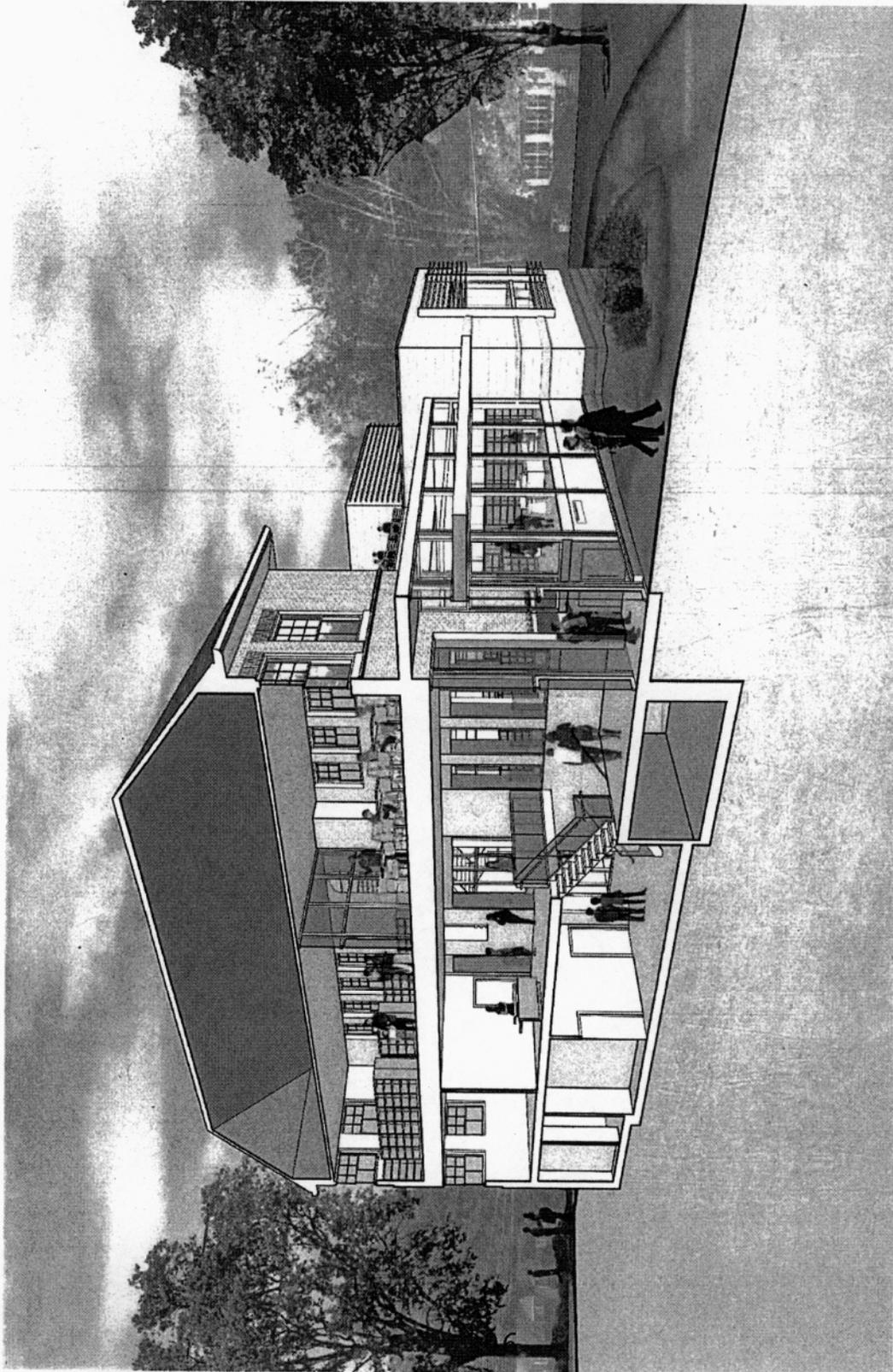


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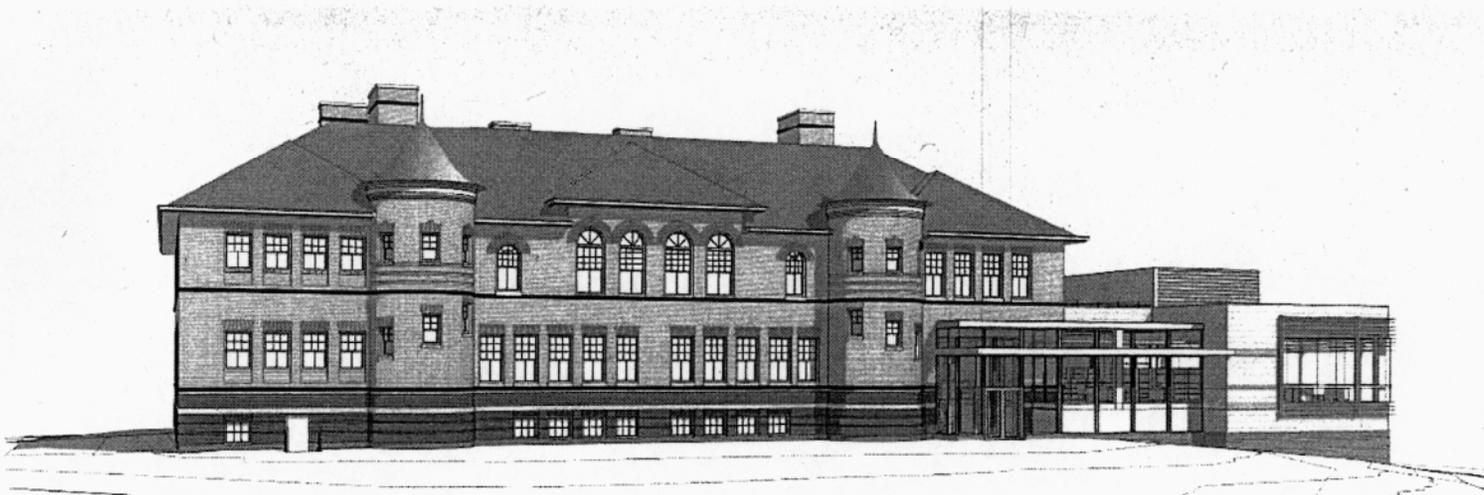
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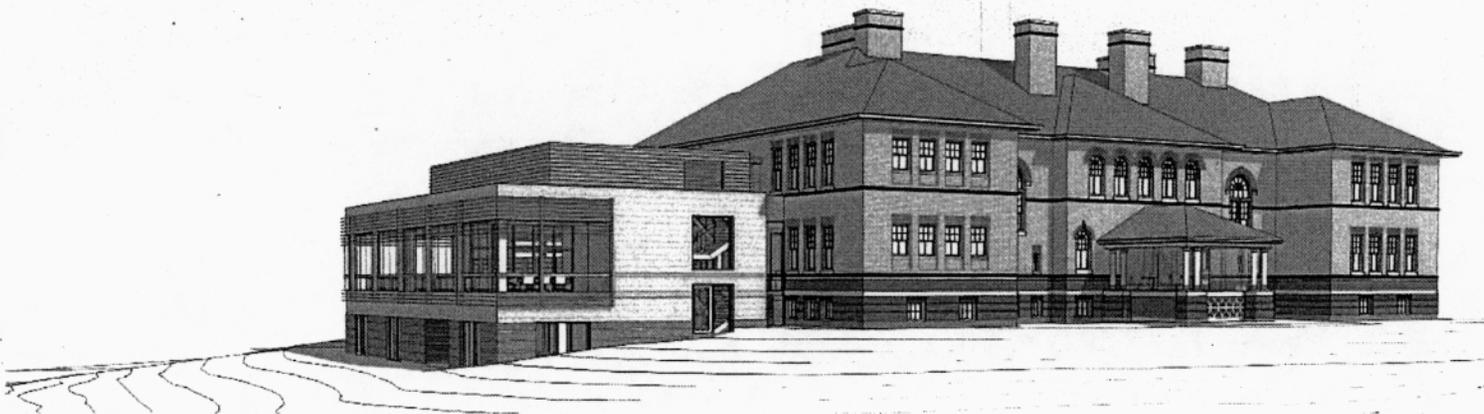
Section at Main Entrance

Reading Public Library
54 Middlesex Avenue, Reading, MA
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View from the North

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Cost Estimates

Concurrent with the fully developed schematic design, the architects and project manager have developed a project cost, based on the completed schematic design and extensive reports and information from technical specialists, engineers, code consultants, and advanced investigatory methods about existing conditions.

The detailed information supplied by these assessments was not previously available, and could only be obtained by engaging and paying such consultants. Costs for leasing temporary quarters, professional moving and storage, and a new circulation/materials handling system have been updated. In short, the additional time and detailed building analysis has given the project team new and significantly better information on which to base the project cost.

These efforts have improved confidence and certainty in the costs. However, they also have revealed new or more severe challenges, including the following *examples*:

- Extensive and continuing water damage between external masonry and internal walls and throughout the external masonry
- Many and significant code update requirements (stairs, fire, HazMat, ADA, insulation, seismic, flooring, elevator)
- Main floor needs more support (certain spans removed in 1984)
- Storm water has permeated foundation, mandating a new sub-surface drainage system including new gutters and downspouts and regarding at the building perimeter
- Floors must be tied to walls (seismic code)
- Addition must have structural ties – can't rest against current building

Extensive presence of Hazardous Materials

Some of these challenges were becoming apparent but their scope was not easily quantifiable without more invasive testing. Early conceptual design and assessments which were used to develop the state application, related cost estimates and initial funding request approved by the Town was limited in scope, given that the Town was not prepared to invest in extensive research, expert professionals, and testing until project funding was certain. Consequently, some items were omitted or insufficiently scoped. The information was the best available at the time of the application and funding in January 2013.

The current proposed design and cost estimates include a fully funded project accommodating:

- Construction overhead and contingencies (~29% of direct costs)
- Windows, replacement woodwork, roof, turrets
- New furniture and equipment (network, materials handling, security)
- Project Contingency (~8.6% of project costs)
- Continued commitment to a sustainable building

The proposed design also:

- assumes no growth in the physical materials collection (expected to be flat or declining over time)
- incorporates internal flexibility to enable:
 - future redesign and reallocation of internal space
 - evolution to more digital and electronic uses

The Library Building Committee and the Library Board of Trustees have both reviewed the design and the associated costs in detail, and unanimously recommended that the Town adopt and fund the revised project. Accordingly, the formal request is for the Town to approve an additional expenditure for this project of \$3.5 million, either by a larger debt exclusion or otherwise. On January 29, 2014, the Finance Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to recommend such additional funding through such means as the Town will determine, recognizing the need for significant repairs.

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The current project cannot be meaningfully pared back. Were the Town to choose not to fund the current project in some manner, the Town would forfeit the associated \$5.1 million state grant and need to begin development on a new proposal. As noted below in the Alternatives section, other options are likely to ultimately cost the Town substantially more and not meet the community's stated preferences.

The proposed timing of the request for approval by a Special Town Meeting and, if funded by debt exclusion, the voters, will enable the project to stay on its current schedule and proceed in the summer of 2014 to bidding for general contractors. Delays could jeopardize the schedule and would very likely translate into additional cost increases.

Below are categorical summary costs (\$K) for the current proposal and the previously approved amount.

Category	Current Proposal	Town Approved Funding	Change
Total Project	18,328	14,912	3,416
Direct Construction	10,195	7,495	2,700
Overhead Contingency	2,912	2,420	492
Fess & Admin	1,983	2,018	(35)
Furnishings, Fixtures & Equipment	1,112	1,113	(1)
Temp Space & Moving	675	546	129
Project Contingency	1,451	1,320	131
Total	18,328	14,912	3,416
State Grant	5,105	5,105	--
Local Funding Requirement	13,223	9,807	3,416

The incremental \$2.7 million of direct construction costs, which constitutes most of the difference from the initial approved amount, is driven primarily by higher estimates of certain structural and design costs and more thorough assumptions on complete upgrades which were previously omitted (e.g. new roof, turrets, foundation and drainage). These occur mostly in external envelope and systems cost groups.

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The core of the project spending occurs in the construction costs, a more detailed breakdown of which is shown below.

Construction Cost Analysis	(\$K)
Addition	\$2,668
Sitework	705
Renovation	6,822
• Accessibility	475
• Functional Improvements	1,719
• Exterior Envelope Repair	1,286
• Public Safety	919
• Systems, Tech, Energy	2,423
Total Construction Cost Direct	10,195

A further explanation of these categories is provided by our architects, CBT, below.

The changes in estimates are not attributable to any single item or category - they reflect more detailed information gathered over the last two months and a careful parsing by dedicated professionals.

Report from CBT Architects:

Value Enhancement for the Town of Reading to the Existing Library by Renovation

Whereas the expansion of the Reading Public Library will benefit the Town with several new meeting spaces available to the community, as well as a new reading and stack room of light-filled quality, the proposed renovation of the existing building will also significantly enhance the value to the Town of this historic facility through improved accessibility, better functional organization, improved safety, abatement of hazardous materials, integrity of the building envelope, and renewed mechanical systems of higher efficiency.

An allocation of approximately \$6.9 million dollars of direct cost will fund these needed improvements to the original building. The order of magnitude cost for each of these principal categories of work is indicated below as a proportion of the overall \$6.9 million (exclusive of site work). The distribution of costs is approximate as well, recognizing that categories overlap.

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Accessibility: (\$475,000)

A new entry sequence is planned into the building from a landscaped entry plaza at the parking area, featuring doorways on level with the sidewalk, leading to a lobby from which the various levels and areas of the library can be readily accessed via clear circulation paths, and a new elevator – all within the secure supervision and help of a new central circulation desk. The objective is clarity of orientation for the patron, with easy linear circulation movements along the center of the library, and openly visible access to stairs and the elevator serving the 3 levels of the library. The elevator is enlarged for ease of use to accommodate parents with strollers, those with physical disabilities, indeed all patrons, as well as emergency services. Access to the children's library, traditionally on the upper level at the Reading Library, will be more direct than at present, without necessarily traversing other parts of the library, if desired. The accessibility extends through the existing building to a new exterior activity area at the roof deck of the new addition, for the children. All accessory areas of the library will be updated to meet dimensional standards for doors, aisles, toilet rooms and fixture placements.

Functional Improvements and General Overall Reconfiguration/Finishes Renovation: (\$1,719,000)

The overall functional relationships amongst staff areas, collections, reading areas, exhibits, meeting spaces, and utility uses have been studied to maximize efficiency, improve sight lines for supervision, connect the staff positions directly to staff work areas, ease navigation through the facility, and to make the access of the collections a positive experience. The functional improvements will enable the staff to have a visible presence throughout the building, and efficient use of space will translate into more staff time available to assist the patrons. The spaces are designed to fit the current and future programmed activities and collections.

Exterior Envelope Repair: (\$1,286,000)

Funding will be assigned for refurbishment of the exterior envelope of the original building, in order to address issues of deterioration, maintenance, and energy efficiency. The key elements of the envelope have been studied to identify present deficiencies and points of failure. Principal components in particular are highlighted: masonry, windows, roofing and associated drainage.

The masonry exterior is in need of general pointing and repair. Several areas of wall suffer from water penetration which has displaced the brick via freeze-thaw cycles, which, if not corrected, will accelerate the rate of failure. Mortar has deteriorated and water is infiltrating the decorative horizontal bands, where the mortar is washed out, leading to infiltration. Broken and cracked masonry is to be replaced. The conditions have been identified by the design team for budgeting specific repair.

The original wood windows are past their useful life; many are no longer operable with failed balance weight systems, the glass is only non-insulated glass, and there are excessive layers of paint. The project includes replacement of the windows using relatively low-maintenance aluminum-framed window with insulating glass (including energy-saving coatings). The windows will be designed to match the historic frame and trim profiles of the original wood windows, with fused finish coatings of historic appearance to minimize the need to re-finish in time. The program includes exposing/re-opening windows to the lower stack level areas along the south side of the library, now covered by the handicap ramp (to be removed and replaced with direct entry access described above.)

The roof system has reached the point of replacement, as the gutters are leaking and the eaves have areas of failure; the fascia and flashings are due for replacement using improved materials and methods reflecting current practice. Refurbishment of the subsurface drainage network for the rain leaders – which are suspected for water penetration into the building at some locations of the lower level - is planned. The roofing renovation presents the opportunity to consider reconstruction of the missing conical turret roofs (lost in the past to fire).

Public Safety: (\$919,000)

Costs have been included for general improvement of public safety, within the context of an existing, historic public facility, as modeled for by provisions of the Massachusetts State Building Code. The funding for the project is not least valued for the contribution to safety. The renovation is an opportunity to enhance the strength of the building to improve resistance to seismic events, within practical limits. For example, the code provides for clipping all the wood floor framing to the masonry walls to mitigate potential separation through a tie system. Selective floor areas for book collection loads will be

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strengthened. Egress stairs will be updated with fire-rated enclosures (now absent). Modernized fire alarm and detection systems, along with updated sprinkler protection will serve the public good. In the course of the refurbishment, hazardous materials have been tested for and identified, and these materials will be abated in accordance with regulations.

**Systems Replacement, Technology Integration, Energy Efficiency and Sustainability:
(\$2,423,000)**

Modernization of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and technology systems of the library will provide measurable benefit and positive return over time, together with responsible management of Town resources. Funds are targeted for a complete replacement of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, using modern high-efficiency condensing boilers and an effective refrigerant-based heat-exchange system, supplemented with proper fresh air ventilation meeting the current code standards. Together with the insulated glass windows and a new insulation system for the large attic space, and an electronic management control system, the energy efficiency of the original building will be advanced, saving costs long-term for the Town and improving the environment of the facility in terms of air quality, temperature control and comfort.

Furthermore the electrical system and lighting will be updated and enhanced to serve the operating systems and the patrons. The improved lighting will also contribute to the public safety discussed above.

Plumbing systems will be renewed with more numerous toilet facilities of convenient location, utilizing low-consumption fixtures for water conservation. Toilets will be configured for accessibility.

Along with the electrical system upgrade, the original library will benefit from a new technology infrastructure to support extensive availability of computer stations. The network will feature an expanded network of computer connection ports, coordinated with specialized furnishings, to facilitate flexibility and encourage usage by all patrons. The positive and long-term benefit and value of such technology access to the community, in terms of education and opportunity is beyond measure.

Alternatives

The decay and decline of the library building has accelerated in recent years. Residents who toured the building "behind the scenes" in the spring of 2013 saw major areas of deterioration and damage, and were dismayed to discover the age and wear-and-tear on the 120 year-old building. At this point in time, the Town must address the library. If not this project, then a substantial renovation of the existing building or a new building must be pursued immediately. The information and knowledge generated from the current project has enhanced our awareness of major issues. Major drivers to update the space include:

- Serious and accumulating damage (water between walls, foundation, masonry)
- Required Code Updates (stairs, fire, ADA, HazMat remediation, insulation, seismic, flooring, elevator)
- Community Usage (actual use, requested space reconfiguration, flexibility for future uses)
- Updated systems to handle evolving usage (electrical, HVAC, network)

The Town has committed and approved the current project in all respects (location, layout, scope, etc.). The current request is an informed update to it.

Questions have occasionally arisen during the project about these other alternatives. As you can see by the estimates below, neither would appear to make sense. However, for completeness we have asked STV, our project manager, to assist us in preparing directional, high level estimates. The information below regarding other alternatives is for reference only. Neither is under consideration.

The estimates for the two options have not been fully developed but represent a collective best guess and are offered for comparison purposes. Each contains certain assumptions which would apply to each alternative, including the following:

- Are extrapolated from comparables but not based on specific design information or detailed cost estimates

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- Will involve a project with enough changes to trigger full code compliance
- Will be of sufficient size to require professionals, temporary relocation, and new furniture and equipment
- Will be funded entirely by Reading (current state grant forfeited; no eligibility for a Renovation only; a successful approval of a resubmission for a new building is very uncertain and, even if ultimately available, would likely result in substantial delays)
- For an expenditure reflecting all of the foregoing, the Town should invest in either project to deliver a useful library
- Will not achieve Town's stated requirements (space, utility, location)
- Costs expended or committed on current project are aggregated and included
- As entirely new projects, redesign and new Town approvals will cause delays, which are conservatively reflected as 18 month escalation of 6% (4% per year)

Cost Estimates (\$K)	Renovation Only	New Building
Total Project	15,398	23,024
Direct Construction	7,676	12,662
Overhead & Contingency	2,627	4,333
Fees & Admin	2,529	2,911
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	655	1,112
Temp Space & Moving	675	100
Project Contingency	1,236	1,906
Total	15,398	23,024
State Grant	Not Available for Renovation Only.	\$5.1 million grant would have to be returned. Reapplication would be required and award and funding are unknown.
Local Funding	15,398	23,024

Renovation only also assumes:

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- New Roof, Windows, and Exterior Repairs, HVAC, Toilets, Stairs, Elevator and Accessibility Upgrades as required by code.
- Significant storm drainage work to be performed and associated repair

New Building also assumes:

- Building parcel is immediately available, at no cost, and reasonably flat and open site; no demolition or Haz Mat; and utilities available in adjacent street(s) = \$1m site work
- 37.5K sq ft new library, with direct construction costs of ~\$311/sq ft (based in other current MA library projects, current proposed addition, and STV/CBT experience)
- No costs including for decommissioning or redeploying old building (which will be substantial)

External Fund Raising

Library supporters still expect to organize a funding campaign, both private and corporate, as well as in-kind requests, but none have formally commenced. Efforts are pending both a final, funded design and the establishment of a fund raising group.

Finance Committee Report - given by Karen Herrick: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 6 by a vote of 5-0-0 at their meeting on January 29, 2014. The need for significant repairs to this facility has been evident for many years. FINCOM will hold another meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting to discuss funding options for the additional funds that are needed at this time. Their preferred method of financing may include Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion for these additional funds, but FINCOM will examine other options as well.

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached
- Sharon Angstrom - See Attached

On motion by Barry Berman, Precinct 4 a friendly amendment was made "and that the 3.5 million additional funds needed come from debt exclusion"

There were no objections to the friendly amendment, it was accepted by Town Meeting.

After discussion a vote was taken:

2/3 Vote Required
 109 Voted in the affirmative
 13 Voted in the negative
 125 Town Meeting Members in Attendance

Motion Carried with Friendly Amendment

James Bonazoli, Board of Selectmen moved to adjourn the 2014 Special Town Meeting *sine die* at 10:44 PM with 125 Town Meeting Members in attendance.

Motion Carried

A true copy Attest:


 Laura A Gemme
 Town Clerk

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The Precincts listed below met at 7:00 PM to conduct the following business:

Precinct 1 - With a Quorum present elected Douglass Webb as Precinct Chair and Sheila Mulroy as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to keep Roger J D'Entremont and William Grace as Town Meeting members.

Precinct 2 - With a Quorum present elected Stephen Crook as Precinct Chair and Susan Taylor as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to keep Peter C Coumounduros, Marcia Nigro Dresser, Richard J Moore and Reginald T Peters as Town Meeting members.

Precinct 3 - With a Quorum present elected Nancy Graham as Precinct Chair and Jane Fiore as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to elect Peter P Carcia, Barbara J McDade and Barbara G Faso on a tie breaker vote from the April 1, 2014 election. A vote was taken to keep Joseph P Westerman as a Town Meeting member and to remove Brian S Donohue from Town Meeting.

Precinct 4 - With a Quorum present elected Glen Hartzler as Precinct Chair and Robert Connors as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to keep Stephen A Goldy as a Town Meeting member and remove Richard P Abate from Town Meeting.

Precinct 5 - With a Quorum present elected Angela Binda as Precinct Chair and Anne Landry as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to keep Jared P Belliveau as a Town Meeting member.

Precinct 6 - With a Quorum present elected Mary Ann Quinn as Precinct Chair and Jeanne Borawski as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to elect Kristen E Bonazoli, Greg F Selvitelli, Cynthia A Tozian Cool, Jacqueline MK Petrillo and Kenneth Mathew Lafferty on a tie breaker vote from the April 1, 2014 election. A vote was taken to keep Keith J Driscoll and John M Miles as Town Meeting members.

Precinct 7 - With a Quorum present elected John Carpenter as Precinct Chair and John Segalla as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to keep Jesse M Downing, Gary D Phillips and Bryan EJ Walsh as Town Meeting members.

Precinct 8 - With a Quorum present elected William Brown as Precinct Chair and William Hecht as Precinct Clerk. A vote was taken to elect Matthew A Annunziata on a tie breaker vote from the April 1, 2014 election. A vote was taken to keep Sean E Quinn as a Town Meeting member.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Alan E. Foulds, at 7:40 PM, there being a quorum present. The Invocation was given by Philip Pacino, Precinct 5 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A chair representing all veterans missing in action was recognized by the Moderator.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, Laura Gemme, when on motion by John Arena, Board of Selectmen, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer-Collector, Board of Assessors, Director of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, School Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Cemetery Trustees, Community Planning & Development Commission, Town Manager and any other Official, Board or Special Committee.

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State of the Town John Arena

Thank you to my fellow board members, Town Manager Bob LeLacheur, Superintendent Dr. John Doherty, Fellow Board and Committee members, Town Meeting members, Town and School staff, and the citizens of the Town of Reading.

It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Reading Board of Selectmen for 2015.

I'd like to highlight some of the Town's 2014 achievements and offer a few words on behalf of our Board members, and then describe our challenges for 2015.

First a welcome and congratulations to our newest Town Meeting and Town Board members, For those who raised their hand this year to be part of Town government, thank you. You now take your place in a very long line of past volunteers who have contributed to Reading's success and self-determination, and in the larger sense, our success as citizens of this great American experiment.

Reading is blessed to have very active and interested citizens. Our Town's committees, commissions and boards are filled with passionate, motivated volunteers. From A to Z - literally - Animal Control to Zoning Board of Appeals, if you have an interest area, Reading likely has a place for you to express it.

Volunteerism and self-determination are not new thoughts for Reading and her citizens. In the fall of 1639, our earliest members began their plantation at the foot of the 'Great Pond', with immense determination to prosper - to grow food, raise families, worship God, exercise freedoms of thought, assembly and expression, and provide for the common good - while passing down the fruits of their lives and labors to their children and citizen successors.

Today our motivations are borne out of similar objectives, but in the backdrop of an increasingly dangerous and unpredictable world stage.

Our community has moved itself forward for 375 years, in part because Reading's citizens, staff and volunteers have actively engaged in self-determination and self-governance. Our town is what it is today because of those volunteers and staff who have gone before us, provided their time and creative resources, and helped built this great Town we all call home.

That desire to advance, improve, to care for our Town and our fellow citizens, and to make something better for that next generation continues unabated. That's one reason Reading is very special to me, and I hope, to you. And, it's a motivation not lost on our neighboring towns, who take note of Reading's progress, pride and success.

I'd like to briefly highlight **this past years'** town and community accomplishments and then turn attention to our challenges ahead.

Personnel: During the year we lost over 150 years of valuable experience as Mike DeBrigard, Bobby Stark and Jimmy Richardson all from DPW and Police Lieutenant Peter Garchinsky retired after long and distinguished careers. Also we mourn the passing of retirees Herb Perry (Police), Victor Cail (Fire), Robert Nickerson (DPW) and Marvin Rosenthal (Selectman).

We welcomed six new employees: Jennifer List and Andrea Hogan in the Library; Cody MacKinnon and Dan Radockia in DPW, Melissa Koster in Community Services, and Caitlin Saunders in Administrative Services. In addition we congratulate over a dozen Town employees who earned promotions due to staff turnover in their departments.

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When we think of employees that have served forty-plus year careers with the town, I wonder what our Town government will look like forty years hence. The reorganization approved by November Town Meeting will help us get there.

Volunteerism 01867: Reading measured by citizen participation sports a very impressive resume. The Town has 61 active Boards, Committees or Commissions filled by 316 members plus an additional 192 members of Town Meeting.

Of the 316 Boards/committees and commissions, 280 positions are appointed, and 36 are elected. In the past year the Board of Selectmen appointed or re-appointed 70 individuals to fill open positions, a sign that our volunteer community remains robust. Each volunteer dedicates at least one week of service each year, representing more than 12,000 volunteer-hours each year.

Beyond the formal Boards there are an unknown and unknowable number of volunteer hours spent on recreation, School and club athletics, parent booster organizations, music, drama, the arts and other cultural activities.

In the area of infrastructure planning, Reading continues to improve: Ten years ago the Town began long-term active management of capital for maintenance and planned refresh of facilities, vehicles and equipment. Today our Capital Program looks 10 years ahead with dedicated annual funding, encouraging strong planning efforts from Town and School staff. That results in significant reductions in operational expense, energy and vehicle maintenance costs; increased employee safety and lowered unplanned capital requests.

Larger building projects are beyond of the scope of the current Town budget. The recent debt exclusion vote for the Library demonstrated that a majority of Reading voters will consider substantive building reinvestment while also registering substantial objection to additional spending.

The maturing proposals for added Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten facilities are wending their way thru the School and Finance committees, responding to emerging requests for these services.

Our review of the DPW public works facility is leading to a proposal that would reshape, relocate and streamline support operations there.

Initial MWRA pipeline improvements on Main Street are now part of our Enterprise Fund capital plan, and additional discussions that benefit both Reading and North Reading continue with the MWRA.

The long awaited (and some of us would say feared) West Street gas and MWRA project improvements have officially begun. We all benefit from more reliable and higher capacity utilities - something to chant to yourself as you negotiate the detours.

In the area of Security and Safety improvements: Public Safety has added two Police officers and a Firefighter in recent years in anticipation of increased demand from commercial development and high-density housing. Tax revenues from this new economic growth support these new costs.

The Police department has recently reorganized command staff to deal with the increased law enforcement challenges, which rely on proactive preparation rather than reactive management as in the past.

Recognizing the results of these efforts, Reading was recently ranked as the 13th Safest City in America by Neighborhood Scout, a data-driven national realtor group with a focus on schools and public safety.

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Congratulations and kudos go to our School department as Reading Memorial High School makes this same organization's list as the 35th best performing public school in the country.

In the area of Community and Economic Development: The Town began its first comprehensive revision of the Zoning Bylaws in over 75 years. The effort will simplify and update the bylaw to align to our modern development, future housing and business needs.

The pace of economic development on Haven and Main Streets continues. The Charles Street building sports a newly renovated exterior. Orange Leaf is open for business, with D' Amici's Bakery, Northern Bank & Trust and Bunratty's Tavern open or opening soon.

Haven Street continues its build-out with a total of 53 residential units occupied, and new business additions with Portland Pie, Pamplemousse, Zinga and Snap Fitness open for business. It's now possible eat, drink, get dessert, **and** get to the gym without leaving the block.

On south Main Street, there are now approximately 216 new housing units built, about half of the 424 units ultimately planned by Pulte Homes. Johnson Woods off West Street continues to build towards its 293 unit total.

In total, 770 additional housing units will have added almost 10% to the housing stock in the community. These will continue to place a burden on local services while contributing to our tax base.

Coming improvements are expected on south Main Street on the sites of the old Tuxedo Shoppe, the Bridal Salon, and the former Getty gas station. And the local Post Office is for sale.

We have worked very hard to preserve our small town character in the face of all the big town development activities going on around us. We're getting noticed. WCVB TV and moveto.com recently compiled a list of the best places to live in Massachusetts, and Reading was ranked #2 behind only Marshfield. If only we could add an ocean view...

Now, let's look toward to 2015 and beyond

Our challenge ahead is financial. How do we preserve the equilibrium of town revenues and spending?

Let's start with Revenues. Proposition 2-1/2 naturally limits our revenue growth to between 2% and 4% per year including new growth. The exact figure in any year is greatly determined by State Aid, over which we have no control. For example, next year the Commonwealth forecasts state-level revenue growth of about 5% yet is able to pass through about a 1% increase in State Aid to Reading.

The Town Manager's report in tonight's warrant does a great job of providing additional background on our revenue forecasting for the next several years. It is important that each of you here tonight read it before Thursday evening when we consider the budget.

Reading uses a highly collaborative and disciplined annual budget process that has delivered excellent financial results to date, at a time when the broader national economic climate has been disappointing. Proposition 2-1/2 introduced a necessary and desirable discipline for communities that had a natural appetite for spending.

For communities such as Reading that have deployed good fiscal and spending discipline, Proposition 2-1/2 motivated creative improvement to staff organization and service delivery. We deployed technology for greater efficiency and better communications. We moved to performance contracting. We implemented regionalization with neighbor towns for several functions, improving cost and execution performance.

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Despite these efforts, we're at a point of inflection. We can't continue to deliver the same scope of services and fund them at the same rate of spending growth. We have a choice – we go a diet, or we buy bigger pants. The choice is between delivering either a high quantity of, or a top notch quality of services to the community in both the Town and School budgets.

In early May the Board of Selectmen will meet with all Town Department Heads to begin a dialogue on the choices for the FY16 budgets and beyond. Some of these choices may be painful.

The Town's transparent budget demonstrates exactly where taxpayers' funds are going. This year the Town Manager outlined some of the places where those funds are **not** going, on comments that begin on page 24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Report in front of you. Please read these overview sections before we move to the FY15 Budget on Thursday night.

One conclusion is inescapable – this year we are using an extraordinary amount of Free Cash to support our Operating Budget, a decision that is unsustainable and in my view, unwise.

If kept at the level proposed, our Free Cash balance will be depleted, eliminating funds we depend on for one-time surprises, emergencies, unplanned repairs and snow and ice overruns. Our risk profile as seen by bond agencies will be negatively impacted with library and other debt just ahead, potentially increasing our borrowing costs. And we will have set a regrettable precedent of adding to recurring spending ahead of determining how we pay for it long-term.

In offering this FY15 Budget forward to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee was quite clear that their recommendation for Free Cash use would both hasten discussion, and accelerate the need for a future Operating Override.

Among the Finance Committee, School Committee and Board of Selectmen collectively, there are twenty dedicated residents with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Using the most recent public vote or public statements made by each member, 2 of the 20 members would favor using even **greater** amounts of Free Cash, 12 would use the amount that is proposed in this budget, and 6 strongly prefer to use less.

As one of those six, I am willing to abide by the will of the majority—but for one year only, insisting Free Cash use return to sustainable levels in Fiscal 2016. I would ask Town Meeting Members to join me in that call.

A one year limited use will ensure that residents receive predictable levels of service from the School department and Town government next year, as we all gather together this summer to plan for the years ahead.

I would like to close my prepared remarks this evening by surveying Town Meeting Members here tonight, to provide their opinion on a few financial questions. The answers are purely for information gathering purposes only, spelling doesn't count and there's no math... By show of hands, please indicate:

Q1: How many Town Meeting Members attended a Financial Forum session in the last 12 months?

Q2: How many of you attended a School Committee or Board of Selectman Meeting during this year's budget discussions?

Q3. Regarding the current level of services, please indicate your alignment to only one of the following statements:

- 1) I like the current level of services AND I AM willing to pay more to keep them
- 2) I like the current level of services BUT I AM NOT willing to pay more to keep them

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- 3) I would favor greater levels of public services AND I AM willing to pay more to expand them
- 4) I would favor reduced level of services, and a lower tax bill

Q4. Reading has approximately 90% Residential properties and 10% Commercial properties in its tax base. Reading's balance of residential to commercial property / activity is:

- 1) Its Goldilocks. Not too much – not too little – it's 'just right'
- 2) Insufficient commercial development - We should encourage more
- 3) Insufficient residential development - We should encourage more

Q5. OK I was mistaken. There IS math. Behind me is a chart that shows the relative property tax burden on residents in communities north of Boston, compared to their home's assessed values. Excluded from this chart are a few coastal communities – we're still missing that ocean view

The arrow shows where Reading is in this grouping. Remember, outside data sources show that Reading is a great place to live.

Adding or maintaining services in a financially sustainable way – the way Reading has to date – is generally accepted as a way to improve community property values.

In that chart behind me think about if you – and more to the point – your constituents - are willing and supportive to pay more taxes and move that dot up a bit and to the right.

I won't ask your choice on this question now, but this is clearly a subject to ponder in the upcoming year.

Planning for our financial future requires full involvement by all parties, and transparency to all town and school budgets, allowing a comprehensive view to all corners of our spending to be compiled. Only by all of us working together, with full disclosure and co-operation from all, will we succeed in plotting our path ahead.

The Board of Selectmen before you is highly motivated to help lead that challenge.

May God bless you all, and continue to bless the Town of Reading.

Thank you and Good Evening

**Charter Committee
Alan Foulds, Moderator**

At the 2013 annual town meeting a positive vote on an instructional motion laid the foundation for the creation of a committee to review our current town charter and, if warranted, recommend changes.

The committee has met several times and has looked at various aspects of the charter and has recorded such recommendations. It, also, has held one hearing-like meeting to allow the public to review the work so far and to give opinions. More are planned. Additionally, if changes are recommended to any board, committee, or commission, that group will be given ample opportunity to be involved in deliberations.

First, a little background:

Under Article 89 of the Massachusetts constitution a charter may be amended by a two thirds vote of the town meeting, then submitted to the voters.

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If any change in a charter relates in any way to the composition, mode of election or appointment, or terms of office of the town meeting or the board of selectmen or town manager, a full charter commission must be elected according to the state constitution's guidelines. At this point, no such recommendations have been made by the current committee.

According to Section 8 of the Home Rule Amendment of the constitution, certain proposed changes, once voted favorably by town meeting, may be submitted to the General Court for enactment, negating the need of a special ballot election. This will be verified by the town counsel before the committee proceeds in that direction.

To date, much of the committee's work has concerned cleaning up language to make the document more readable and consistent, and to remove sections no longer relevant.

One change of substance involves term limits of the finance committee members. Currently, members are limited to nine years. If they began by serving a partial term they are precluded from being appointed to a second full three-year term, which, if completed, would take them past the nine-year restriction. The committee proposes that a partial term of less than two years not count toward the limit.

Another change calls for a special committee consisting of nine members to be established at least every ten years, for the purpose of reviewing the charter and make a report to town meeting concerning any proposed changes. In effect, it sets guidelines and makes somewhat permanent any future committee such as ours.

So far, we have made our first pass through articles 1-4 of nine, and are currently working on article 5. When completed with all nine, we reserve the right to reconsider all proposals to make sure they still fit in the big picture.

When we are complete we then will decide how to group them for town meeting votes. It is likely that the more substantive changes will stand alone, while so-called housekeeping amendments may be grouped together.

Also, when we consider our work complete, all proposals will be reviewed by town counsel.

It is our intention to make a presentation of all proposals at the Subsequent Town Meeting in November, but we also feel that the self-imposed time limit will not keep us from taking longer, if warranted. In any event, we will make an updated report at that time.

All meetings are posted and open to the public. In addition to our minutes being posted on the town's website, we also have a running change document, coded so as to be able to see the proposals as they stand now. That document can be found at readingma.gov under town clerk, bylaws and regulations, one item up from the bottom of the page.

[<http://www.readingma.gov/town-clerk/pages/bylaws-and-regulations>]

Finance Committee FY 15 Budget Report

General Overview

Mr. Moderator and Town Meeting members, thank you for allowing the opportunity to update you on the current state of Reading's finances. This budget is a collaborative effort of Town and School leaders as well as community volunteers. We are extremely fortunate in Reading to have such a committed and talented group. This budget process was punctuated with open, frank and transparent discussion over many months and many meetings. Town Meeting, you can be confident in the fact that while this budget may

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not accomplish all of which some would hope, the process of deliberation was thoughtful and respectful, and will allow Reading to face the financial challenges confronting us in the coming years.

Accomplishments and Challenges

Through these difficult economic times, our finances continue to be strong. We maintain an AA credit rating. Our cash position, while above the Finance Committee policy of 5% of revenues, faces erosion from the demands of funding basic services. Finance Committee in June will deliberate increasing the free cash policy requirement to 7%. A key factor in determining the cost of debt for our approved and proposed building projects, our current free cash policy may be insufficient, and add as much as \$100,000 in debt service costs for these projects.

For the third consecutive year Reading has committed a significant contribution from its operating budget to fund its Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) obligations. By adhering to this discipline, the Town has reduced its overall obligation by over \$27 million in our most recent valuation update. While Finance Committee does not have an official OPEB policy, the Committee will revisit this in the summer, as rating agencies view positively a written policy.

Town government undertook its first significant reorganization plan in decades to better deploy resources to address customer service needs. We continue to offer some services regionally and are exploring other opportunities. These efforts can save the Town money, but more importantly, allow us to offer deeper services with current expenditures.

Our downtown continues to grow. New businesses, restaurants and activity significantly add to new growth which allows us to fund our operations and capital requirements. The town has invested in software to allow streamlined permitting and a quicker decision process. This needs to be a continuing priority, as new growth is one of the few ways to overcome the constraints of Prop 2 1/2.

The voters have approved a \$13.2 million debt exclusion to leverage an additional \$5.1 million from the Commonwealth to completely renovate our aging and deteriorating library. When finished this project will be a crown jewel for the Town. However, other projects are looming in the future. The proposed early childhood education center, DPW facility, Killam School renovations, cemetery garage and the extremely costly water distribution repairs are all competing for financing. Finance Committee recommends that at the conclusion of Town Meeting a summit of all Boards, Departments and interested citizens convene to plan how these projects can be financed in a responsible manner.

FY 15 Budget

The deliberations around this budget were among the most trying in years. This budget maintains basic services with relatively few additions. However, we are balancing the budget with \$1.7 million of free cash. In contrast we utilized \$1.0 million in FY 14. This pace is unsustainable without the immediate influx of new revenue only possible with an operating override. Worth noting is what is not included in this year's budget. This budget funds the schools about \$350,000 below the budget voted by the School Committee. Additionally, a combined \$1.85 million of budget requests from the Town and Schools went unfunded. These requests were not frivolous or "nice to haves". They were essential public safety, technology, public works and classroom services. Troubling to the Finance Committee was the fact that Reading ranks 305 out of the 328 school districts in per pupil spending. While the School Department continues to provide a high level of educational services, if this trend continues, Reading will fall behind peer communities and may fail to meet community expectations. Similar challenges confront the Town side of government.

FY 16 and beyond

The constraints of Proposition 2 1/2 have forced local government to make choices in the service levels provided, and cut services when revenue is insufficient. However the override mechanism exists to allow community priorities to be funded above the limits of 2 1/2 when voters so choose. Reading has done its best to manage within the constraints of 2 1/2. We have delivered high quality municipal services in a

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fiscally responsive manner. We have made painful choices when other towns spent freely. We have maintained and utilized healthy reserves to avoid engaging in huge layoffs. It has been thirteen years since the voters were asked to consider an operational override. The Finance Committee is not endorsing an override at this time but we are strongly urging the Town to begin the discussion on the level of services we want to have and what we are willing to pay. What is clear, is the current budget levels are unsustainable. The time to begin these discussions is now.

Conclusion

Reading has achieved a high level of fiscal soundness by taking the long view approach to financial planning. We have done this in an open, transparent and collaborative manner. This culture will continue to serve us well. A fresh set of challenges will confront a newly minted Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee and a second year Town Manager.

We strongly urge these groups to quickly convene after Town Meeting to plot a path forward and consider financing options for the myriad of capital projects, as well as convene a town wide discussion on the choices surrounding the operating budget.

Before I close I want to acknowledge and thank David Greenfield who will be leaving Finance Committee in June after nine years of service. David has provided sage wisdom and steady guidance to the Committee during his tenure. On a personal note I also want to thank Town Meeting and my Finance Committee colleagues for the opportunity to serve you during the past years. My term is also expiring and I will be stepping down in June as well. So given the challenges heard here, there are two open seats waiting to be filled. Given Reading's strong culture of volunteerism, I am sure two of you or someone you know will grab the gauntlet. Together we will continue to make the right choices.

Respectfully submitted,
The Finance Committee

Barry Berman, Chair - Mark Dockser, Vice Chair - David Greenfield - Karen Herrick - Peter Lydecker -
Craig Merry - Paul McNeice - Jeff Perkins - Paula Perry

Presentation given by:

- Zoning Bylaw Review Update, Charlie Adams and Jean Delios – See Attached

On motion made by John Arena, Board of Selectmen Article 2 was tabled

On motion by John Arena, Board of Selectmen, it was voted that this Annual Town Meeting stand adjourned to meet at 7:30 PM at the Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM with 160 Town Meeting Members in attendance.

A true copy Attest:



Laura A Gemme
Town Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Alan E. Foulds, at 8:21 PM, there being a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all in Attendance.

ARTICLE 3: Move to choose all other necessary Town Officers and Special Committees and determine what instructions shall be given Town Officers and Special Committees, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the purpose of funding Town Officers and Special Committees to carry out the instructions given to them, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Finance Committee Report: No report

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Motion made by Dan Ensminger to table Article 3

Motion to Table Carried

ARTICLE 4: On motion made by John Halsey, Board of Selectmen it was voted to see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2014-23 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, by making these changes:

General Fund

FY14:

- +\$ 300,000 West Street road project (fund with debt in Article 10)
- +\$ 50,000 Skim Coating and Crack Seal Patch (swap with parking lots below)
- \$ 32,000 Refrigerated Food Service Van (Schools)
- \$ 15,000 Safety nets for tennis courts (Community Services - Recreation)
- \$ 50,000 Parking lot improvements (move to pothole repairs above)

FY15:

- +\$ 39,000 Replace Elder and Human Services van (Community Services)
- +\$ 20,000 Technology project: \$80k phone system upgrade (Administrative Services)
- +\$ 12,000 Dump Truck #22 (Public Works)
- \$ 69,000 Delay replacement of Fire Alarm truck until FY18 (Fire)

FY16 and beyond – various changes

Finance Committee Report - given by Barry Berman: The Finance Committee recommends all of the proposed amendments to the FY 2014 - 2023 Capital Improvements Program by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 26, 2014. Placing items in the Capital Improvement Program is a prerequisite, but in itself does not authorize spending funds towards these items.

Bylaw Committee Report: No report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

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On motion by John Arena, Board of Selection it was voted take Article 13 and Article 14 out of order

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 13: On motion made by John Arena, Board of Selectmen a vote was taken to see if the Town will vote to approve the FY 2015-24 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background: The Section 6.1.3 of the Reading General Bylaw states "No funds may be appropriated for any capital item unless such item is included in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), and is scheduled for funding in the Fiscal Year in which the appropriation is to be made" Bond ratings agencies also want to ensure that changes to a long-term CIP are adequately described.

Article 4 made changes to the ten-year CIP covering FY14-FY23, and included all the detailed changes required to be disclosed by bond counsel. This Article changes the ten-year period to FY15-FY24, and therefore only drops the current year and adds in FY24. Other minor changes have occurred that only impact FY16 and beyond.

Please see the Blue Pages in the Appendix of this Warrant Report for the F15-FY24 Capital Improvements Program.

The following changes are proposed to the FY15-24 CIP:

General Fund

FY15: see Article 4

FY16 to FY24:

Various changes made

Water Enterprise Fund

FY15: none

FY16 to FY24:

Various changes made

Sewer Enterprise Fund

FY15: none

FY16 to FY24:

Various changes made

Storm Water Enterprise Fund

FY15: none

FY16 to FY24:

Various changes made

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Finance Committee Report - given by Barry Berman: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 13 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 26, 2014. Recall that placing items in the Capital Improvement Program is a prerequisite, but in itself does not authorize spending funds towards these items.

Bylaw Committee Report: None

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to determine how much money the Town will appropriate by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the operation of the Town and its government for Fiscal Year 2015 - beginning July 1, 2014, or take any other action with respect thereto.

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate the sum of: **\$93,176,884** for the operation of the Town and its Government for Fiscal Year 2015, beginning July 1, 2014.

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item B99 (Benefits): \$14,141,590 to be provided as follows:

Line B99 – \$1,700,000 from Free Cash; \$350,000 from Overlay and the balance from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item C99 (Capital): \$2,042,000 to be provided as follows:

Line C99 – \$ 150,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund and the balance from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item D99 (Debt): \$3,377,730 to be provided as follows:

Line D99 - from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

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On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item E99 (Vocational Education): \$387,000 to be provided as follows:

Line E99 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item F99 (Finance Committee Reserve Fund): \$150,000 to be provided as follows:

Line F99 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item G91 (Town Administration Wages): \$1,194,650 and Line Item G92 (Town Administration Expenses): \$1,095,900 to be provided as follows:

Lines G91 and G92 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item H91 (Community Services Wages): \$974,975 and Line Item H92 (Community Services Expenses): \$436,850 to be provided as follows:

Lines H91 and H92 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item I91 (Finance Wages): \$577,425 and Line Item I92 (Finance Expenses): \$135,000 to be provided as follows:

Lines I91 and I92 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item J91 (Public Safety Wages): \$8,868,606 and Line Item J92 (Public Safety Expenses): \$393,835 to be provided as follows:

Lines J91 and J92 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item K91 (Public Works Wages): \$2,361,075 and Line Item K92 (Public Works Expenses): \$871,550 to be provided as follows:

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K92 – \$25,000 from the Sale of Cemetery lots to support Cemetery expenses; and the balance of Lines K91 and K92 from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item K93 (Public Works - Snow & Ice Expenses): \$625,000; Line Item K94 (Public Works – Street Lighting Expenses): \$200,000 and Line Item K95 (Public Works – Rubbish Collection & Disposal Expenses): \$1,490,000 to be provided as follows:

Lines K93, K94 and K95 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item L91 (Library Wages): \$1,089,155 and Line Item L92 (Library Expenses): \$292,730 to be provided as follows:

Lines L91 and L92 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item S99 (School Department): \$40,317,973 to be provided as follows:

Line S99 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item T99 (Town Facilities): \$700,167 to be provided as follows:

Line T99 – from property taxes, State aid and non-property tax local receipts

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item W99 (Water Enterprise Fund): \$5,231,944 to be provided as follows:

Lines W99 – \$100,000 from Water Reserves and the balance from user fees and other charges

On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item X99 (Sewer Enterprise Fund): \$5,852,079 to be provided as follows:

Line X99 – \$150,000 from Sewer Reserves and the balance from user fees and other charges

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On motion made by Barry Berman, Finance Committee move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget as presented for Line Item Y99 (Storm Water Enterprise Fund): \$369,650 to be provided as follows:

Line Y99 – from user fees and other charges

Move that the Town approve and appropriate the proposed FY 2015 Budget, exclusive of State and county assessments: **\$93,176,884**

- Representing the total of all motions made under ARTICLE 14 as amended
- Funds are to be provided as set forth in said motions as amended

Finance Committee Report - given by Barry Berman: Please see the Yellow Pages – Spending Scorecard of this document for the votes by the Finance Committee for line items in the FY 2015 budget. The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 14 as explained by these votes at their meeting on March 26, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached
- Sharon Angstrom - See Attached
- John Doherty - See Attached
- Mary DeLai - See Attached

After some discussion a vote was taken:

2/3 Vote Required
143 Voted in the affirmative
0 Voted in the negative
156 Town Meeting Members in Attendance

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 5: On motion made by Bill Brown, Precinct 8 move that the Town vote to amend one or more of the votes taken under Article 11 of the April 22, 2013 Annual Town Meeting relating to the Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Budget, as amended by Article 11 at Subsequent Town Meeting on November 12, 2013 and further amended by Article 5 at Special Town Meeting on February 13, 2014 and that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer sums from available funds as noted for the operation of the Town and its government:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
M92 Public Works Expenses	Veteran’s monuments		\$ 4,000
	Subtotals		\$ 4,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$ 4,000

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	From Free Cash		\$ 4,000
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Background: In accordance with Section 2-13: of the Town of Reading Home Rule Charter we the undersigned registered voters submit the following Warrant Article for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of 2014.

"To see if the Town will appropriate from the tax levy or other funds the sum of Four (4) Thousand dollars to provide monuments at the Veterans sections of Charles Lawn and Wood End Cemeteries, said funds to be expended by and under the direction of the Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves."

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Precinct</u>
William Brown	28 Martin Road	8
John Holland	45 Howard Street	4
RC Marden	13 Bunker Avenue	1
Arthur H. Vars	414 Pearl Street	1
George Perry	230 Franklin Street	8
Felix Salvatore	15 Colonial Drive	1
Frederick Livingstone	52 Causeway Road	6
Ben Crupi	112 Winthrop Avenue	7
Mildred Barton	15 Puritan Road	7
Alan Barton	15 Puritan Road	7
William Hecht	73 Martin Road	8
Olive B. Hecht	73 Martin Road	8
John Segalla	115 Hanscom Avenue	7
Phil B. Pacino	5 Washington Street D6	5
Carolyn R. Whiting	17 Chestnut Road	7
Janice M. Jones	52 Sanborn Street #2	5

Finance Committee Report - given by Paul McNeice: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 5 by a vote of 8-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bill Brown – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 6: On motion made by David Greenfield, Finance Committee move that the Town vote to amend one or more of the votes taken under Article 11 of the April 22, 2013 Annual Town Meeting relating to the Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Budget, as amended by Article 11 at Subsequent Town Meeting on November 12, 2013 and further amended both by Article 5 at Special Town Meeting on February 13, 2014 and by Article 5 at Annual Town Meeting on April 28, 2014 and that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer sums from available funds as noted for the operation of the Town and its government:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
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B99 Benefits	Health Insurance -\$250,000 Worker Compensation - \$50,000	\$300,000	
C99 Capital	Skim Coating and Crack Seal Patch \$50,000 Food Services van (Schools) \$32,000 Safety nets for tennis courts (Recreation) \$15,000 Parking lot repairs (DPW) -\$50,000		\$ 47,000
E99 Vocational School education	Minuteman enrollment higher than budgeted		\$ 15,000
G91 Town Admin. wages	Pay & class Nov. TM funding (not used) -\$40,000 Vacant positions -\$30,000 3/4/14 Special Election poll workers & setup \$20,000	\$ 50,000	
G92 – Town Admin. Expenses	Laptop upgrades for Police cruisers \$10,000 Police assessment center \$6,800		\$ 16,800
<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
M92 Public Works Expenses	Fuel -\$20,000	\$ 20,000	
M93 Public Works Snow & Ice	Approximately \$1.2 million spent (\$625,000 budget)		\$575,000
M94 Public Works Street Lights		\$ 50,000	
M95 Public Works Rubbish		\$100,000	
N91 – Public Safety Wages	Fire Overtime \$100,000		\$100,000
N92 – Pubic Safety Expenses	Police Academy tuitions (2) reimbursed by employees directly to the General Fund \$7,000 New police officers (2) uniforms & gear \$10,000		\$ 17,000
	Subtotals	\$520,000	\$770,800
	Net Operating Expenses		\$250,800
	From Free Cash		\$250,800

Background: We have not seen any enrollment increases in Health Insurance, which when combined with a surprising mid-year reduction in some retiree premiums set by the Federal government allows an expected budget surplus to be used for other expenses. Excellent worker compensation policies and procedures by the joint Town, School & RMLD Safety Committee led to lower premiums.

The School Committee and Administration have requested funding for a school space schematic design concept for Early Education. They also need a new food service van, a few years earlier than expected because of equipment failure. Recreation has requested some funding for the Tennis Courts Field at Birch Meadow (behind the High School) to improve safety. After a difficult winter, the scheduled parking lot repair funding is cancelled, because this money is better spent on road repairs (potholes & skim coating).

November 2013 Town Meeting approved funding results of a pay & class study for the Town Administration department, to be spread out to other Town departments depending on the results. As those results are not yet available, those funds are returned for other general fund uses as promised. Vacant positions during the year helped fund the costs of the Special Election held in March 2014 – the state is expected to reimburse those costs, but perhaps not until the next fiscal year.

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Microsoft's sudden decision not to support one of their older operating systems has caused a need to replace/update some Police Cruiser laptops faster than planned, as requested by federal law enforcement authorities. Turnover in the Police department causes some expenses for hiring and promotions, seen in both lines G92 and N92. Injuries in the Fire department have led to higher than expected overtime, which should be reduced once an injured employee completes the retirement process. Surpluses in Fuel, Street Lights and Rubbish help fund the deficit in snow and ice.

Finance Committee Report - given by David Greenfield: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 6 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 26, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 7: On motion made by Kevin Sexton, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to transfer \$300,000 received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in payment for development within the Town's 40R Smart Growth Zoning Districts from Free Cash into the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund.

Background: The Town of Reading has received an additional \$300,000 in payments from the State for the 40R Smart Growth project at Reading Woods. Another \$150,000 payment is in process, but the timing is uncertain. This Article will move the \$300,000 amount from Free Cash and into the 40R Stabilization Fund, which will therefore have a \$353,000 balance. Prior 40R funds have been allocated to roadway and sidewalk improvements, but none are planned for FY15 due to the significant amount of construction projects already planned.

Finance Committee Report - given by Jeff Perkins: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 7 by a vote of 7-0-1 at their meeting on March 19, 2014. One member abstained because of a possible professional conflict of interest.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Sharon Angstrom – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 8: On motion made by John Arena move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$508,899 to the irrevocable trust for "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities".

Background: As part of the FY14 budget the town voted \$450,000 in the general fund, \$45,215 in the water fund, \$7,901 in the sewer fund and \$5,783 in the storm water fund for Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) contributions. Although savings from health insurance premiums are available, this year they are needed to pay for the snow and ice budget so no further contributions are proposed. This Article will therefore move the total of all these OPEB contributions (\$508,899) to the irrevocable trust for Other Post-Employment Benefits liabilities.

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As of June 2011 the Town's total OPEB liability (including the General Fund, the three Enterprise Funds and the Light Department) was \$94.5 million. At that point the Town engaged in a two-pronged strategy to reduce this unfunded liability. First, an irrevocable trust was approved by Town Meeting, and funding strategies were established. Second, the growth in health insurance premiums was reduced through a collective bargaining process with the unions.

A just released OPEB valuation as of June 2013 shows these efforts have had strongly positive results, as the Town's total OPEB liability was \$67.2 million – a \$27.3 million reduction at a time when actuarially a \$7.5 million increase was expected. The bulk of that decrease was due to the funding strategies established. The three Enterprise Funds and the Light Department are on an aggressive fully funding twenty year schedule, and the General Fund is on a partial funding schedule (about \$1 million below full funding) projected over thirty years. The latter will transition to a full funding scheduled as is possible, is required by law or after the Pension Fund is fully funded in FY28.

Here are the results of an area survey as to how other communities approach the OPEB funding issue. While there is a wide range of responses, we note the clear trend towards taking this liability more seriously than even a year or two ago:

Middlesex League Communities – OPEB Funding Strategies		
Community	Amount Funded	Description/Notes
Arlington	\$6.8 million	Annually appropriate the difference between \$500K and the non-contributory pension appropriation; as non-contributories decrease, funded amount increases. Raised the retiree contribution for health insurance from 10% to 15% and annually appropriate \$155K to OPEB.
Belmont	\$0.6 million	The Town is trying to develop a policy for an annual funding mechanism.
Burlington	\$1.75 million	No funding policy in place as of yet. Considering allocating a set % of free cash annually, building an amount into the operating budget annually, or both options in combination. Currently funding \$500k per year out of free cash.
Lexington	\$4.0 million	Town earmarked Medicare D revenues over the past several years to the OPEB trust.
Melrose	\$50,000	City has no funding protocol to date.
Reading	\$2.9 million (\$1.5 million is RMLD)	Funding strategy described above. No formal policy has been adopted by FINCOM because of the loss of flexibility for funding other operating budget priorities.
Stoneham	\$0	Town is aggressively funding the pension liability with a projected fully funded date of 2023. Intent is to pay this off and then begin funding OPEB. Plan to set up trust fund soon and potentially add any one time revenues windfall that might be received.
Wakefield	\$3.7 million	Town changed health insurance plans and allocated some of the savings achieved to OPEB. Currently, funding \$1.8 million each year.
Watertown	\$1.1 million	Funds set aside in an OPEB Stabilization Fund (i.e. not a legal OPEB trust fund). Town is on an aggressive funding schedule for pension liability (2019) and intends to reallocate pension funding to OPEB upon fully funded status.
Wilmington	\$100,000	The Town set aside token funds in an account still controlled by the town (i.e. not a legal OPEB trust fund). Considering adding \$500k in FY15.

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Winchester	\$0.9 million	No funding policy in place. The Finance Committee is hoping to adopt one within a year.
Woburn	\$1.2 million	The City has set aside the Medicare D reimbursement over the past several years in a trust fund.

Finance Committee Report - given by David Greenfield: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 8 by a vote of 8-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Sharon Angstrom – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 9: On motion by John Arena, Board of Selectmen move to Indefinitely Postpone the subject matter of Article 9

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone Carried

ARTICLE 10: On motion made by Dan Ensminger, Board of Selectmen move that the Town raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of making roadway, pedestrian and similar improvements, including the costs of easements, consulting services, audits, plans, documents, cost estimates, bidding services and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager; and to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, or any other agency of the Town, to apply for a grant or grants, to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said roadway, pedestrian and similar improvements; and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. This sum is in addition to the \$1 million approved by November 2013 Town Meeting for the same purpose.

Background: At Subsequent Town Meeting in November 2013, Town Meeting authorized \$1 million in debt under Article 8 for the local share of the West Street road project. The Town's share of the project costs consist of engineering, non-participating items, easement acquisition and a project contingency.

In February 2014, MassDOT determined that the full cost of the traffic control interconnect conduit and associated cable is a non-participating item, different from previous guidance we had received. This Article seeks to authorize \$300,000 for additional debt to pay for that item, which is too large to be covered by the previous contingency amounts.

The West Street Roadway Improvement Project is a roadway safety improvement project on West Street beginning from the Woburn City Line and extending in the northerly direction to just north of its intersection with Willow Street. The project also includes improvements to the intersection of Woburn Street at Summer Avenue. The project limits extend approximately 7,500 feet (1.4 miles) along West Street and an additional 2,500 feet (.5 mile) along the intersecting side streets for a total project length of approximately 10,000 feet (1.9 miles).

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The improvements consist of roadway reconstruction, geometric improvements, drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, curbing, wheelchair ramps, installation of new traffic signals at three (3) locations and signal upgrades at two (2) intersections, pavement markings and signage. The project is designed by the Town of Reading's consultant Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) in accordance with MassDOT construction standards and is bid as a Commonwealth of Massachusetts MassDOT project.

The additional Town's share of the project to be authorized under this Article is identified on the attached list.

Engineering Services	\$193,300.00
Construction Costs (Non-Participating Items)*	\$780,000.00
Easement Acquisition	\$171,350.00
Total	\$1,144,650.00
Contingency	\$155,350.00
Total Project Cost	\$1,300,000.00

* The non-participating item cost is an estimate only. The Town of Reading's final cost will be based on actual Bid prices received, and the 20% Contingency is expected to be sufficient. Surplus funds, if any, will come back to Town Meeting in order to be directed at another future debt authorization.

Finance Committee Report - given by Karen Herrick: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 10 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

After some discussion a vote was taken:

2/3 Vote Required
 143 Voted in the affirmative
 1 Voted in the negative
 156 Town Meeting Members in Attendance

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 11: On motion made by John Halsey, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent water easements upon and over the existing sewer and drain easements located on Assessors Map 28 Lots 112 and 113 which easements are shown on a plan entitled: "Water Sewer and Drain Easement located at 87 and 93 Belmont Street, Reading, MA" dated March 5, 2014, prepared by Bay State Surveying Associates", a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water improvements; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition.

Background: The purpose of this Article is to authorize the Board of Selectman to take a water easement over the properties of 87 Belmont Street (Assessors map 28 lot 112) and 93 Belmont Street

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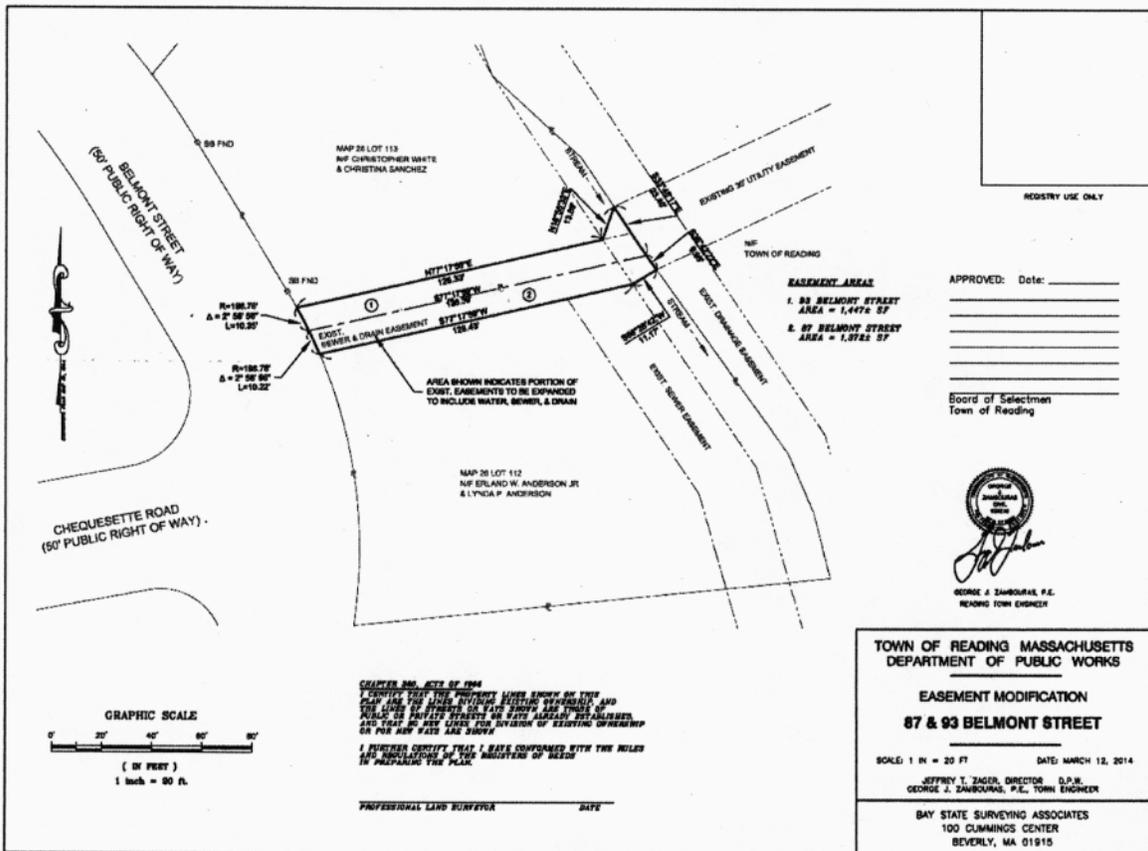
(Assessors map 28 lot 113) to permit the installation, maintenance and repair of a new water main. The Town of Reading has an existing sewer and drain easement that the water easement can be added to. So there is no need to take any additional area.

The purpose of the easement is to enable the Town to install a new water main connecting Belmont Street to Ivy Street. The new main will eliminate a major dead end in the water distribution system as well as improve fire flows and water quality to the Libby Avenue area.

The easement modification, expanding the use of 2,819 +/- s.f. of the existing sewer and drain easements to include a water easement is depicted on the plan entitled "Easement Modification 87 & 93 Belmont Street, Reading, MA," prepared by Bay State Surveying Associates dated March 12, 2014.

The value of the easements is currently being appraised and will be available prior to Town Meeting. It is expected that the cost to obtain the water easement will be less than \$500.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Easement Area</u>
93 Belmont Street	Christina Sanchez and Christopher White	1,447+/- s.f.
87 Belmont Street	Erland W. Anderson Jr and Lynda P. Anderson	1,372+/- s.f.



Finance Committee Report - given by Craig Merry: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 11 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

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Presentation given by:

- George Zambouras – See Attached

After some discussion a vote was taken:

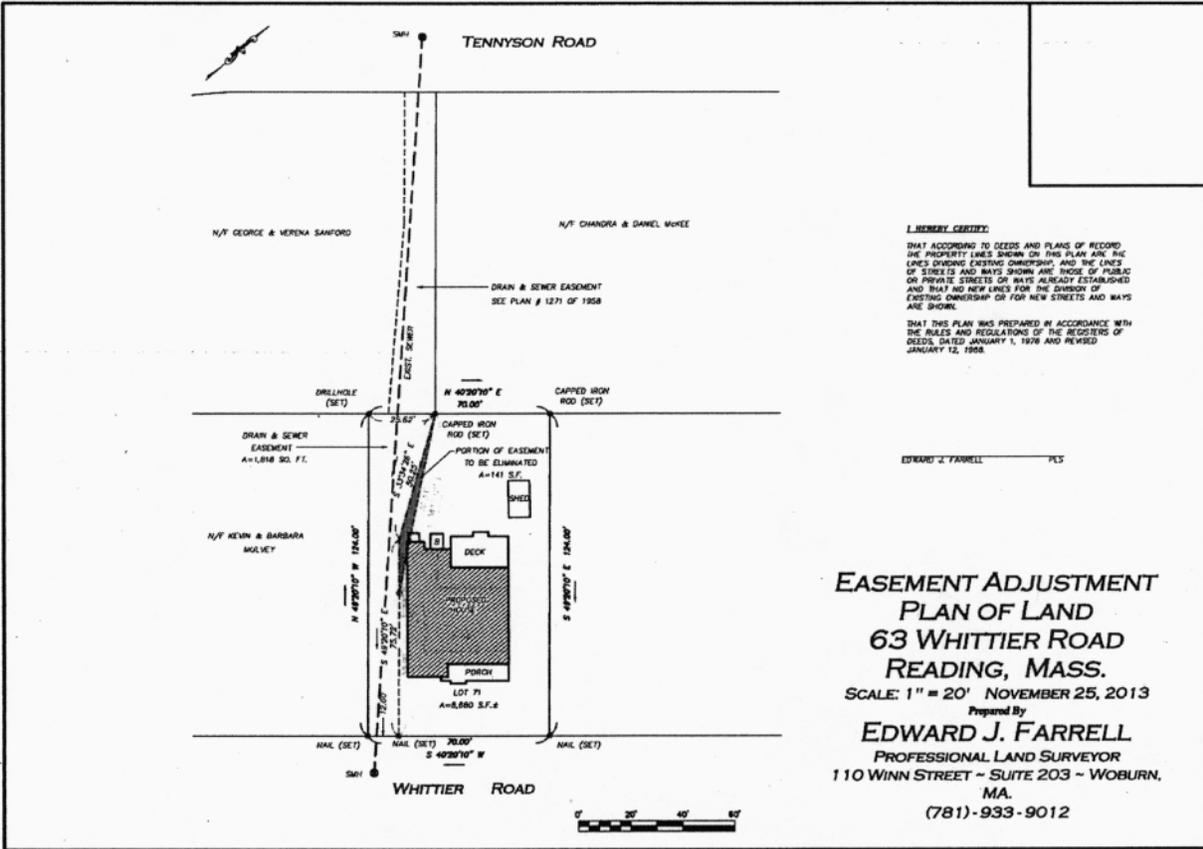
Motion Carried

ARTICLE 12: On motion made by Kevin Sexton, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to release all of the Town's right, title and interest in approximately one hundred forty-one (141) square feet of the drain and sewer easement located upon the property at 63 Whittier Road, Assessors Map 33, Parcel 122, presently owned by Joseph A. and Marie A. Field, as shown on a plan entitled "Easement Adjustment Plan of Land, 63 Whittier Road, Reading, MA" prepared by Edward J. Farrell of 110 Winn Street, Suite 203, Woburn, MA dated November 25, 2013.

Background: The Town currently has title and interest of a sewer and drainage easement over the property located at 63 Whittier Road, Assessors Map 33, Parcel 122. Both the existing and proposed dwellings protrude into the easement.

In order for the residents to construct a new dwelling as planned, they have requested the abandonment of a portion of the sewer and drain easement. The easement is occupied by an existing sewer main only, and if approved, the resulting easement area is of sufficient size to enable the Town to provide proper maintenance or repair of the sewer main.

If approved the Town will release all right, title, and interest to approximately one hundred forty-one (141) square feet of the drain and sewer easement as depicted in the plan below.



Finance Committee Report - given by Peter Lydecker: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 12 by a vote of 8-0-1 at their meeting on March 19, 2014, even though it is unlikely that the Town will actually spend any money on relaxing this easement.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- George Zambouras – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 15: On motion made by John Arena, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to approve an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2001 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF READING TO ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND".

Background: Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2001 authorized the Town of Reading to establish a separate fund known as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). The AHTF requires Town Meeting approval of an annual allocation plan submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

AHTF expenditures require approval by a majority vote of the full combined membership of the Board of Selectmen and the Reading Housing Authority. AHTF uses include:

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- ◆ Create or preserve affordable housing;
- ◆ Maintain or operate affordable housing;
- ◆ Develop new or rehabilitate existing housing as affordable homeownership or rental units;

The purpose of the Affordable Housing Allocation Plan is to provide a framework for the Town to expend funds on affordable housing. The current AHTF balance of \$260,232.60 reflects revenue generated through the actions of the CPDC, as well as proceeds from the loss of an affordable unit. There are no Town tax generated funds in the AHTF. The only expenditure to date from the AHTF, in the amount of \$200,000, was to assist Oaktree development with financing affordable housing at 30 Haven Street. That sum has been fully been utilized.

At the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, approval was given for funding to hire a consultant to assist a staff initiative to update the Town’s Housing Plan, including the five-year “Housing Production Plan”. This effort is important as a defense against unfriendly 40B developments in the community, and requires the Town to develop a phased plan to produce housing to reach the 10% threshold as required by MGL Ch. 40B. Reading’s Housing Production Plan has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Town commissioned and received a supplemental report on how the AHTF can best be used to support the “Planned Production” goals of the Housing Plan. This report was received in late winter 2012, and a presentation was made in April of 2013 to the Board of Selectmen and the Reading Housing Authority. The report recommends a significant restructuring of the Town’s AHTF efforts. The Board of Selectmen considered these recommendations last fall, but decided against any changes. Therefore, the current recommendation is to adopt the AHTF Allocation Plan as shown below as the framework for the use of Affordable Housing Trust Fund in FY 2015.

Last November, Town Meeting approved a part-time Regional Housing Services position in the Community Services department. Since that time Reading has had a conversation with several area communities to create a Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO), with Reading as the ‘lead town’. The Reading Board of Selectmen has executed an inter-municipal agreement with North Reading, Saugus and Wilmington to begin this RHSO effort. Other communities are expected to join within the next year. The RHSO plans to hire a shared staff person to monitor and administer affordable housing requirements. This will include working on the Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) as well as maintaining ready buyer and ready renter lists.

**Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan
FY 2014**

Pursuant to Article 15 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan for the Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2001 is as follows:

Available Balance – <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> :	\$260,232.60
Available Balance – <u>Restricted Funds</u>	\$0

Unrestricted funds shall be used for the following purposes:

5% up to a maximum of \$10,000	for administration of Affordable Housing
Remainder	for constructing affordable housing (including loan and grant programs); or for maintaining and improving affordability of existing housing stock; or for

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the purchase of existing housing stock to add it to or maintain it as a part of the existing affordable housing inventory

Finance Committee Report - given by Barry Berman: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 15 by a vote of 7-1-1 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 16: On motion by Dan Ensminger, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain Town Departments under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 with the receipts, as specified, credited to each fund, the purposes, as listed, for which each fund may be spent, the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year, and the disposition of the balance of each fund at fiscal year-end.

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Conservation Commission Consulting Fees	Conservation Commission	Fees as provided for in Reading General Bylaws Section 5.7, Wetlands Protection	Consulting and engineering services for the review of designs and engineering work for the protection of wetlands.	\$25,000	Available for expenditure next year
Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Inspection Revolving Fund	Town Manager	Building, Plumbing, Wiring, Gas and other permits for the Oaktree, Addison-Wesley/Pearson and Johnson Woods developments	Legal, oversight and inspection, plan review, initial property appraisals and appeals, Community Services general management, curb sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements, records archiving and other project related costs.	\$200,000	Available for expenditure next year
Public Health Clinics and Services	Board of Health	Clinic fees, charges and third party reimbursements	Materials and costs associated with clinics and public health programs	\$25,000	Available for expenditure next year
Library Materials Replacement	Library Director and Trustees	Charges for lost or damaged Library materials	Acquire Library materials to replace lost or damaged items	\$15,000	Available for expenditure next year
Mattera Cabin Operating	Recreation Administrator	Rental Fees	Utilities and all other maintenance and operating expenses	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year

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Town Forest	Director of Public Works upon the recommendation of the Town Forest Committee	Sale of timber; fees for use of the Town Forest	Planning and Improvements to the Town Forest	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year
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Background: The revolving funds established in this article are subject to annual renewal by Town Meeting.

- **Conservation Consulting Revolving Fund** - These funds are used to receive payments from applicants, hire expert consultants where required, and return the balance to the applicant. There was no activity in the Conservation Consulting Revolving Fund during Fiscal Year 2014. The balance as of March 3, 2014 remains at \$0.
- **Inspections Revolving Fund** - Beginning in 2004, Town Meeting approved the Inspections Revolving Funds as a way to deposit building and other permit fees from three large projects (the Oaktree, Pulte Homes and Johnson Woods developments). These funds are allowed to be used directly for purposes of plan review, inspections, legal expenses, initial property value appraisal and appeals, and general management of the Community Services operations related to three developments as well as for the construction of curbs, sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements and records archiving and management. The balance available as of March 3, 2014 in this fund is \$797,490, and of that total \$55,000 is proposed to be used to help offset some of these related activities in the FY15 Community Services budget. A spending strategy for this balance will be developed in time for the FY16 budget: continued support of certain Community Services budget items, community economic development programs, and transfer to Free Cash are some of the options.
- **Health Clinic Revolving Fund** - The Reading Health Division contracts for third party payments for a number of immunizations. The funds are used to augment the influenza vaccine supply from the State Department of Public Health to insure vaccine for the homebound clients and first responders. The Division also uses these funds for materials for other screening clinics. Clinic client fees are also deposited into this fund to offset vaccine and clinical supply costs. The balance available as of March 3, 2014 in this fund is \$44,443. The State has been cutting back on the free flu and other vaccines to be distributed to cities and towns, and the Town therefore needs to purchase extra doses. The necessary amounts used for clinic vaccine, supplies and staff salaries related to the clinics each year directly from the revolving fund is therefore approximately \$25,000. Beginning this year, the Board of Health and staff requested that the uses of these funds to be broadened to allow public health programs. One example of such a program is to offer discounted bicycle helmets to people in the community.
- **Library Materials Replacement Fund** - During the course of a year, the Library recovers funds from patrons who have lost or damaged books or other materials. Previously, those funds went into the Town's General Fund and at the end of the year went into Free Cash. Once this Revolving Fund was adopted (beginning in FY 2010), those funds recovered from patrons for lost or damaged materials were available directly to the Library for expenditure to purchase replacement materials and processing supplies. The balance available as of March 3, 2014 in this fund is \$9,596.
- **Mattera Cabin Operating Fund** - The log cabin on the Mattera conservation land was purchased several years ago, and was recently renovated by the Vocational School. Some of the use is revenue generating, and it is anticipated that over time the site will generate enough funding to pay the operating costs of the cabin - primarily utilities. This Article allows those revenues that are generated to be used directly for the operating expenses of the cabin. The balance available as of March 3, 2014 in this fund is \$863.

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- **Town Forest Revolving Fund** was created in 2011. The purpose is to allow revenues from controlled timber harvesting and permit fees to then be spent by the DPW Director upon the recommendation of the Town Forest Committee, on improvements to the Town Forest, including planning efforts. The Town Forest Committee has had a forest stewardship plan created (through a grant) to make recommendations on forest management including controlled timber harvesting. The Committee is in the process of determining how to proceed in beginning this work, and those results are expected in the spring of 2014. The balance available as of March 3, 2014 in this fund is \$0. It is anticipated that timber harvesting on a limited basis could begin in FY 2015, and therefore there will be future proceeds which can be used for the purposes of the revolving fund.

Finance Committee Report - given by Paula Perry: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 16 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- Bob LeLacheur – See Attached

After some discussion a vote was taken:

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 17: On motion by John Halsey, Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$605,869** in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 44 Section 6, Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority for highway projects in accordance with Chapter 90, Massachusetts General Laws.

Background: The purpose of this Article is to make Chapter 90 funds for road improvements available to the Town. The Article authorizes expenditures upon receipt of the grant. Last year, both the Governor and Legislature approved a figure over \$900,000 for Reading. During the year the Governor refused to release that full amount because his \$300,000 increase from recent levels was predicated on tax increases that were not embraced by the Legislature. We are therefore planning on a FY15 figure closer to \$600,000, but it is anyone's guess at this point what might happen.

We are learning that legal opinions vary widely across the Commonwealth about Town Meeting voting these funds. Actions range from those that meticulously correct the voted FY14 figures to exactly match has been released by the Governor (perhaps forgoing any unlikely opportunity to receive the higher amount at year end) to those that have Town Meeting take no role at all in the Chapter 90 funding process. For now we will ask that Town Meeting simply vote to accept the Chapter 90 funds provided by the state.

Finance Committee Report - given by Jeff Perkins: The Finance Committee recommends the subject matter of Article 17 by a vote of 9-0-0 at their meeting on March 19, 2014.

Bylaw Committee Report: No Report

Presentation given by:

- George Zambouras – See Attached

After some discussion a vote was taken:

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2/3 Vote Required
Declared Unanimous by Moderator
156 Town Meeting Members in Attendance

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 18: On motion Kevin Sexton, Board of Selectmen move to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 2-6 of the Reading Home Rule Charter, to declare the seats of certain Town Meeting Members to be vacant and remove certain described persons from their position as Town Meeting Members for failure to take the oath of office within 30 days following the notice of election or for failure to attend one half or more of the Town Meeting sessions during the previous year, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Background: The Reading Home Rule Charter provides for the removal by Town Meeting of Town Meeting Members who did not get sworn in within 30 days of being elected or appointed, or who did not attend at least half of the Town Meeting sessions during the previous year. There are 17 members who meet these criteria.

The remaining Town Meeting Members from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be asked to meet in a caucus before this Article is taken up, and to evaluate the particular circumstances of each of these situations for the listed Town Meeting members within their precinct. The affected precincts will then make a recommendation to Town Meeting as to whether the member should be removed.

Precinct	Name	Remove - Yes Stay	Keep - No Leave
Precinct 1	Roger J D'Entremont	X	
	William Grace	X	
Precinct 2	Peter C Coumounduros	X	
	Marcia Nigro Dresser	X	
	Richard J Moore	X	
	Reginald T Peters	X	
Precinct 3	Brian S Donohue		X
	Joseph P Westerman	X	
Precinct 4	Richard P Abate		X
	Stephen A Goldy	X	
Precinct 5	Jared P Belliveau	X	
Precinct 6	Keith J Driscoll	X	
	John M Miles	X	
Precinct 7	Jesse M Downing	X	
	Gary D Phillips	X	
	Bryan EJ Walsh	X	
Precinct 8	Sean E Quinn	X	