

ARTICLE 7:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 of the April 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to increase the appropriation from the sum of \$30,000,000 to \$32,776,000 to pay costs of the design, demolition, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction, equipment and furnishings and new construction of a new Municipal Center (Town Hall), including Town administrative offices, on town owned property located on Assessor's Map 19 as Lots 1,2,6 and 7, said amount to include funding the design and reconstruction of the parking areas surrounding that site, the services of a Project Manager to oversee the project, and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow an additional \$2,776,000 or other sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) and Section 7 (3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bond or notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$2,776,000 (Unanimous, 11-0-1)

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 7. Town Meeting approval of this article, ranked #4 in priority for Fall by the Capital Improvements Committee, will provide an additional \$2,776,000 to complete the Town Hall project. Demolition and clean up of the site came in just over \$1 million more than anticipated, due to large amounts of unexpected buried hazardous debris that had to be removed. In addition, construction costs have escalated faster than expected, when the project budget was estimated in 2013. And finally, additional costs have been incurred to preserve historic integrity of the site and for design changes such as the addition of public restrooms outside the building. The additional funds will be raised by increased borrowing.