

## **“PLEASE ATTEND!”**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ~TUES., FEBRUARY 24, 2009~7:00 P.M.  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGHSCHOOL

Dear Voters:

I believe that it is my obligation as your Town Clerk to warn voters of Bridgewater of the critical nature of the upcoming Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Please find a copy of Article 5 on the back for your review. I ask you to come and hear the discussion so you can make your own decision on what action you deem appropriate for the future of Bridgewater.

### **Listed are some but not all of the impacts this vote will have:**

- Selectmen's office will have a reduction of 20 hours per week to an already reduced staff
- The Reserve Fund will be reduced to \$3,600 which is to provide for emergency and unforeseen expenses during the fiscal year.
- The Assessors will need to cut staffing by 30 hours or eliminate the part-time 20 hour clerical worker and cut 10 hours from the other 30 hour part time position in the office.
- Town Buildings staffing will be reduced, a department that has been reduced down from 4 (40 hour) employees to 2 (35 hour) employees
- Two full time police officers will be laid off.
- A reduction to the number of hours the library will be open
- Senior center will have a reduction in staff hours and a services
- Fire department will not be able to provide the same level of services to the community due to insufficient manpower.
- Inspectional services will be impacted with a cut in staff hours, thus having a negative result to an already weakened revenue stream
- Board of Health will have a reduction in services and only provide those that are mandated by law. Also putting the food pantry operation in jeopardy, there will not be any staff hours to provide this service.
- Recreation cuts will result in increased fees being passed on to various sporting groups in Town.
- Collector/Treasurer cuts will be covered by operational cost reductions, no personnel impact at present.

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