

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 3, 2014**  
**Background Information**

- ARTICLE 1**            **Appropriate Funds for the Conservation Fund.** Article 1 would appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of increasing the balance of the Henry Waidlich Conservation Fund. These funds are used by the town as a match for state conservation funding that is used to preserve prime agricultural land, and other property that supports rare and endangered flora and fauna. The town currently has a balance in this fund of \$39,000. Over the years the Town of Montague has been a strong advocate of conservation and has used these funds wisely in preserving the town's quality of life.
- ARTICLE 2**            **Funding the town's share of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Project on Millers Falls Road.** This article would appropriate the sum of \$81,679 for the purpose of matching a federal (FEMA) Natural Hazard Mitigation Project grant of \$245,038. The grant would be used to stabilize a segment of Millers Falls Road, along a bank which has historically been subject to severe erosion. The eroded bank will be restored and protected. This segment of Millers Falls Road, approximately 250 yards east of Cemetery Road, is in danger of collapse due to direct erosion by storm water and ground water seepage.
- ARTICLE 3**            **Supplementary appropriation for the FY 2014 Veteran's Benefits budget.** This article would appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of supplementing the FY 2014 Veteran's Benefits Budget. The additional amount is needed because the caseload handled by the Veterans Agent is greater than was anticipated when the budget was developed.
- ARTICLE 4**            **Town share of costs of implementing an airport improvement project.** Article 4 would appropriate \$8,334 for the purpose of funding the town's share of Airport Project AIP 3-25-0032-17 costs associated with the repair of off-airport navigation hazard lights located on West Mineral Hill and Wills Hill