

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday May 21, 2019. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 10th day of May 2019 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Eugene Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. There were three hundred ninety-four (394) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Mark Giovannella, Police Chief
Lauren Goldberg, Town Counsel
Karen Crebase, School Superintendent
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer/Collector
Steven Sette, Town Administrator
Teri Gonsalves, Principal Assessor
Bob DePonte, Highway Superintendent
Robert Speroni, Building Commissioner
Glenn Howard, CDM Smith
Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, BVT School Superintendent

Moderator Eugene Phillips lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for all that have passed before us. He notified residents that because of the many warrant articles before them, he would request an adjournment of the meeting at 11:00 p.m. to a date time and certain.

Moderator Phillips appointed the following residents as counters/tellers: David Guglielmi, Ellen Murphy, Tara Taglianetti-Chambers, Joseph Drugan and Beverly Knapik following the appointment Lisa Pedroli, Town Clerk swore them in.

Because of the overflow of people all non-voting residents will be placed in the cafeteria. Police Officer, Rick Lima was appointed and sworn in as Assistant Moderator. Audio and visual was provided.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved that the Town hear and act upon reports of Town boards, offices, departments and committees.
The motion was seconded and carried.

Firefighter Kelly and Firefighter Gleason gave a presentation about the staffing issues and calls received from the residents. They explained how over the years staffing has not kept up with the demand of service calls. The Fire Department has had a 67% increase in call volume over the

last ten years and with the projection it will be increasing even more. They are asking residents to PASS Article 9 to maintain current staffing and it is imperative to increase the staffing from 2 firefighters per shift to 3 firefighters per shift as soon as possible for everyone's safety because they are now operating below a safe standard.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman extended a thank you to the School Dept. and staff, the Finance Committee, the Department Heads and their staff, Steve Sette and his team for all the hard work to get us to tonight's meeting. He highlighted that the town was able to begin improvements to our infrastructure and has paved more roads in town than ever before and plans are already committed and in place to do so much more with the bond money that was voted in last year. He stated that the override article will be discussed in more detail as to why there is a need for one, but he stated clearly that this is a revenue challenge not a spending problem. Mr. Keyes is asking that all elected officials, town employees, appointed members to a board or committee need to work together and need a more "common goal approach" ... the problem is that we are rowing in different directions and this needs to end. The time is now, or we are at risk.

Edward Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner, gave a brief presentation and stated that one priority of the Department needs to be exploring new sources of water, protecting the quality of existing sources, and improving treatment operations which is all being done on plan and on budget. The Sewer Department's \$5.5 million project is operationally complete and up and running. The Sewer Assessment will be increasing by \$31.87.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108, to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

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| Town Moderator (1) | \$ 200 |
| Board of Selectmen (3) | \$ 5,850 |
| Town Clerk (1)* | \$ 57,993 |
| Road Commissioners (3) | \$ 1,980 |
| Board of Health (3) | \$ 1,665 |
| Park Commissioners (3) | \$ 1,440 |
| Water/Sewer Commissioners (3) | \$ 1,980 |
| Tree Warden (1) | \$ 900 |
| Planning Board (5) | \$ 3,330 |
| Board of Assessors (3) | \$ 1,665 |
| Board of Registrars (3) appt. | \$ 1,600 |
| Clerk to Registrars (1) | \$ 500 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt. | \$ 2,340 |
| Finance Committee (9) appt. | \$ 4,140 |
| School Committee (5) | \$ 4,950 |
| Conservation Committee (5) | \$ 2,340 |
| Library Trustees (3) | \$ 1,440 |
| Parking Clerk | \$ 600 |

*Town Clerk is paid bi-weekly; all others twice per year

Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108, to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town official, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2020, all as set forth in the warrant under Article 2.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53E ½, as most recently amended, to amend the Town of Hopedale General Bylaws entitled "Revolving Funds", which established various revolving funds of the Town, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each from each fund by increasing the amount of the funds contained, in the fund entitled, Building Department, Inspectional Services from \$3,000 to \$25,000 to allow for additional inspections needed to be made by the Building Commissioner when multiple new projects are approved above and beyond the budgeted salary amount for this department and further, to establish fiscal year spending limits annually as needed.as follows, with such limits to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to amend the General Bylaws related to Building Department Revolving Fund by increasing the annual expenditure limit for this revolving fund to \$25,000, all as set forth in the warrant.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the FY 2020.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds, or such additional amount as is anticipated to be so provided, for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, and further

authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs, or take any other action related thereto.

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds, or such additional amount as may be provided, for the purpose of road paving/improvement projects, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the Classification and Compensation grid for non-union Town employees and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to adjust by 3% the annual salary paid to each employee as suggested by and adopted in Article 9 of the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the Classification and Compensation grid for non-union Town employees as stated in Article 9 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting and to raise and appropriate the sum as determined in Article 8 to increase by 3% the annual salary paid to each employee, and to authorize the Town Accountant, with the approval of the Town Administrator, to allocate funds to appropriate departmental line items for such purposes.

The motion was seconded and carried, the vote was challenged a new vote was taken and passed.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2020 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman explained that the amount in the article has changed from \$24,197,708 to 23,767,708 because to approve the budget they would be approving up to \$24,197,708 not counting the \$430,000 for a possible override. If the Town chooses to vote down the override in Article 9 at this Town Meeting, Article 8 would still be valid because we approved a budget up to that number.

Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, gave a presentation to residents. The following are a few excerpts from his presentation: "Being a member of the Finance Committee, it is incumbent upon me to explain our current budget, how we got to where we are, and what possible alternative futures lay before us. The budget proposal that we will be voting on tonight is frankly not substantially different from budgets presented and passed in the past. This

committee in conjunction with the efforts of the town's department heads, the town administrator and frankly every public employee have done our level best to provide the best bang for your buck. The Finance Committee has used free cash and has requested departments level fund many of their expense items for years on end in order to minimize the impact on tax rates and keep the ship steady. The departments given the parameters find creative ways to provide high quality services, search for grants, state monies or programs, and they implement best practices where applicable.

Another important factor is the town also actively seeks new ways to save money. Key examples of this from this year are trash collection and health insurance payments.

We also as a community have not set aside money for capital expenses. By that I do not mean borrowings for major projects like last years \$2.5million bond. I mean there is not an annual line item of even \$100,000 for building investments, or to fund studies without having to borrow for them. The town's budget is and has been historically built entirely on the goal of operating at the current level of service through the upcoming fiscal year. This is my way of trying to indicate that there is no obvious fat or cuts that can be made that won't impact the town's ability to serve this community.

You would of course be right to ask why we are staring an override in the face when we haven't in the past and I am telling you that substantively this budget is no different than the years previously. The answer lies in how the budget is funded and the frankly confusing nature of Proposition 2.5. The town has essentially three streams of revenue that fund the budget, state aid, new growth, and property taxes. Since the recession of 2008 state aid has been stagnant in terms of growth resulting in a larger share of the budget being thrust upon the local taxpayers. With the cannabis cultivation facility coming, the possibility of a retail establishment, and maybe an urban renewal project we can finally bring some of the much-needed additional revenue streams for this town to utilize.

Given all the factors I have mentioned, we the finance committee have presented an override request to you the taxpayers. What I want to reiterate and make abundantly clear is that this year's budget growth is not substantially different than in years past.

The years of that excess capacity are gone and despite the constant efforts to mitigate costs, the absence of robust state aid and unreliable growth have driven us to where we are now in a position that we need to make an override vote to continue to fund the town the way we have for the last 10 years.

But to summarize, tonight the town would have to pass the override and then a subsequent ballot referendum will have to take place and the override would have to pass again. As things stand in the current budget and time left in the fiscal year, which ends June 30th, the referendum would take place in the new fiscal year. And so, if the referendum were to fail, a new emergency town meeting would be called to vote on a new budget that would reflect a \$430,000 cut to discretionary spending. If the town chooses to not support the override tonight or later, this would mean the loss of public safety officers, and teachers, the possible decertification of the library, closing town hall a day of the week resulting in a 20% cut to town hall employees, maybe even turning off the streetlights. I want to make clear that I can't say all of that would happen, but frankly everything would be on cutting board.

Ultimately, what I hope you all take from this, is tonight is a key moment for you to decide what kind of town you want. What level of service do you want, what are you willing to pay for, what revenue projects do you want supported and sought?"

Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to raise and appropriate \$23,767,708 and transfer \$197,000 from Certified Free Cash to defray Town charges for FY 2020 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

Sam read each line item in the FY 20 Budget which totaled \$23,767,708 upon approval of an override in Article 9, the total would be \$24,394,708. Residents placed holds on Accountant Salaries, Town Counsel, Dispatch Expense, Health Officer Expenses, Health and Life Insurance Premiums and Other Unclassified Expenses. All lines items without holds were seconded and carried. After discussions on Accountant Salaries, Town Counsel, Dispatch Expenses and Health Officer and Other Unclassified Expenses a vote was taken, and each was seconded and carried. A request to amend a motion not to vote on Health and Life Insurance was made but not seconded, original motion was then seconded and carried.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Hopedale will be allowed to assess an additional \$430,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 2019.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman moved to raise and appropriate an additional \$430,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of fully funding the Town's Operational Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 2019, such sum to be expended as shown in the Finance Committee Budget Report; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, override question allowing the Town to raise such funds outside the limits imposed by said statute.

After questions from residents were answered a motion for a secret ballot was made and seconded but failed then the original motion was seconded and carried.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget for fiscal year 2020 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Christine H. Burke, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved to vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget for FY 2020 by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$282,941.33, Expenses \$472,400.00, Water Debt \$ 357,991.88 and Shared Costs of \$105,722.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget for fiscal year 2020 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Christine H. Burke, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved that the Town vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget for FY 2020 by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$314,605.85, Expenses \$497,840.00, Sewer Debt \$179,765.83 and Shared Costs of \$111,922.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget for fiscal year 2020 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved that the Town vote the sum of \$300,000, to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget for FY 2020 by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$,180,000.00, Expenses \$120,000.00

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation program and other incidental and related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2020, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2018; or take any other action related thereto.

Karen Crebase, Superintendent of Schools, moved to pass over Article 13.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's fiscal year 2020 assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action related thereto.

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,692.73 to pay the Town's FY 2020 assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019, or take any other action related thereto.

Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, BVT School Superintendent, moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$549,955 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for FY 2020.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 16: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$734.11 to \$758.33, or take any other action related thereto.

Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption from \$734.11 to \$758.33.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$246.15 to \$254.28, or take any other action related thereto.

Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$246.15 to \$254.28.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 18: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to approve to allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty (outside of the United States) to obtain a reduction on all or part of their real property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, owning real property pursuant to Clause 56 of G.L. c59 §5.

Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to continue to allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty (outside of the United States) to obtain a reduction on all or part of their real property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, owning real property pursuant to Clause 56 of G.L. c59 §5.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of \$4,000 to fund One Fifth (1/5) of the anticipated cost of recertification

of real estate and personal property values for FY2025 as required by the State Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to fund a portion of the anticipated cost of recertification of real estate and personal property values for FY2025 as required by the State Department of Revenue.
The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/18), or take any other action related thereto.

Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved to pay the following prior year bills:

| TO ACCOUNT | AMOUNT | FROM ACCOUNT | AMOUNT |
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| Milford Ace Hardware | \$303.96 | Administrator Prof. and Tech | \$303.96 |

The motion was seconded and carried 4/5 majority.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw: Section 12.12, Non -Medical Marijuana Retailers Section 12.12, Non-Medical Marijuana Retailers. Marijuana retailers, as defined for purposes of G.L. c.94G, §1, shall be prohibited from locating and operating in the Town of Hopedale in any zone other than Industrial, Light Industrial, Commercial Special Permit required.

Russell Bogartz, Citizens Petitioner, moved to amend the Zoning Bylaw: Section 12.12, Non - Medical Marijuana Retailers, by inserting the following underlined language:

Marijuana retailers, as defined for purposes of G.L. c.94G, §1, shall be prohibited from locating and operating in the Town of Hopedale in any zone other than Industrial, Light Industrial, and Commercial zones, and subject to a special permit.

And, further, in Section 11.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, in the section entitled "Commercial Uses" and the row entitled, "Non-medical marijuana retailer", to delete in the Commercial Zone column the letter "N" and insert in place thereof the designation of "SP".
The motion was seconded and carried 2/3 majority.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve funding, in the amount of \$100,000, related to achieving compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase 2 General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit). Activities to be funded under this expenditure are intended to bring the Town into compliance with the Year 1 requirements of the MS4 Permit and include the following: Implementation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, IDDE Plan, Stormwater Regulations Review, limited GIS mapping,

Catchment Delineation/Ranking, Public Education, Employee Training, and Year 1 Annual Report.

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, for the purpose of taking such action as is necessary to bring the Town into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase 2 General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit), for Year 1, as stated in the warrant under Article 22, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issues bonds and notes of the Town therefor; and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance thereof, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and applications deemed necessary for the receipt of, and to accept and expend, any funds, grants and/or reimbursements from any and all federal, state, local and private sources for such purposes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$250,000, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee, said sum to be utilized for purposes of preparing preliminary plans, specifications and estimates for the renovation and reconstruction of the baseball fields, softball fields, including construction of an artificial turf multi-purpose field and track, lights, fencing and related amenities at the Draper Field complex and Phillips Brothers Field complex.

Reverend William Murray, Field Ad Hoc Committee Chairman provided the residents with an overview of why the committee was established. They are charged with providing an analysis of the recreational field situation as it stands today with the intent to suggest recommendation for future use that considers amended use structure, if appropriate, in light of the acquisition of the former landfill site along Freedom Street. Additionally, any parcels of land presently owned or with the potential to acquire may also enter consideration. It is understood that this committee will not only seek to address the expressed needs of athletic use for our youth but also shall seek to accommodate the unexpressed needs of our adult community as well. The committee conducted a survey and looked at how to do a feasibility study and look at what the possibilities were with the properties the Town had available for athletic and recreational purposes.

Glenn Howard of CDM Smith evaluated all available town owned parcels and provided recommendations to the committee. They narrowed the search down to Draper and Phillips Field. At this point in the process Draper Field is the most suitable location for a multi-purpose artificial turf track and field complex for the community, with relocation of baseball fields from Draper to a reconfigured Phillips field for baseball, softball and field sport practice.

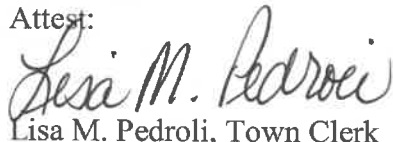
Reverend William Murray, Field Ad Hoc Committee Chairman, moved that the Town vote to borrow the sum \$250,000, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee, for purposes of preparing plans, specifications and estimates for the renovation and reconstruction of the baseball fields, softball fields, including construction of an artificial turf multi-purpose field and track, lights, fencing and related amenities at the Draper Field complex and Phillips Brothers Field complex; and, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issues bonds and notes of the Town therefor; and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance thereof, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and applications deemed necessary for the receipt of, and to accept and expend, any funds, grants and/or reimbursements from any and all federal, state, local and private sources for such purposes.

A request for a secret ballot was made but not seconded, there was a standing vote 167 yes votes 98 no votes, the motion failed.

Eugene Phillips thanked the town residents and town officials for their attendance. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 10:56 pm.

A True Record

Attest:



Lisa M. Pedrolì, Town Clerk

