

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order in Bromfield's Cronin Auditorium 7:01 p.m. by Moderator Robert Eubank. The call of the meeting and the return of service were found to be in order by Acting Town Clerk Janet Vellante.

Moderator Robert Eubank requested that the town allow the following non-voters to speak to the meeting if necessary:

Timothy Bragan	Town Administrator
Mark Lanza	Town Counsel
David Nalchajian	Finance Director

ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER FUNDS TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 17, Section 17-4 of the Town Code, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Donald Ludwig, 23 East Bare Hill Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town transfer from Fiscal Year 2016 Certified Free Cash \$6,400 to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 17, Section 17-4 of the Town Code.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND ARTICLE 6 of the 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 6 of the April 4, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by transferring from available funds a sum of money to be combined with funds already appropriated for the 2017 Reserve Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Steven Colwell, 192 Littleton Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town amend its vote under Article 6 of the April 4, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by transferring from Fiscal Year 2016 Certified Free Cash \$250,000. to be combined with the \$350,000 already appropriated for the 2017 Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER FUNDS FOR GASB 74/75 REPORTING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used to conduct the Governmental Accounting Standards Board 74/75 reporting for Fiscal Year 2017, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Bruce Nickerson, 212 Stow Road, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town transfer from Fiscal Year 2016 Certified Free Cash \$2,500 to Line #2, Audit, of Article 4 , Omnibus Budget, of the April 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to be used to conduct the Governmental Accounting Standards Board 74/75 reporting for Fiscal Year 2017.

ARTICLE 4: FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFIED FREE CASH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2016 Certified Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund in accordance with Chapter 17, Section 17-4 of the Town Code , or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

On a motion by Charles Oliver, 14 Simon Atherton Row, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town transfer from Fiscal Year 2016 Certified Free Cash \$1,405,435. to be deposited into the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund in accordance with Chapter 17, Section 17-4 of the Town Code.

ARTICLE 5: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2018 TOWN BUDGET – MULTIPLE LINES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget approved at the April 3, 2017 Annual Town Meeting under Article 5 of the Warrant therefor in the following manner, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

- A. To raise and appropriate \$3,500. to be added to line #2, Town Audit, of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 31 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used to conduct the Fiscal Year 2018 Government Accounting Standards Board 74/75 audit , and
- B. To raise and appropriate \$12,200. to be added to line #3 of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 31 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for hiring Professional Services, as needed, throughout the fiscal year, and
- C. To transfer \$27,280. to be added to the Cable Access budget, thus making line 51 (Personnel) \$44,178. and line 52 (Expenses) \$27,280., of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 36 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for Harvard Cable Television (HCTV) purposes throughout the fiscal year and that said amount along with the previously appropriated sums of money be transferred from the HCTV Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, with any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year being returned to their funding source, and
- D. To raise and appropriate \$18,646. to be added to line #60, Debt, of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 37 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for debt service associated with the Hildreth House project.

(Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

On a motion by Lucy Wallace, 18 Orchard Hill, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget approved at the April 3, 2017 Annual Town Meeting under Article 5 of the Warrant therefor by:

- A. raising and appropriating \$3,500. to be added to line #2, Town Audit, of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 31 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used to conduct the Fiscal Year 2018 Government Accounting Standards Board 74/75 audit , and
- B. raising and appropriating \$12,200. to be added to line #3 of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 31 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for hiring professional services, as needed, throughout the fiscal year, and
- C. transferring \$27,580. from the Harvard Cable Television (HCTV) Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to be added to the Cable Access budget, thus making line 51 (Personnel) \$44,178. and line 52 (Expenses) \$27,580., of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 36 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for HCTV purposes throughout the fiscal year, with the total funds coming from the HCTV Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account totaling \$71,458 and with any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year being returned to their funding source, and
- D. raising and appropriating \$18,646. to be added to line #60, Debt, of the Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget as printed on page 37 of the April 2017 Finance Committee Report and Town Meeting Warrant to be used for debt service associated with the Hildreth House project.

ARTICLE 6: AMEND ARTICLE 22, FIRE PONDS RESTORATION, OF THE APRIL 2017 ATM

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 22, Fire Ponds Restoration, of the Warrant for the April 3, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by changing the \$100,000 approved funding source by way of rescinding the authority to borrow and instead transferring the amount from the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund, with any funds remaining on June 30, 2019 being returned to the original funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

Voted unanimously yes that the Town amend its vote under Article 22, Fire Ponds Restoration, of the Warrant for the April 3, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by changing the approved funding source for said project by rescinding the authorization to borrow \$100,000 and instead transferring \$100,000 from the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund, with any funds remaining on June 30, 2019 being returned to the original funding source.

ARTICLE 7: AMEND CHAPTER 17, CAPITAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 17 of the Town Code, Capital Planning and Investment Committee, Section 17- 3, by deleting the words “two-thirds” in line three of this section and replacing them with the word “majority” so that the bylaw will be in conformance with an amendment made to Massachusetts General Laws relating to special stabilization accounts, or pass any vote or votes in

relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

On a motion by Debbie Ricci, 39 East Bare Hill Road, Capital Planning & Investment Committee, and seconded,

Voted majority yes that the Town amend Chapter 17 of the Town Code, Capital Planning and Investment Committee, Section 17- 3, by deleting the words “two-thirds” in the second sentence of this section and replacing them with the word “majority” so that the bylaw will be in conformance with a recent amendment made to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B relating to special stabilization accounts.

ARTICLE 8: PLANNING BOARD PRE-FUNDING of GRANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Planning Board, upon successfully obtaining the full amount of the requested grant, as seed money for the reimbursable grant to conduct a review of and provide recommendations for the Town’s Open Space Design (OSD) Bylaw and that the money received from the grant shall be returned to the original funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Planning Board)

On a motion by Kara Minar, 204 Still River Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 9: HILDRETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DESIGN REPORT

To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee and the School Building Committee for the Hildreth Elementary School project at 27 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard, Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Submitted by School Committee)

On a motion by Mary Traphagan, 146 Still River Road, School Committee, and seconded,

Voted majority yes that the Town hear a report from the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee and the School Building Committee for the Hildreth Elementary School project at 27 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard, Massachusetts.

The meeting was dissolved at 7:30 PM.

Checkers for the meeting were Mary Jarvis, Barbara Kemp, Steve Nigzus, and Debbie Ricci. They checked in 79 voters out of a total of 4385 registered voters (4201 active voters).

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Vellante, MMC, CMMC
Acting Town Clerk