

TOWN OF HOLLISTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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The Special Town Meeting of October 24, 2016 was held at the High School Auditorium and brought to order by Moderator Jacqueline Dellicker at 7:57 with a quorum of 100.

The moderator read the warrant and went over the preliminary rules for Town Meeting and then read the following motion as required by the Town By-Laws.

PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1

MOTION: Moved that the following non-resident Town officials, consultants to committees and petitioners be allowed to speak during the course of this Special Town Meeting:

Health Director/Agent	Scott Moles
Leslie McDonnell	Library Director
Mary Bousquet	Treasurer/Collector
Kathryn Peirce	Principal Assessor
Peter Tartakoff	Building Inspector
Brad Jackson	Superintendent of Schools
Sara Ahern	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Sean Reese	DPW Director
Tom Smith	Highway Superintendent
Karen Sherman	Town Planner
John Moore	Police Chief
Dona Walsh	Animal Control Officer
Chris Meo	Technology Director
Jeff Ritter	Town Administrator
Sharon Emerick	Town Accountant

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Our Town By-Laws require that the Town Meeting vote to allow non-residents and non-voters to address the Town Meeting.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's Fiscal Year 2017 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 14 of the Warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to make the following change in the fiscal year 2017 Omnibus Budget:

- 1.) Raise and appropriate \$100,000; and to appropriate \$120,000 from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 1 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to the stabilization Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 2 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Expenditure Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the \$1,610,149 from Free Cash to the Capital Expenditure Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to dispose of surplus equipment during Fiscal Year 2017:

One (1) 1970 International Brush Truck (Fire Department)

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 4 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and new vehicles and equipment, for the following departments: Police, Schools, Fire, Technology, DPW (Highway), DPW (Water), Library, ambulance and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell used equipment toward part of the purchase price; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the following from the Capital Expenditure Fund;

\$35,000 for new boiler at the Library;

\$85,000 for a Fire Department Brush Truck;

\$175,000 for Radio Equipment at the Fire Department;

\$5,810 for fiber network equipment for the Information Technology Department

\$6,715 for a printer/scanner for the Information Technology Department and other Departments;

\$20,100 for a police radio repeater;

\$84,928 for two (2) fully equipped Police SUV's

\$50,500 for a dump truck & plow DPW (Highway)

\$66,975 for a chipper machine DPW (Highway)

\$15,000 for a classroom security system (Schools)

\$7,470 for 7 Nexus Tablets for Students (Schools)

\$20,000 for Music Lab Software (Schools)

\$23,265 Interactive Board Technology (Schools)

\$255,000 for a new ambulance by transferring the balance of \$116,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund and the balance of \$139,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund;

\$16,000 for traffic safety signalization for the Rail Trail

For a total of \$750,763 with Signals from the Capital Expenditure Fund; and

Moved that the Town appropriate the following from Water Surplus;

\$108,012 for the purchase of two (2) pick-up trucks with plows.

For a total appropriation under Article 5 of \$974,775 with Signals.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Martha DeVoe, 35 Robin Hill Rd., asked why some of the items were not printed in the Warrant. Ken Szajda, Finance Comm. Chair, explained that the Ambulance Revolving Fund had a surplus that can be used towards a new ambulance and the signalization is for the rail trail crosswalks at Central and Lowland streets.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 5 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the amount of money to be raised through property taxes for fiscal year 2017; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., gave an update on the Town's financial standing.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to indefinitely postpone Article 6 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Surplus, Water Infrastructure Account, \$68,000 for engineering design and tasks related to replacement of approximately 5,300 linear feet of water mains in Cedar Street, Turner Road and Cheryl Lane. The scope of this project includes new water mains, valves, hydrants, service connections, hydraulic determination to identify a suitable replacement site for the Cedar Street booster station, topographical survey of a potential site and preparation of a booster station, drawings and specifications for a factory assembled station and related work in Cedar Street, Turner Road, and Cheryl Lane; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$68,000 from Water Surplus, Water Infrastructure Account to complete the engineering design and all related tasks related to the replacement of approximately 5,300 linear feet of water mains in Cedar Street, Turner Road, and Cheryl Lane.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 7 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Surplus, Water Infrastructure Account, \$1.13 million dollars for construction and tasks related to replacement of approximately 5,400 linear feet of water mains in the Shaw Farm Road area. The scope of this project includes new water mains, valves, hydrants, service connections, surface restoration and related work on Clark Drive, Cold Spring Road, Shaw Farms Road, Cynthia Circle, Appleyard Lane, Roberta Circle and Heritage Way; or to take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$250,000 dollars from Water Surplus, and the balance of \$880,000 from the Water Infrastructure Account for all construction related tasks for the replacement of approximately 5,400 linear feet of water mains in the Shaw Farm Road area.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 8 as stated in the Motion.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2017 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year; or take any action relative thereto.
(Community Preservation Committee)

MOVE: To appropriate up to \$150,000 in fiscal 2017 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve to assist the Open Space Committee with the purchase for the Town for permanent open space of approximately 4.54 acres of land, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds Reference Plan #631 of 2016, Lot #3 in the vicinity of 280 Adams Street, subject to the approval of Article 10 on the Warrant of the October 24, 2016 town meeting, with all funds to be expended within 12 months from the appropriation date.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Frank Chamberlain, 333 Hollis St., gave a report of the community Preservation Committee.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept this motion under Article 9 as stated above.

MOVE: To appropriate up to \$34,500 in fiscal 2017 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve to assist the Parks and Recreation Department with the development of a Town-wide Master Plan for Recreational Facilities, all funds to be expended within 12 months from the appropriation date.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept this motion under Article 9 as stated above.

MOVE: To appropriate \$120,000 in fiscal 2017 from the Community Preservation Fund Housing Reserve and \$180,000 in fiscal 2017 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve for a total of \$300,000 to support the Holliston Housing Trust's programs to provide affordable housing in Holliston and for the administrative and contract support of thereof.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept this motion under Article 9 as stated above.

MOVE: To appropriate \$6,398.39 for fiscal 2017 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve for the purpose of paying remaining legal expenses and other closing costs associated with the acquisition from CSX Corporation of the former railroad bed from Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road for inclusion in the Upper Charles Rail Trail, all funds to be expended within 12 months from the appropriation date.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept this motion under Article 9 as stated above.

MOVE: To amend the appropriation authorized by vote of Town Meeting dated 10/26/2015 of up to \$8,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space (Recreation) Reserve to assist the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust with the creation of public recreational access for the Wenakeening Woods conservation area through the construction of a public parking area off of Summer Street to strike the words “with all funds to be expended within one year from date of appropriation” and replace with “all funds to be expended within three (3) years from date of appropriation”.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept this motion under Article 9 as stated above.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, grants or borrow \$600,000 for the purposes of purchasing property, shown as Board of Assessors parcel ID 136/004.0-0002-0041.0 consisting of approximately 10.29 acres more or less, or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town Vote to appropriate \$150,000 from the Open Space Reserve account of the Community Preservation Committee; \$150,000 from the Open Space Acquisition Fund account; for the purposes of purchasing approximately 4.54 acres of land, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds Reference Plan #631 of 2016, Lot #3 in the vicinity of 280 Adams Street for the acquisition of open space.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Lixy Carey, 37 Green St., gave a presentation regarding the property. John Cronin, 40 Holly Ln., asked if the committee had done any official surveys or reviews of the property and if they have checked into any contamination issues. Anne Marie Pilch, 107 Juniper Rd., said that they did do a property line survey. Ms. Carey added that when they put a Conservation Restriction on a property it is done with a 3rd party such as Trustees of Reservation or Mass Audubon, and they will check on the property annually. Joan Shaughnessy, 5 Clark Dr., asked how it was appraised and by whom? Ms. Carey said they went with an appraiser recommended through the Trustees of Reservation. Mr Cronin made a motion to amend Article 10, by adding the following to the end of the current Motion:

MOTION TO AMEND: “Provided that a land survey shall be conducted to include soil testing for potential contaminants or hazardous materials.”

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jay Robinson, 233 Chamberlain St., asked the Finance Committee why they unanimously approved this Article. Ken Szajda, Chair Finance Committee, said that they looked at it purely from a financial point of view, such as market value and availability of funds, and expected that the group that brought it forth had done their due diligence on the property itself.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT: Motion to Amend Article 10 failed by voice vote.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 10 as stated in the motion.

Motion to adjourn at 9:13 pm

A true record, ATTEST:

Elizabeth T. Greendale, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk