

Town of [REDACTED]
Special Town Meeting November 9, 2022
Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Called to Order. Having established a quorum in the room, Moderator [REDACTED] convened the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

There were 366 town residents in attendance.

Preliminary Motions offered by the Select Board Chair [REDACTED]

(1) [REDACTED] moved that the Town vote to waive the reading of the warrant.

Motion Passed at 6:03 pm.

(2) I move that the Town vote to grant permission to speak at the November 9, 2022 Special Town Meeting to the following persons who are not registered voters of the Town of [REDACTED]

Motion Passed at 6:08 pm.

(3) [REDACTED] moved that on all matters to come before the November 9, 2022 Special Town Meeting, requiring a two-thirds vote by statute, that a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more registered voters.

Motion Passed at 6:09 pm.

(4) [REDACTED] moved that notwithstanding the requirements for a public hearing on each warrant article contained in Section 2-3-g of the Town Charter, Town Meeting may consider and act on all articles on the warrant for this Town Meeting. 6:09

Motion Passed at 6:09 pm.

Select Board Recommends 5-0-0
Finance Committee Recommends 7-0-0
Water & Sewer Board Recommends 5-0-0
Board of Health Recommends 5-0-0
Open Space Committee Recommends 5-0-0
Conservation Commission Recommends 4-0-0
Community Housing Council Recommends 4-0-0
Year-Round Housing Trust Recommends 5-0-0
Harbor Committee Recommends 5-0-0
Planning Board Recommends 5-0-0
Shellfish Committee Recommends 4-0-0
Public Pier Corporation 3-1-1

Requires a Majority Vote

Report by [REDACTED] 7:11 pm

Article 4 motion carries as declared by Majority vote in favor as declared by the Moderator. 7:12 pm

Article 5. Wastewater Expansion Authorization. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager and the Select Board, for the development of plans and specifications and for construction, optimization and expansion of the Town's sewer system including the expansion of the treatment and disposal capacity of the wastewater system and further extensions of the Town's sewer system, including without limitation all costs defined under Chapter 29C, Section 1 of the General Laws and all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to raise said appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum of money under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that to the extent that any State, Federal or other funds are or become available for the purposes set forth above, the Select Board is authorized to apply for and accept such funds; and, further, to authorize the Water and Sewer Board to assess one hundred percent of the project cost to the Town upon those who benefit from the project, such assessments to be made by the Uniform Unit method; and further to authorize the Water and Sewer Board to set the method of sewer assessments for future connections to the Town's sewer system as a sewer privilege fee pursuant to G.L. c. 83, §17, to be paid at the time of actual connection to the Town's sewer system for properties that have a Title 5 compliant septic system installed after January 1, 2000 according to the records of the Health Department, with all other properties that abut a sewer main to be assessed a betterment pursuant to G.L. c. 83, §15; provided further that the Water and Sewer Board shall equitably adjust the amount of assessments made pursuant to this vote to take into account the need for the homeowner to pay for and install a grinder pump for connection to low pressure lines; or to take any other action relative thereto.

[Requested by the Select Board and the Town Manager]

Motion by [REDACTED] 7:12 pm

I move that the Town appropriates \$75,000,000, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager and the Select Board to pay costs of the development of plans and specifications and for construction, optimization and expansion of the Town's sewer system including the expansion of the treatment and disposal capacity of the wastewater

system and further extensions of the Town's sewer system, including without limitation all costs defined under G.L. c. 29C, §1 and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), G.L. c. 29C, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that to the extent that any State, Federal or other funds are or become available for the purposes set forth above, the Select Board is authorized to apply for, accept and expend such funds; and, further, to authorize the Water and Sewer Board to assess one hundred percent of the project cost to the Town upon those who benefit from the project, such assessments to be made by the Uniform Unit method; and further to authorize the Water and Sewer Board to set the method of sewer assessments for future connections to the Town's sewer system as a sewer privilege fee pursuant to G.L. c. 83, §17, to be paid at the time of actual connection to the Town's sewer system for properties that have a Title 5 compliant septic system installed after January 1, 2000 according to the records of the Health Department, with all other properties that abut a sewer main to be assessed a betterment pursuant to G.L. c. 83, §15; provided, further, that the Water and Sewer Board shall equitably adjust the amount of assessments made pursuant to this vote to take into account the need for the homeowner to pay for and install a grinder pump for connection to low pressure lines.

Select Board Recommends 4-0-0

Finance Committee Recommends 6-0-0

Water & Sewer Board Recommends 4-0-0

Board of Health Recommends 5-0-0

Open Space Committee Recommends 5-0-0

Community Housing Council Recommends 4-0-0

Year-Round Housing Trust Recommends 3-0-1

Harbor Committee Recommends 5-0-0

Planning Board Recommends 5-0-0

Conservation Commission Recommends 4-0-0

Shellfish Committee Recommends 4-0-0

Requires a 2/3rds Vote

Report by [REDACTED] 7:14

[REDACTED] comments.

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Motion carries by two-thirds vote in favor as declared by the Moderator 7:22 pm.

Article 6. Alteration of Layout of Route 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the altered layout of a portion of [REDACTED] as a public way, as heretofore altered by the Select Board, to exclude from the layout of said way the parcel of land shown as "76,006 +/- square feet" on a plan entitled "Prepared for Town of [REDACTED] Sheet Title Route 6 Alteration and Parcel Combination Plan, dated September 19, 2022", prepared by [REDACTED] Engineering Co., [REDACTED] Massachusetts, on file with the Town Clerk, and to transfer the care, custody, and control of the aforesaid discontinued parcel from the Select Board for public way purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including, without limitation, for wastewater treatment and disposal facilities, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to take said parcel by eminent domain for said purposes and for the purpose of clearing the Town's title thereto, if applicable; or to take any other action relative thereto.

[Requested by the Select Board and the Town Manager]