

**RESULTS OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

131 VOTERS ATTENDED

Moderator, Dario Nardi, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. More than a quorum of 25 were present. The Moderator led with the Pledge of Allegiance then he declared that the Warrant was properly posted and returned. He explained the procedures of the meeting, then the following action was taken on articles:

*Note: Most of the votes were taken using the EZ-Connect voting system, done with hand held remotes, however some votes which occur unplanned were done by Voice Count at the discretion of the Moderator.

Before the motion was read on Article 1, the Moderator asked for a vote to allow the Town Administrator and Police Chief to address the meeting throughout the night.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ALLOW JAMES FERRERA, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND GERALD MILLETTE, POLICE CHIEF, TO ADDRESS THE MEETING – PASSES (VOICE COUNT)

ARTICLE 1: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00 to Stabilization.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 80 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 98 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 2: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000.00 to Capital Stabilization.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED – YES 86 – NO 14 – TOTAL = 100 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 3: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,000.00 to Selectmen Information Technology Purchase Service line for the purpose of covering additional storage for monthly IT Backup Services.

ARTICLE 3: VOTED – YES 83 – NO 21 – TOTAL = 104 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,200.00 to pay for an increase in transportation costs for an out-of-district vocational student's transportation for the 2025-26 school year.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED – YES 80 – NO 24 – TOTAL = 104 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 5: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$5,336.10 to pay a prior fiscal year bill from Van Pool Transportation LLC for transportation costs associated with an out-of-district vocational student.

ORIGINAL VOTE - 9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

ARTICLE 5: VOTED – YES 82 – NO 25 – TOTAL = 107 – MOTION DEFEATED

Immediately following the vote, a motion was made to **RECONSIDER ARTICLE 5**

ARTICLE 5: VOTE TO RECONSIDER PASSED BY VOICE COUNT

RE- VOTE ARTICLE 5 - 9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

ARTICLE 5: VOTED – YES 104 – NO 10 – TOTAL = 114 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Workman's Comp Insurance line to cover any potential costs associated with the Town's annual audit.

ARTICLE 6: VOTED – YES 83 – NO 18 – TOTAL = 101 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$83,000.00 to pay for the replacement of one of the currently out of service inclined wheelchair lifts at the Shepard Municipal Building so that the Town offices are accessible to the public, comply with the American with Disabilities Act, for the decommissioning and any incidental costs associated with this project.

ARTICLE 7: VOTED – YES 98 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 115 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 8: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to pay for the removal of the existing delaminated translucent window panels at the Shepard Municipal Building.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED – YES 89 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 111 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 9: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to pay for engineering and bidding services for the purpose of installing new or upgrading the existing duct work at the Senior Center and for any other costs associated with this project.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED – YES 61 – NO 41 – TOTAL = 102 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 10: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$8,900.00 to Maintenance on Town Buildings line.

ARTICLE 10: VOTED – YES 102 – NO 14 – TOTAL = 116 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 11: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 to Legal Expense line.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED – YES 93 – NO 21 – TOTAL = 114 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 12: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to pay for and conduct a study on the former Cornerstone Bank building located at 698 Main Street in Warren for the purpose of potentially buying and renovating the building to house the Police Department.

ARTICLE 12: VOTED – YES 86 – NO 35 – TOTAL = 121 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 13: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$53,000.00 to pay for and conduct a study on Fire Station "A" located at 1012 Main Street in Warren for the purpose of potentially renovating and adding onto the existing station.

ARTICLE 13: VOTED – YES 64 – NO 46 – TOTAL = 110 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 14: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 to pay for a new Town Hall Bell and Chime system, upgrades to the electrical wiring, and the disposal of the old system including all costs incidental and related thereto.

ARTICLE 14: VOTED – YES 25 – NO 88 – TOTAL = 113 – MOTION DEFEATED

ARTICLE 15: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town of Warren General Bylaw, Article II, Town Meetings, Section 1 by deleting the ~~strikeout~~ and adding the bold language as follows:

Date and Quorum for the Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Election shall be held on the 1st Tuesday in May of each year. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the ~~2nd Thursday in June of each year.~~ **the second Tuesday in June of each year.**

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO MOVE THE QUESTION

ARTICLE 15: TO MOVE THE QUESTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR (VOICE COUNT).

ORIGINAL VOTE - (Done with the remote clickers)

ARTICLE 15: VOTED – YES 65 – NO 52 – TOTAL = 117 – MOTION CARRIES

Please note that later in the evening, at the end of the meeting, a motion was made to Reconsider Article 15.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 15:

ARTICLE 15: TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS DELCARED BY THE MODERATOR (VOICE COUNT).

RE- VOTE ARTICLE 15

ARTICLE 15: RE-VOTED: DEFEATED UNAMIMOUSLY AS DELCARED BY THE MODERATOR (VOICE COUNT).

ARTICLE 16: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$36,626.00 for the second half of the purchase of a new Ford Hybrid Police Interceptor with up-fitting costs included.

ARTICLE 16: VOTED – YES 96 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 118 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 17: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Stabilization the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a new Ford Hybrid Police Interceptor.

ARTICLE 17: VOTED – YES 86 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 108 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 18: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$11,800.00 to pay for the replacement of three patrol cruiser MDT tablet computers.

ARTICLE 18: VOTED – YES 105 – NO 8 – TOTAL = 113 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 19: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to transfer from *Free Cash* \$1,500.00 to pay for the replacement of the kitchen stove at Fire Station “A”.

ARTICLE 19: VOTED – YES 91 – NO 17 – TOTAL = 108 – MOTION CARRIES

BEFORE THE MOTION WAS READ, A MOTION WAS MADE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 20; PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to *accept* the provisions of G.L. c. 32, section 4(2)(b), which would allow a) reserve police officers and b) call fire fighters who are subsequently appointed to a permanent position on fire department, to be credited with an additional day of full-time service for each day of service performed in any year subsequent to the fifth year following said appointment as a reserve police officer or call fire fighter.

BEFORE THE MOTION WAS READ, A MOTION WAS MADE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 21; PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to *accept* the provisions of G.L. c. 32, section 4(2) (b 1/2), which would allow reserve call fire fighters to be credited with an additional day of full-time service for each day of service performed in any year subsequent to the fifth year following said appointment as a call fire fighter.

ARTICLE 22: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Assessors Expense line the sum of \$50.00 to pay for a prior fiscal year bill from Turley Publications, Inc. dated February 29, 2024, for costs associated with advertising the Assessor Clerk position.

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

ARTICLE 22: VOTED – YES 98 – NO 7 – TOTAL = 105 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 23: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to pay for Warren’s portion of the capital expense for replacing existing stadium lights and adding lights to the tennis courts at Quaboag Regional Middle/High School.

ARTICLE 23: VOTED – YES 96 – NO 14 – TOTAL = 110 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 24: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the sum of \$2,478.00 to fund an additional 100 hours for the Parks and Recreation Department Program Supervisor salary.

ARTICLE 24: VOTED – YES 103 – NO 13 – TOTAL = 116 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 25: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to Parks and Recreation Capital Stabilization for the use of expanding and improving Cutter Park.

ARTICLE 25: VOTED – YES 89 – NO 25 – TOTAL = 114 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 26: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *accept* the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 200A, Section 9A that pertains to how the Town handles abandoned funds.

ARTICLE 26: VOTED – YES 101 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 107 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 27: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town of Warren General Bylaw Finance and Capital Planning Committee Article IV Section 1 Finance Committee to add the following bold text.

Section 1. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of five (5) registered voters of the Town, none of whom shall be an officer. **In which, the quorum of the body shall be a majority of the members serving of the body.** Members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator for three-year terms from the date of the Annual Town Meeting. Said Committee shall be established by the appointment in 1970 of three members for three-year terms, and one member for a one-year term, such persons to constitute the Committee with the three members now serving their current terms. Thereafter, at the expiration of each term, the members shall be appointed for three-year terms.

ARTICLE 27: VOTED – YES 94 – NO 10 – TOTAL = 104 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 28: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *amend* the Town of Warren General Bylaw, Article X, Section 12F, Failure to License by deleting the ~~strikeout~~ and add the following text in bold.

F. Failure to License

An additional fee of five (\$5.00) dollars **per dog**, shall be charged to each dog owner who fails to license said dog(s) on or before ~~July 1~~ **May 1** of any year. The fee so collected shall be deposited in the Town Treasury to become part of the General Fund. This fee becomes effective with the **2026** licensing season.

ARTICLE 28: VOTED – YES 65 – NO 31 – TOTAL = 96 – MOTION CARRIES

Business of the meeting being completed, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 8:43 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Laura J. Stockley
Town Clerk

