

**RESULTS OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**49 VOTERS ATTENDED**

Moderator, Attorney Vincent McCaughey, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. More than a quorum of 25 were present. The Moderator lead 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:

**ARTICLE 1: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$9,783.11 to pay the following prior fiscal year(s) invoices: C2 MA Adams II, LLC dated April 8, 2022, in the amount of \$5,252.94; KP Law, PC dated April 26, 2021, in the amount of \$3,030.44; and KP Law, PC dated March 24, 2021, in the amount of \$1,499.73.

9/10<sup>th</sup> Vote

**ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 38 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 44  
9/10 VOTE REQUIRED (40 VOTES) – MOTION DEFEATED**

Later in the evening a motion was made to **reconsider** Article 1

**ARTICLE 1-VOTE TO RECONSIDER:  
VOTED – YES 37 – NO 5 – TOTAL = 42 MOTION CARRIES**

**RE-VOTE ON ARTICLE 1**

**ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 42 – NO 4 – TOTAL = 46  
9/10 VOTE REQUIRED (42 VOTES) – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 2: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$4,018.00 to pay to move the computer server from the first floor of the Shepard Building to the Second floor of the Shepard Building and to pay for any incidentals required.

**ARTICLE 2: VOTED – YES 37 – NO 8 – TOTAL = 45 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 3: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$4,715.00 to the Selectmen Information Technology Purchase Service Account. This is for the renewal of a warranty, firewall protection renewal, subscriptions, and additional email accounts.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO GIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JAMES FERRERA PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE MEETING - VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  
(As declared by the Moderator)**

**ARTICLE 3: VOTED – YES 42 – NO 5 – TOTAL = 47 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for property for the purposes of a temporary police station on such terms and condition as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for said leased premises or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO PASS OVER THE QUESTION**

**ARTICLE 13: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to approve Article 13, as printed in the Warrant and further vote to *raise and appropriate* the amount of \$11,572.19 to pay for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023 for a lease agreement with SBA Structures, LLC for space on and/or near the telecommunication tower facility located at 949 Coy Hill Road, Warren.

2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote

**ARTICLE 13: VOTED – YES 42 – NO 3 – TOTAL = 45**  
**2/3 VOTE REQUIRED (30 VOTES) – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 14: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to approve Article 14, as printed in the Warrant, and further Vote to *raise and appropriate* the amount of \$10,500.00 to pay for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023 for a lease agreement with Hampden Communications Corporation for space on and/or near the telecommunications tower facility located at 1621 Southbridge Road, Warren.

2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote

**ARTICLE 14: VOTED – YES 45 – NO 1 – TOTAL = 46**  
**2/3 VOTE REQUIRED (31 VOTES) – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 15: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$125,000.00 to Capital Stabilization.

**ARTICLE 15: VOTED – YES 46 – NO 2 – TOTAL = 48 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 16: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$225,000.00 to Stabilization.

**ARTICLE 16: VOTED – YES 43 – NO 0 – TOTAL = 43 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 17: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Town Accountant Procurement expense acct. This is for additional advertising costs.

**ARTICLE 17: VOTED – YES 37 – NO 5 – TOTAL = 43 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 18: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *raise and appropriate* the sum of \$862.00 to cover a short fall in the Police Clerk Salary line item. A step raise increase was not calculated in the budget.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO GIVE POLICE CHIEF MILLETTE PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE MEETING - VOTED UNANIMOUSLY (As declared by the Moderator)**

**ARTICLE 18: VOTED – YES 40 – NO 3 – TOTAL = 43 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 19: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Dispatch Assessment the sum of \$129,740.53 to purchase new portable and mobile radios and pager equipment for both police and fire departments.

**ARTICLE 19: VOTED – YES 41 – NO 0 – TOTAL = 41 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 20: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,500.00 to the fire personal protection equipment account to purchase one set of turnout gear for a new member of the fire department.

**ARTICLE 29: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* \$16,400.00 from Landfill Remove Vegetation and Stabilize Banking to Monitoring Wells.

**ARTICLE 29: VOTED – YES 43 – NO 0 – TOTAL = 43 – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 30: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* from *Free Cash* the sum of \$2,450.00 to pay the following prior fiscal year invoices: Solid Waste Solutions dated June 1, 2022, in the amount of \$2,100.00; and Slims and Berthiaume Sewer Service Inc. date June 14, 2022, in the amount of \$350.00.

**ARTICLE 1: VOTED – YES 42 – NO 3 – TOTAL = 45**  
**9/10 VOTE REQUIRED (41 VOTES) – MOTION CARRIES**

**ARTICLE 31: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town vote to *transfer* funds from Free Cash the revenue from the town auction of Highway Department Equipment in the amount of \$9,140.00 to the Highway account auction and surplus equipment.

**ARTICLE 31: VOTED – YES 38 – NO 6 – TOTAL = 44 – MOTION CARRIES**

At this time a motion was made to reconsider Article 1, see above.

**ARTICLE 32: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED:** that the Town passes a resolution to file and accept grants with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Program for improvement to Lucy Stone Park.

**Whereas:** Lucy Stone Park is by and for a community-wide asset and improvements to this facility are a Town priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

**Whereas:** Lucy Stone's upgrades, guided by the Open Space and Recreation Plan, will greatly enhance this facility with improved education and engagement opportunities; and

**Whereas:** The main focus of this project is to design and construct educational signage at Lucy Stone Park to provide information on the native species and benefits of the park to visitors; and

**Whereas:** The project was viewed to be implemented over time, by priority as fiscal resources were available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and

**Whereas:** The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation, restoration, and renovation of parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and

**Whereas:** The Lucy Stone Park Educational Signage project will cost a total of \$16,441.53 and the Town has allocated \$16,441.53 for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

1. That the Town Administrator be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and
2. That the Town Administrator be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Conservation Commission;