

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 9, 2023

172 VOTERS ATTENDED

Moderator, Dario Nardi, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. More than a quorum of 25 were present. The Moderator declared that the Warrant was properly posted and returned; seeing there is a public quorum, he opened the meeting.

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

***Due to a temporary glitch in the Meridia EZ-Vote (Clickers) Software, the first four Articles were taken by voice count.**

ARTICLE 1: MODERATOR DECLARED IT IS A VOTE (PASSES) : that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,703.28 to pay the following prior fiscal year(s) invoices: Axon Enterprise Inc. for taxer equipment dated August 16, 2021, in the amount of \$1,847.28 and for an annual subscription fee dated May 1, 2022, in the amount of \$1, 856.00. These bills were sent to an invalid email address.

ARTICLE 2: MODERATOR DECLARED IT IS A VOTE (PASSES) : that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$9,000.00 to pay to replace and install a new server for the Police Department which is currently ten years old and at the end of its useful life.

ARTICLE 3: MODERATOR DECLARED IT IS A VOTE (PASSES) : that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$3,800.00 to replace and install a new firewall and switch for the computers at the Police Department. The firewall is ten years old and unable to be serviced anymore. The switch the firewall is plugged into is fifteen years old and only a twenty-four-port switch which is filled. The equipment is \$3,400.00 and the installation is \$400.00.

ARTICLE 4: MODERATOR DECLARED IT IS A VOTE (PASSES) : that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing two new sets of turnout gear, helmets, and boots for new members of the department.

ARTICLE 5: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 for the third and final installment to replace the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus packs and bottles.

ARTICLE 5: VOTED – YES 101 – NO 11 – TOTAL = 112 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Free Cash the sum of \$29,852.77 to fund the snow and ice deficit.

ARTICLE 6: VOTED – YES 82 – NO 26 – TOTAL = 108 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *reduce* the FY 2023 Quaboag Regional School District assessment by \$50,299.57 for FY 2022 State Aid Transportation excess reimbursement in accordance with the vote of the May 11, 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7: VOTED – YES 74 – NO 25 – TOTAL = 99 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 8: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from the Assessor Clerk Salary the sum of \$11,400.00 to the Assessor Purchased Services for software updates and to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Assessor Clerk Salary to pay for training for the new Assistant Assessor.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED – YES 79 – NO 23 – TOTAL = 102 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 9: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Workman's Compensation Insurance the sum of \$2,000.00 to Boiler Maintenance.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED – YES 89 – NO 23 – TOTAL = 112 – MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 10: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Workman's Compensation Insurance the sum of \$2,488.89 to pay a prior fiscal year invoice to Civicplus for website hosting services. 9/10 Vote

ARTICLE 10: VOTE – YES 86 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 108 – MOTION DEFEATED

**ARTICLE 10-MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER-MODERATOR
DECLARED IT IS A VOTE (PASSES)**

ARTICLE 10: REVOTE –YES 102 – NO 22 – TOTAL = 124 – MOTION DEFEATED

ARTICLE 11: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: I move that the Town vote to *transfer* from Cemetery Salaries the sum of \$3,500.00 to Cemetery expense to cover the costs of sealing cracks on the roads in the cemetery and for the purchasing of new signage.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED – YES 121 – NO 7 – TOTAL = 128 – MOTION CARRIES

Business of the meeting being completed, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 6:52 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Laura J. Stockley

Town Clerk

