

***Town of Somerset
Special Town Meeting
May 18, 2015
625 County Street
Somerset, MA 02726***

The Special Town Meeting of May 18, 2015, as called for by Warrant duly posted by the Board of Selectman on May 4, 2015, was called to order by the Moderator Lucia Casey at 6:03 p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for all deceased Town employees over the last fiscal year.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's appropriation for the Somerset School Department's Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget by nineteen thousand four-hundred eighty-four dollars (\$19,484), to account for the homeless transportation reimbursement received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The reimbursement is based on a fifty point eighty-three per cent (50.83%) reimbursement rate from the Fiscal Year 2013 homeless transportation expenditures of \$38,326 actually incurred and funded through the School Department's operating budget. **The Advisory & Finance Committee by a majority does not recommend approval of this article. (Vote 8-0 -1 abstain)**

Motion made by School Committee member, Mr. Michael Botelho, that the Town vote to appropriate \$19,484.00 for the purpose of this article as written and that said sum be transferred from Overlay Surplus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mahjoory. Discussion followed by Mr. Botelho. A standing vote was called for by the Moderator. The motion carried to accept Article 1 as motioned by a majority vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$92,500.00 from Personal Services (Line #5113) to Expenses (Line #5211) in Account #440 (Water Pollution Control) of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, as adopted at the May 19, 2014, Annual Town Meeting.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article.

Motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded from the floor, that the Town transfer the amount of \$92,500 for the purposes of this article as written and recommended, and that said sum be transferred as described in the article. The motion carried to accept Article 2 as written and recommended by a majority vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to carry out the changes for Fiscal Years 2013, 2014, and 2015 in the collective bargaining agreements between the Town and Locals 75 and 80 of the New England Police Benevolent Association, as awarded by an arbitration panel of the Joint Labor-Management Committee in Cases No. JLMC-12-2400 and No. JLMC-12-2401.

The Advisory & Finance Committee by a majority recommends approval of this article. (Vote 8-0 -1 abstain) (\$226,000.00)

Motion was made by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$226,000.00 for the purpose of this article, and that said sum be transferred from Overlay Surplus. The motion was seconded on the floor. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz, Sgt. Todd Costa, and Mr. Dennis Viveiros. In the absence of further discussion the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried to accept Article 3 as written and recommended by a nearly unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Robert Lima to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of May 18, 2015, at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attendance: 349

A true copy attest;

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk