

**TOWN OF SOMERSET, MA  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 16, 2016**

**The Special Town Meeting of May 16, 2016 was called to order by the Town Moderator Lucia Casey at 6:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Moderator and a moment of silence was observed for those who passed over the last year.**

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (\$125,000)**

**Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Motion seconded by Selectman Moniz. No discussion followed. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote to accept Article 1 as written and recommended.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's appropriation for the Somerset School Department's Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget by fifty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$51,132), to account for the homeless transportation reimbursement received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The reimbursement is based on thirty four point five percent (34.5%) reimbursement rate from the Fiscal Year 2014 homeless transportation expenditures of \$148,216 actually incurred and funded through the School Department's operating budget.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (\$51,132)**

**Motion: A motion was made by Arastou Mahjoory that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$51,132 for the purposes of this article for homeless transportation reimbursement and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. The motion was seconded by Christopher Godet. Discussion followed by Mr. Mahjoory.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote to accept Article 2 as written and recommended.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the Police Department budget, Account #210 – personal services.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (\$26,000)**

**Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$26,000 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Berube. Motion carried by unanimous vote to accept Article 3 as written and recommended.**

Article 4: 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 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 2649 of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (\$125,000)**

**Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Christopher Goded, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Moniz. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote to accept Article as written and recommended.**

Article 5: 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 Year 2016 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Highway Department union, Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (\$15,954)**

**Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Mahjoory that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,954 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Mr. Moniz. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote to accept Article 5 as written and recommended.**

**A motion was made at 6:11 pm by Selectman Moniz to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of May 16, 2016, and seconded by several members of the body. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**A true copy attest:**

**Dolores Berge, CMMC  
Town Clerk**

