

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 20, 2019**

I, Dolores Berge, Town Clerk of the Town of Somerset, hereby certify that the following action was taken at the Special Town Meeting held on May 20, 2019, at the Somerset Berkley Regional High School as duly called by the Warrant of the Board of Selectman and duly posted as prescribed by Massachusetts General Law.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Town Moderator, Lucia Casey. The Pledge of Allegiance was held by the Moderator followed by a moment of silence to remember Town employees who passed in the year 2018.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the following Accounts, or take any action relative thereto:

Appropriation	Expenses
#199 FICA (General Government)	\$15,000.00
#199 FICA (School Department)	\$15,000.00
TOTALS:	\$30,000.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion : A motion was made by Selectman Berube, and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax exempt lease purchase (TELP) financing agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corporation to acquire equipment (specially Fire Department Ambulance) that may be financed by the issuance of debt under this chapter or otherwise authorized by law, for a term up to the useful life of the property to be procured as determined by the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,478.26 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from the Advance Life Support Revolving Fund for such agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, 21C for the purchase of a new Fire Department Ambulance, and to transfer a sum of \$54,478.26 from the Advance Life Support Revolving Fund for such agreement. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money in addition to the amount appropriated by the vote taken under Article 13 of the May 21, 2018, Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of supplementing the expense of collecting, and disposing of mixed solid waste, recyclables, yard waste, and white goods, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to convert the Town's streetlights to light emitting diodes (LED) Street Lights, said conversion to be done at the direction of the Town Administrator who is authorized to seek or make appropriate trade ins of existing streetlight equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$431,500.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from the proceeds in the Sale of Realty Fund (Chapter 44, Section 63).

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$431,500.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from proceeds in the Sale of Realty Fund (Chapter 44, Section 63). Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer, from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying off lease agreements of various Town police cruisers, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$140,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from the proceeds in the Sale of Realty fund (Chapter 44, Section 63).

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz, et.al., that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$140,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from proceeds in the Sale of Realty Fund (Chapter 44, Section 63).

Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,675.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,675.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote, hearing 1 no.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the changes to cost items under the Department's SAFER Grant award for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,710.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,710.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 2649 of the International Association of Firefighters under the Department's SAFER Grant award, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 80 (Patrolmen's Union) of the New England Police Benevolent Association, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,644.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,644.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 80 (Patrolmen's Union) of the New England Police Benevolent Association and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote, hearing 1 no.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 75 (Police Supervisor Officers) of the New England Police Benevolent Association, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,196.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman McNamara that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,196.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 75 (Police Supervisor Officers) of the New England Benevolent Association and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 108 (Fire & Police Signal Operators) of the New England Police Benevolent Association, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,636.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,636.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 108 (Fire & Police Signal Operators) of the New England Benevolent Association and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz, Dennis Viveiros, and Chief McNeil.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Pollution Control Union – Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,768.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Roger Benevides that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,768.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Benevides and Dennis Viveiros.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Department Union – Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that he Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,825.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Roger Benevides that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 5,825.00 for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 1701 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Mr. Benevides
Vote: The Moderator declared that the motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote. Mr. Lloyd Mendes, member of the body, asked the Moderator for a standing counted vote on Article 13. Following the standing counted vote, the Moderator declared that the motion carried by a majority vote. Yes – 97 No – 23

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the changes to cost items for Fiscal Year 2019 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Highway Department Union - Local 1701, State Council 93, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that he Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,050.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,050.00 (Highway Department \$9,543.00; Vehicle Maintenance Facility \$895.00; Snow Removal \$612.00) for the purpose of funding the changes to cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with Local 1701, State Council 93, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube, and several others on the floor, to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of May 20, 2019 at 6:36 p.m.. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A true copy attest;

Dolores Berge, CMMC
Town Clerk