

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 16, 2022

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by the Town Moderator, Lucia Casey at the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Performing Arts Center as called for by the Warrant, duly posted as required by Massachusetts General Laws. The Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Town employees passed in 2021.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to accrued payroll expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)

A motion was made by School Committee member Robert Gaw and seconded by Victor Machado that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,196.65 for the purposes as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Mr. Gaw. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 2: 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 a late bill for computer software for the Historical Commission's laptop incurred during Fiscal Year 2021, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)

The Moderator reminds the body that this article requires a 9/10 vote to pass.

A motion was made by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Lawless that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$99.99 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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 changes for Fiscal Year 2022 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, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting. Rec: Indefinite Postponement, unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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 changes for Fiscal Year 2022 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Department Union – Local 1701, State, Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting. Rec: Indefinite Postponement, unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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 changes for Fiscal Year 2022 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and the Water Pollution Control Union – Local 1701, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting. Rec: Indefinite Postponement, unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Selectman Lawless and seconded by Selectman Smith that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this article. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of relocating public safety radio antenna from building to free standing structure, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends approval of this article. (8-0)

A motion was made by Selectman Vaught and seconded by Selectman Smith that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$306,852.00 for the purpose as written in the article, and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Vaught. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

With all articles having been voted, the Moderator called for a motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. A motion was made by Steven Moniz and seconded by Selectman Smith to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Attendance: 92

A true copy attest;

Dolores Bence, CMMC
Town Clerk