

Special Town Meeting

May 15, 2017

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Lucia Casey at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Moderator followed by a moment of silence for Town employees deceased 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 for the following Town Departments, Accounts or purposes:

Appropriation	Personal Services	Expenses
#198 Insurance		\$768,500.00
#199 FICA (General Government)		\$ 12,000.00
#210 Police Department	\$ 70,963.00	
TOTALS:	\$ 70,963.00	\$780,500.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$851,463.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Motion made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Godet that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$851,463.00 for the purposes of this article as designated, and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 2: 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 2016 and 2017 in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Somerset and Local 75 (Police Superior Officers) of the New England Police Benevolent Association.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Motion made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Mr. Godet that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 paying sick leave buy-back, vacation time, Emergency Medical Technician stipend and retirement incentives for a retiring Fire Department employee.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Motion made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of conducting "Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day", and to take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus.

Motion made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Undesignated Surplus. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer a parcel of Town-owned land and buildings thereon located at 816 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, Assessors Map A-5, Lot 61, formerly known as the Wilbur School, on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary, or take any action relative thereto; said land to be surveyed prior to closing as a condition of sale.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by a majority that the Town vote to approve this article. (Vote: 8-1)

Motion made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Mr. Godet the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer the parcel of Town-owned land and the building thereon located at 816 Wilbur Avenue, Somerset on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary, and contingent upon said land being surveyed prior to closing as a condition of sale. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube. The Moderator reminds the body that his article requires a 2/3 vote to carry. Motion carried by a standing and counted vote as requested by the Moderator. Yes votes – 118 No votes – 11. Motion carried declared by the Moderator.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer a parcel of Town-owned land located on or near Riverside Avenue, Somerset (being a portion of Assessor's Map C-2, Lot 36) as further described below, in addition to the parcel of land that was voted under Article 17 of the May 16, 2016, Annual Town Meeting, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem necessary, or take any other action relative thereto:

Located on the westerly side of Riverside Avenue and bounded and described as follows: bounded on the North by land of the Town of Somerset and there measuring about One Hundred Thirty-One (131) feet; bounded on the West by land now or formerly of one Doyle and there measuring Twenty-Eight (28) feet; bounded on the South by land now or formerly of Charles H. Pomfret et al. and there measuring One Hundred Twenty-Four (124) feet; and bounded on the East by Riverside Avenue Twenty-Nine (29) feet; being the land conveyed by Antonio Cantelmo to Charles H. Pomfret et al. by deed dated March 30, 1948 recorded at Bristol County Fall River District Registry of Deeds, Book 499, Page 246, being the whole of the property described in said deed except a strip twenty (20) feet in width on the southerly side of the land described therein, and as subsequently conveyed by Charles H. Pomfret and Evelyn A. Pomfret to the Town of Somerset by deed dated October 8, 1948, and recorded in the Bristol County Fall River Registry of Deeds, Book 503, Page 532.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to approve this article.

Motion made to waive the reading of Article 6 by Mr. Godet and seconded on the floor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer the parcel of Town-owned land on the westerly side of Riverside Avenue, Somerset, being a portion of Assessor's Map C-2, Lot 36, as described in Article 6, in addition to the parcel of land that was voted under Article 17 of the May 16, 2016, Annual Town meeting on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara. The Moderator reminds the body that this article requires a 2/3 vote to carry. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer a parcel of Town-owned land located on the northerly side of Marble Street, Somerset, Assessors Map C-2, Lot 145, on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary, or take any action relative thereto; said land to be surveyed prior to closing as a condition of sale.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to approve this article.

Motion made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz to indefinitely postpone Article 7. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A true copy attest;

**Dolores Berge
Town Clerk**