

**Special Town Meeting
December 2, 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 Monday, December 2, 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 p.m. by the Town Moderator, Lucia Casey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Moderator, followed by a moment of silence.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 5A of the May 20, 2019, Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of the General Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, the appropriation for which was originally voted as follows:

from taxation: \$24,576,365.00

by transferring and appropriating additional sums of money from available funds and by reducing the amount of money to be raised from taxation by an equivalent amount, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000.00 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 amend its vote on Article 5 of the May 20, 2019, Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of the General Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 as follows: by reducing the amount of money to be raised from taxation from \$24,576,365.00 to \$21,076,365.00, a decrease of \$3,500,000.00 and by transferring the amount of \$3,500,000.00 from free cash for said purpose. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube.

Vote: Motion carried by a 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 in addition to the amount previously appropriated under Article 5A of the May 20, 2019, Annual Town Meeting, to supplement the Police Department's Personnel Services budget, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,055.00 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 \$41,055.00 for the purpose of this article as designated, 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 raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money in addition to the amount previously appropriated under Article 6 of the May 20, 2019, Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of paying off lease agreements for various Town police cruisers, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends by a majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,945.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. (Vote 8-1)

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,945.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash. 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, to be expended by the Town Clerk for the purposes specified below, including any incidental or related costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Project Description	Funding
ADA Voting Booths	\$1,700.00
Records Management Project	\$1,200.00

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 for the purposes of this article as designated, and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by a 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 for the purpose of hiring qualified professional(s) to assist the Town on issues relating to Stormwater Management compliance measures, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 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 Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara, Allen Smith, and Town Administrator Richard Brown.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote declared by the Moderator.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 10 of the May 20, 2019, Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the Town's Solid Waste Collection Program for Fiscal Year 2020, by amending the original funding sources as follows:

Decrease "offset receipts" by \$75,000.00 to \$775,000.00

Increase "taxation" by \$75,000.00 to \$925,000.00

and further to meet this appropriation that the sum of \$75,000.00 be raised and appropriated, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below, authorizing the Board acting as the Town's Licensing Authority to issue two (2) additional on-premises alcoholic beverages licenses and five (5) additional on-premises wine and malt beverages licenses to establishments located within the following areas within the Town: (i) Limited Business District located on the northerly side of Route 6 located within the Fairfield Commons Development; (ii) Business District located on the northerly and southerly parcels along said Route 6; (iii) Slades Ferry Crossing Overlay District; and (iv) land owned by said Town on the north side of Wilbur Avenue; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of the petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOMERSET TO GRANT ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws relative to the number of licenses that may be granted in the Town of Somerset, the licensing authority of the Town of Somerset may grant two (2) licenses for the sale at retail of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and five (5) licenses for the sale at retail of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138, to establishments located within the following: (i) Limited Business District located on the northerly side of Route 6 located within the Fairfield Commons Development; (ii) Business District located on the northerly and southerly parcels along said Route 6; (iii) Slades Ferry Crossing Overlay District; and (iv) land owned by the Town on the north side of Wilbur Avenue, in said Town. The licenses shall comply with such requirements and conditions as the licensing authority shall deem appropriate. The licenses shall be subject to all requirements of said chapter 138, except said section 17 relative to the number of licenses that may be granted. The licenses shall be nontransferable to any other location, but a license granted under this act may be reissued to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the Department of Revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid. The licenses shall be subject to all other provisions of said chapter 138.

SECTION 2. If a license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority which may then grant the license to a new applicant within the same location under the same terms and conditions as specified in this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

A motion was made by Christopher Godet and seconded by Selectman Berube to waive the reading of Article 7 by the Moderator. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube that the Town vote to accept and adopt Article 7 as written. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise a parcel of Land with all buildings and improvements thereon located at 200 Main Street, containing 2.000 acres, more or less, being Assessor's Parcel ID Map D-2, Lot 113, and being the premises described in a deed recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Book 4592, Page 141, said parcel to be under the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and the purpose of leasing all or a portion of the property on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interest of the Town; and further to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money for said acquisition of property and structures thereon, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$445,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred as follows: of \$334,000.00 from the Sale of Realty Fund (Chapter 44, Section 63) and, \$111,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash, for a total amount of \$445,000.00.

A motion was made from the floor and seconded by Selectman Berube to waive the reading of Article 9 by the Moderator. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Berube and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise a parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon located at 200 Main Street, Somerset, MA, for general municipal purposes and the purpose of leasing all or a portion of the property on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interest of the Town; and further to appropriate the sum of \$445,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that the sum be raised as follows: Transfer \$334,000.00 from the Sale of Realty Fund (Chapter 44, Section 63) and, that the sum of \$111,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash, for a total amount of \$445,000.00. Discussion followed by Selectman Berube, Lloyd Mendes, Richard Fenstermaker, Ms. Jordan, Dominic Raffa, Allen Smith, Jessica Machado, Rachel Smith, Town Attorney Reich, Lorne Lawless, Richard Peirce, Selectman Berube, Paul Buchanan, David Messier, Donald Setters, Jeanine Nadeau, Christopher Godet, Town Accountant Joseph Bolton. Following much discussion, a motion was made by Christopher Godet to amend Article 8 to read "\$354,000.00 from the Sale of Realty Fund and \$91,000.00 from free cash". Motion was seconded from the floor. Following a standing counted vote as requested by the Moderator, the motion carried 90 in the affirmative and 28 in the negative. Doubting the count, the body called for a recount by more than 7 persons standing. The Moderator called for another standing vote. Motion to amend carried by a counted standing vote with 88 in the affirmative and 60 in the negative.

A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded from the floor to move the question. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Vote on article 8 as amended: Requiring a 2/3 vote the Moderator called for a standing counted vote. Motion failed, not acquiring the 2/3. (175 total votes, 94 in the affirmative, 81 in the negative)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for capital repairs and improvements of Town-owned buildings, said money to be expended as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary; and further that such repairs and improvements shall be subject to all requirements of state and local procurement laws, and any other applicable laws and regulations; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements, including contracts in excess of three years, as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00 for the purposes 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 \$350,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash, and that repairs and improvements are undertaken consistent with the article and on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectman deem necessary. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz, Allen Smith, and Town Administrator Richard Brown.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the "Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund", or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000.00 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 \$500,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz, Allen Smith, Town Accountant Joseph Bolton, Paul Buchanan, and Town Administrator Richard Brown.

Vote: Motion carried by a 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 to purchase Time & Attendance Software and associated hardware, including any incidental costs or expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 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 \$8,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the board or officer currently having care, custody and control for the purpose for which the property is currently held to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition by sale, lease or otherwise, the care, custody and control of the property and any improvements thereon shown on Assessors Map B-1, Lot 138 and located at or near Riverside Avenue; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent, convey or otherwise dispose of all or a portion of said property pursuant to the provisions of General Law Chapter 30B, Section 16, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee has no recommendation on this article.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to transfer the parcel of Town-owned land shown as Assessors Map B-12, Lot 138, and located at or near Riverside Avenue, Somerset, MA, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or sell such parcel consistent with the article and on such further terms and conditions as the Board deems necessary. Discussion followed by Selectman McNamara, Allison Richards, Rachel Smith, Jessica Machado, Allen Smith, Paul Buchanan, Lloyd Mendes, Dominic Raffa, George Tripp and Town Planner Nancy Durfee. A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded by several from the floor to move the question. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous voice vote, declared by the Moderator. The Moderator called for the vote on Article 12, reminding the body that this article requires a 2/3 vote, therefore calling for a standing counted vote.

Vote: Motion failed by lack of a 2/3 vote with 163 votes, 90 in the affirmative, 73 in the negative.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a five-year lease purchase agreement with Konica Minolta for a new photocopier machine at the Library, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 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 Dolores Berge that the town vote to authorize Town officials to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for a photocopier machine at the Library and to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to pay for the first year of said agreement with said sum to be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz.

Vote: Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote, the Moderator hearing one negative.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund support of a comprehensive recodification of Somerset's Zoning By-law, including payment of legal, consultant, expert and technical review fees in furtherance of such review and/or comments, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting. The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 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 \$50,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Selectman Moniz, Allen Smith, and Town Planner Nancy Durfee.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 15: 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 making repairs and updates to the water distribution facilities, storage facilities, and related equipment including any engineering, architectural, and / or legal services related thereto to improve water quality and system resiliency, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$274,700.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded by Selectman Moniz and others from the floor that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$274,700.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O'Brien.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 16: 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 making repairs and updates to the Water Treatment Facilities, pumping facilities, and related equipment including any engineering, architectural, and / or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of 250,500.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Bednarik that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,500.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O'Brien and Allen Smith.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 17: 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 making repairs and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Treatment facilities, pumping facilities, and related equipment including any engineering, architectural, and / or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Scott O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Bednarik that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner O'Brien.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 18: 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 making repairs and improvements to the Water Pollution Control collection facilities, pumping facilities, and related equipment including any engineering, architectural, and / or legal services related thereto, and to determine whether said sum shall be transferred from the retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$341,000.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Joseph Bednarik and seconded by Commissioner Roger Benevides that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$341,000.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Bednarik.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for Police Department traffic directing services provided to the Water Department during Fiscal Year 2019, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$432.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Water & Sewer Commissioner Roger Benevides and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Bednarik that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$432.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. Discussion followed by Commissioner Benevides.

Vote: The Moderator reminds the body that this article requires a 9/10 vote to pass. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills incurred during Fiscal Year 2019, or take any action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,289.96 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Somerset School Committeeman Christopher Godet and seconded by Richard Peirce that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,289.96 for the purpose of paying bills incurred during Fiscal Year 2019 from two different vendors who provided repairs to North Elementary School and the Middle School and that said sum be transferred from free cash.

Discussion followed by Christopher Godet.

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

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover increase costs for Special Education Tuition, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$476,643.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by Somerset School Committeeman Christopher Godet and seconded by Michael McDonald that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$476,643.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Mr. Godet, Dominic Raffa, Allen Smith, Paul Buchanan, and Jeffrey Schoonover.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover increase costs for Special Education Transportation, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$91,476.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by School Committeeman Christopher Godet and seconded by Mr. McDonald that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$91,476.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash. Discussion followed by Mr. Godet, and Paul Buchanan.

Vote: Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and / or transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover safety repairs related to walkways and grounds, including any costs incidental or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Advisory & Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$76,900.00 for the purposes of this article and that said sum be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion: A motion was made by School Committeeman Christopher Godet and seconded by Michael McDonald that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$76,900.00 for the purpose of this article and that said sum be transferred from free cash, and that repairs and improvements are undertaken consistent with this article. Discussion followed by Mr. Godet, Allen Smith, Jessica Machado, Mr. McDonald, and Lloyd Mendes. A motion was made by Mr. Mendes to amend the article to add the words "at Somerset Public Schools" after the word *grounds* and before the word *including*. The motion was seconded by several on the floor. The motion to amend carried by a nearly unanimous vote. Discussion followed by Jaime Goss, Allen Smith, Selectman McNamara, Christopher Godet, and Jay Goncalo. A motion was made by Selectman Moniz and seconded from the floor to move the question. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion as amended. After a voice vote, the Moderator asked for a standing counted vote.

Vote: Motion carried by majority, 83 in the affirmative, 43 in the negative.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Somerset Berkley Regional School District (the Regional School District) for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), for the public purpose of maintaining and operating a regional high school, a permanent parking easement over the property of the Town bounded and described as follows:

The area on the southerly side of Luther Avenue between the designated public roadway of Luther Avenue and the northerly property line of the Regional School District land running from the more westerly exit of the School District property onto Luther Avenue to the intersection of Luther Avenue and Prospect Street and the area on the easterly side of Prospect Street between the designated public roadway of Prospect Street and the westerly boundary of School District property running southerly from the intersection of Luther Avenue and Prospect Street to the intersection of Prospect Street and Clifford Holland Drive. And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

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

A motion was made to waive the reading of Article 24 by Christopher Godet and seconded by Selectman Moniz. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion was made by SBRHS School Committeeman Richard Peirce and seconded by Selectman Moniz that the Town vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Somerset Berkley Regional School District for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the public purpose of maintaining and operating a regional high school, a permanent parking easement

**over the property of the Town located on the southerly side of Luther Avenue and the easterly side of Prospect Street as more particularly described in this article. Discussion followed by Mr. Peirce, Victor Machado, Maria Kennedy, James Webb, Stephanie Field, Jessica Machado, Richard Fenstermaker, and James Mullen. A motion was made to move the question by Selectman Moniz and seconded by several from the floor. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.
Vote: The Moderator reminds the body that this article requires a 2/3 vote to pass and asks for a standing counted vote. Motion failed with 121 votes, 73 in the affirmative, 48 in the negative.**

A motion was made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of December 2, 2019 at 9:09 pm by Selectman Moniz and seconded by Selectman Berube. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attendance: 198

A true copy attest;

**Dolores Berge, CMMC
Town Clerk**