

***Special Town Meeting  
May 20, 2024***

*The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. 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 followed by announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Moderator. A moment of silence was held for former Town employees who passed in 2023, following the list being read aloud by the Moderator.*

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Somerset Building Committee for completing the construction and furnishing of the new Somerset Middle School located at 1141 Brayton Avenue, Somerset, MA including the construction of athletic fields and installation of a photovoltaic array, and including payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”); and further to authorize the School Building Committee to execute all documents and agreement necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Advisory & Finance Committee will have a recommendation at the Town Meeting.**

**The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends 5-0 with 1 absolution.**

*Motion Article 1: A motion was made by Superintendent Jeffery Schoonover seconded by many on the floor that the Town appropriate the amount up six million, eight-hundred eighty-six thousand, five hundred ninety-eight Dollars (\$6,886,598) for the purpose of paying costs of completing the construction and furnishing of a new Somerset Middle School located at 1141 Brayton Avenue, Somerset, MA, including the construction of athletic fields and installation of photovoltaic array, and including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for which the Town is eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for said amount, that said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee and further to authorize the School Building Committee to execute all documents and agreement necessary to effectuate the purpose of this vote. Superintendent Jeffery Schoonover made a brief presentation to the body. Discussion followed by Jeffery Schoonover, Jessica Machado- 91 Washington Ave, Lloyd Mendes- 48 Anawan Street., A&F Committee Member Michael Pasternak, Joseph Fingliss – 121 Shand Court Cir., Dan Tavares- CGI Project Management, Brian Michaud- 222 Highview Ave, Denise Jordan – 159 Main Street, and Cheryl Crossley- Simmons- 570 Main Street. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on Article 1 as written. The Moderator declared that Article 1 carried by a majority voice vote.*

Having all articles of the Special Town Meeting being acted and voted upon, the Moderator entertained a motion to dissolve the meeting. The motion was made by several from the floor at 6:53 pm by and seconded by several. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting to be dissolved.

Attendance: 351

**A true copy attest;**

**Caitlin Hadala  
Town Clerk**