

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 15, 2014

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 8:10 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

The warrant showed it had been properly served.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

The rules of the meeting were read.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to approve the \$89,084,977 borrowing authorized by the North Middlesex Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new District High School, to be located at 19 Main Street, in Townsend, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty and sixty-three hundredths percent (60.63%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. The amount of borrowing authorized by the District for the Project shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

AND, that the approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

VOTE:

PASSED

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the "Project") by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the "District") to design and construct a maintenance facility building to be located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$801,350, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. This approval shall not be effective unless and until each of the town meetings in each of the District's member towns shall have voted to approve of the expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the Project.

VOTE:

PASSED

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the "Project") by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the "District") to design and construct athletic facilities upgrades, including upgrades to the athletic fields, spectator facilities and the running track all located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$2,688,916, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for

reimbursement from the MSBA. This approval shall not be effective unless and until each of the town meetings in each of the District's member towns shall have voted to approve of the expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the Project.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded that the town take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,250 for tires for three (3) Fire/EMS Department vehicles.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded that the town take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from "Police Wages" the sum of \$10,865, to augment the amount appropriated for "Police Chief Salary" in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation, as printed in the Warrant, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto, before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purpose of said petition.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to amend Section 5.5 of Article III of the Town by-laws by striking the word "appoint" therein, and substituting therefor the word "nominate".

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000, to augment the amount appropriated for the Reserve Fund in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000 to augment the amount appropriated for "Highway Road Maintenance" in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,400 to augment the amount appropriated for "Highway Barn Fuel" in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 11:18 AM. and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, Ashby Town Clerk