



Special Town Meeting

JUNE 28, 2023

At 6:30 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School
97 F. Sumner Turner Road

226 Registered Voters in attendance. Meeting started at 6:30pm

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of a new Emergency Services Building, including, design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION BY HEATH CUMMINGS Second by Alex Meisner

MOTION: I move that the following sums be transferred from available funds to pay the costs of an Emergency Services Building including design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto.

- \$312,011.80 be transferred from the account containing the proceeds from the sale of a cell tower easement and;
- \$450,000.00 be transferred from the Town's Capital Stabilization account.

[Two-thirds vote required] DID NOT PASS 119 YES 86 NO

Emergency Services Building Committee voted unanimously to recommend this this article.
The Select Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.
Finance Committee to voted unanimously to recommend this article.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate for Fiscal Year 2024 a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of a new Emergency Services Building, including, design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION BY BARBARA JACQUE Second by Dan Campbell

MOTION: I move that the Town raise and appropriate for FY24 \$500,000 to pay the costs of an Emergency Services Building including design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto.

The Emergency Services Building Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.

The Select Board voted 4 to 1 to recommend this article.
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.

[Majority vote required] ***VOTE PASSED MAJORITY***

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, a fee simple interest in the property located at 168 Main Street, said property identified as Parcel ID #17-A11A-1, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 5402, Page 240, AND Parcel ID #17-A11B-1, as described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 3174, Page 249, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including a public safety facility, and, as funding for said acquisition, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise other costs incidental and/or related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION BY ALEX MEISNER Second by Barbara Jacque

MOTION: I move that the Town authorize the Select Board to purchase a fee simple interest in the property located at 168 Main Street, said property as Parcel ID #17-A11A-1, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 5402, Page 240, AND Parcel ID #17-A11B-1, as described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 3174, Page 249 on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including a public safety facility, and, as funding for said acquisition transfer from available funds in the Emergency Services Building Account the amount of \$675,000.

Motion to vote by ballot.

[Two-thirds vote required] ***VOTE DID NOT PASS***

The Emergency Services Building Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.
The Select Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the available remaining funds from Article 19 voted at Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2022 for the purchase of a new or used Debris Truck for the Highway Department.

MOTION BY SARAH KERNS Second by Alex Meisner

MOTION: I move that the Town transfer the available remaining funds from Article 19 voted at Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2022 of \$81,169.20 for the purchase of a new or used Debris Truck for the Highway Department.

The Select Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.
The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.

[Majority vote required] VOTE PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5: Bylaw on Committee membership

Amend/Replace Bylaw currently:

Any person appointed by an authorized appointing authority for the Town of Northfield to a Town board, commission, committee or council to represent the Town of Northfield on a board, commission, committee or council must be a registered voter in the Town of Northfield. Further, following appointment, if such person changes his/her residence from the Town of Northfield, he/she can no longer serve the Town in that capacity.

To read:

Any person appointed by an authorized appointing authority for the Town of Northfield to a Town board, commission, committee or council to represent the Town of Northfield on a board, commission, committee or council must be a ~~registered voter~~ **resident** in the Town of Northfield. Further, following appointment, if such person changes his/her residence from the Town of Northfield, he/she can no longer serve the Town in that capacity.

MOTION BY BERNARD BOUDREAU Second by Barbara Jacque

MOTION: I move that the Town amend the current Section 24-1 of the Town of Northfield General Bylaws to read:

Any person appointed by an authorized appointing authority for the Town of Northfield to a Town board, commission, committee or council to represent the Town of Northfield on a board, commission, committee or council must be a resident in the Town of Northfield. Further, following appointment, if such person changes his/her residence from the Town of Northfield, he/she can no longer serve the Town in that capacity.

The Select Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.
The Finance Committee took no action on this article.

Motion to table Article 5 by Sarah Kerns Barbara Jacque seconded.

Motion to table Article 5 PASSED

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of certain properties, being Assessor's Map 24-D1-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D2-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D3-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D4-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D5-1 (Great Meadow Road), Assessor's Map 24-D9-1 (Rear Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 31-A6.2-1 (St. Mary's Street), Assessor's Map 40-B1-1 (Gill Center Road), Assessor's Map 55-D9-1 (Cross Road) and Assessor's Map 64-A1-1 (Swamp Road), from the board or commission having the care, custody and control thereof, from the purpose for which the properties are currently held, to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey said properties by such method, including auction, and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION BY BARBARA JACQUE Second by Alex Meisner

MOTION: I move that the Town transfer from the board or commission having the care, custody and control thereof to the care, custody and control of the following properties

to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey said properties by such method, including auction, and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate:

- Assessor's Map 24-D1-1 (Parker Avenue)
- Assessor's Map 24-D2-1 (Parker Avenue)
- Assessor's Map 24-D3-1 (Parker Avenue)
- Assessor's Map 24-D4-1 (Parker Avenue)
- Assessor's Map 24-D5-1 (Great Meadow Road)
- Assessor's Map 24-D9-1 (Rear Parker Avenue)
- Assessor's Map 31-A6.2-1 (St. Mary's Street)
- Assessor's Map 40-B1-1 (Gill Center Road)
- Assessor's Map 55-D9-1 (Cross Road)
- Assessor's Map 64-A1-1 (Swamp Road)

Homer Stavelly made Motion to Amend Article 6 from "I move that the Town transfer from the board or commission having the care, custody and control thereof to the care, custody and control of the following properties to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey said properties by such method, including auction, and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate" to "I move that the Town transfer from the board or commission having the care, custody and control thereof to the care, custody and control of the following properties to the Select Board" removing the words "for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey said properties by such method, including auction, and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate"

Motion to Amend PASSED

[Two-thirds vote required] PASSED TWO-THIRDS VOTE

The Select Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend this article.

Meeting END at 8:40 PM.

Election workers Nina Sibley, Katherine Johnson, Susan Secco, Victoria Luksha, and Pamela Eldridge. Constables David Kelly and Frank Froment.