



MOTION WARRANT
Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
At 6:30 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School
97 F. Sumner Turner Road
There were 422 in attendance.

Franklin, ss

The meeting started at 7:22 pm. Then recessed for a presentation on the Emergency Services Building.

The meeting was continued at 9:20pm with the results as follow:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in said County of Franklin, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road, in said Northfield, on Wednesday the nineteenth day of April at 6:30 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of April 2023 to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 413-498-2901 x112.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the costs of a new Emergency Services Building, including costs of design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to fund such appropriation by borrowing, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

MOTION: I move that the sum of \$13,500,000 (Thirteen million, five-hundred thousand dollars) be appropriated by the Town to pay the costs of the Emergency Services Building project listed in Article 1, including costs of design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, be authorized to borrow such sum under Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and/or notes of the Town to finance such project.

The Motion Failed 191 Yes, 157 No- The Two-thirds vote was not met.

The Finance Committee voted in favor of this article.
The Select Board voted in favor of this article.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for 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: Bernie Boudreau

MOTION *as amended*: I move that the following sums be transferred from available funds to pay a portion of the costs of a new Emergency Services Building *contingent on prior motion passing*

- \$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.

Vote taken prior to Article 1 ballot result. Motion Passed, two-thirds requirement was met. Article 1 failed, due to the contingency in Article 1, Article 2 failed.

The Finance Committee voted in favor of this article.
The Select Board voted in favor of this article.

NOTES:

- The amount from the Cell Tower Easement Account contains the entire balance in this account. By law the use of capital sales (in this case a land right) *must* be used for another capital expenditure. Therefore, it has always been the intention of the Finance Committee to commit these proceeds to this project.
- The amount to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization fund which has a balance of \$686,682 will leave \$236,682 in the account. This could be transferred in the future for this project, or used in the future for a separate capital project with a Town Meeting vote.