



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON

MINUTES - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 22, 2019

CENTER SCHOOL

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the voters of the Town of Hubbardston assembled at the Center School gymnasium to act on the articles in said warrant. Present were Moderator Rene Lafayette; Board of Selectmen members Daniel Galante (Chair), Jeffrey Williams, Patrick Girouard and Kris Pareago; Town Clerk Laurie Reed; Finance Committee members Susan Rayne (Chair), Joshua Lerner, Shannon Erb and Charles Reed; Town Administrator Ryan McLane and representative for Town Counsel, Brian Riley.

A total of 58 registered voters were checked in by Marcia Howlett and Shonna Larson. A quorum of 50 voters was present throughout the meeting.

Moderator, Rene Lafayette, called the meeting to order at 7:28pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Lafayette and announced the meeting was being recorded and stated the Chair appointed Pati Burke and Tom Everett to serve as counters if needed.

The following actions were taken on the article presented in the aforesaid warrant:

**ARTICLE 1. Motion**, Mr. Galante moves: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 8 of the June 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting warrant, Operating Budget, by supplementing the amount appropriated for the Quabbin Regional School District budget with the additional amount of \$44,146; and further to meet this appropriation by approving the budget line item transfers set forth in the handout provided to voters.

**Second:** Jeffrey Williams

The Chair recognized Town Administrator, Ryan McLane to discuss the handouts given to voters.

**Motion:** Mark Wigler, to amend the school budget from \$4,737,695 to 4,751,984.

**Second:** Thomas Robinson

**Vote on motion to amend: Motion Fails**

Discussion: Laura Foley questioned news of additional funding from the Commonwealth for schools in Western and Central Massachusetts. Question was addressed by Town Administrator, Ryan McLane and Superintendent, Sheila Muir.

*[The Moderator read each highlighted line to include the item account number and total to provide voters the opportunity for discussion on any given line item. The line items were read in order with the exception of line item 86 "Quabbin Regional School Assessment" which was read first. Total operating buget \$9,301,245]*

**Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative Vote**

**ARTICLE 2.** Motion, Mr. Williams moves: That the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$60,000 from the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to conduct a schematic design study of the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm Street, Hubbardston for a potential roof replacement project, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

**Second:** Daniel Galante

**Vote: Motion Carries; Unanimous Affirmative Vote**

Seeing no other business before him, the Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Reed  
Town Clerk

(Town Seal)