



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON**

MINUTES - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING August 10, 2015 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 Board of Selectmen members Michael Stauder, Raeanne Siegel(Acting Chair), Jeffrey Williams and Patrick Girouard; Town Clerk Joyce Green; Finance Committee members Philip Churchill(Chair), Richard Haddad and Allura Overstreet; Town Administrator Anita Scheipers; and representative for Town Counsel, Joel Bard. Absent were Moderator Edward Leonard and Selectman Daniel Galante.

A total of 218 registered voters were checked in by Marcia Howlett and Shonna Larson. A quorum of 50 voters was present throughout the meeting.

Due to the absence of Moderator Ed Leonard, Town Clerk Joyce Green called for nominations for a Moderator. Motion made by Raeanne Siegel and seconded by Jeffrey Williams to nominate Michael Stauder as Moderator. No other nominations were made. Motion to close the nominations was made by Raeanne Siegel and seconded by Jeffrey Williams. Vote to have Michael Stauder serve as Moderator: Motion carries by majority affirmative vote. The Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Dr. Stauder as Moderator for tonight's meeting.

Raeanne Siegel asked Charlie Barbera, who will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award this Saturday, to lead Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Michael Stauder called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Dr. Stauder introduced Acting Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Raeanne Siegel, to read a statement on behalf of the Board.

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

ARTICLE 1. **Motion, Raeanne Siegel**, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,273,250.00 (Two Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars), by borrowing, to construct a new Senior Center facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and to purchase any related equipment; and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the full amount of such appropriation under General Laws Chapter 44 or any other general or special law or other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts required to pay for the bond or notes issued for such projects from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called. (Submitted by a Citizens Petition) **2/3 Vote Required**

Second: Jeffrey Williams

Vote: Motion Carries; Yes-172, No-46

ARTICLE 2. **Motion, Raeanne Siegel**, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,619,705 (Five Million, Six Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Dollars) by borrowing, to construct a new combined police and fire Public Safety Facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and to purchase any related equipment; and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the full amount of such appropriation under General Laws Chapter 44 or any other general or special law or other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts required to pay for the bond or notes issued for such project from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **2/3 Vote Required**

Second: Jeffrey Williams

Vote: Motion Carries; Yes-167, No-47, Abstain-1

ARTICLE 3. **Motion, Jeffrey Williams**, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) by taxation to pay for architectural design services to develop conceptual plans and related documents for the proposed Public Safety Building, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

Second: Raeanne Siegel

Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative Vote

With all business completed, the meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 8:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce E. Green, Town Clerk

(Town Seal)