



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON

MINUTES - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING August 23, 2016 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 Chairman Daniel Galante, members Jeffrey Williams and Richard Haddad; Town Clerk Joyce Green; Finance Committee Chair Susan Rayne and member Timothy Hart; Interim Town Administrator Raeanne Siegel; and representative for Town Counsel, Carolyn Murray. Absent were Moderator Edward Leonard, Selectmen Michael Stauder and Patrick Girouard, and Finance Committee member Jeffrey Anderson.

A total of 116 registered voters were checked in by Marcia Howlett. A quorum of 50 voters was present throughout the meeting.

Town Clerk Joyce Green called the meeting to order at 7:13pm and stated that the meeting was being digitally recorded. Due to the absence of Moderator Ed Leonard, nominations for a temporary Moderator were called for. Motion made by Daniel Galante and seconded by Jeffrey Williams to nominate Dennis O'Donnell as Moderator. No other nominations were made. Motion to close the nominations was made by Jeffrey Williams and seconded by Daniel Galante.

Vote to have Dennis O'Donnell serve as temporary Moderator: Motion carries; majority affirmative vote. The Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Dennis O'Donnell as temporary Moderator and declared him the winner. Mr. O'Donnell was then sworn in.

Moderator Dennis O'Donnell proceeded with Town Meeting and the following actions were taken on the articles presented in the aforesaid warrant:

ARTICLE 1. Motion, Daniel Galante, to pass over Article 1 because earlier tonight at the Quabbin Regional School District Committee meeting, the new assessment voted on by the School Committee reduced Hubbardston's assessment to an amount lower than what has already been appropriated at Annual Town Meeting and therefore this article is no longer needed.

Second: Jeffrey Williams

Vote to Pass Over: Motion Carries, Majority Affirmative Vote

[Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$ 27,892 (Twenty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Two and 00/100 Dollars), to additionally fund the operations of the Quabbin Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2017, provided however that the appropriation of the supplemental amount of \$27,892 shall be contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override by the voters of the Town in accordance with General Laws c. 59, sec. 21C(g).]

ARTICLE 2. Motion, Daniel Galante, that the Town vote to transfer from General Stabilization Account #250-000-5961-0000, the sum of \$17,278, to be added to the existing amount already appropriated at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for the purpose of funding the hiring of a full time police officer; under Police Department Wages, 001-210-5110-0002.

2/3 Vote Required

Second: Richard Haddad

Vote: Motion Carries; 111-5-0

ARTICLE 3. Motion, Jeffrey Williams, that the Town vote to transfer from General Stabilization Account #250-000-5961-0000, the sum of \$17,278, to be added to the existing amount already appropriated at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for the purpose of funding additional police coverage; under Police Department Wages, 001-210-5110-0002.

2/3 Vote Required

Second: Richard Haddad

Vote: Motion Carries; 111-5-0

ARTICLE 4. Motion, Jeffrey Williams, that the Town vote to rescind the vote under Article 2 of the June 7, 2016 Special Town Meeting, in its entirety, and vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease certain real property, and the improvements thereon, being Unit F1 within the shopping center located at 48 Gardner Road, Hubbardston, containing 3,000 square feet, more or less, and the common areas associated therewith, for such period of years and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Article. Finance Committee Recommended passage of this article on the floor.

Second: Richard Haddad

Vote: Motion Carries; Majority Affirmative vote

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce E. Green, Town Clerk

(Town Seal)