



*COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
STABILIZATION: \$281,168.22

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2013
CAPITAL STABILIZATION: \$427,961.42

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the voters of the Town of Hubbardston assembled at the Center School cafeteria to act on the articles in said warrant. Present were Moderator Edward Leonard; Board of Selectmen members Matthew Castriotta (Chair), Michael Stauder, Christopher Norcross, Daniel Galante and Jeffrey Williams; Town Clerk Joyce Green; Finance Committee members Benjamin Prentiss (Chair), Faye Zukowski, Patrick Girouard, Philip Churchill and Raeanne Siegel; Town Administrator Anita Scheipers; and representative for Town Counsel, Joel Bard.

A total of 121 registered voters were checked in by Marcia Howlett and Carol Whitney. The required quorum of 50 voters was present throughout the meeting.

Following the meeting, Board of Selectmen Chairman Matt Castriotta introduced and welcomed the newly hired Department of Public Works Director, Tim Kilhart.

Moderator Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and the following actions were taken on the articles presented in the aforesaid warrant:

ARTICLE 1. Motion, Matt Castriotta, that the Town transfer the care, custody and control of the Town owned parcel identified below to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of completing a land swap with Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for the purpose of swapping the 17 acre parcel of town-owned land located at Mile Road (Map 1, Lot 47) with a ten to twelve acre portion of state-owned land located at Gardner Road (Map 5C, Lot 134), as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's office, to be used for general municipal purposes such as the siting of future municipal buildings, including but not limited to a new senior center.

2/3 Vote Required

Second: William Murray

Motion Carries: Yes-112; No-7; Abstain-0

ARTICLE 2. Motion, Chris Norcross, that the Town broaden the allowed uses of the Stabilization Account transfer of funds voted under Article 14 of the June 5, 2012 annual town meeting to allow the \$100,000 to be used to purchase, accept by gift, swap for alternate land or take by eminent domain a parcel of land on which the Town would develop a Senior Center and other facilities to be used for municipal purposes, and, further, to authorize the funds to be used to fund work associated with a feasibility study, legal services, and engineering and design for said facilities.

2/3 Vote Required

Second: William Murray

Motion Carries: Yes-110; No-9; Abstain-0

ARTICLE 3. Motion, Mike Stauder, that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$115,000 to fund the engineering and design work associated with the repair and reconstruction of Rt. 68 and related infrastructure, from the Rutland town line to the intersection of Brigham Street and from Williamsville Road to the Gardner city line, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with said principal and interest of borrowing to be repaid over the three years from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

2/3 Vote Required

Second: Matt Castriotta

Motion Carries: Yes-116; No-3; Abstain-0

ARTICLE 4. Motion, Jeff Williams, that the Town transfer from the Highway Department operating budget the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in Account Number 011-151-5300-000, Legal Services, for the purpose of funding anticipated FY14 legal expenses.

Second: Matt Castriotta

Motion Carries, Majority Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 5. Motion, Dan Galante, that the Town authorize the Parks Commission to apply for and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services PARC grant program and to take other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of said grant and to use the \$75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and zero cents) appropriated under Article 18 of the June 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting to construct a combined Tennis/Basketball Court at the Curtis Recreational Field said land which was designated for recreational purposes under Chapter 45 Section 3 by Town Meeting vote in 1989.

Second: Matt Castriotta

Motion Carries, Majority Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 6. Motion, Mike Stauder, that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$42,000 to be used to offset the remaining 2013 Road Paving Program expenses. 2/3 Vote Required

Second: Matt Castriotta

Motion Carries: Yes-117, No-4, Abstain-0

Seeing no further business before the meeting, the Moderator adjourned the Town Meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce E. Green
Town Clerk

(Town Seal)