

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
THORNTON W. BURGESS SCHOOL
OCTOBER 22, 2012

Moderator Robert Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:02:PM - 77 in attendance

Article 1. TOWN HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The Town voted to transfer \$30,000 from unappropriated available funds for Town House improvements.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 2. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Town voted to transfer \$20,000 from unappropriated available funds for Line 7.2, Employee Benefits.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3, POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town voted to transfer \$15,000 from unappropriated available funds for a proposal for a new police station.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. TOWN HOUSE RECORDS

The Town voted to transfer \$5,000 from unappropriated available funds for records management in the Town House.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to transfer \$2,376 from CPA funds to rebind, digitize and microfiche vital records.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. TOWN CLERK, RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

Article 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

The Town voted to transfer \$9,600 from unappropriated funds to purchase new fire hose to replace damaged hose on 3 apparatus.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

The Town voted to transfer an amount not to exceed \$14,000 from unappropriated available funds to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9. COUNCIL ON AGING CLERICAL LINE

The Town voted to transfer \$396 to accommodate a clerical error in the pay rate for the Clerical line item.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. OFFICE SUPPLIES

The Town voted to transfer \$1,000 to increase the Office Supplies line # 29.3.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11. TEMPORARY HELP

The Town voted to transfer \$7,500 from unappropriated available funds to increase the Temporary help Line 12.7.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 12. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT

The Town voted to transfer \$3,100 from unappropriated funds to fund a DEP mandated Underground Storage Tank Operator.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 13. TOWN HALL PHONE SYSTEM

The Town voted to transfer \$9000 from unappropriated (available) funds to purchase a new phone system for the town house, senior center, highway department and fire house.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 14. OCTOBER STORM BORROWING

The Town voted to allow the Treasurer to borrow the currently non-reimbursed amount of **\$187,294** for the October storm event.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15. HAMPDEN HEIGHTS ROAD CLARIFICATION

The Town voted to amend Article 15 by adding "Reconstruction and covering of the cul-de-sac (and or its equivalent) is subject to the approval of the Planning Board.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town vote to accept a deed from Michael A Cimmino for the premises described on Article 15 of the warrant for the meeting.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16. ABANDON PORTION OF HAMPDEN HEIGHTS

The Town voted to abandon and discontinue as a public way that portion of Highland Circle described in Article 16 of the warrant for this meeting.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17. LAND CONVEYANCE

The Town voted to convey property to Michael A. Cimmino, by quitclaim deed, the land described in Article 16 of the warrant for this meeting.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 18. FIRE TRUCK

The Town voted to transfer 150,000 from unappropriate available funds for the funding of the unborrowed portion of the new fire truck.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 19. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action on this Article.

Article 20. STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

The Town voted to transfer 153,211 from unappropriated available funds into the Stabilization account.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried at 7:52PM