

MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2015
THORNTON W. BURGESS SCHOOL WILBRAHAM ROAD HAMPDEN

Moderator Robert L Howarth opened the meeting at 7:02pm. Attendance 68

Article 1. Bennett Road Eminent Domain Article

The town voted to take no action on Article one.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. Tree Removal

The town voted to transfer **\$20,000** from unappropriated available funds to Tree Warden Expenses for the removal of dead and dangerous town trees.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3. Dump Truck Body

The town voted to transfer **\$22,626** from unappropriated available funds to Highway Equipment Acquisition funds to purchase a stainless steel dump body and replacement of hydraulic lines and fittings for the Highway Department.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. Land Donation

The **motion failed** to accept conveyance to the Town, for no monetary consideration, the fee simple interest, free of liens and encumbrances, approximately 20 acres of land on Minnechaug Mountain, described in the warrant as Mountain Road, owned by John J. Brennan, William A. Hayes, the Estate of Hazel Hayes and the Estate of Patricia Brennan or their heirs, successors and assigns, for conservation purposes in accordance with the purposes set forth in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, with the Conservation Commission to have administrative control or care and custody of the land.

Vote count by the Moderator: in favor 27, opposed 33. **Motion failed.**

Article 5. Community Preservation Commission

The Town voted to accept the recommendations made by the Community Preservation Commission to appropriate \$27,050 from the Community Preservation Fund for repairs and rehabilitation of the foundation, sills and joists of Academy Hall together with any necessarily incidental expenses.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. Reserve Fund

The Town voted to transfer **\$20,000** from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve Fund.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. Reducing Tax Rate

The town voted to transfer **\$304,000** from unappropriated available funds to reduce the FY 16 Tax Rate.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. General Stabilization Account

The town vote to transfer **\$121,445** from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm