

MINUTES - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2016 7:pm
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
123 ALLEN STREET

Moderator Robert L Howarth opened the meeting at 7:21pm – 961 in attendance

Article 1. The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an alternative energy power purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreement with terms as described in Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 2. The Town voted to transfer \$36,500 from unappropriated available funds to purchase an Interceptor SUV for the Police Department.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 3. The Town voted to transfer \$30,000 from unappropriated available funds to pay for furniture/furnishings for the Police Station.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 4. The Town voted to transfer \$30,000 from unappropriated available funds to pay for various maintenance and repair/improvements for the Town House.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 5. The Town voted to transfer \$10,000 from unappropriated available funds to replace the carpet at the Senior Center.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 6. The Town voted to amend the Hampden Zoning Bylaw 7.16 Solar Energy Systems and also to amend Section 6.0 Table of Use Regulations as printed in Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 7. The Town voted to amend the Hampden Zoning Bylaw 7.14 Wireless Communications as described in Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 8. The Town voted to take no action on Article 8.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 9. The Town voted to transfer \$250,000 from unappropriated available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 10. The Town voted to transfer \$96,124 from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 11. This Article was ruled to be out of order in the opinion of the Moderator.

Article 12. The Town voted to move Article 12.
A majority vote was declared by the Moderator.

Article 12. The Town defeated a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Regional School Agreement as printed in Article 12 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Moderator declared the lack of a majority vote. Motion FAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.