

MINUTES – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

County of Hampden

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Monday, November 6, 2017, 7:00PM, Bethlehem Baptist Church, 123 Allen Street, Hampden.

Moderator Robert L Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Attendance - 418

Article 1. BOARD OF ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT UPGRADE

The Town voted to transfer from Overlay Reserve, \$20,000 for new hardware, software and technical support for Vision Appraisal Software.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. SCHOOL DEREGIONALIZATION

The town voted to hear the report of the School Deregionalization Study Committee.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 3. SCHOOL DEREGIONALIZATION

The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$50,000 for legal and/or professional fees for the purpose of modifying the Regional School Agreement or resolving other outstanding regional school issues.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. REGIONAL DISPATCH FACILITY

The Town voted to prohibit the Board of Selectmen and/or the Chief of Police from entering into any agreement for regional dispatch services.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. SENIOR CENTER

The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$10,000 to purchase an air conditioning unit for the Senior Center kitchen.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. TOWN TREASURER – DUMP TRUCK PAYOFF

The Town voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of \$100,000 to pay off outstanding debt on the Highway Dump Truck.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT FINANCING

The Town voted to withdraw the motion.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the recommendations made by the Community Preservation Committee.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$18,000 from the Community Preservation fund for professional services including, but not limited to, engineering and legal fees, to assess the feasibility of the Town acquiring the property at 500 Main.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town defeated a motion to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the Community Preservation fund for the rehabilitation of the space in the Town House formerly occupied by the Police Department and for the upgrade of the bathrooms located on the lower level to include ADA compliance.

In favor = 120 Opposed = 199

Article 9. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to take no action on article 9.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town voted to transfer \$338,000 from unappropriated available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018.

A majority vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11. GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

The Town voted to transfer \$18,203 from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried by a declared majority vote at 7:48PM