

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Ashburnham met at the Oakmont Regional High School Auditorium on August 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Moderator Ronald Reed presided at the meeting which was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The veterans were recognized with a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Doug Briggs and Sylvia Turcotte were recognized for their retirement and years of service. And, Mary Calandrella was introduced as the new Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator.

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, an amount not to exceed \$7,884,127 to be used for the design, construction and related costs associated with the construction of a new Department of Public Works (70%), Water (18%) and Sewer (12%) facility, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum of money and to issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws, or general authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, and notes and charges shall be so established as to provide sufficient funds to ensure that the entire principal and interest payable on any borrowing associated with this project shall be assessed to the users of the facility; that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept and expend, federal or state aid for the project, that the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and otherwise to contract with the USDA with respect to any such loan; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend all funds available from the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; including but not limited to entering into any and all contracts on such terms and conditions as are in the best interest of the Town; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen has determined that grants or other financial assistance is available from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth or any other source, which in the aggregate, shall provide for the project costs, and provided further that no bonds or notes shall be issued unless the Town has voted at an election to exempt this expenditure from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Selectmen)*

SELECTMEN
RECOMMEND: YES

CAPITAL PLAN. COMM.
RECOMMEND: YES

ADVISORY BD.
RECOMMEND: YES

TAX RATE
IMPACT: \$0.38

ARTICLE 1 VOTED: On motion of Leo Janssens II it was voted to raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, an amount not to exceed \$7,884,127 to be used for the design, construction and related costs associated with the construction of a new Department of Public Works (70%), Water (18%) and Sewer (12%) facility, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum of money and to issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws, or general authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, and notes and charges shall be so established as to provide sufficient funds to ensure that the entire principal and interest payable on any borrowing associated with this project shall be assessed to the users of the facility; that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept and

expend, federal or state aid for the project, that the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and otherwise to contract with the USDA with respect to any such loan; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend all funds available from the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; including but not limited to entering into any and all contracts on such terms and conditions as are in the best interest of the Town; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen has determined that grants or other financial assistance is available from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth or any other source, which in the aggregate, shall provide for the project costs, and provided further that no bonds or notes shall be issued unless the Town has voted at an election to exempt this expenditure from the provisions of Proposition 2½.

Vote required to pass was a 2/3 majority. A counted vote was taken. Yes 88, No 97.
The vote failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.