

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OF MAY 20, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
BURNHAM SCHOOL**

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Leo Null

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Curtis Read, First Selectman.

Lisa Antel nominated Larry Neary as Moderator. Seconded by Laszlo Pinter. David Bennett nominated Laszlo Pinter as Moderator. Seconded by Ronald Sullivan. Laszlo Pinter respectfully declined. Larry Neary was voted Moderator for the meeting and read the Legal Notice.

Susan Stumpf moved this be declared a legally warned and assembled town meeting. Seconded by Nancy Hawley and so voted.

Nancy Hawley moved to approve the Selectmen's budget as recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The tax when set, which provides the monies for the budget, shall become due and payable semi-annually. Seconded by Kathleen Creighton. All in favor.

To authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$534,000 from the Town's General Fund Reserve Account into the Capital Expenditures Fund for approved capital projects in fiscal year 2017. Capital items to be voted on individually, as follows:

Item #1: Harold Mayerson moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$312,000 from the Town's General Fund Reserve Account into the Capital Expenditures Fund for a newly constructed or renovated Community Center (Grange). Seconded by Rebecca Devine. After much discussion, motion carried (Vote: 106 yes, 27 no).

Item #2: Bonnie Luck moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Town's General Fund Reserve Account into the Capital Expenditures Fund for matching funds for Center Street Reconfiguration. Seconded by Kathryn Krigsman-Devine. Note: Funds cannot be expended without obtaining the Grant. Motion carried.

Item #3: Jennifer Iannucci moved to authorize the project for the Sidewalk/Walkway from Clapboard Road to Burnham School provided from the LoCip Grant. Seconded by Brad Goldstein and so voted. Motion carried.

Item #4: Edgar Wainwright moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$100,000 for removal and remediation of fuel tanks. Seconded by Nancy Hawley. All in favor.

Item #5: Richard Bartkus moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$37,000 for a new police vehicle. Seconded by Robert Brown and so voted. Motion carried.

Item #6: Margaret Sullivan moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$60,000 for a new tractor for public works. Seconded by Lisa Antel and so voted. Motion carried.

Julie Stuart moved to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$60,000 from the Harris Fund into the Capital Expenditures Fund for repairs to the Recreation Center Pavilion and construction of a parking area on Hut Hill Road. Seconded by Marilyn Curtin and so voted. Motion carried.

Rebecca Devine moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend any Federal or State grants for and by the Town of Bridgewater. Seconded by Margaret Sullivan and so voted. Motion carried. Robert Brown voted no.

Susan Stumpf spoke on affordable/senior housing under "any business that may properly come before the Town Meeting. She feels the town is in 'crisis mode' for affordable housing. Mr. Read responded that the Town has a group discussing senior housing and agrees an informational meeting needs to be discussed. Summer or Fall will be a time to further discuss.

Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting by Ronald Sullivan. Seconded by Margaret Sullivan and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Pinkos
Town Clerk