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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2003**

A quorum was announced and the moderator, Anne Farina, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Town Clerk read the greetings; a motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the articles, ending with the closing of the warrant and return of service.

ARTICLE 1. Motion made and seconded that the Town acquire for municipal purposes, which may include housing the facilities of the Highway Department, by taking, negotiated purchase, or otherwise, real property with improvements thereon, situated at 589 Pleasant Street, believed to be owned by Howard F. Graham and shown as Lot 48 on Map 7 of the Dunstable Assessor's Office, believed to contain 2.02 acres of land, and being the same property described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 8522, Page 55; and further, that in order to finance such acquisition, the town appropriate the sum of four hundred ninety thousand (\$490,000.00) dollars by transfers from the following accounts: from the Landfill Capital Account, the sum of \$41,167.77; from the Stabilization Account, the sum of \$200,000.00; and from Free Cash, the sum of \$248,832.23; said sum or sums to be authorized for expenditure in the acquisition of said property including related expenses.

2/3 Vote Required
Yes: 96 No: 10
(106 votes taken; 71 yes votes required to pass)
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 2. Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer Eleven Thousand Five Hundred (\$11,500.00) Dollars from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the additional costs for the Assessor's computer appraisal system upgrade.

Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes. One (1) Opposed.

ARTICLE 3. Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars from Water Department unreserved retained earnings, to supplement the Water Department's operating budget for the remainder of FY03.

Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes

ARTICLE 4. Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of a new phone system (and updated computer equipment) for Town Hall.

Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes. Four (4) Opposed.

ARTICLE 5. Motion made and seconded that the Town transfer Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One (\$2,231.00) Dollars from Free Cash in addition to the previously voted for the Greater Lowell Technical High School operating budget for FY03 under line item #300.03.

Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:00 pm. Total number of voters checked in: 112. The full text of minutes recorded is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Raise and appropriate:	\$.00
Transfer from Landfill Capital Account		41,167.77
Transfer from Stabilization Account		200,000.00
Transfer from Free Cash		287,563.23
Transfer from Water Department unreserved retained earnings		5,000.00
Total Transfers:	\$	533,731.00

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett
Town Clerk