



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
VALLEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM
14 HUNTER ROAD
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met at the Valley Chapel Auditorium, in Precinct 1, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on February 5, 2019:

Moderator Charles “Ed” Maharay called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00pm, declaring the presence of a quorum (50 required, 156 voters present). Rules for conducting business and taking votes of the meeting were announced. All Town Meeting votes will be taken by electronic vote.

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A motion was made to take Article 2 out of order.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries, Yes-102, No-30

ARTICLE 2: Release of Deed Restriction

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release the restrictive covenant recorded in Deed from Town of Uxbridge to Louis C. Tusino, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds Book 43783 Page 33, or take any other action related thereto

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

COMMENTARY: The Board of Selectmen voted on December 17, 2018 to release the deed restriction placed in 2009; Due to the nature of the deed, it also requires town meeting approval

MOTION: Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release the restrictive covenant recorded in the Deed from Town of Uxbridge to Louis C. Tusino, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds Book 43783 Page 33

Vote required for passage: requires a 2/3 majority vote passage.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The Finance Committee supports the removal of the deed restriction which will allow for the development of the parcel according to the Town’s bylaws.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (3-0-0)

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries, Yes-106, No-19

ARTICLE 1: Transfer funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer \$145,369.64 from the stabilization fund or any other account for the purpose of supplementing the Finance Department Budget or take any action there unto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

COMMENTARY: After the meeting with Division of Local Services (DLS) on December 3, 2018, a financial plan had to be implemented to meet their requirements, complete audits and address the staffing deficiencies. The amount will cover the shortfalls and once completed, DLS will allow for free cash certification.

MOTION: Move to appropriate and transfer \$145,369.64 from the stabilization fund for supplementing the Finance Department Budget

Vote required for passage: requires a 2/3 majority vote passage

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The Finance Committee supports the transfer of money in order to fund the Town Managers financial recovery plan. The transfer will allow the Town to maintain daily financial business, complete outstanding financial reporting and fund full-time accounting and treasurer positions at an increased pay scale. A successful recovery plans will ensure that the Town continues to receive state aid, including Chapter 70 school aid and Chapter 90 highway aid.

Transfers to pay for this initiative can come from the Stabilization account or from identified fiscal year 2019 surplus. Strict management oversight at all levels will be necessary to ensure that taxpayer funds are spent judiciously.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (3-0-0)

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries, Yes-133, No-16

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All Articles having been acted upon a motion was made to dissolve the meeting.

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Unanimous vote, motion carries.

The Meeting dissolved at 7:32pm.

A true copy attest,



Kelly J. Cote, CMC
Uxbridge Town Clerk