

Town Clerk Meeting Minutes

Special Town Meeting

August 10, 2009

Article 1 Section 3 of the Town of West Boylston's General Bylaws states that "One Hundred (100) legal voters, including the presiding officer and the clerk, shall constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may vote an adjournment; and that not more than Seventy-five (75) shall be required to maintain a quorum once the meeting has been called to order by the Moderator and that a quorum of Seventy-five (75) be required to reconvene any adjourned session of any such meeting."

The Town Clerk informed the Moderator that 100 registered voters were in attendance and that the quorum requirement has been met. Town meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

The following people were sworn in as tellers by the Town Clerk;

Barbara Mard
Marcia Cairns
Robert Barrell

Susan Abramson
Michael Kittredge, Sr.
Barbara Deschenes

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was conducted for all the members of the community who have passed and the servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

Upon a motion by Allen Phillips and duly seconded by Kevin McCormick, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the Warrant and refer it as subject matter only.

ARTICLE 1 – PETITIONED ARTICLE - AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS PROJECT

Recommendation of Approval- Municipal Building Committee
Finance Committee disapproves by a vote of 5-2
Motion- Kevin McCormick, Allen Phillips

Upon a motion by John Hadley and duly seconded by Kevin McCormick it was voted by simple majority of the voters present to cast a paper ballot vote.

After much debate this article was defeated by a paper ballot vote; 121 in the affirmative and 168 opposed.

This article would have authorized the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including without limitation, for town hall purposes, a parcel of land located at 150 Hartwell Street, described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District

Registry of Deeds in Book 22449, Page 102, and that \$4,900,000 is appropriated in order to pay costs associated with the purchase, remodeling, making extraordinary repairs, equipping and furnishing, and related site improvements to a building located at 150 Hartwell Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$4,900,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer, Finance Director or any other official of the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project, which shall be expended in addition to the amount appropriated by this vote; and that the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer and Finance Director is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest

Kim D. Hopewell
Town Clerk