

This is to certify that the following articles were acted on at the Special Town Meeting held on July 31, 2017. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m. and there was a quorum of 145 present.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEBSTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
July 31, 2017

Worcester, ss

To either of the Constables in the County aforesaid:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Webster aforesaid who are qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Bartlett High School Auditorium, 52 Lake Parkway, in said Webster on **Monday, July 31, 2017 at 7:00 PM** then and there to act on the following Articles to wit:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the whole Warrant. The motion received a UNANIMOUS YES VOTE and the Moderator moved on to demonstrate the electronic voting system.

At this point the Moderator explained and demonstrated the new electronic voting system the Town purchased.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, two certain parcels of land, with improvements thereon, located at 37 Negus Street and 39 Negus Street, being shown on Assessor's Map 1, Parcels 7 and 8, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 51954, Page 364 (37 Negus Street) and in a deed recorded with said Registry in Book 51954, Page 362 (39 Negus Street); said acquisition to be funded through the library construction budget as voted on Article 14 of the December 8, 2014 Special Town Meeting and the January 26, 2015 ballot vote; or take any action thereon.

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Finance Committee approves article as written

DECISION: A motion was made to approve the article as read.

A second motion was made to postpone the article for more information till the end of the meeting. The vote was YES 29 and NO 99 and the motion to postpone the meeting was not approved.

The Moderator went back to the original motion to approve the article as read and debate continued. After more debate the Moderator called for an end to debate. A motion was then made to suspend the town meeting rules and continue debate. The vote was YES 35 and NO 91 and the motion to continue debate was not approved.

The Moderator went back to the original motion to approve the article as read. The vote was YES 97 and NO 31 and the article as read, was approved.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Hall Stabilization Fund \$55,000 to a capital account for the purpose of funding improvements to the basement in Town Hall; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Finance Committee approves article as written

DECISION: A motion was made to approve the article as written. This article required a 2/3 rds. vote. The vote was YES 109 and NO 17 and the article was approved as written.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000 from the General Liability Insurance account to a Town Administrator Professional Services account for the purpose of funding a streetlight audit; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Finance Committee approves article as written

DECISION: A motion was made to approve the article as written. The vote was YES 114 and NO 10 and the article was approved as written.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$127,050 to the Public Buildings Maintenance Electricity account as follows:

\$70,000 from the Police Electricity account

\$26,300 from the Fire Electricity account

\$750 from the Animal Control Officer Electricity account

\$5,000 from the DPW Electricity account

\$20,000 from the Senior Center Electricity account

\$800 from the Marble House Electricity account

\$4,200 from the Library Electricity account

; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Finance Committee approves article as written with detailed sub-accounts

DECISION: A motion was made to approve the article as written. The vote was YES 111 and NO 6 and the article was approved as written.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$58,331 to the Public Buildings Maintenance Heating Fuel account as follows:

\$6,700 from the Police Heating Fuel account
\$15,131 from the Fire Heating Fuel account
\$3,500 from the Animal Control Officer Heating Fuel account
\$18,000 from the DPW Heating Fuel account
\$8,000 from the Senior Center Heating Fuel account
\$4,000 from the Marble House Heating Fuel account
\$3,000 from the Library Heating Fuel account

; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Finance Committee approves article as written with detailed sub-accounts

DECISION: A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the whole article. There was a unanimous YES vote to dispense with the reading and the Moderator moved to discussion.

A second motion was made to approve the article as written. The vote was YES 108 and NO 7 and the article was approved as written.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2018, which begins on July 1, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Finance Committee approves article as written

DECISION: A motion was made to approve the article as written. The vote was YES 105 and NO 12 and the article was approved as written.

A motion was made to dissolve the meeting at 8:06 p.m... The vote was a Unanimous Yes vote and the meeting was dissolved.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing attested copies thereof in a newspaper published within the Town of Webster at least fourteen (14) days preceding the meeting and by posting attested copies thereof with the Town Clerk and filing in the Public Library.

Thereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this Tenth Day of July in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Andrew M. Jolda, Chairman

Randall V. Becker, Vice Chairman

Donald D. Bourque

Mark G. Dowgiewicz

Robert J. Miller