

*The Annual Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the South Hadley High School auditorium at 153 Newton Street, South Hadley MA. True and attested copies of the warrants were posted by David J. Labrie in five of the towns voting precincts and copies sent electronically to Town Meeting members on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. All additional local by-law requirements were met prior to hosting this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Town Moderator, John Hine. There were one hundred members present out of one hundred and twenty qualified members. The body recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Selectboard Chair, Jeff Cyr.*

*The following business was transacted:*

**Article 1 – Hear Reports**

**Article Passed. Majority Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 96 No – 2 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to hear and the reports of the Town Officers, Boards, and Committees.

Nate Therian, Chair of the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC), presented the Master Plan Implementation Committee annual report.

Nicholas Gingras, Co-chair of the Budget Task Force, gave an update on the Budget Task Force’s work which will conclude with a report submitted to the Selectboard in early February, 2026.

**Article 2 – Prior Year Bills**

**Article Passed. 9/10 Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 97 No – 2 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 99 No Votes Recorded – 1**

The Town voted transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,552 to pay for prior year bills incurred in Fiscal Years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

**Article 3 – Health Insurance**

**Article Passed. Majority Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 95 No – 3 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$800,000 to pay for health insurance bills incurred in Fiscal Year 2026.

**Article 4 – Capital - Transfer****Article Passed. Majority Vote Required****Recorded Vote: Yes – 99 No – 1 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 100 No Votes Recorded – 0**

The Town voted to transfer \$23,144 from the Queensville Pond project and \$19,550 from the Library Accessibility Upgrades project for a total of \$42,694 to the Pearl Street culvert project.

**Article 5 – Adopt MGL Chapter 44 Section 54B****Article Passed. Majority Vote Required****Recorded Vote: Yes – 98 No – 1 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 99 No Votes Recorded – 1**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 Section 54B to allow the Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with MGL Chapter 203C, the so-called “Prudent Investment Rule”.

**Article 6 – Establishment of Special Education Reserve Fund****Article Passed. Majority Vote Required****Recorded Vote: Yes – 96 No – 2 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 13E permitting the School District to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund.

**Article 7 – Cryptocurrency ATM Bylaw****Article Passed. Majority Vote Required****Recorded Vote: Yes – 95 No – 1 Abstain – 2 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws by adding Chapter 236 as written in the warrant.

**Article 8 – Home Rule Petition for Liquor Licenses****Article Passed. Majority Vote Required****Recorded Vote: Yes – 77 No – 21 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation to grant the Town 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws and 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws; provided, however, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation, as set forth in the warrant, within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**\*Both license numbers are lower than proposed in the warrant.**

**Article 9 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – New Districts – Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use**

**Article Passed. Majority Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 70 No – 28 Abstain – 0 Total Votes – 98 No Votes Recorded – 2**

The Town voted to amend Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 as articulated in the warrant.

**Article 10 – Zoning Map Amendment- New Districts – Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use**

**Article Passed. Majority Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 73 No – 20 Abstain – 1 Total Votes – 94 No Votes Recorded – 6**

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Map as articulated in the warrant.

**Article 11- Ethan Circle Street Acceptance**

**Article Passed. 2/3 Vote Required**

**Recorded Vote: Yes – 81 No – 6 Abstain – 2 Total Votes – 89 No Votes Recorded – 11**

The Town voted to accept Ethan Circle as a public way, including any necessary easements, as set forth in the warrant.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 8:03 P.M.

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**



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Sarah B. Gmeiner, Town Clerk