

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2011

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Mr. Edward J. Ryan, Jr. at 7:00PM in the town hall auditorium. The Moderator announced that there were 94 Town Meeting Members present. After greetings were delivered the members pledged allegiance to the flag. Mr. Ryan then appointed John Paulin and Dale Johnston as Tellers for the evening session. Mr. Ryan announced to the body that there would be no motion offered under Article 2.

The Town Moderator recognized Mitchell Resnick to move Article 1. Upon the motion receiving a second Mr. Resnick spoke to the motion. Mr. Resnick then asked that Joseph Rodeo, South Hadley Library Director, be recognized to present a slide show presentation. Once the presentation was completed, Town Meeting Members debated the article. After an hour's discussion, the Moderator called the meeting back to order and reminded the body that the motion needed a 2/3rd vote to pass. Teller's were instructed to count the standing votes.

Article 1.

The Town voted to appropriate the sum of Ten Million One Hundred Thousand (\$10,100,000.00) Dollars to design, construct, and furnish a new public library and to meet said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow up to Four Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$4,200,000.00) under G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) or any other enabling authority; said appropriation is subject to the affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitation of taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (K) or Proposition 2 ½ so called and further

That the Selectboard and Board of Library Trustees are authorized to apply for grants, gifts and donations for purposes of Article from federal, state, and private sources and that said Selectboard and Library Trustees are hereby authorized to accept such grants, gifts or donations on behalf of the Town and that the amount of such grants, gifts or donations received by the Town shall reduce the amount to be borrowed by the Town to the extent the grants, gifts and donations combined together with the \$4,200,000 borrowing authorization exceeds \$10,100,000.00.

When asked by the Town Moderator the Appropriations Committee voted to support the article by a 6 – 1 count. Capital Planning stated that the Capital Planning was not asked to give a recommendation.

The Town Moderator informed the elected members that a two thirds majority vote of the town meeting body was required to pass the article under MGL 44:8. Voice vote was called for. The Town Moderator was not satisfied with the voice vote and requested a standing vote count. There were 67 members in favor of the motion and 17 members opposed. The Town Moderator declared the vote was approved by a two – thirds majority vote and the motion passed.

Appropriations Committee voted 6-1 to support the article.

Capital Planning stated that the Committee was not asked to give a recommendation.

Standing vote - 67 Members in FAVOR - 17 Members OPPOSED

MOTION PASSED

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Announcements followed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23PM.

A True Copy Attest:

Carlene C. Hamlin

Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk