

The Special Town Meeting was held on November 20, 2019 in the South Hadley Town Hall Auditorium, 116 Main Street, South Hadley MA. True and attested copies of the warrants were posted by Constable, David J. Labrie in five of the towns voting precincts. Copies of the warrants were sent out electronically and through US Postal Service to town meeting members on November 6, 2019. All additional local by-law requirements were met prior to hosting this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Town Moderator, John Hine. Martha Terry, Carol Constant, Diane Mulvaney, Winston Lavalley were appointed tellers for the evening session. There were ninety-three members present out of one hundred and twenty qualified members. The body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following business was transacted:

Article 1– South Hadley Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Plan

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to accept the South Hadley Falls Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Plan as reviewed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development as of July 18, 2019 and as further articulated in Appendix A.

Article 2- Establish a South Hadley Commission on Disability

TM VOTE: MAJORITY VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The town voted to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 subsection 8J, and establish a five member South Hadley Commission On Disabilities (COD) appointed by the Selectboard consistent with said Chapter 40 and further vote to amend Part I of the Town of South Hadley General Bylaws by adding a new section 7-22 creating a new Commission on Disabilities Bylaw as further articulated in Appendix B.

Article 3- Appropriation for Street Acceptance Project

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

Capital Planning Committee majority vote.

TM VOTE: MAJORITY VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The town voted to transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose researching and developing a process for determination, and preparation for acceptance of streets and ways in the Town of South Hadley, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4- Cable Studio Renovation

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

Capital Planning Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from the Cable Studio Fund the sum of \$28,000 for the purpose of capital improvements at the studio.

Article 5- Traffic Calming Projects

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

Capital Planning Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from Unreserved Free Cash in the sum of \$18,000 to fund a traffic calming sign project through the Department of Public Works, or take any other action thereto.

Article 6- Earth Removal Protection**TM VOTE: MAJORITY STANDING ROLL CALL VOTE: control sheet on file.**

The Town voted to amend the Town of South Hadley General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 245, Earth Removal Incidental to Construction Activities, which addresses earth removal and related actions as more fully set forth in Appendix C with the following amendment to:

Section 245-7 Conditional Exemptions. Section A(5) Earth Removal incidental to landscaping, and/or clearing, and in which the amount of Earth subject to Removal does not exceed 100 cubic yards per acre of land in one calendar year, if the Earth is transported off the lot, and does not exceed 100 cubic yards per acre of land in one calendar year, if the Earth is transported within the lot.

Article 7- Senior Center Stabilization Fund Transfer

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

Capital Planning Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

Town Moderator declared the vote passed by a 2/3rd majority of the body.

The Town voted to transfer from the Senior Center Stabilization Fund \$900,000 to the Senior Center Building Account for the purpose of funding construction, design or other actions related to the building of a new Senior Center at 45-47 Dayton Street.

Article 8-School Department Budget

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$66,438 to the School budget to adjust for shortfalls in the FY 2020 budget.

Article 9- Annual Election By-law**TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.**

The Town voted to amend Chapter 18 section 18-1 and 18-7 of the Town of South Hadley General Bylaws to allow a local election on March 3, 2020 and as further articulated in Appendix D.

Article 10- COA FY 20 Budget Correction

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$16,438 to line item Council on Aging 15411-51044 Clerk/Typist.

Article 11- Property and Casualty Insurance Deductibles

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$9,000 to Liability Insurance 19457-57850 Deductibles.

Article 12- Land of Low Value/Owner Unknown Project

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to undertake a land of low value process and/or owner unknown in a joint project of the Assessor and Collector/ Treasurer departments.

Article 13- Firewall Protection

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 to install an NSA 3600 Firewall for the Stony Brook server.

Article 14- SCADA System Upgrade

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

Capital Planning Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from Retained Earnings the sum of \$88,000 as grant match for improvements to the Waste Water Plant SCADA system and installation of an ammonia monitoring system as required.

Article 15- I&I Study WWTP

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to transfer from WWTP Retained Earnings the sum of \$35,000 to update a mandated inflow and infiltration study throughout the municipal sewer system.

Article 16- UI Compensation Transfer

Appropriation Committee unanimous vote.

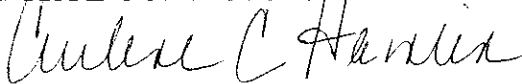
TM VOTE: UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOICE VOTE: control sheet on file.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$35,000 19131-51172 Unemployment Compensation to adjust for unexpected shortfalls in the FY 2020 budget.

Article 17- Zoning Water Protection District- NO MOTION**Article 18- Zoning Article Water Supply District Earth Removal- NO MOTION**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST;



Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk