

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Pepperell, in said county,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified according to law to vote in state, county, district and town affairs to assemble at the NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL, in said Town, on Monday, the 19th of June, A.D. 2017 at 7:00 PM to act on the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 19, 2017

7:00 PM

The Moderator Scott N. Blackburn opened Town Meeting at 7:08 P.M. Mr. Blackburn led the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Interim Town Clerk James G. Mullen, Jr read the legal notice of the meeting

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Melissa Tzanoudakis, made a motion which was seconded that the Moderator allow non-voters or non residents to speak on issues related to Town Meeting warrant articles where appropriate.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 1

CITIZENS' PETITION

Petition to hold a Special Town Meeting to discuss Public Safety issues to include Dispatch Regionalization and purchase of an ambulance for the Town of Pepperell.

No recommendation by Finance Committee.

Chrystal G. Jefferies made a motion which was seconded to take no action on Article 1

VOTED: The Town Voted Not to take any action of Article 1

VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2

AMBULANCE PURCHASE – CITIZENS' PETITION

To see if the Town will appropriate the amount not to exceed \$300,000 from Free Cash to be expended by the Fire Chief, for the purchase of a new ambulance, including related incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee voted to adopt a motion written by the Town Accountant relative to the specific funding for the ambulance.

Finance Committee Chairman John F. Ladik made a motion which was seconded to amend Article 2 and to appropriate the sum of \$289,592 for the purchase of a new ambulance, to be funded by appropriating

\$70,000.00 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Sale of Real Estate account, as the ambulance has a maximum useful life of at least 5 years in accordance with MA General Law c44 s7 and s63 which govern the use of receipts from the sale of real estate, by appropriating \$158,805.06 from Overlay Surplus, and by appropriating the balance of \$60,786.94 from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2016.

VOTED: The Town Voted Yes

VOICE VOTE

The Town then voted on Article 2 as amended

VOTED: The Town Voted the sum of \$ 289,592 for the purchase of a new ambulance, to be funded by appropriating \$ 70,000.00 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Sale of Real Estate account, as the ambulance has a maximum useful like of at least 5 years in accordance with MA General Law c44 S7 and s63 which govern the use of receipts from the sale of real estate, by appropriating \$158,805.06 from Overlay Surplus, and by appropriating the balance of \$60, 786.94 from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2016.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Amanda A. Raymond made a motion which was seconded to adopt Article 3

A motion was made and seconded to move Article 3

VOTED: The Town Voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION – CITIZENS' PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following non-binding Resolution Opposing Regionalizing Dispatch with the Northern Middlesex Regional Emergency Communications Center (NMRECC) District.

WHEREAS, at its April 10, 2017 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with NMRECC; and

WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Communications Director and a Police Sergeant, all spoke in opposition to entering into said Agreement with NMRECC, and

WHEREAS, said Police Chief, Fire Chief, Communications Director and Police Sergeant do not oppose regionalizing dispatch, but would rather regionalize with the Town of Groton because it is a bordering town; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Pepperell do not want to regionalize with Tewksbury, a town that is twenty-five (25) miles away; and

WHEREAS, the annual savings for regionalizing with Tewksbury is \$106,309, the annual savings for regionalizing with Devens is \$113,309, the annual savings for regionalizing with Groton is \$151,309; and

WHEREAS, the population of Tewksbury is approximately 30,915, the population of Dracut is approximately 31,352, the population of Pepperell is 11,780; and

WHEREAS, Groton's Public Safety Access Point (PSAP) is currently up and running and NMRECC will not be up and running until 2019.

WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the people of Pepperell, Massachusetts:

1. Hereby call on our Selectmen to null and void the contract with NMRECC.
2. Seek the advice of Regional Dispatch Committee formed September 28, 2015 comprised of David Scott, Police Chief, Toby Tyler, Fire Chief, David Stairs, Communications Director, Frank Quattrochi, Former Communications Director, Mark Andrews, Town Administrator, and follow its recommendations.
3. The Board of Selectmen hold community forums to educate and solicit feedback from its residents prior to entering into any future regionalization contracts.

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES

VOICE VOTE

A Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting

The Town Voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Special Town Meeting dissolved at 9:02 P.M.

James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

TRUE COPY ATTEST

