



PEPPERELL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 28, 2023



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The full text of the Special Town Meeting Warrant and appendices can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office at 1 Main Street, Pepperell during business hours or online at:

[https://town.pepperell.ma.us/271/Town-Meeting-Warrants-Results.](https://town.pepperell.ma.us/271/Town-Meeting-Warrants-Results)

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 Wednesday, the 28th of June, 2023 at 7:00 PM to act on the following articles:

PRELIMINARY MOTION

Motion made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move the Moderator allow non-voters or non-residents to speak on issues related to Town Meeting warrant articles where appropriate.

Simple Majority required for passage

ARTICLE 1 –FUNDING FY2024 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$710,338.00 from Free Cash, and/or the General Stabilization Fund, and/or other available funds, for Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget expenses, Part III - North Middlesex Regional School District operating assessment, as an addition to the amount appropriated under Article 26 of the warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting (Town Budget), or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Town has an obligation to fund the North Middlesex Regional School District assessment and does not have tax levy capacity to do so. A ballot vote to increase the tax levy was held on June 12,2023 and failed. This article proposes using available funds from Free Cash or General Stabilization to provide funding for this obligation.*

Funds available for appropriation.

	Certified and Available
Free Cash	\$1,091,548
General Stabilization	\$717,696
Capital Stabilization	<u>\$0</u>
Available reserves	\$1,809,244

For cash management purposes, the Finance Director recommends using \$250,000.00 from General Stabilization and \$460,338.00 from Free Cash. If approved in these amounts, the account balances would then be General Stabilization \$467,696.00 and Free Cash \$631,210.00.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Recommendation: The Select Board recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Draft Motions:

Motion Made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$250,000 from the General Stabilization Fund, for Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget expenses, Part III - North Middlesex Regional School District operating assessment, as an addition to the amount appropriated under Article 26 of the warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting (Town Budget).

Two-Thirds Majority required for passage.

Motion Made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$460,338.00 from Free Cash, for Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget expenses, Part III - North Middlesex Regional School District operating assessment, as an addition to the amount appropriated under Article 26 of the warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting (Town Budget).

Simple Majority required for passage.