



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2024

A TRUE COPY

ATTEST:

Brynn C. Durno

Brynn C. Durno, Town Clerk

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Pursuant to a warrant signed on 24th day of April, 2024 by Select Board Members Chuck Walkovich, Anthony Beattie and Mark Mathews and posted on April 25, 2024 by Constable Keith Keady in five public places – Pepperell Town Hall, Pepperell Police Station, Pepperell Post Office, Mel’s Barber Shop and Pepperell Family Pharmacy as well as attested copies online. We, the inhabitants of the Town of Pepperell whom were qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs are convened at Nissitissit Middle School on the 6th day of May which adjourned to the 7th day of May, A.D. 2024 to act on 26 articles.

There were *331 – three hundred and thirty-one registered voters and -26- twenty-six visitors* in attendance on May 6, 2024

There were *140 – one hundred and forty registered voters and 16 – sixteen visitors* in attendance on May 7, 2024.

Moderator Blackburn opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:18PM. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MOTION

Simple Majority required for passage

Motion made: 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.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

PRELIMINARY MOTION

Simple Majority required for passage

Motion Made: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move that we dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 1 – REVOLVING FUNDS – M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, § 53E1/2

To see if the Town will vote, according to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E1/2 and the Town’s Revolving Funds Bylaw adopted by vote under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, to set expenditure limits for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for the Town’s revolving funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *This article is required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which states that the town shall, on or before July 1 of each year, vote the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund.*

Motion made by: Chuck Walkovich, Select Board Member

I move that the Town vote, according to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2, to set expenditure limits for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for the Town’s revolving funds established under the bylaw adopted under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Town Meeting as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	Spending Limit
L.R.T.A. Van Transportation	Council on Aging Director	L.R.T.A. Van Transportation Revenue	Part-time wages & Operational Expenses	\$ 35,000.00
Senior Center Meals	Council on Aging Director	Donations for Meals	Part-time wages & Operational Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
Recreation	Recreation Director	Revenue from Rec. Dept. Activities	Part-time wages & Operational Expenses	\$ 80,000.00

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2 – LIBRARY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Revolving Funds By-law adopted by vote under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by adding a library revolving fund for the purpose of managing the receipt and expenditure of library program and activity fees, with expenditures from such fund to be under the direction of the Library Trustees, as set forth below, and to set the expenditure limits on the fund for Fiscal Year 2025; or take any other action in relation thereto.

A. Revolving Fund	B. Authorized to Spend	C. Revenue Source	D. Use of Fund	E. Restrictions on Fund Expenses	F. Other Requirement/ Reports	G. Fiscal Years
Library Programs and Activities	Library Trustees	Program and Activity Fees	Program and Activity Expenses	Maximum Allowed by Annual Town Meeting Vote	None	Fiscal Year 2025 and subsequent years

Explanation: *Library programs and activities can take place across lengthy timeframes, including fiscal years. By collecting and expending funds from a revolving account, fiscal year budgets are not impacted.*

Motion made by: Carol Case, Lawrence Library Trustee

I move that the Town vote to amend the Revolving Funds By-law adopted by vote under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by adding a library revolving fund for the purpose of managing the receipt and expenditure of library programs and activity fees, with expenditures from such fund to be under the direction of the Library Trustees, as set forth in Article 2, and to set the expenditure limits on the fund for Fiscal Year 2025 at \$7,500.00.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3 – COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Revolving Funds By-law adopted by vote under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by adding a Council on Aging revolving fund for the purpose of managing the receipt and expenditure of Council on Aging program and activity fees, with expenditures from such fund to be under the direction of the Council on Aging Director, as set forth below, and to set the expenditure limits on the fund for Fiscal Year 2025; or take any other action in relation thereto.

A. Revolving Fund	B. Authorized to Spend	C. Revenue Source	D. Use of Fund	E. Restrictions on Fund Expenses	F. Other Requirements/ Reports	G. Fiscal Years
Council on Aging Programs and Activities	Council on Aging Director	Program and Activity Fees	Program and Activity Expenses	Maximum Allowed by Annual Town Meeting Vote	None	Fiscal Year 2025 and subsequent years

Explanation: *Council on Aging programs and activities can take place across lengthy timeframes, including fiscal years. By collecting and expending funds from a revolving account, fiscal year budgets are not impacted.*

Motion made by: Katherine Pecorelli, Council on Aging Board Member

I move that the Town vote to amend the Revolving Funds By-law adopted by vote under Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by adding a Council on Aging revolving fund for the purpose of managing the receipt and expenditure of Council on Aging program and activity fees, with expenditures from such fund to be under the direction of the Council on Aging Director, as set forth in Article 3, and to set the expenditure limits on the fund for Fiscal Year 2025 at \$10,000.00.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY MODERATOR

CHAIRMAN MATHEWS FROM THE SELECT BOARD MADE A MOTION TO VOTE ON ARTICLES 4, 19, 20 & 21 SO IT WOULD ALLOW THE VOTERS TO HAVE AN EXACT AMOUNT TO WHAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE CASH AFTER VOTING ON THESE ARTICLES. MOTION WAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, § 53 to create a special revenue fund, to be known as the Opioid Special Revenue Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, without further appropriation, and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town's participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Special Revenue Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Town of Pepperell receives a portion of the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation settlement funds and wishes to reserve the funds for future uses as allowed by M.G.L.c.44, § 53 and the settlement. The amount received and currently available to be transferred from Free Cash is \$5311.94. Future settlement funds will be deposited directly to this new fund.*

Motion made by: Tony Beattie, Select Board Clerk

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, § 53, to create a special revenue fund, to be known as the Opioid Special Revenue Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, without further appropriation, and further, to transfer from Free Cash \$5,311.94, which is equal to the amount already received by the Town in previous fiscal years from the Town's participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation, into said Opioid Special Revenue Fund.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 19 – MINUTEMAN NASHOBA RUN OUT CLAIMS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$90,000.00 for the purpose of paying the Town of Pepperell's obligations to the Minuteman Nashoba Health Group for so-called run out claims for employee and retiree health insurance benefits through the end of the Town's contracted coverage period, said funds to be used to pay the Town's responsibilities for claims for self-insured active plans and self-insured Medicare plans, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *In order to provide more cost-effective health insurance benefits for Town employees and retirees, the employee-based Insurance Advisory Committee and the Town Administrator recommended, and the Select Board approved, that the Town leave the Minuteman Nashoba Health Group (MNHG) and join the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). While this decision held the FY2025 health insurance cost to a 0% increase compared to the current year, there is not enough funding left in the MNHG Trust to cover the so-called runout claims (those claims incurred by June 30, 2024, but billed after June 30, 2024). The Town is responsible for setting aside enough funding to cover this expense, estimated to be \$251,819.22. We have some funding available but need \$90,000 more to cover the entire amount. Should claims to MNHG Trust be less than the amount held in MNHG reserve, the excess will be returned proportionately to the current members at the conclusion of the run-out process.*

Motion made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$90,000.00 for the purpose of paying the Town of Pepperell's obligations to the Minuteman Nashoba Health Group for so-called run out claims for employee and retiree health insurance benefits through the end of the Town's contracted coverage period, said funds to be used to pay the Town's responsibilities for claims for self-insured active plans and self-insured Medicare plans.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 20 – FREE CASH APPROPRIATION SNOW & ICE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$96,838.50 from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2023, or other available funds, to reduce the Fiscal Year 2024 snow and ice budget deficit, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *An appropriation is needed to cover costs exceeding the amount appropriated in the FY2024 budget for Snow and Ice Removal for the FY2024 season.*

AMOUNT	TO	REASON
\$96,838.50	FY2023 FUND 42300 Snow & Ice Budget	Snow and Ice Deficit Spending

Motion made by: John Ladik, Finance Committee Member

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$96,838.50 from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2023 to the FY2024 General Budget Fund item 42300, Snow and Ice.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 21 – FREE CASH APPROPRIATION FOR OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000.00 from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2023, or other available funds, to be deposited into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) are health insurance costs for Town retirees. The Town is required by law to provide certain eligible former employees a portion of their health insurance in retirement. Due to rising health insurance costs in the past three decades, the OPEB expense is now a significant portion of the Town budget. Funding the Trust holds funds in reserve for future obligations. The current unfunded liability is \$11,492,753.00 and there is \$325,137 in the OPEB Trust, just 2.8% of our liability.*

Motion made by: Chuck Walkovich, Select Board Member

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$50,000.00 from Free Cash as certified as of July 1, 2023, to be deposited into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 1.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 5 – PEG RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION FUND ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, § 53F¾, and establish a special revenue fund to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable television franchise fees and other cable-related revenues received by the Town, for future appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to be effective and begin operation on July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that cable franchises be managed by the franchise holder. The Town of Pepperell is the franchise holder and must appropriate funds to provide cable access services. In Pepperell, this has historically been done by Pepperell Community Media (PCM). Until this year, the franchisee paid its Public, Education, and Government*

(PEG) fees directly to PCM. The fees must now be paid to the Town of Pepperell. This fund reserves those payments, to then be appropriated by Town Meeting for the desired uses.

Motion made by: Chuck Walkovich, Select Board Member

I move that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, § 53F³/₄, and establish a special revenue fund to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues received by the Town, for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to be effective and begin operation on July 1, 2024.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATE PEG FUNDS TO PEPPERELL COMMUNITY MEDIA

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds the sum of \$186,717.73, or a lesser sum, to the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, said amount of \$186,717.73 already having been received by the Town from Charter Communications as part of its contractual obligation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *These funds will be used by the contracted provider of services, Pepperell Community Media, which has submitted a budget, shown herein, that is consistent with allowed uses of Public, Education, and Government access (PEG) funding.*

Motion made by: Chuck Walkovich, Select Board Member

I move that the Town take no action on Article 6.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends taking no action on this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION MADE TO TAKE NO ACTION. MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE 7 – NON-UNION COMPENSATION PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Non-Union Compensation Plan established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, § 108A and pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Code of the Town of Pepperell, by increasing the rates in the compensation table to reflect a 0.5% cost of living increase, effective July 1, 2024, as is shown in Appendix A to this warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Non-Union Compensation Plan provides a predictable wage for various positions within our government offices. The Select Board voted a 0.5% cost of living increase into the table for FY2025.*

Motion made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

I move that the Town vote to amend its Non-Union Compensation Plan as shown in Appendix A to the warrant for this Town Meeting.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 8 – SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FEES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 37 of the Code of the Town of Pepperell, Sealer of Weights and Measures, section 37-1(B), Fees established, by replacing paragraph (1) with the table of fees shown below, but excluding the “Current Fee” column which is shown for reference only, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Sealer is an inspector who certifies that scales and measuring devices are accurate for the sale of goods. They are used by grocers, pharmacies, hardware, and salvage operators, among others. Our sealer fees have not been updated since 1999 and no longer support the cost of providing this state mandated service. The proposed fees are authorized by M.G.L. c. 98, §56.*

Device/Inspection Type	Current Fee	Fee per Device/Inspection
Scale with capacity over 10,000 lbs.	\$75.00	\$200.00
Scale with capacity of 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	\$50.00	\$125.00
Scale with capacity of 1,000 to 5,000 lbs.	\$35.00	\$100.00
Scale with capacity of 100 to 1,000 lbs.	\$20.00	\$75.00
Scale with capacity of more than 10 and less than 100 lbs.	\$15.00	\$40.00
Scale with capacity of 10 lbs. or less	\$15.00	\$35.00
Avoirdupois	\$10.00	\$20.00
Gasoline Pumps	\$20/nozzle	\$50.00
Oil Trucks (vehicle tank) /per truck	\$25.00	\$50.00
Price Verification – 1-3 electronic checkouts	N/A	\$100.00
Price Verification – 4-11 electronic checkouts	N/A	\$200.00
Price Verification – 12 or more electronic checkouts	N/A	\$300.00
Bulk Storage	\$35.00	\$100.00
Taxi Meters	\$10.00	\$30.00
Linear Measuring Devices	\$10.00	\$30.00

Motion made by: Tony Beattie, Select Board Clerk

I move that the Town vote to amend Chapter 37 of the Code of the Town of Pepperell as described and shown in Article 8 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY TOWN ADMINSTRATOR MACLEAN AS WELL AS NASHOBA VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 9 - FISCAL YEAR 2025 TOWN GENERAL FUND BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$36,155,948.00, or some other sum, to defray the regular expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for General Government, Public Safety, Nashoba Valley Technical High School, North Middlesex Regional School District, Public Works, Human Services, Culture & Recreation, Debt Service & State Assessments, Employee Benefits & Insurance, and Capital Outlay, as shown in Appendix B to the

warrant for this Town Meeting; and to determine whether to appropriate any sums contingent upon approval, at an election, of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, under M.G.L. c. 59, § 21C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made by: Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair

- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,173,343.00 for Part I of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, General Government, as represented in lines 2 to 199 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - Sherrill Rosoff, 4 Lawrence Street made a motion to amend part 1, line item #8, 100-12900-51112, Town Administrator salary to FY23 compensation level of \$155,000.00. Motion was seconded. Town counsel explained the TA's contract and MGL's associated with such contract. Amendment failed.
 - Renee D'Argento, 18 Prospect Street made a motion to amend part 1, line item #79, 100-15200-51112, Human Resource Generalist to reduce salary of \$52,355.00 to zero. Amendment failed.
 - Sherrill Rosoff, 4 Lawrence Street made a motion to amend part 1, line item #159, 100-17500-51112, Town Planner salary to reduce salary to \$0. Motion seconded. Amendment failed by standing vote.
 - **PART ONE, passed by simple majority. (\$2,173,343.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,406,397.00 for Part II of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Public Safety, as represented in lines 201 to 398 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - **PART TWO, passed by simple majority. (\$4,406,397.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,906,034.00 for the NVTHS portion of Part III of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Education, as represented in lines 400 to 404 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - **PART THREE - NVTHS, passed by simple majority. (\$1,906,034.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,063,186.00 for the NMRSD portion of Part III of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Education, as represented in lines 406 to 409 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - Discussion ensued after motion was seconded. Lisa Martin, Chair, NMRSD School Committee spoke in length. Questions arose about the impacts of voting yes or no, what it means for an override, etc....Students from NMRHS spoke. Superintendent Brad Morgan spoke. Discussion continued.
 - Mark Mathews, Select Board Chair, made a motion to amend part three to add, such appropriations be contingent upon the Town's approval at an election of an override of proposition 2 ½ so called under MGL Ch. 59 Section 21C. Motion was seconded. Explanation and discussion ensued. Amendment failed by standing vote. (Y-47, N-174)
 - **PART THREE – NMRSD, passed by standing vote – Y-181, N-54 (\$21,063,186.00)**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting to a date certain, May 7, 2024 at 7:00PM. Meeting was adjourned said Town Meeting at 11:26PM.

Town meeting was reconvened on May 7, 2024 at 7:03PM.

- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,787,590.00 for Part IV of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Public Works, as represented in lines 411 to 497 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - Renee D'Argento, 18 Prospect Street made a motion to amend part 4, line item #474, tree experts under Tree Care & Planting to restore the department request of \$33,500 from the reduced amount of \$25,000. Motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed.
 - **PART FOUR, passed by simple majority. (\$1,787,590.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$446,439.00 for Part V of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Human Services, as represented in lines 499 to 539 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - **PART FIVE, passed by simple majority. (\$446,439.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$642,938.00 for Part VI of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Culture & Recreation, as represented in lines 541 to 574 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - Renee D'Argento, 18 Prospect Street made a motion to amend part 6, line item 542-543, Library Funding, to the department's original request of \$636,610. Motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Amendment passed.
 - **PART SIX, passed by simple majority. (\$677,998.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,930,272.00 for Part VII of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Debt Service and Assessments, as represented in lines 576 to 584 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - Tom Nephew, 27 Lawrence Street made a motion to fund short-term debt line 579 for \$277,274 from free cash reserves at Select Board discretion. Motion seconded. Amendment passes.
 - **PART SEVEN, passed by simple majority. (\$1,930,272.00)**

- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625,750.00 for Part VIII of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Employee Benefits & Insurance, as represented in lines 586 to 602 and lines 609 to 614 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - **PART EIGHT, passed by simple majority. (\$1,625,725.00)**
- I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,000.00 for Part IX of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Capital Outlay, as represented in lines 604 to 607 of the budget as shown in Appendix B.
 - **PART NINE, passed by simple majority. (\$174,000.00)**

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0 except the NMRSD portion of the budget which the FINCOM does not recommend by a vote of 4 to 0

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

			<u>Select Board</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>
Part I	General Government	\$2,173,343.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part II	Public Safety	\$4,406,397.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part III	Education NVTHS budget	\$1,906,034.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part III	Education NMRSD budget	\$21,063,186.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 not approve
Part IV	Public Works	\$1,787,590.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part V	Human Services	\$446,439.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part VI	Culture & Recreation	\$677,998.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part VII	Debt Service & Assessments	\$1,930,272.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part VIII	Employee Benefits & Insurance	\$1,625,750.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve
Part IX	Capital Outlay	\$174,000.00	3 to 0 to approve	4 to 0 to approve

ARTICLE 10 – PATRIOT REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (PRECC) BUDGET WITH REVENUE SUPPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$1,474,014.00 to defray expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for the Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center, as shown in Appendix C to the warrant for this Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Pepperell is the host community of the Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center (PRECC). The PRECC is expanding from three towns to five on July 1, 2024. Town of Pepperell cost is \$341,761.00 and is included in the General Fund Budget. The Department of Revenue is requiring that Pepperell appropriate the entire amount of the additional funding required to support the PRECC, but that amount of \$1,474,014.00 is coming from four-member towns and state E911 grants as a reimbursement to Pepperell.*

Source	Amount
Ashby	\$94,024.13
Dunstable	\$98,912.93
Groton	\$333,350.94
Townsend	\$268,884.00
E911 Support	\$678,842.00
Total, Non-Pepperell Revenue	\$1,474,014.00

Motion made by: Chuck Walkovich, Select Board Member

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,474,014.00 to defray expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for the Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center, as set forth in Article 10 of the warrant for this Town Meeting and shown in Appendix C to the warrant.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 11 - FISCAL YEAR 2025 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$3,225,739.00 to defray the regular expenses of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *This article is to comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, Enterprise Funds, which requires submission of an estimated income and expenditure budget to town meeting, to be voted on in the same manner as all other budgets, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.*

Motion made by: Thomas Nephew, Board of Public Works Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with \$2,875,739.00 appropriated from Enterprise Fund revenues and \$350,000.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings, and \$110,000.00 of that amount to be appropriated into the General Fund operating budget, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting.

SEWER DEPT REVENUE		SEWER DEPT EXPENSES	
USERS FEES, MISC REV.	\$2,875,739	DIRECT OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$3,115,739
SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS	\$350,000	INDIRECT COSTS (GEN'L FUND)	\$110,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,225,739	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,225,739

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 12 - FISCAL YEAR 2025 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$2,640,213.00 to defray the regular expenses of the Water Enterprise Fund, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *This article is to comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, Enterprise Funds, which requires submission of an estimated income and expenditure budget to town meeting, to be voted on in the same manner as all other budgets, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.*

Motion made by: Thomas Nephew, Board of Public Works Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with \$2,340,213.00 appropriated from Enterprise Fund revenues, and \$300,000.00 from Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings and

\$95,000.00 of the total appropriated into the General Fund operating budget, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting.

WATER DEPT REVENUE		WATER DEPT EXPENSES	
USERS FEES, MISC REV.	\$2,340,213	DIRECT OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$2,545,213
WATER RETAINED EARNINGS	\$300,000	INDIRECT COSTS (GEN'L FUND)	\$95,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,640,213	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,640,213

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 13 – FISCAL YEAR 2025 TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$546,425.00 to defray the regular expenses of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *This article is to comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, Enterprise Funds, which requires submission of an estimated income and expenditure budget to town meeting, to be voted on in the same manner as all other budgets, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.*

Motion made by: Thomas Nephew, Board of Public Works Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to operate the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with \$493,471.00 appropriated from Enterprise Fund revenues, and \$52,954.00 from Transfer Station retained earnings, and \$32,000.00 of the total appropriated into the General Fund operating budget, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting.

TRANSFER STATION REVENUE		TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES	
USERS FEES, MISC REV.	\$493,471	DIRECT OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$514,425
TRANS STA RETAINED EARNINGS	\$52,954	INDIRECT COSTS (GEN'L FUND)	\$32,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$546,425	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$546,425

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 14 - FISCAL YEAR 2025 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$283,059.00 to defray the regular expenses of the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *This article is to comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, Enterprise Funds, which requires submission of an estimated income and expenditure budget to town meeting, to be voted on in the same manner as all other budgets, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.*

Motion made by: Thomas Nephew, Board of Public Works Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to operate the Stormwater Enterprise Fund for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with \$262,500.00 appropriated from Enterprise Fund revenues, and \$20,559.00 from Stormwater retained earnings and \$22,500.00 of that amount appropriated into the General Fund operating budget, as shown in Appendix D to the warrant for this Town Meeting.

STORMWATER REVENUE		STORMWATER EXPENSES	
USERS FEES, MISC REV.	\$262,500	DIRECT OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$260,559
STORMWATER RETAINED EARNINGS	\$20,559	INDIRECT COSTS (GEN'L FUND)	\$22,500
TOTAL REVENUE	\$283,059	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$283,059

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 15 – FY2024 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$235,000.00, as a transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings certified as of July 1, 2023, for unanticipated costs of plant maintenance, increased cost for residuals management, and to offset reduced revenues from user fees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *In order to maintain operational efficiencies and address code and permit compliance at the wastewater treatment facility, a number of upgrades and repairs were required in FY24. A significant increase by the vendor for sludge disposal fees was also enacted mid-year. It should be noted that the plant now employs a different method of residuals disposal, and it is anticipated that the new process will provide significant long-term savings over the previous method, as well as eliminate the need for a \$2.5 million borrowing approved a year ago, to replace the belt filter press.*

Motion made by: Pat Harrington, Board of Public Works Member

I move that the Town vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$235,000.00, as a transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings certified as of July 1, 2023.

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 16 – FY2024 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Water Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$100,000.00, as a transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings certified as of July 1, 2023, to offset reduced revenues from user fees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Placed on the warrant while still determining if needed. It has been determined that it is not.*

Motion made by: Pat Harrington, Board of Public Works Member

I move that the Town take no action on Article 16.

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 17 – FY2024 STORM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Storm Water Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$60,000.00, as a transfer from the Storm Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings certified as of July 1, 2023, for MS4 compliance consultant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *Placed on the warrant while still determining if needed. It has been determined that it is not.*

Motion made by: Pat Harrington, Board of Public Works Member

I move that the Town take no action on Article 17.

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 18 – FY2024 TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$30,000.00, as a transfer from the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings certified as of July 1, 2023, for unanticipated replacement of construction demolition trailers and repairs to the scale house, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: *The Transfer Station experienced several large, unanticipated capital expenses in FY24, including the replacement of both construction demolition containers, the repair of the commercial weigh scale, and the purchase of PAYT bags. It should be noted that the quantity of bags purchased allowed for bulk savings and should provide for several years of supply.*

Motion made by: Pat Harrington, Board of Public Works Member

I move that the Town vote to amend the fiscal year 2024 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget by increasing the retained earnings line item appropriation by \$30,000.00, as a transfer from the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings certified as of July 1, 2023.

Recommendation: The Board of Public Works recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 22 – SOLAR FACILITY GROUND LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of 6 +/- acres of the Town-owned land constituting the capped landfill, located at and known as 66 Boynton Street and shown on the Assessors' Maps as parcel 3-35-0, to the Select Board for the purpose of leasing the same to a solar energy electricity production entity for the installation of a solar energy facility or facilities, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease or leases for such land for a term of at least 20 years from the date of commencement of commercial operations of the solar energy facility or facilities and such additional term as the Select Board shall deem appropriate, all on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate, including a power purchase agreement for electricity and/or solar energy credits; and to authorize the Select Board to grant such access, utility, and other easements in, on, and under said land as may be necessary or convenient to construct, operate and maintain such solar energy facility or facilities; and to authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary in connection therewith; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: A copy of the proposed PILOT agreement is on file with the Town Clerk and can be viewed during regular business hours and on our Town Meeting website as Appendix E.

Explanation: *The Master Plan recommended that the Town explore placing solar panels on the closed town landfill. We received a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and with a group of citizens and a consultant created a request for proposals. Citizens Energy Corp. was selected and will build an approximately 1.9MW solar power generation facility. The 50% of the energy will be made available to qualified lower income residents at a discounted rate. The ground lease allows CEC to proceed with permitting, construction, and operations.*

Motion made by: Tony Beattie, Select Board Clerk

I move that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of 6 +/- acres of the Town-owned land constituting the capped landfill, located at and known as 66 Boynton Street and shown on the Assessors' Maps as parcel 3-35-0, to the Select Board for the purpose of leasing the same to a solar energy electricity production entity for the installation of a solar energy facility or facilities, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease or leases for such land for a term of at least 20 years from the date of commencement of commercial operations of the solar energy facility or facilities and such additional term as the Select Board shall deem appropriate, all on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate, including a power purchase agreement for electricity and/or solar energy credits; and to authorize the Select Board to grant such access, utility, and other easements in, on, and under said land as may be necessary or convenient to construct, operate and maintain such solar energy facility or facilities; and to authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

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.

2/3 Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 23 – SOLAR FACILITY PILOT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT agreement) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 5, or any other enabling authority, on account of a solar photovoltaic facility or facilities installed or to be installed on the property located at and known as 66 Boynton Street and shown on the Assessors' Maps as parcel 3-35-0, on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town,

and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Note: A copy of the proposed PILOT agreement is on file with the Town Clerk and can be viewed during regular business hours and on our Town Meeting website as Appendix E.

Explanation: *The solar project discussed in Article 22, is on town land. The town will collect lease and personal property taxes through a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) arrangement. The anticipated payment is \$102,575.00 in year one of operations and will be indexed annually by at least 1%.*

Motion made by: Tony Beattie, Select Board Clerk

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT agreement) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 5, or any other enabling authority, on account of a solar photovoltaic facility or facilities installed or to be installed on the property located at and known as 66 Boynton Street and shown on the Assessors' Maps as parcel 3-35-0, on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 24 – ADOPT BYLAW FOR PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ON ELECTION DAYS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 6 of the Code of the Town of Pepperell, Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities, by adding a new Article XXI, as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXI: Meetings

§6-32 No Meetings on Election Days.

No multiple-member body of the Town shall conduct a meeting during the election hours of a municipal or state election that is occurring within the Town. For the purpose of this bylaw, election hours of a municipal or state election shall include only the hours in which live voting is taking place on the official election day and shall not include any times designated for early voting, so-called, prior to election day.

Explanation: Election days require complete focus of the Town Clerk's office in the administration of an election. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Election Division does not allow public hearings and discourages public meetings on election days. The Town Clerk recommends this bylaw to ensure maximum participation in the elections.

Motion made by: Tony Beattie, Select Board Clerk

I move that the Town vote to amend Chapter 6 of the Code of the Town of Pepperell by adding a new Article XXI, as shown in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 2 to 1.

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

Simple Majority required for passage.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 25 – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$145,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, for support of the community preservation projects and expenses shown in the table below.

AMOUNT	Funding Source	REASON
\$23,600.00	Open Space & Recreation Account	To re-surface and stripe (line) Town field basketball courts.
\$400.00	Undesignated Funds Account	
\$23,600.00	Historic Preservation Account	To refurbish and/or replace historic Lawrence Library portico doors and surrounding moldings.
\$4,900.00	Undesignated Funds Account	
\$40,000.00	Undesignated Funds Account	To repair and/or replace mortar on the historic Lawrence Library outer brickwork walls.
\$23,600.00	Community Housing Account	To be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust for community housing purposes.
\$26,400.00	Undesignated Fund Account	
\$2,500.00	Undesignated Fund Account	Fiscal Year 2025 Administrative expenses
\$145,000.00		

Explanation: *The responsibility of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is to accept project proposals from the community and conduct a thorough review of them, with the aim of selecting the most compelling projects for recommendation to the community's legislative body. The CPC shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, creation and preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and affordable housing that is acquired or created with Community Preservation Funds. After review and deliberation, the CPC is making five recommendations as described in the table above. The recommendations may be moved as a group, or separately.*

Motion made by: Rob Rand, Community Preservation Committee Chair

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$145,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, for support of community preservation projects and expenses as shown in Article 25 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

OR

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$23,600.00 from the Open Space & Recreation Account and \$400.00 from the Undesignated Funds Account of Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, for resurfacing and re-line the basketball courts at the Town Field/Community Center.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$23,600.00 from the Historic Preservation Account and \$4,900.00 from the Undesignated Funds Account of Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, to refurbish and/or replace historic Lawrence Library portico doors and surrounding moldings.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Undesignated Funds Account of Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, to repair and/or replace mortar on the historic Lawrence Library outer brickwork walls.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$23,600.00 from the Community Housing Account and \$26,400.00 from the Undesignated Funds Account of Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, to be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust for community housing purposes.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 from the Undesignated Funds Account of Community Preservation Fund revenues, certified as of July 1, 2023, for Fiscal Year 2025 Administrative expenses.

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.

Simple Majority required for passage.

AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO VOTE ALL FIVE ITEMS AS ONE VOTE. MOTION WAS SECONDED. AMENDMENT PASSED.

MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR.

All Business on the Warrant having been acted upon, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve said Town Meeting at 9:10pm.

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