

TOWN OF HALIFAX

February 17, 2015

Special Town Meeting
Quorum 100

As Voted
Present 112
Guests 5

HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The order in which the articles were voted upon was determined by lottery under the Town's by-laws, Chapter 47. The article numbers are used to identify the articles.

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance recited immediately thereafter.

Moderator John Bruno explained that this was the first time that the new by-law for voting at town meeting was being utilized. He explained that the articles are chosen by lottery, but if there are articles that are contingent upon each other, then the articles would be voted together.

ARTICLE 6 Voted to approve the revised and increased Silver Lake District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 including applying \$619,000 from the District's Excess and Deficiency Budget to pay for long term security, building, grounds and equipment capital needs, and funding for the Other Post Employments Benefits Trust Fund with no change in the Town's assessment.

Silver Lake Regional School Committee – Cassandra Hanson

There was a lengthy discussion on this article. Kim R. Roy read a statement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen with the support of the Finance Committee. They did not support Article 6 at this time.

Failed – majority

A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff, seconded by Troy E. Garron to pass over the following article. Motion to pass over passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to purchase the property designated as Map 113, Lot 1 on the maps of the Halifax Board of Assessors, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Franklin and Hayward Streets, comprising approximately 57,090 square feet or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 3 Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$0 to meet the Town's share and to appropriate the sum of \$135,469 from available funds under Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34(2)(a) of the General Laws, for the purposes as set forth in the memorandum of agreement with the

Massachusetts Highway Department including maintaining, repairing, improving, and constructing town and county ways and bridges, sidewalks adjacent to said ways and bridges, bike ways and other projects eligible for funding as a “transportation enhancement project” as described in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, P.L. 102-240, salt storage sheds, public use off-street parking facilities related to mass transportation, for engineering services and expenses related to highway transportation enhancement and mass transportation purposes, for care, repair, storage, purchase, and long-term leasing of road building machinery, equipment and tools, and for the erection and maintenance of direction signs and warning signs.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

Passed

ARTICLE 4 Voted to transfer from the Sale of Lots and Graves account the sum of \$121,250 to purchase the property designated as Map 113, Lot 2 on the maps of the Halifax Board of Assessors, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Franklin and Hayward Streets, comprising approximately 9.7 acres.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

A two-thirds majority vote is required.

Failed

ARTICLE 1 Voted to transfer from Line 75 (Vocational Education) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2014 the sum of \$27,937 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 between the Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

Passed

ARTICLE 2 Voted to transfer from Line 75 (Vocational Education) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2014 the sum of \$9,000 into Account 899402583 (Police Extra Detail – Agency Account).

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

Passed Unanimously

**A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.
The meeting dissolved at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Gaynor
Town Clerk