

DOINGS AT THE OCTOBER 26, 2023 SPECIAL FALL TOWN MTG

Board of Registrars, Mary Lou Laurenza, Laura Blajda and Linda Klemyk were checkers for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Kirk Whatley @ 7:03pm @ Hopkins Academy Cafeteria. A total of 124 voters were checked off for this meeting. Proper return of service for the warrant was noted and Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Moderator announced acting in accordance with *Town Meeting Time*.

At the Town of Hadley Special Town Meeting that convened on October 26, 2023 at the Hopkins Academy Cafeteria with a quorum of 100 present and declared dissolved on October 26, 2023 by the Moderator, the following articles were so voted:

Article 1 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the FY2024 annual budget from **\$20,461,072** to **\$20,750,736** and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the amounts in Table A.1 as presented at the October 26, 2023, Special Town Meeting and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Art 1 passed.

Article 2.1 Motion was made and seconded that the Town transfer funds from various accounts as delineated in Article 2.1 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 2 passed unanimously.

Article 2.2 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to re-appropriate funds from completed projects as delineated in Article 2.2 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 2.2 passed unanimously.

Article 3 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate **\$310,000** for expenses associated with the capital projects as delineated in Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein and to fund said appropriation to transfer **\$85,000** from Free Cash, **\$5,000** from Hadley Media Reserve and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow **\$225,000** under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and or any other statutory authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore.

The Moderator declared Article 3, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 110-12.

Article 4 Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$1,069,531**, to pay the costs of School Locker Room Renovations, and to pay for said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount, pursuant to G. L. c. 44 sec. 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, and further that the approval hereof shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this article.

The Moderator declared Article 4, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 118-4.

Article 5 Motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate **\$2,150,000**, to pay the costs of a Fire Department Ladder Truck, and to pay for said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount, pursuant to G. L. c. 44 sec. 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, and further that the approval hereof shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this article.

The Moderator declared Article 5, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 117-5.

Article 6 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate **\$17,603.20** and transfer funds as delineated in Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to extend the completion deadline for the CPA projects delineated in Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer **\$6,550** from the Community Preservation Act Historic Set-Aside Fund and **\$118,850** from the Community Preservation Act General Fund for the preservation of the exterior of the building at 146 Russell Street (formerly St. John's Church), under the terms delineated in Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

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AMENDMENT: Motion was made and seconded to amend Art 8
“to extend if property sold within twenty (20) years, to return funds back to the town”
The Moderator declared the amendment passed 48-43.

Motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 8 as amended.
The Moderator declared Article 8, as amended, passed 48-43.

Article 9 Motion was made and seconded that Town vote to amend the Hadley Zoning Bylaw §28.6 as follows: Amend §28.6 by changing thirty-five (35) to twenty-one (21); such that the section will read as follows:
28.6.3.1.3 Recommended conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development.
Failure of Boards or Departments to make recommendations within twenty-one (21) days of the referral of the application shall be deemed to be lack of opposition.
The Moderator declared Article 9, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed unanimously.

Article 10 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Article §7.5.2 of the Hadley Zoning Bylaw relating to Signs in Residence and Agricultural-Residence Districts by increasing the maximum allowed signage from 2 square feet to 4 square feet, such that the section will read as follows:
7.5.2. One sign per lot relating to an allowed accessory use under this Zoning Bylaw shall be permitted. This sign shall not exceed four square feet of area.

AND

To vote to amend Article §20.2.2.4.1 of the Hadley Zoning Bylaw relating to Home Occupations by increasing the maximum allowed signage from 2 square feet to 4 square feet; such that the section will read as follows:

20.2.2.4. One sign per lot may be displayed, either attached to the structure or at street location, advertising the home business, provided:

(1) It does not exceed four square feet in area; and

The Moderator declared that Article 10, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed unanimously

Article 11 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund by accepting the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, as delineated in Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared that Article 11, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 119-3.

Article 12 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer funds from free cash into the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund as delineated in Article 12 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared that Article 12 passed 119-3.

Article 13 Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer funds from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to be expended by the Town Administrator as delineated in Article 13 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared that Article 13, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 119-3.

Article 14 Motion was made and seconded that the Town authorize the Select Board to take or otherwise acquire Birch Meadow Drive and any associated easements and to accept same as a public way as laid out by the Select Board as further delineated in Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.

The Moderator declared that Article 14, requiring a 2/3rds vote, passed 119-3.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn October 26, 2023 Special Fall Town Meeting @ 9:15pm

A true copy ATTEST:

Jessica Spanknebel
Town Clerk
Hadley, MA