



## TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

### Special Town Meeting Minutes October 20, 2015

Town Moderator, Robert Floyd, opened the meeting at the William E. Norris School at 7:03 P.M. with a quorum being present. One hundred and two (102) voters were present. Checkers were Lucille Dalton, Eileen Couture, Kristine Canton, and Ann Girouard. Interim Police Chief Michael Goyette led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Moderator read the warrant and return of the warrant. He then read a conflict of interest disclaimer, as he is also Superintendent of the Southamptton Cemetery Commission, and serves on the Board of Directors for Easthampton Media. After the introduction and instructions, he then called for Article 1.

**Under Article 1**, it was moved seconded that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws for the Town of Southamptton by the addition of Section 1 (e) under Article VII, Building Permits, and the addition of Article XXXVII, The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings.

An amendment was made and seconded to strike the first sentence under Sec. 4 under Administration.

**Motion on the amendment failed.**

A motion was made and seconded to table the article.

Mr. Moderator requested a hand count.

**Motion failed (33 Ayes, 53 Nays)**

**Article 1 as written passed by majority vote**

**Under Article 2**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Nicholas Lane, as a public way as shown on a plan entitled "Pleasant View Estates Definitive Cluster Development Plan Under Section XI, Southamptton Massachusetts," prepared for Chester J. & Susan Kellogg, sheets "1-10" and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 231, Page 42.

A motion was made and seconded to table the article.

**Motion failed by majority vote**

**Article 2 as written passed by majority vote**

**Under Article 3**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept Sara Lane, as a public way as shown on a plan entitled "Deer Run Estates, Southamptton, Massachusetts," prepared for Edward H. Gwinner, Jr., sheets "1-7" and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 228, Page 33.

**Article 3 passed by majority vote**

**Under Article 4**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 4, Acceptance of Town Roads/Old Harvest Road.

**Motion to pass over Article 4 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 5**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$18,752.89 to fund the completion of the Labrie Field(s); said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Undesignated Account. (FY 16)

**Article 5 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 6**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$22,500 to fund the installation of hand rails at the new Town Hall (Larrabee Building); said sums shall be taken from the FY16 Community Preservation Surcharges-Undesignated Account. FY 16)

**Article 6 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 7**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$3,200 to the Historical Commission to fund supplemental costs of moving the historical safe from Old Town Hall to the new Town Hall (Larrabee building); said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account. (FY 16)

**Article 7 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 8**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$6,000 to the Park Commission to be used to fund the costs for the installation of a Playscape at Conant Park that would serve the needs of younger children; said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Open Space/Recreation Account. (FY 16)

**Article 8 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 9**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$80,000 to the Southampton Youth Athletic Association to fund a portion of the creation of new Little League fields at Conant Park, said sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges-Open Space/Recreation Account. (FY 16)

A correction was made stating that sums shall be taken from the Community Preservation Surcharges–Undesignated Account.

Wally Marek (non-resident) was voted in to speak on behalf of the Southampton Youth Athletic Association.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article so that it says “up to \$80,000.00”.

**Motion on the amendment passed by majority vote**

**Article 9 as amended passed by majority vote**

**Under Article 10**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 to replenish the Larrabee Building Expenses account; said sums shall be taken from Operating Stabilization Fund.(FY 16)

A motion was made and seconded to increase the sum to \$30,000.00.

The Moderator did not allow the motion

**Article 10 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 2/3 requirement**

**Under Article 11**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$3500 to replenish the Town Hall Building Expenses account; said sums shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund. (FY 16)

**Article 11 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 2/3 requirement**

**Under Article 12**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 to the Norris School (Facility Maintenance Account) to cover the unexpected costs for facility improvements required by recent safety inspections; said sums shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund. (FY 16)

School Principal Aliza Pluta (non-resident) was voted in to speak on behalf of the Norris School

**Article 12 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 2/3 requirement**

**Under Article 13**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500 to the Reserve Fund to reimburse for an unexpected expense; said sums shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund. (FY 16)

A motion was made and seconded to table the article

**Motion to table Article 13 passed by majority vote**

**Under Article 14**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$650 to pay prior year bills from FY15 to John C. Jakobek, P.C. for legal services; said sums shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund. (FY 15)

**Article 14 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 9/10ths requirement**

**Under Article 15**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,172.97 to Eversource to pay prior year bills from FY15 for Street Lighting; said sums shall be taken from the Operating Stabilization Fund.(FY 15)

**Article 15 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 9/10ths requirement**

**Under Article 16**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100 to Thomas Quinlan to pay prior year bills from FY15 for reimbursement expenses; said sums shall be taken from Operating Stabilization. (FY 15 )

**Article 16 passed unanimously, therefore meeting the 9/10ths requirement**

**Under Article 17**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$34,801.26 to the Fire Department for the purchase of a new cardiac monitor for the ambulance service, said sums shall be taken from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriation account. (FY 16)

**Article 17 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 18**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,187.94 to Ambulance Expenses for reimbursement of expenses incurred for leasing new cardiac monitor for the ambulance service; said sums shall be taken from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriation account. (FY 16)

**Article 18 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 19**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1500 to the Town Administrator Expenses account; said sums shall be taken from the Administrative Assistant Wage Line. (FY 16)

**Article 19 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 20**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$750 to Employment Advertising; said sums shall be taken from the Administrative Assistant Wage Line. (FY 16)

**Article 20 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 21**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$4,801 to the Insurance General account to correct a negative balance; said sums shall be taken from the Workers Compensation Line.(FY 16)

**Article 21 passed unanimously**

**Under Article 22**, it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 to the Park Commission Wages to correct a negative balance; said sums shall be taken from the Park Commission Expense Line. (FY 16)

**Article 22 passed unanimously**

**A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 8:45 P.M.**

**Motion was unanimous**

A true copy attest:

Janine Domina, Clerk  
Town of Southampton