



TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
Special Town Meeting
Minutes
Norris School
34 Pomeroy Meadow Rd
December 13, 2022-7:00pm

The Town Moderator, Robert Floyd opened the meeting at 7:04pm, Karl Kuehner led the Pledge of allegiance. The checkers/counters were Sabina McCarthy, Susan Seybolt, Patrice Crevier, Stacey Schmiedel and Marion Hamel. There were 66 registered voters present. Masks were available for those who wished to wear them. Easthampton Media recorded the meeting, and it was being livestreamed through YouTube and can be found on the Town Southamptton website.

Article 1- Selectboard member Joy Piper moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to transfer a total of \$6,000 from the Group Health Insurance Account to the Retirement Expense Account, to complete our Financial Obligation for FY 2023 for the town.

Article 1-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 2- Selectboard member Joy Piper moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to transfer an amount totaling \$34,500 within their operating budget accounts; \$32,000 from the Police Wage Account to the Police Overtime Account for Unexpected Staff Shortages, and \$2,500 from the Police Wage Account to the Police Expense Account for Unexpected Costs Incurred, said sums to come from the FY 2023 accounts listed.

Article 2-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 3- Selectboard member Joy Piper moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate an amount totaling \$68,914.80 from Ambulance Receipts, Reserve for Appropriation, and transfer \$68,064.00 to the Debt Ambulance Principal Account and \$850.80 to the Debt Ambulance Interest Account for the FY 23 Debt payment on the newest ambulance.

Article 3 – passed unanimously-needed simple majority

Article 4- Selectboard member Jon Lumbra moved, and Francine Tishman seconded that the Town vote to transfer an amount totaling \$20,000 within the Assessors operating budget accounts as listed; \$5,000 from the Principal Assessor Salary Account to the Assessor Consulting Account for Property Certification, and \$5,000 from the Principal Assessor Salary Account to the Cyclical Inspection Account for 10 Year Cyclical inspections, and \$10,000 from the Principal Assessor Salary Account to the Assessor Expense Account for Cost Manuals & staffing from the FY 2023 accounts listed.

Article 4-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 5- Selectboard member Jon Lumbra moved, and Joy Piper seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$7,500 from the legal expense account # 015151.300 to pay the settlement in the matter of Swanson v. Town of Southampton.

Article 5- passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 6- Selectboard member Jon Lumbra moved, and Francine Tishman seconded that the Town vote to appropriation/transfer of \$20,000 from the operational stabilization account to be used for the purpose of; securing, maintaining, demolition and or any other necessary functions required to prepare properties for sale by the Building Department. These properties have been acquired through tax title.

Article 6 – passed unanimously-meeting 2/3rds majority

Article 7- Selectboard member Maureen Groden moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars from Community Preservation Surcharges to the Southampton Greenway for the Town’s local matching share of a Mass Trails Grant for the design process of the Greenway bicycle & pedestrian path, said funds to be taken from Community Preservation Surcharges – Undesignated Funds.

Article 7- passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 8- Selectboard member Maureen Groden moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars from Community Preservation Surcharges to the Park Commission for the acquisition of one additional Conant Park sign, said funds to be taken from Community Preservation Surcharges – Open Space Recreation account.

Article 8-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 9-Selectboard member Francine Tishman moved and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town delete Articles XII, Matter on Public Ways or Places and Article XX, Littering, of the Town’s General By-Laws and adopt a new Article XII, Littering and Dumping Materials on Public Ways or Places with the language contained in Article 9 of the December 13, 2022 Special Town Meeting., and to authorize the Town Clerk to make necessary renumbering changes resulting from the deletion of Article XX (if any).

Article 9-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 10-Selectboard member Francine Tishman moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Article XV, Sec. 5A and Sec. 5C Application for Permit by deleting language shown as strike through and adding new language in **Boldface type** as contained in Article 10 of the December 13, 2022, Special Town Meeting.

Article 10-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 11- Selectboard member Christine Fowles moved and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town Bylaws, by deleting Articles IX, Dog Kennels and Article XVI, Dogs, of the Town's General By-laws and adopt a new Article XVI: Dogs: Licenses, Kennels and Complaints, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make necessary renumbering changes resulting from the deletion of Article IX (if any) as contained in Article 11 of the December 13, 2022 Special Town Meeting.

Article 11-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 12- Selectboard member Christine Fowles moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town Bylaws, amend Town Bylaw XXVI, Curb Cuts, by deleting language shown as strike through and replacing with the new language, in **bold**.

Article 12- passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 13- Selectboard member Christine Fowles moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to adopt a new General By-Law; Marking of Town-Owned Vehicles as listed in Article 13 of the Special Town meeting Warrant of December 13, 2022, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make necessary renumbering changes (if any) to the General Bylaws, resulting from the addition of this new bylaw

Article 13-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

Article 14- Selectboard member Christine Fowles moved, and Jon Lumbra seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §55C, and adopt the following general bylaw, establishing the Southampton Affordable Housing Trust, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make necessary renumbering changes (if any) to the General Bylaws, resulting from the addition of this new bylaw.

Article 14- passed by majority.

Article 15- Selectboard member Joy Piper moved and Francine Tishman seconded that the Town vote to adopt a new general bylaw, "Article XVI A: Humane Care and Treatment of Domesticated Animals", as printed in Article 15 of the December 13, 2022, Special Town Meeting, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make necessary renumbering changes (if any) to the General Bylaws, resulting from the addition of this new bylaw.

Article 15-passed unanimously- needed simple majority

It was motioned and seconded to dissolve Special Town Meeting at 8:04pm

A true copy attest:

Lucille A Dalton, Town Clerk
Town of Southampton

