



TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

Special Town Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020

The Town Moderator, Robert Floyd opened the meeting at 7:03pm, Karl Kuehner began the Pledge of allegiance. The checkers/counters were Kristine Canton, Robin Richard, Dawn Young and Sarah Pierce. There 149 were registered voters present.

Under Article 1 It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, a parcel of land commonly known as 57 Cold Spring Road, Southampton, being Tax Map 6, Parcel 19, to be preserved as open space and designated as “no motorized vehicles permitted,” and to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or convenient to carry out said acquisition.

Article 1 passes unanimously

Under Article 2 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to Transfer/appropriate \$126,502.25 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund

Article 2 passes unanimously

Under Article 3 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$108,430.50 from Free Cash to the Operational Stabilization Account.

Article 3 passes unanimously

Under Article 4 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$36,143.50 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Account.

Article 4 passes unanimously

Under Article 5 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer two hundred dollars (\$200) to fund the amortization of the WPAT bonds, said sum to be taken from WPAT Loan Repayment Account.

Article 5 passes unanimously

Under Article 6 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash to a Health Insurance Plan Design Change Account (per MGL C 32B) to fund the payment for union employees for implemented health insurance plan design changes.

Article 6 passes unanimously

Under Article 7 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate \$3,825 to the Town Insurance – General Expense Account for unanticipated increase in town owned building/property values; said sum to be taken from Free Cash.

Article 7 passes unanimously

Under Article 8 : Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Police Communication Wages Account to the Police Overtime Wage Account to account for overtime incurred due to current staff shortage.

Article 8 passes unanimously

Under Article 9 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from Election/Registration Expenses to the Election/Registration Wages account to fund the payment of election workers changed payment from Vendor to payroll per IRS regulations.

Article 9 passes unanimously

Under Article 10 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund account as it was not funded in the FY2020 budget. The reserve fund is necessary to be funded in case of extraordinary and unforeseen expenses through the fiscal year.

Article 10 passes unanimously

Under Article 11 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Police Communication Wages Account to the Police Wage Account to pay a portion of retroactive wages back to July 1, 2018 due to new Union Contract agreement.

Article 11 passes unanimously

Under Article 12 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Police Wage Account to pay a portion of retroactive wages back to July 1, 2018 due to new Union Contract agreement.

Article 12 passes unanimously

Under Article 13 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Tree Warden Expenses account to fund the removal and trimming of additional trees during FY 2020.

Article 13 passes unanimously

Under Article 14 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer/appropriate \$16,328.60 from Free Cash to the Health Director Wage Account to fund the position through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Article 14 passes by majority Ayes 83, Nays 49

Under Article 15 Moved and seconded the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.41, §1B to change the position of elected Treasurer/Collector to an appointed position to be appointed by the Select Board for a term of up to three years; provided, however, that such change shall not take effect unless it is also approved by the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Election.

Article 15 passes by majority

Under Article 16 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$2,000 from Community Preservation Funds to the Historical Commission to purchase and install a flag pole in the area of the historical One Room School House in Conant Park to add to the historical appearance of the school; said sum to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges – Historical Preservation Account.

Article 16 passes by majority

Under Article 17 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of that property located at 93 College Highway, described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 6098, Page 95, containing 8 acres, more or less, from the Select Board for general municipal purposes, and authorize the Select Board to convey said property on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deems appropriate, including reserving such drainage easements as the Town may require, and to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this article.

Article 17 passes unanimously

Under Article 18 Moved and seconded To Take No Action.

Article 18 Motion to take no act passes unanimously

Under Article 19 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Southampton Zoning Map, ZBL Section III-B, by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land consisting of 14.7 +/- acres and located at the Southwest corner of College Highway and Valley Road, also identified on Assessors' Map 39, Parcel 26, and as shown on a plan prepared by Heritage Surveys, Inc., "Proposed Zone Change Area, Industrial Park (I-P) to Commercial Highway (C-H), Map 39 Parcel 26, Eugene R. Labrie, College Highway and Valley Road, Southampton MA", from the present zoning designation of Industrial Park (I-P) to Commercial Highway (C-H).

Article 19 Motion failed 63 Ayes, 71 Nays

Under Article 20 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to change the Town By-Laws, to amend Article I of the Town's General By-laws, entitled "Town Meeting," by amending the existing language as noted, deleting existing language where noted and adding new language shown in **boldface text** as set forth in Article 20 of the Warrant for the February 11, 2020 Special Town Meeting.. **An amendment was made to add 'face the audience "OR" the moderator.'**

Moderator Robert Floyd stepped down as Article 20 concerned Town Moderator

Deputy Moderator Karl Kuehner presided over Article 20

The amendment passed unanimously.

Amended Article 20 passes unanimously

Article 21-Deputy Town Moderator Karl Kuehner stepped aside for Town Moderator Robert Floyd to resume presiding over the rest of the Town Meeting.

Under Article 21 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to insert a new Article IV, entitled "Town Administrator," as set forth in Article 21 of the Warrant for the February 11, 2020 Special Town Meeting, into the Town's General By-laws, and renumber the subsequent sections of the General By-laws accordingly.

Article 21 passes by majority

Under Article 22 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to change the Town By-Laws, to amend Article IV of the Town's General By-laws, entitled "Town Clerk," by amending the existing language as noted, deleting existing language where noted and adding new language shown in **boldface text** and renumber this Article/Section as Article V as set forth in Article 22 of the Warrant for the February 11, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

After discussion for amendments to be made to the by-law regarding wording in the by-law, the motions for amendments to this article were withdrawn and the town voted on the original unamended article

Article 22 passes by majority

Under Article 23 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to change the Town By-Laws, to amend Article V of the Town's General By-laws, entitled "Town Treasurer/Collector," by amending the existing language as noted, deleting existing language where noted and adding new language shown in **boldface text** and renumber this Article/Section as Article VI as set forth in Article 23 of the Warrant for the February 11, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

There was a motion to amend Section 1 of this article to change the s/he wording to the wording "Treasurer/Collector receives all money". An amendment was made to kill the article, that motion was seconded and failed. There was a motion to pass the original amend article and original amended article passes by majority. Ayes 39 Naves 23

Article 23 Amended motion passes unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:52pm- motion passes unanimously

A true copy attest:

Lucille A Dalton, Town Clerk
Town of Southampton