

# DOINGS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Declaration of Recess and Continuance of Special Town Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm was recessed and continued to March 24, 2020 at 6:00pm by the Town Moderator, Jim Putnam, to be in effect under the provisions of M.G.L. A. 39, Section 10A for the following reasons:

1. The need to hold the meeting outdoors in order to optimize social distancing in compliance with Governor Baker's Executive Order due to the coronavirus pandemic
2. The safety of voters driving on snow-covered roads
3. The need for public safety and other town officials to focus on dealing with snow-covered roads

The Notice of Declaration of Recess and Continuance of the March 23, 2020 Special Town Meeting was duly posted and filed with the Town Clerk in accordance with M.G.L. c. 39, Section 10A.

The Special Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6 pm at the Southwick Regional School, 93 Feeding Hills Road in the East Parking Lot.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Putnam at 6:01 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Southwick Regional School, 93 Feedings Hills Road, in the East parking lot, with 138 registered voters in attendance at the start of the meeting ending with 141 in total.

A motion was made and seconded to allow the following non-voters on to the town meeting floor:

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

Eric Mueller, Vice Chair; Lake Management Comm

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety to include the greetings and to act upon each Article separately. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ARTICLE 1:** The Town of Southwick voted to ratify and confirm the acceptance of a grant of Easement from Congamond Heights Association, Inc. to the Town of Southwick in accordance with the Easement Grant and Plan of Easement by the Town of Southwick and its Select Board on file with the Town Clerk's Office relative to maintaining Berkshire Avenue as currently constructed within said easement as granted to the Town of Southwick, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Unanimous  
Majority required**

**ARTICLE 2:** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Open Space Fund for installation of lighting and electrical outlets at Whalley Park Pavilion, or take any other action relative thereto.

**MOTION:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

**Unanimous  
Majority required**

**ARTICLE 3:** The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate \$800,000 or any lesser amount, to pay costs of alum treatment for the lakes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: That the Town appropriates \$800,000.00 to pay costs of alum treatment for the lakes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, \$200,000.00 shall be transferred from available amounts in the Community Preservation General Unreserved Fund, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$600,000.00 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, §11, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town for this purpose prior to the issuance of any long term bonds. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**Flash Card vote  
Yes- Blue Card 135  
No – Pink Card 3  
Passed  
TWO-THIRDS Required**

A Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at approximately 6:22 PM.

**UNANIMOUS**

A TRUE COPY OF ATTEST:

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Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk  
Doings STM 03.23.20  
TOWN CLERK, SOUTHWICK, MA