

Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

Doings at the Special Town Meeting March 15, 2016

DOINGS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Tuesday, March 15, 2016

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Putnam at 6:34 PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Southwick Tolland Granville Regional High School, 93 Feedings Hills Road, in the Auditorium, with approximately 70 registered voters in attendance at the start of the meeting.

A Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for: (reflects those who have passed away since May 19, 2015)

Ralph W. Naylor - Park and Recreation Commissioner

Lionel T. Fry - Senior Center Volunteer

Walter Morgan - Driver & distributor for the Senior Center bread program

Dick Buckley - Town Counsel

All US Servicemen and Women

Advancement Placement United States Government Class.
(Assistance with microphones and lighting)

Alexa Thorne

Brian Deyo

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

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector

Benjamin Coyle, Town Counsel Attorney

David Ricardi, Southwick Chief of Police

Carol DellaGiustina, Town Accountant

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety and to act upon each Article separately

ARTICLE 1. The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,485 for the following salary accounts:

Library Part Time	\$2,800.00
Library Full Time	\$ 500.00
Full Time FF/EMT	\$6,785.00
FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 400.00

**PASSED
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 2. The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the Whalley Park irrigation wells or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED
MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 3. The Town of Southwick voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$48,000 for the following Capital Item or take any other action relative thereto.

Library Building Fire Sprinkler System \$48,000.00

**PASSED
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 4. The Town of Southwick voted to petition the General Court for the passage of a Special Act reading substantially as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, David A. Ricardi, Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Southwick, may continue in such position, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen, until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018; provided however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. If requested, David A. Ricardi shall, at his own expense, be examined by an impartial physician designated by said Town to determine such capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of David A. Ricardi under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed until June 30, 2018 unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018. Upon retirement, David A. Ricardi shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance including such actual service until June 30, 2018 unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018 or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 5. The Town of Southwick voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements on the Route 57 (Feeding Hills Road) Highway Reconstruction Project.

	Total # Parcel	Area (Square Feet)
In Fee	9	23,142 SF +/-
Permanent Easements	12	17,105 SF +/-
Temporary Easements	23	40,940 SF +/-

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels

are currently identified on plans drafted by Northeast Survey Consultants PC Dated February 19, 2016 Titled "Taking & Easement Plan of Land in Southwick MA, Hampden Registry, Prepared for Weston & Sampson Inc." dated February 19, 2016.

And further, to appropriate and transfer an amount of \$40,000.00 to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with this project or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED
UNANIMOUS**

A Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:02 PM.

UNANIMOUS

A TRUE COPY OF ATTEST:

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk