

**SPECIAL AND ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 21, 2021**

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School, 11 Winter Street on the 21st day of June, 2021 (Monday) at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the articles of this warrant.

Town moderator, David Surface called the meeting to order at 7:05PM once a quorum was met. He called upon Douglas Dawes, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen to lead the Annual Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and to offer invocation.

David Surface referenced Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 15 that it was his responsibility to preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order and that under Section 17 he had the authority to remove anyone due to disorderly behavior.

Town moderator asks to entertain a motion to appoint Sandra Gerraughty as assistant moderator. Harry LaCortiglia of 144 Jewett St. makes a motion to appoint Sandra Gerraughty and Christopher Tentindo of 22 Wells Ave. seconds the motion. Motion carries.

The moderator proposes a 5-minute time limit. Harry LaCortiglia makes the motion. Selectman David Twiss seconds the motion. Motion carries.

VOTE: The town voted YES

2/3 Vote

David Surface, thanks the police officers on duty, as well as the tellers Gladie Kneeland, Gloria Mogavero, Janice Murphy and Kate Semedei.

David Surface asks to entertain the motion to adjourn Annual Town meeting and convene the Special Town Meeting. Harry LaCortiglia of 144 Jewett St. makes the motion and Selectman David Twiss seconds the motion. The Special Town Meeting was convened and subsequently dissolved and the body then re-convened to the Annual Town Meeting. Motion carries.

The following non-residents attended the meeting:

John Cashell, Town Planner

Sandra Gerraughty, Asst. Town Moderator

Caroline Kipling, Resident-non-registered

Marlene Ladderbush, Utility Director

Thomas W. McEnemey, K.P. Law-Town Counsel

Bryan McGonigle, Georgetown Record

Mary McMenemey, Town Accountant

Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Council on Aging Director

Angelo Salomone, Building Inspector

Avre Vickers, Georgetown Youth Community Center

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget (STM21-01)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2021 budget, and as necessary, to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Selectman, David Twiss makes the motion that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting the following line items in the FY2021 budget:

Fund Name	Account	Increase	Decrease
H&HS Health Dept Salaries	01511510-511000	\$15,000	
Overlay Surplus Account	0001-322000		\$15,000

Sheila Ruth seconds the motion. The motion carries.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the Snow and Ice Deficit FY2021 (STM21-02)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be applied to the FY2021 snow and ice deficit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Amy Smith of the Board of Selectmen makes the motion that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$143,542.82 to fund the FY2021 snow and ice deficit. Alicia Raspa from the Finance Committee seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 3: Fund Transfer (STM21-03)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of conducting from free cash a wage salary study.

Selectman Peter Kershaw makes the motion that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000.00 to fund a wage salary study. Alicia Raspa from Finance Committee seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 4: Fund Transfer (STM21-04)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$16,000.00, to fund the preparation of the Town's updated Stormwater Management Program suitable for submittal to the US EPA and MassDEP.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Doug Dawes makes the motion that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$16,000.00 to fund the preparation of the Town's updated Stormwater Management Program suitable for submission to the US EPA and MassDEP. Sheila Ruth Cahir of the Finance Committee seconds the motion.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 5: Fund Transfer (STM21-05)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds(reserves/stabilization, free cash, overlay) a sum of money to cover revenue deficits occurring in FY 2021.

Article 5 is passed over.

Article 6: Accrued Liabilities Fund (STM21-06)

To see if the Town will vote the transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account a sum of money to be added to the Reserve Fund for Accrued Liabilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

Gary Fowler of the Board of Selectmen makes the motion that the Town transfer the sum of \$55,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Reserve Fund for Accrued Liabilities. Finance Committee Chair, Sheila Ruth seconds the motion. The motion carries.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

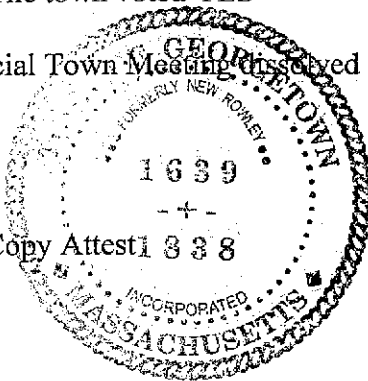
Town Moderator, David Surface suggests closing the Special Town Meeting. Harry LaCortiglia of 144 Jewett St. makes the motion to adjourn Special Town Meeting and reconvene Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Davis Twiss seconds the motion. The motion carries.

VOTE: The town voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Special Town Meeting dissolved and the Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:38 PM.

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Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM21-01)

To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 1 is passed over.

Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM21-02)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and including support of the schools, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Finance and Advisory Board Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warrant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sheila Ruth, Chair of the Finance Committee, makes the motion that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,973,630, transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund the sum of \$271,147, transfer from Septic Betterment the sum of \$21,060, transfer from Wetland accounts the sum of \$34,333, transfer from the Community Preservation Reserve for Debt Service the sum of \$164,300, transfer from bond premium account the sum of \$70,884 and transfer from the Tax Stabilization Fund the sum of \$195,479, for a total appropriation of \$32,730,833, to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, including support of the Town's public schools, Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with the line items and Finance Committee and Advisory Board's report to the June 21, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. Selectman David Twiss seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

2/3 VOTE

Article 3: Stabilization Fund (ATM21-03)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 3 is passed over.

Article 4: Capital Fund (ATM21-04)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund, a special purpose stabilization fund created by vote of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, said funds to be further appropriated by Town Meeting for improvements and/or repairs to municipal buildings and infrastructure, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 4 is passed over.

Article 5: Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (ATM21-05)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, created by vote of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5 is passed over.

Article 6: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM21-06)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds, including retained earnings, of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Water Department under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

David Twiss, of the Board of Selectmen makes a motion that the Town appropriate \$2,249,000 from Water Department Enterprise Fund FY2022 revenues for the operational and capital expenses of the Water Department under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners in accordance with the Water Department budget as shown in the Finance & Advisory Board's Report to the June 21, 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, such that a total of \$271,147 is appropriated for the Water Department's share of the indirect operating cost as appropriated under Article 2, a total of \$1,907,853 is appropriated for the Water Department's direct operating expenses, and a total of \$70,000 is appropriated for the Water Department's FY2022 capital expenses. Sheila Ruth of Finance Committee seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 7: Fire Department Ambulance Operating Budget (ATM21-07)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds of the Fire Department Ambulance Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town's ambulance service under the direction of the Selectmen and Fire Chief for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Fire Chief, Charles Savage makes the motion that the Town appropriate \$374,007, from the Fire Department Ambulance Enterprise Fund FY2022 revenues, for the total operational expenses of \$374,007, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, in accordance with the Fire Department ambulance budget as shown in the Finance & Advisory Board's Report to the June 21, 2021 Annual Town Meeting report for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021. Selectman, Gary Fowler seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 8: Local Access Programming (ATM21-08)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for salaries and \$25,000 for expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the purpose of providing PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Alicia Raspa of the Finance Committee makes the motion that the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$75,000 for salaries and \$25,000 for expenses relating to provision of PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. The motion is seconded by Steven Epstein of the Finance Committee. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

{BEGIN CONSENT CALENDAR}

Article 9: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM21-09)

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

David Surface, Town Moderator moves Articles 9 and 10 forward since both are a consent agenda. Selectman David Twiss makes the motion to approve Article 9 and Article 10 as printed in the warrant. Alicia Raspa of the Finance Committee seconds the motion. The motion carries.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 10: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond (ATM21-10)

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$303,295 (Three hundred three thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars) or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

David Surface, Town Moderator moves Articles 9 and 10 forward since both are a consent agenda. Selectman David Twiss makes the motion to approve Article 9 and Article 10 as printed in the warrant. Alicia Raspa of the Finance Committee seconds the motion. The motion carries.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article 11: Community Preservation Committee (ATM21-13) (Submitted by CPC)

A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

Harry LaCortiglia of the Community Preservation Committee moves to approve Articles 11 sections A,B,C,D, E, F, G as printed in the warrant. James DiMento of 12 School St. seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

Article A: Community Preservation General Budget-

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. c.44B §6, from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2022; and further, pursuant to G.L. c.44B §6, to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for open space, including land for recreational use; a sum of money for historic resources; and a sum of money for community housing; as well as sum of money to be placed in the 2022

Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

Reservations:

\$100,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for open space, including land for recreational use; and

\$100,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for historic resources; and

\$100,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for community housing.

Appropriations:

\$21,000 (less than 5% of the estimated FY revenues) to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move to approve Article 11(A) as printed in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

B: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Affordable Housing Trust Block Grant"-

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate the amount of \$92,000.00 (Ninety-two Thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account as a Grant to the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of Affordable Housing initiatives consistent with the Trust's Articles of Incorporation and the most recently accepted Town of Georgetown Affordable Housing

Production Plan, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of any dwellings subsequently receiving any of these appropriated monies from the Trust grant to the Town an Affordable Housing Restriction in said dwellings, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restrictions; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(B) and appropriate \$92,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

C: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category "Brocklebank Museum and Shoe Shop Restoration"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$44,000.00 (Forty-four Thousand Dollars) for the replacement and repair of the sill at the Brocklebank Museum, and for interior and exterior restorations, including but not limited to, the repair and/or replacement of the three (3) exterior doors, masonry repairs as needed to prevent water infiltration into the structure, and for the replacement/reinforcement of beams in the ell and attic portion of the Shoe Shop located at 108 East Main Street; to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Historical Society setting the terms for such grant, and further, any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(C) and appropriate \$44,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

D: Community Preservation Historical Resources Category-Knotweed Eradication at Town Hall

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account the amount of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand dollars) for the eradication of the exotic invasive Knotweed (Fallopia or Reynoutria Japonica) at the historic Town Hall; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments associated with this initiative; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(D) and appropriate \$4,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

E: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category "Union Cemetery Fence Restoration" Revised

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account, the amount of \$21,725 (Twenty – one Thousand seven hundred twenty-five dollars) for the restoration of the Union Cemetery Fence on East Main Street; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into to all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defer the costs associated with this initiative; and further, any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(E) and appropriate \$21,725.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

F: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category "Camp Dennison Improvements to Lodge"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account the amount of \$12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand dollars) for the purpose of providing funding for the costs related to the upgrade of the electrical service at the historic Camp Denison lodge on Nelson Street; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action related thereto.

FinCom voted in favor of this article 4-1.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(F) and appropriate \$12,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

**Article G: Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category,
“Greenway Preservation”.**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Community Preservation Open Space/Recreational Land Category Reserve the amount of \$48,000.00 (Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars) for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Wetland Buffer Zone, and the stabilization of the existing walking path (360 Ft) at the East Main Street Recreational Facility, inclusive of permitting and design costs; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Conservation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for

any grants to defer the costs associated with this study; any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 (Three) years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion: CPC (majority vote)

Move that the Town vote to approve Article 11(G) and appropriate \$48,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the warrant.

Finance Committee approves 5-0.

VOTED: The town voted YES

MAJORITY VOTE

{END CONSENT CALENDAR}

At 7:33PM Selectman, David Twiss recuses himself from discussion of Article 12.

Article 12: Citizens Petition; To amend definitions and uses within the Georgetown Zoning Bylaw. (ATM21-14)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting into §165-7 – **Definitions and Word Usage** by adding the following definitions:

Transfer Station

The word “transfer station” as used in these regulations shall have the meaning as defined in 310 CMR 19.006.

Small Transfer Station

Means a Transfer Station used for handling, storage, transfer, or processing of solid waste in volumes no greater than fifty (50) tons per day.

Large Transfer Station

Means a Transfer Station used for handling, storage, transfer, or processing of solid waste in volumes greater than fifty (50) tons per day.

And further to amend the Zoning Bylaw §165 Attachment 2 entitled **Town Georgetown Use Regulations Schedule** by inserting the following uses into the **Use Table** with the category of **Industrial Uses**:

	RA	RB	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	RC
Small Transfer Station	O	O	O	O	O	O	A	O
Large Transfer Station	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Not to be added to the amendments but for informational purposes:

O – an excluded or prohibited use.

A – a use authorized by special permit granted by the Board of Appeals as provided in § 165-9 and in Article XIII as authorized by law. (MGL C.40A, § 6)

Steven Sadler of 7 Hillside Dr. moves that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw §165-7, Definitions and Word Usage, and §165 Attachment 2, Town of Georgetown Use Regulations Schedule, as printed in the warrant. Kathleen Birmingham, of 12 True Ln. seconds the motion.

Discussion ensues. Lawrence Blum of 5 Dodge Ave. informs citizens of a typo on the Use Table. A digit "0" is in place of the letter "O". Moderator Surface suggests a change the digit "0" to the letter "O" for small transfer station. Steven Sadler of 7 Hillside Dr. makes the motion to amend the previous motion to reflect that anywhere there is a number "0" it shall be changed to the letter "O". It is seconded by Lawrence Blum of 5 Dodge Ave. Motion carries.

Town Moderator, David Surface redirects the voters back to the vote for Article 12 amendment. No discussion. Town votes and motion carries.

VOTED: The town voted YES

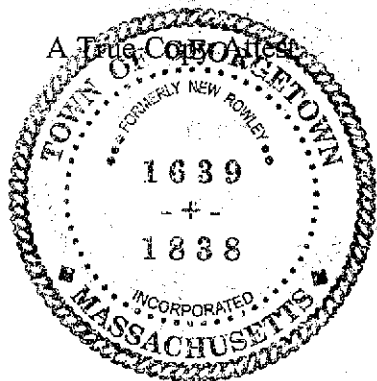
2/3 VOTE

A motion was made to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting by Harry LaCortiglia of 144 Jewett St. and was seconded by Sheila Ruth of 5 Mill St.

VOTE: The town voted YES

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Annual Town Meeting dissolved at 7:50 PM.



Kerri A. McManus
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Town Clerk