

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
GEORGETOWN  
October 27, 2014**

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday October 27, 2014 at the Georgetown High School in the Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. We do not have a quorum at this time and will take a 10 minute recess. It is 7:22 PM and a quorum is present. We have 109 registered voters checked in. The warrant for the special town meeting was presented to the Moderator and shows that it has been properly served.

We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. All non-voting members in the audience and on stage were recognized by the Moderator.

The Moderator called for a motion to adopt a 2 minute speech limit on any discussion.

**MOTION:** Phil Trapani moved and it was seconded by Davis Surface to adopt a 2 minute speech limit for tonight's town meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** By a show of hands, this passed by a 2/3rds vote.

**ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2015 budget, and other departmental transfers if needed, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Street Light Assessment-Highway	14241	35,000	
Traffic Light Expense-Highway	12119	4,500	
Computer Sys Maint & Support	11225	48,000	
Free Cash			87,500

**MOTION:** Jim Lacey moved and it was seconded by Sandy Gerraughty that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as printed in the Warrant.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** By a show of hands, the Moderator declared this passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 2: School Artificial Turf Field Lease**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the new artificial turf field and related facilities at the Middle/High School from the School Committee for school purposes to the School Committee for school and lease purposes, and to authorize the School Committee to enter into an agreement to lease the field upon such terms and conditions, and for such consideration as it deems appropriate, or take any action relative thereto.

**THERE IS NO MOTION, THIS ARTICLE IS BEING PASSED OVER**

**ARTICLE 3: Fire Department, Rehabilitation of Ambulance 11**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) from Ambulance Enterprise Fund's retained earnings for the rehabilitation and equipping of Ambulance 11 for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**MOTION:** Jim Lacey moved and it was seconded by Wayne Snow that the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 from Ambulance Enterprise Fund retained earnings for the rehabilitation and equipping of Ambulances 11 & 12 for the Fire Department.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Sandy Gerraughty moved and it was seconded by Wayne Snow to amend the dollar amount in Article 3 be changed to \$172,000 from Ambulance Enterprise Fund with the funds being used for the rehabilitation and equipping of Ambulances 11 & 12.

**EXPLANATION:** Sandy explained that we loaned ourselves the funds from the stabilization fund at the spring town meeting and we can't move it back per DOR. So at the annual town meeting in the spring, we will rescind the votes so we can get the funds back into the stabilization fund.

**DISCUSSION:** Robin O'Malley asked what the balance was in this fund. Mike Farrell, Town Administrator, responded \$218,000. The question was asked what does this entail. Chief Beardsley stated that we buy a new cab & chassis and place the "box" on the new frame. It's 60% cheaper than buying a new ambulance.

**ACTION ON AMENDMENT:** By a show of hands, the Moderator declared this passed by a majority.

**ARTICLE 4: Middle/High School Roof Units**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$175,000 for the replacement of the roof top ventilation units at the Middle/High School, including any costs incidental or related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**MOTION:** Jim Lacey moved and it was seconded by Sandy Gerraughty that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$175,000.00 for the replacement of the roof top ventilation units at the Middle/High School, including any costs incidental or related thereto.

Discussion: Mike Anderson from the School Dept explained that the HVAC units are over 20 years old. They're getting a new roof in the spring so if we replace these at the same time we won't void the roof warranty. Robert Kelley asked why this was not included in the \$3.5 million rehabilitation. Mike responded that MSBA does not allow this as part of the scope. Dick Paganelli asked about the \$25,000 they got in the spring and why are we doing this at a special town meeting and not at the annual town meeting. Mikes response was that part of the \$25,000 was used for maintenance on the units to keep them running and the roof will be started in April and town meeting is not until May.

The Finance Committee voted in favor of this article, unanimously.

**ACTION:** By a show of hands, the Moderator declared this passed by a majority.

#### **ARTICLE 5: Artificial Turf Field**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the design, construction and equipping of the new Middle/High School artificial turf field, including any costs incidental or related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**THERE IS NO MOTION, THIS ARTICLE IS BEING PASSED OVER.**

Reggie Tardif stated that he recently got info that the artificial turn contains crushed rubber pellets which causes cancer in children. He was wondering if the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee have looked into this.

**MOTION:** Phil Trapani moved and it was seconded by David Surface to adjourn tonight's special town meeting.

**ACTION:** By a show of hands, this passed by a majority.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM

A True Copy Attest:

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Janice M. McGrane, TownClerk

