

Special Town Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 21, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, SS.

TOWN OF MONTEREY

The Moderator, Mark Makuc called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.
Interim Town Clerk, Marie Ryan read the following;

To: Julio Rodriguez, Constable of the Town of Monterey in the County of Berkshire,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Firehouse of the Monterey Fire Company Ltd. in said Town on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

A motion was made and seconded by two voters in the audience to read the warrant. All were in favour.

Prior to the reading of the warrant articles and voting, the Moderator explained the use of the new voting clickers handed out to each voter. He explained how to use the clickers to vote and how the process will work.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000 or any other sum from the Highway Capital Account to the Fuel Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 62 No- 1

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 or any other sum from the Fire Dept Compensation Account and the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Fire Dept Equipment & Maintenance Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 59 No- 3

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Litigation Fees & Expenses Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

After much discussion, there was a motion and seconded to move the question.

Motion to move the question Approved

Yes – 54 No- 7

Motion on the Article Approved

Yes – 60 No - 3

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,409 or any other sum from the Unemployment Insurance Account to the Building Inspector Wages Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 58 No- 2

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,250 or any other sum from the Health Insurance Account to a new Conservation Commission Agent Wages Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 64 No- 0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,500 or any other sum from the Town Clerk Expenses Account to the Election Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 62 No- 0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,224 or any other sum from the Unemployment Insurance Account to the Assessors Expenses Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 58 No- 1

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400 or any other sum from the Unemployment Insurance Account to the Library Wages Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 2-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 59 No- 2

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$29.30 or any other sum from the Unemployment Insurance Account to pay a bill of a prior year, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 60 No- 1

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining unissued amount from the May 6, 2017 annual town meeting warrant ARTICLE 5 in the amount of \$353,405 for the unused portion of the authorization that was not borrowed by the Treasurer for the library renovation, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee supports this article, 3-0.

The Select Board supports this article 3-0,

Motion Approved

Yes – 62 No- 1

Motion was made and seconded by voters in the audience to adjourn the meeting. All were in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Marie Y. Ryan, MMC

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Interim Town Clerk

