

**REPORT ON THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TOWN OF MONTEREY, DECEMBER 5, 2019**

**COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, SS.**

On December 5, 2019, 37 people qualified to vote at Special Town Meeting gathered in the firehouse of the Town of Monterey at 7:00 p.m. Proceeding to the articles of this meeting, the following actions were taken on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$214 or any other sum to pay for a FY18 Cemetery bill, or take any other action relative thereto.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$413 or any other sum to pay for FY19 bills submitted after the deadline to pay, or take any other action relative thereto.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND FROM \$413.00 TO \$444.00, UNANIMOUS VOTE-YES  
TO TRANSFER \$444.00 FROM FREE CASH TO PAY FY2019 BILLS.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the additional sum of \$15,000 or any other sum for the legal expenses line item to cover unanticipated legal issues, or take any other action relative thereto.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the additional sum of \$9,959 or any other sum for the bonds & insurance line item to cover unanticipated insurance increases, or take any other action relative thereto.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the additional sum of \$2,500 or any other sum for the Town Treasurer Services line item, or take any other action relative thereto.

MAJORITY VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the additional sum of \$14,000 or any other sum for the Town Accountant Services line item, or take any other action relative thereto.

MAJORITY VOTE – YES

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the additional sum of \$1,500 or any other sum for the Planning Board Expenses line item to pay for additional, unexpected legal notices and other expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOTE - YES

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) state grant and transfer \$135,000 from free cash contingent on the grant being awarded with a seventy five percent reimbursement entitled “Phase 1- To Enhance Flood Resiliency Through the Redesign of Critical Infrastructure Along the Konkapot River in Monterey Town Center.” This project includes engineering evaluations and redesigns of the Old Stone Dam behind the library and the Route 23 culvert adjacent to Monterey Town Hall, as well as a nature-based evaluation of methods to enhance storm water capacity at the Lake Garfield Dam to prevent flooding and maintain fire suppression capability, or take any other action relative thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND AMOUNT TO \$35,000,

UNANIMOUS VOTE – YES AS AMENDED AMOUNT TO \$35,000 AND TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land, being a certain property, located on 459 Main Rd, Map 107 Lot 024, the Monterey Schoolhouse, said parcel containing .29 acres, from any board or commission having care and custody of said parcel, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said parcel pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, section 16, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TABLED: 33 YES and 1 NO,  
MAJORITY YES VOTE TO TABLE UNTIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1, Section 9 of the bylaws of the Town of Monterey, which now read, "The Select Board were authorized to appoint a permanent Town Report Committee, composed of three members; that this committee be charged with the following responsibilities:

- a) Collection of Reports from departments;
- b) Layout and presentation of materials;
- c) Proofreading and sending to printer;
- d) Distribution to every house by the first week in February;
- e) Distribution to Director of Accounts.

Objectives:

- 1. To present the facts and plans in a clear and effective manner to assist citizens to better understand and appreciate local government.
- 2. To present the facts in an imaginative manner – charts, graphs and photos.”

and replace said language with the following "To authorize the Select Board to appoint a Town Report Committee to be charged with the following responsibilities: a) Collection of Reports from all departments, committees and boards for the preceding fiscal year; b) layout and presentation of materials; c) proofreading and sending to printer to be made available for the use of the inhabitants of the town before annual town meeting." Or take any other action relative thereto.

UNANIMOUS YES VOTE TO AMEND c) proofreading and sending to printer to be made available for the use of inhabitants of the town by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Or take any other action relative there to:

UNANIMOUS VOTE – YES AS AMENDED

There being no further business to be brought before this Special Town Meeting, the Moderator entertained a motion which was seconded to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Terry L. Walker  
Town Clerk, Town of Monterey