

REPORT ON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF MONTEREY FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Mark Makuc at 8 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Tax Collector as described under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 1 from an elected position to an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - 28 NO* - 39

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Town Clerk as described under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 1 from an elected position to an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: NO - Majority

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Treasurer as described under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 1 from an elected position to an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: NO - Majority

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office for the position of Tax Collector as described under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 1 from three years to one year, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and approved to continue this article indefinitely. This article was not voted on.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office for the position of Treasurer as described under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 1 from three years to one year, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and approved to continue this article indefinitely. This article was not voted on.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,549 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Parks Commission Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and approved to change the article to read:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,100 or any other sum from Free Cash to the Parks Commission Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - Majority

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of "Town Grant Writer". That the position of "Town Grant Writer" be appointed to a term of one year by the Selectboard.

I. It shall be the duties of a "Town Grant Writer" to;

1. Identify 'grants' that are (or may be) available to the Town of Monterey, its departments, employees, lands or possessions.
2. Inform the Selectboard of such 'grants'.
3. Obtain permission from the Selectboard to apply for said 'grants'.
4. Apply for permitted 'grants'.
5. Provide any follow-up, materials or supporting documents requested from the grantor.
6. Provide the Selectboard and the Town with information on all current and pending grants and grant proposals.

- II. That a "Special Revenue Fund" shall be established for the compensation of Town Grant Writer.
- III. That the "Special Revenue Fund" receive all monies awarded to the Town of Monterey as a result of the grant applications initiated by the Town Grant Writer.
- IV. That the Town Grant Writer be solely compensated from monies awarded to the Town of Monterey, deposited into and thru the "Special Revenue Fund".
- V. That the rate of compensation shall be as a percentage of the grant award received by the Town of Monterey as a direct result of the actions of the Town Grant Writer. Said compensation shall be limited to ten percent of grant awards from one dollar to one hundred thousand dollars and five percent of grant awards over one hundred thousand dollars. Such compensation shall be paid only after negotiable funds have been received by the town and deposited into the Special Reserve Fund. If, for any reason, the town incurs any debts or actions as a result of such grant writing or grant awards, those monies shall be reimbursed to the town by the grant writer.
- VI. That all monies not used for the compensation of the Town Grant Writer, be returned to the town's General Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and approved to amend this article to read:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of "Town Grant Writer". That the position of "Town Grant Writer" be appointed to a term of up to two years by the Selectboard.

I. It shall be the duties of a "Town Grant Writer" to;

1. Identify 'grants' that are (or may be) available to the Town of Monterey, its departments, employees, lands or possessions.
2. Inform the Selectboard of such 'grants'.
3. Obtain permission from the Selectboard to apply for said 'grants'.
4. Apply for permitted 'grants'.
5. Provide any follow-up, materials or supporting documents requested from the grantor.
6. Provide the Selectboard and the Town with information on all current and pending grants and grant proposals.

II. That a "Special Revenue Fund" shall be established for the compensation of Town Grant Writer.

III. That the "Special Revenue Fund" receive all monies awarded to the Town of Monterey as a result of the grant applications initiated by the Town Grant Writer.

IV. That the Town Grant Writer be solely compensated from monies awarded to the Town of Monterey, deposited into and thru the "Special Revenue Fund".

V. That the rate of compensation shall be as a percentage of the grant award received by the Town of Monterey as a direct result of the actions of the Town Grant Writer. Said compensation shall be limited to ten percent of grant awards from one dollar to one hundred thousand dollars and five percent of grant awards for the first \$100,000.00 and 5% for any additional amounts over \$100,000.00. Such compensation shall be paid only after negotiable funds have been received by the town and deposited into the Special Reserve Fund. If, for any reason, the town incurs any debts or actions as a result of such grant writing or grant awards, those monies shall be reimbursed to the town by the grant writer.

VI. That all monies not used for the compensation of the Town Grant Writer, be returned to the town's General Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – Unanimous

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact a special act entitled "**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAKE GARFIELD PRESERVATION DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF MONTEREY**"; a copy of which has been provided to the Board of Selectmen, and is on file with the Town Clerk, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES* - 39

NO - 29

ARTICLE 9. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the annual elections and Town affairs to meet in the Fire Station of the Monterey Fire Company, Ltd. 411 Main Road in said Town on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.** and then and there to vote upon the following questions:

Shall the town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?

Yes _____ No _____

Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?

Yes _____ No _____

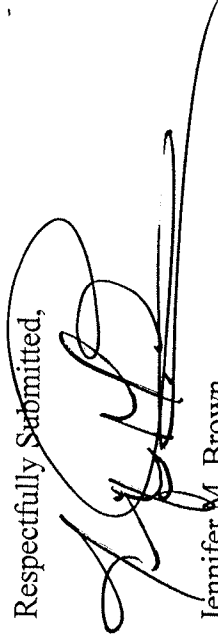
Shall the town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?

Yes _____ No _____

A motion was made and approved to postpone this article indefinitely. This article was not voted on.

Special Town meeting closed by unanimous vote at 9:19 pm. There were 76 registered voters in attendance of the 605 eligible voters. Estella Bodnar and Nadine Hawver served as check in clerks.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer M. Brown
Town Clerk

A true copy attest



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