

Special Town Meeting Princeton, MA 01541 March 7, 2023

Warrant duly posted:	February 16, 2023
Inhabitants notified by website posting:	February 16, 2023
Advisory Board Hearing:	February 21, 2023
Quorum needed:	62
Voters Present:	87
Moderator:	Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters:	Carolyn Nelson, Frances Thomas, Greg Miranda, and Lisa Farnsworth
Acting Constable:	Chief Paul Patriarca
Meeting called to order:	7:05PM
Meeting dissolved:	8:30PM

The Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the full warrant.

The Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous at 7:06PM

The Moderator read the charge to the Constable, and the Return of the Warrant.

The Moderator asked that all first time attendees and non-voters identify themselves for the tellers.

The Constable for the meeting was identified by the Moderator as Police Chief, Paul Patriarca.

The Town Counsel was not present.

ARTICLE 1. Moved and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000 to pay debt service maturing in fiscal year 2023 for PFAS expenses.

Advisory Committee Approves

After discussion of Article 1 on the floor, the article was then put to a voice vote.

The Moderator declared the motion PASSED, the vote was Unanimous at 7:10PM

ARTICLE 2. Moved and seconded to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Free Cash for the design, engineering, and replacement of the water tank at the Thomas Prince school.

Advisory Committee Approves

After discussion of the article on the floor, the article was then put to a voice vote.

The Moderator declared the motion PASSED, the vote was Unanimous at 7:15PM

ARTICLE 3. Moved and seconded pursuant to G.L.c 40, § 15 and 15A, and all other applicable authority, to authorize the Select Board to convey to HF PROPCO, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, an easement for the location, relocation, maintenance and use of a septic line under a portion of the public way located at 178 Westminster Road consisting of approximately 790.5 square feet, as shown on a plan entitled “Easement Plan 178 Westminster Road Princeton, Massachusetts” by Brennan Consulting dated August 8, 2022, a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, on such terms and for such consideration as the Select Board may determine.

Advisory Committee Approves

After discussion of Article 3, a motion was made and seconded to withdraw from voting on the main motion. The motion to withdraw was then put to a voice vote.

The Moderator declared the motion to WITHDRAW from voting on the main motion carried, the vote was Unanimous at 7:26PM.

ARTICLE 4. A motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, § 17C, allowing the Select Board to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district other than a state highway.

Advisory Committee Declines to State an Opinion

After discussion of the article, a motion was made and seconded to move the question. The motion to move the question was then put to a voice vote.

The Moderator declared the motion to move the question carried by at least 2/3rd majority at 8:24PM

The Moderator declared the main motion FAILED by electronic vote (37 Yes – 46 No) at 8:27PM

ARTICLE 5. A motion was made and seconded to pass over to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, § 18B, allowing the Select Board to establish designated safety zones which shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

Advisory Committee Declines to State an Opinion

The Moderator declared the motion to PASS OVER the article carried at 8:29PM.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

The Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous.

Meeting was dissolved at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Horsung
Town Clerk