

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
September 29, 2015**

Pursuant to the recorded warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately held at the Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road was called to order Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Richard Smith. Town Clerk, Lynn Sibley, read the return of the warrant. George Bucala and Keith Bardwell were appointed as tellers.

ARTICLE 1: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000.00** to be added to Account # 001-450-5840, Emergency Mill River Stabilization, to pay the expenses related to the Mill River Stabilization Project.

Moderator declared the vote carried

ARTICLE 2: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to convey an easement, consisting of 4,600 square feet, more or less, on certain property, hereinafter described, for telecommunications purposes, said easement shown on the plan entitled "As-built Survey", dated June 26, 2013 and revised on June 28, 2013 and September 6, 2013, prepared by Joseph A. Coutu, on file with the Town Clerk, said property being those premises located on Christian Lane, shown as Assessors Map 19, Lot 9, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 1096, Page 338, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectboard shall deem appropriate, and further to grant such access, utility and related easements on said property as the Selectboard deems appropriate to serve the telecommunications tower and/or other facilities installed within the easement area.

Moderator declared the vote carried

Clerk's note. There was some discussion about what the article means and it was explained that it allows the town to go out to bid through an RFP to get further information for what is the best approach for this property. There was some concern that if the town doesn't own the land then the tower company could do what they want with the tower but it was explained that they would still have to go through the Planning Board and ZBA to change any use.

ARTICLE 3: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee or lesser interest in a certain parcel of land on Egypt Road described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 1235, page 175, and being Assessor's Parcel Map 5, Lot 39; and, as funding therefor and costs related thereto, raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00**; and further, to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of such parcel of land.

**Moderator declared the vote carried unanimously
2/3rds vote required**

ARTICLE 4: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to transfer from Account number 001-192-5830, Estimate for Town Office Conceptual Designs, the remaining unused amount of the appropriation voted under Article 9 of the February 10, 2015 Special Town Meeting, being **\$33,000.00**, to Account #001-192-5400, Town Building Operations, to pay for the costs associated with the purchase and re-design of the property located at #4 Sandy Lane for the purpose of consolidation of Town offices, including relocation and initial operations expenses.

Moderator declared the vote carried

ARTICLE 5: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve the sum of **\$6,500** to fund the development of a plan by the Historical Commission for the Historic Center of Whately.

Moderator declared the vote carried

ARTICLE 6: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to rescind the vote taken under Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of October 15, 2013, appropriating the sum of **\$58,000** from the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserves to be used for the purchase of land on State Road. Assessors' Parcel Map 19, Lot 14-2, for the purpose of creating affordable housing under the direction of the Selectboard, and transfer the sum of **\$58,000** back to the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserves.

Moderator declared the vote carried

ARTICLE 7: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to rescind the vote taken under **Article #14 of the April 28, 2015** Annual Town Meeting, and voted to borrow the sum of **\$400,000.00** for the purchase of a pumper truck for the Fire Department as part of the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, *contingent on passage, at an election, of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C*; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, § 7 (9), or any other general or special law, for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Moderator declared the vote carried by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 8: Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to repair the broken window on the façade of the Town Hall, located at 194 Chestnut Plain Road.

Moderator declared the vote carried

Motion was made to adjourn without date at 7:28 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest:

Lynn M. Sibley, MMC, CMMC
Town Clerk of Whately