

TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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October 25, 2021

Mr. Angus Jennings, Town Manager
Town of West Newbury
381 Main Street
West Newbury, MA 01985

Dear Mr. Jennings:

The following is a report of expenditures voted at the Special Town Meeting which convened on October 23, 2021 and adjourned the same date, together with other votes affecting the finances of the Town.

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Select Board on October 8, 2021, which was posted on October 8, 2021 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Fall Special Town Meeting was to be held on October 23, 2021, outdoors in the bandstand and parking lot located behind the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury, MA. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 P.M. by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. A total of 109 voters were in attendance. The Town Clerk read the return of service. The Moderator introduced Town Officials. There were no objections to non-resident Town Officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1.

No reports of town officers and committees were heard at this time.

ARTICLE 2.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to appropriate the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee for the October 23, 2021 Special Town Meeting, incorporated herein by reference, as amended hereby, for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes; as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Omnibus Budget adopted under the Motion for Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 22, 2021 and that the Town vote that the

sum of \$114,040 be deducted from the line item as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2022.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 3.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000 to reduce the current year tax rate.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member David Archibald.

Explanation by Select Board member Reed regarding her dissenting vote on Select Board recommendation, which recommended approval of the article by a vote of 2-1-0.

With no further discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under the Motion for Article 9 of the May 22, 2021 Special Town Meeting, which appropriated \$100,000 to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the operation and administration of public health clinics to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, to provide that such appropriation of the remaining funds from the \$100,000 shall not be expended for additional regional COVID clinics, nor costs incurred for equipment or labor therefor, until a written agreement is in place with the host community specifying responsibility for costs and procedures for cost reimbursement; and to provide that such funds may also be used to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the operation and administration of local public health clinics to administer the seasonal flu vaccine and to conduct contact tracing for positive COVID-19 individuals.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

Point of clarification by Select Board member Parker and Town Manager Jennings regarding motion, noting that work is underway toward a written agreement with the City of Amesbury.

With no further discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-1.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purposes of funding the engineering and design of approximately 7,700 linear feet of new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water main on Church Street and Prospect Street, as well as any incidental and related expenses.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 6.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 5-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$47,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Stabilization Account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a ¾ ton 4WD pickup truck with plow, and to dispose of the existing pickup truck in accordance with the Town policy for disposition of surplus property.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member David Archibald.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 7.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 5-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new DPW backhoe to replace a 2010 John Deere backhoe with same or comparable equipment, and to dispose of the existing backhoe in accordance with the Town policy for disposition of surplus property.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 8.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 for all costs and expenses pertaining to identifying, mapping and remediating invasive species on public lands in the Town of West Newbury.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member David Archibald.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried.

ARTICLE 9.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to provide matching funds upon award of a Green Communities grant in the FY22 grant round.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 10.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57A.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 11.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 33, Section 59.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 12.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article 4-0-0.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Trust, to be known as the West Newbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purpose of creating and preserving affordable housing in West Newbury for the benefit of low- and moderate-income households, and for the funding of community housing.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

Discussion of difference between Housing Trust Fund and Housing Authority, and if there is a monetary cap on the fund. Town Manager Jennings explained the Mass. General Law and its anticipated implementation in the future.

With no further discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried.

ARTICLE 13.

The Finance Committee made no recommendation.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to amend the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw to amend Section 5.D. Floodplain Overlay District, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Zoning Bylaws, as necessary.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member Richard Parker.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 14.

The Finance Committee made no recommendation.

Select Board member Wendy Reed moved that the Town vote to amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws to adopt a new Section XLI Stormwater Management Bylaw, in compliance with the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Post Construction Stormwater Management requirements and the Town of West Newbury's MS4 General Permit [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit ID #: MAR041231, Town of West Newbury], as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive,

ministerial changes to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws, as necessary.

The motion was seconded by Select Board member David Archibald.

Discussion of whether new regulations that may be adopted, as authorized by this Bylaw, should first have to be adopted at Town Meeting. Town Manager Jennings explained that the Bylaw only authorizes adoption of regulations that are consistent with the current stormwater management permit. Additionally, the Planning Board (as the Stormwater Authority) would be required to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of or amendment to any regulations.

There was a motion by Richard Baker to amend the Article and it was seconded.

With no further discussion on the amendment, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion failed.

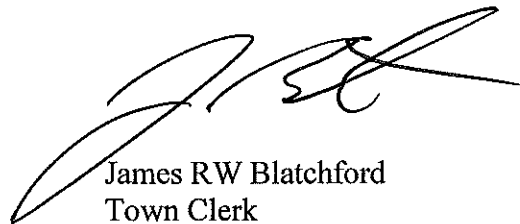
With no further discussion on the original article, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion carried.

There was a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting and a second.

With there being no discussion, the Town Moderator declared that the Motion passed unanimously.

Town Meeting adjourned at 2:54 P.M.

Attest:



James RW Blatchford
Town Clerk

cc: Town Accountant/Business
Manager (2)
Select Board
Finance Committee
Board of Assessors

Board of Water Commissioners
Planning Board
Building Inspector