

TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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May 15, 2019

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 April 29, 2019 and adjourned the same date, together with other votes affecting the finances of the Town. Also, included with this report is a schedule of the funding of appropriations.

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on April 1, 2019, which was posted on April 5, 2019 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Town Meeting was held on April 29, 2019 at the Pentucket High School Auditorium, 24 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by the Moderator, Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report by the Board of Registrars of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. The Town Clerk read the return of service.

ARTICLE 1. NO MONEY ARTICLE

ARTICLE 2. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Historical Commission Chairperson Bob Janes moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$25,000 from CPA Historic Resources Reserve to conduct a Survey of Historical Properties in the Town of West Newbury, in conformity with the Application of the Historical Commission filed with and approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and subject to the condition that the total amount of the appropriation authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any grant funds received for this purpose. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Community Preservation Act Historic Resources Reserve at the close of Fiscal Year 2021.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 3. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$17,000 from CPA Historic Resources Reserve for the purchase and installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramp to the outdoor patio at the G.A.R. Library, in conformity with the Application of the DPW Director of the Town of West Newbury filed with and approved by the Community Preservation Committee, Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Community Preservation Act Historic Resources Reserve at the close of Fiscal Year 2021.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Open Space Committee Chairperson Patricia Reeser moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, the sum of \$200,000.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve Account for the purchase of an agricultural preservation restriction and/or conservation restriction on a parcel of land known as "Brown Spring Farm," which is comprised of 10 acres, more or less, located at 866 Main Street, West Newbury, Assessors Map R28, Lot 150 and shown as "Lot A" on the plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in West Newbury, Mass. owned by Margaret M. Cooney" dated August 12, 1971 and recorded at Plan Book 120 Plan 34 at the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds. Said agricultural preservation restriction and/or conservation restriction is to be conveyed to the Town of West Newbury and to Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc.; said purchase to be subject to approval of the agricultural preservation restriction and/or conservation restriction by all involved parties, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver all grants, agreements and such other instruments, including but not limited to the agricultural preservation restriction and/or conservation restriction, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184 or any other applicable statute or regulation, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of West Newbury to effectuate the purchase of said agricultural preservation restriction and/or conservation restriction.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 5. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Open Space Committee Chairperson Patricia Reeser moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve Account for the purchase of a conservation restriction on two parcels of land located off River Road shown on Assessors' Map R-24 as Parcels 5 and 7, containing approximately 25.3 acres and 6.64 acres of land respectively, which lots are also described in the deed recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in

Book 6668, Page 158; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute all instruments, including but not limited to the conservation restriction, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184 or any other applicable statute or regulation, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of West Newbury to effect the purchase of said conservation restriction

The Moderator declared the Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. MOTION FAILED

ARTICLE 7. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Selectman David Archibald moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,500 to purchase a new optical scan ballot tabulator and supplies for town and state elections. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$52,000.00 to fund the Snow and Ice deficit. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2019.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Selectman Joseph Anderson moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$12,000 to fund an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Study for the Mill Pond Dam as required by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk's Report

At 8:37 P.M. on the motion of Selectman Glenn Kemper, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Attest:

Michael P. McCarron

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Town Clerk

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Town Accountant (2)
Finance Committee