



# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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Mr. Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
Town of West Newbury  
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

The following is a report of expenditures voted at the Special Town Meeting which convened on November 4, 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 October 15, 2019, which was posted on October 16, 2019 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Town Meeting was held on November 4, 2019 at the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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**

Board of Health Member Robert Janes moved to transfer the sum of \$11,500.00 from Free Cash to fund additional testing for the post-closure of the Steele Landfill. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Board of Health Member Robert Janes moved to transfer the sum of \$66,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the planning, design and installation of a gas migration interception trench for the post-closure of the Steele Landfill, including all costs related thereto. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2021.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Selectmen Richard Parker moved to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to fund all costs associated with the initial implementation of a multi-year plan to remove or otherwise address high hazard trees in West Newbury. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

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

Selectman David Archibald moved to transfer the sum of \$9,500.00 from Free Cash to fund the purchase and installation of a small salter unit for an existing DPW truck. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ARTICLE 6.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

GAR Library Trustee Wendy Reed moved to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to fund all costs pertaining to the installation of two additional in-line dehumidifiers in the G.A.R. Memorial Library. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2020.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ARTICLE 7.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved to transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from Free Cash to be added to the FY 20 Omnibus Budget Line Item 26 Department of Public Work Town Building Operating Expenses.

The Moderator declared the motion passed by majority vote

**ARTICLE 8.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Housing Authority Member Marge Peterson moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act Funds, a total of \$363,367.00, comprised of \$280,978.95 from the Community Housing Reserve and \$82,388.05 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, for kitchen and bath at modernization at 1 thru 6 Hills Court and 1 thru 6 Boynton Court, West

Newbury in conformity with the Application for Funding filed with the Community Preservation Committee.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 9.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Historic Committee Chairman, Robert Janes moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act Funds, Historic Resources Reserve, the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase and installation of an historical marker to recognize and commemorate former West Newbury resident, Julian D. Steele in conformity with the Application for Funding filed with the Community Preservation Committee.

The Moderator declared that the Motion by unanimous vote.

**ARTICLE 10.** The Finance Committee recommended disapproval of this Article

Selectman David Archibald moved that the Town appropriate \$1,500,000 to pay costs of preserving, restoring and making extraordinary repairs to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building (Carr Post), including but not limited to, interior and exterior restoration of the building fabric, installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system, installation of walkways and signage, hazardous materials remediation, replacement of electrical, plumbing, HVAC and fire alarm systems, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) \$250,000 shall be transferred from amounts in the Community Preservation Fund, with \$141,100.33 from the CPA Historical Resources Reserve Fund and \$108,899.67 from CPA Undesignated Fund Balance, and (ii) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,250,000.00 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), M.G.L. c. 44B (the Community Preservation Act), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The Moderator declared that since this Motion included the incurrence of indebtedness, a two thirds vote was required.

Considerable discussion ensued.

The Moderator instructed the Board of Registrars to conduct a hand count. Upon report of the Registrars, the Moderator declared that the vote was 115 in the affirmative and 57 in the negative

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by a two thirds vote.

**ARTICLE 11.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the FY20 Omnibus Budget Line Item 39 Unemployment Compensation Expense.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 12.** The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Selectman Richard Parker moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$400,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the current year tax rate.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ARTICLE 13.** NO MONEY ARTICLE

**ARTICLE 14.** NO MONEY ARTICLE

**ARTICLE 15.** NO MONEY ARTICLE

**ARTICLE 16.** NO MONEY ARTICLE

At 9:16 P.M. on the motion of Selectman Glenn Kemper, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Attest:



Michael P. McCarron  
Town Clerk