



# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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June 29, 2020

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 June 27, 2020 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 28, 2020, which was posted on April 28, 2020 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Spring Town Meeting was to be held on June 1, 2020 at the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury MA. Due to the Covid 19 state of emergency, the Town Moderator in accordance with the powers vested in her by MGL c. 39 sec. 10A, postponed the meeting until June 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Town Office Complex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury MA. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.M. by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of the Board of Registrars of Voters of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. The Town Clerk read the return of service. There were no objections to non-resident Town Officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

No reports were given.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Finance Committee split their recommendation with three in favor and three opposed.

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$462,857.00 from the CPC Undesignated Fund Balance for all costs and expenses relating to the reconstruction of and accessibility improvements to the Page School playground in conformity with the Application filed with and approved by the

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Community Preservation Committee. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Community Preservation Act Funds Unrestricted Fund Balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Finance Committee split their recommendation with three in favor and three opposed.

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$49,150.00 to pay expenses pertaining to improvements and repairs to the Council on Aging facility, Public Safety Complex, old DPW garage (on Page School site), the 1910 Building, and to pay for any unforeseen emergency repairs to Town properties. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Finance Committee split their recommendation with three in favor and three opposed.

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$61,087.00 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 2021.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

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

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$3,800.00 to pay for salaries and expenses pertaining to the operation of early voting for the 2020 State Primary Election and November Presidential Election. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2021.

The Moderator declared the Motion passed by majority vote.

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

Selectman Richard Parker moved that the Town take no action on this Article.

The Moderator declared that the motion for no action passed by majority vote.

**ARTICLE 7.** The Finance Committee recommended disapproval of this Article by a vote of two in favor and three opposed.

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$8,048.00 for the Town's share of expenses for the grant-supported installation of electric vehicle

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charging stations at the Page School and the 1910 Building. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2021.

Town Meeting Member Richard Baker moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase, "The Town should add fees to anyone using the charge stations so as to make the stations revenue neutral to the Town."

The Moderator declared the Motion to Amend failed.

The Moderator called for a vote on the original motion.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

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

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$16,443.00 to pay all expenses pertaining to the Essex Agricultural and Technical High School FY20 budget deficit.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

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

Selectman Richard Parker moved to transfer from free cash the sum of \$20,247.44 to pay all expenses pertaining to the underbilled but incurred National Grid charges related to the Public Safety Complex.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

At 11:43A.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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Cc: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Assessors  
Town Accountant (2)  
Finance Committee