

**Town of Williamsburg  
Special Town Meeting  
April 3, 2021 at 2 p.m.**

The warrant was signed on March 11, 2021 and posted on March 16, 2021

Moderator: Paul Rudof

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Board of Selectmen present: William Sayre, Chair; David Mathers, Clerk; and Denise Banister

Constables: Josh Lapointe & Robert Lapointe

The meeting was held at the Anne T Dunphy School, 1 Petticoat Hill Road, under a tent on the playground.

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 313 registered voters present), the Moderator called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

William Sayre spoke to the floor in appreciation of Town Administrator Charlene Nardi and to thank her for her years of service to the Town of Williamsburg. She is leaving for another job on May 20, 2021.

**Article 1:**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$57,073.42 to pay the balance of the FY20 Sewer Service cost assessment to the City of Northampton.

After some discussion Motion made and seconded to call the question.

**Motion to call the question Passed Majority (One No)**

**Original Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Article 2:**

Moved and seconded that the Town appropriate the sum of five million, one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000) for the design, engineering, bidding, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new public safety complex at 16 Main Street, Williamsburg (Assessors Map 10.J, Lot 173), and any and all incidental and related costs, including, but not limited to, the demolition and removal of the Helen E. James Building located at the site and, if needed, the rental of temporary space; and to meet this appropriation, to transfer the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Stabilization account, and, further, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of four million, one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, further, that any premium received by the Town 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 hereunder in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; provided however, that this vote shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election to exclude from the limitations imposed by Proposition 2 ½, G.L. c. 59, §21C, the amounts required to pay for any such bonds or notes; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all grants for the purposes set forth in this vote, and to enter into any agreements and execute all documents, including contracts for a term in excess of three years, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

*Brief presentation by the OPM Steering Committee and some discussion with numerous questions re: taxes, other sites, smaller scope of the project, and other funding sources.*

Motion was made and seconded to call the question.

**Motion Passed Majority (Two Nos) to call the question**

The original motion went to a secret ballot yes/no vote. Total of 307 secret ballots cast. Counters were Kathy Luce, Glenda Cresto, Diane Punska and Helen Symons and was overseen by the Constables.

**Passed 2/3 Majority    Yes: 259    No: 48**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the ballots cast. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.  
Filed: April 3, 2021

  
A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Assessors, Treasurer, Board of Selectmen, OPM Steering Committee, Water and Sewer Commission, Town Administrator and KP Law