

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Special Town Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2012

The warrant was signed and posted on February 13, 2012

Moderator: Joseph Larkin Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Board of Selectmen present: Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Chair; David Mathers, Clerk; Denise Banister

Constables: Paul Sanderson & Wilbur Loomis

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 364 registered voters present), the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been posted.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate a sum up to \$18,435 to purchase and install three generators, one each at the Town Office Building, the Williamsburg Fire Station, and Haydenville Police/Fire Station, and to purchase a laptop for the use of the emergency management director, and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$275 to pay K&J Tree Service for ice removed from the town office building in January 2011 (fiscal year 2011) that was not billed until fiscal 2012, and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$234 to pay the Cummington Police Department for road detail work done in relation to the removal of tree on March 3, 2011 (fiscal year 2011), and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$500 to pay the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission as the town's match for a District Local Technical Assistance grant (DLTA) for the Village Center Visioning and Zoning project done in the spring of 2011 (fiscal year 2011), and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$7 to pay the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds for copies of registered deeds received in fiscal year 2011, and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of twelve million, six hundred sixty-eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$12,668,894) for the purpose of paying costs of the renovation and addition to the Anne T. Dunphy School building, 1 Petticoat Hill Road, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town of Williamsburg may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Williamsburg School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G. L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Williamsburg acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town of Williamsburg incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Williamsburg; provided further that any grant that the Town of Williamsburg may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 61.86 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Williamsburg and the MSBA.

Passed 2/3 Majority- Yes-341 No-23

(This vote was held by secret ballot)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Filed: February 27, 2012

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

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Cc: Accountant, Treasurer, Assessors, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Kopelman & Paige, Williamsburg School Building Committee, Department of Revenue, Massachusetts School Building Authority