

Special Town Meeting Minutes 5/13/06

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a Special Town Meeting was called on May 13, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at Becket Washington School, 12 Maple Street, Becket. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by the Moderator. There were 65 voters present.

Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; William Cavanaugh, John Murray and Doug Walter, Selectmen; Jeremy Dunn, Michael Falk, Stephen LaBelle Sr., Richard Pryor and Ann Spadafora, Finance Committee Members; Jeanne Pryor, Town Clerk; Richard Furlong, Town Administrator; Sally Bell, Town Counsel.

The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. He asked for a show of hands of non-voters noting that they were welcome to participate but that they may not vote. Town Clerk, Jeanne Pryor, read the call of the meeting and officer's return of service and the Moderator noted the warrant as having been duly posted. The following articles were voted on:

Article 1: To see if the Town will appropriate the following amounts to the following accounts:

\$5,500.00 to Health Insurance
\$6,528.00 to the Reserve Account
\$3,000.00 to the Municipal Utilities Account

and to fund this by transferring \$8,800.00 from General Insurance and \$6,228.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommends

Majority Vote Required

Article 1 was moved and seconded on the floor. There was no discussion. **Article 1 passed unanimously.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 to the Ambulance Salary Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$8,000.00 from Vocational Transportation and \$14,000.00 from Vocational Tuition and \$20,000.00 from the Ambulance Department Receipt Reserved Account.

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommends

Majority Vote Required

Article 2 was moved by Mike Falk and seconded by John Murray. In response to a question from Mr. Salvini, Mr. Cavanaugh and Mr. Furlong gave explanations of why funds were being transferred from the vocational tuition account. **Article 2 passed unanimously.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,800.00 to the Stabilization Account and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$5,800.00 from Free Cash.

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommends

2/3 Vote Required

Article 3 was moved by Mike Falk and seconded by John Murray. There was no discussion. **Article 3 passed unanimously.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift the following parcel of land:

A. Map 215, Lot 28 (0.28 acre), located on Forest Lane from the owners Ralph and Katherine Selvaggi. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 941, Page 923.

Selectmen: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 4 was moved by Richard Furlong and seconded by Bill Cavanaugh. There was no discussion. **Article 4 passed unanimously.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to declare the following town owned property as surplus and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell this parcel at a sealed bid sale at their discretion:

A. Map 215, Lot 28 (0.28 acre), located on Forest Lane. Recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 941, Page 923.

Selectmen: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 5 was moved by Doug Walter and seconded by Bill Cavanaugh. There was no discussion. **Article 5 passed unanimously.**

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded on the floor. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. The checkers were Election Officers Bonnie Falk and Beverly Gillette.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor, Town Clerk