

**Town of Egremont, MA
Special Town Meeting**

June 22, 2017

The Egremont Special Town Meeting of June 22, 2017 at the Mt. Everett High School Cafeteria in Sheffield, MA was called to order at 7:16 pm by Moderator Stephen Cohen. The Moderator attested to the proper service of the warrant and the presence of a quorum. Town officials were introduced, the pledge was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. The Moderator gave instructions for the meeting. The Moderator also thanked Thomas Gage for his years of service as previous Egremont Moderator.

ARTICLE 1: Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,511,376.00 for the Fiscal Year 2018 Southern Berkshire Regional School Operating and Transportation costs.

Finance Committee reported their support 5-0.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Gogel spoke briefly on agreement between Town of Egremont and SBRSD regarding legal action.

Bruce Turner thanked departing SBRSD Superintendent David Hastings for his years of service.

Motion carried by unanimous show of hands vote.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,676.00 for the Fiscal Year 2018 Southern Berkshire Regional School Capital costs.

Motion carried by unanimous show of hands vote.

ARTICLE 3: Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase a new one-ton dump truck for the Highway Department.

Finance Committee recommended support 5-0

Motion made and seconded to amend original motion to transfer funds from stabilization fund.

Amended motion failed by show of hands vote.

Original motion carried by majority show of hands vote.

Article 4: Motion made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,700.00 for the additional funds needed to purchase a Police Cruiser for the Police Department.

Finance Committee recommended support 5-0

Motion carried by a unanimous show of hands vote.

Article 5: Motion made and seconded that the town appropriates \$535,500.00 to pay costs of its required share of the engineering and construction expenses associated with the reconstruction of Mount Washington Road, including the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s.7 (1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. 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 Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

A short power point presentation was given by John Morgan of CHA Design and Construction.

Finance Committee opposed recommending the article at this time.

Motion made and seconded to postpone vote indefinitely/to time certain of next regularly scheduled Annual Town Meeting.

Amended motion to postpone vote passed by majority show of hands vote.

Moderator dissolved meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliette S. Haas

Egremont Town Clerk

June 26, 2017

Total Raise and Appropriate: \$ 1,614,052.00

Total Transfer From Free Cash: \$ 3,700.00