

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016**

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I, Barbara Hancock, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Deerfield, hereby certify that the following votes were taken at the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, January 25, 2016 in the Deerfield Municipal Offices on 8 Conway Street in the Village of South Deerfield.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the Moderator, Peter James. There were 98 voters in attendance.

Voted that the reading of all articles be waived and that prior to the reading of a motion under the article, the Moderator briefly summarize the content of the article to be considered and further that the unless objection is raised the reading of detailed motions be waived where the article as printed can, in the opinion of the Moderator, be incorporated by reference in any motion presented.

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted that the following people be allowed to address the audience during the Town Meeting:

Lisa Mead, Town Counsel
Patti Cavanaugh, FRS / U38 Business Manager
Douglas Finn, Interim Town Administrator

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 1

Voted that the Town of Deerfield appropriate the sum of Two Million, Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$2,968,985) for the Deerfield Elementary School Roof Replacement project for the Deerfield Elementary School located at 21 Pleasant Street, South Deerfield, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program; said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer are authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town of Deerfield acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town of Deerfield incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Deerfield; provided further that any grant that Town of Deerfield may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-two and six hundredths percent (52.06%) 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 the Board of Selectmen receiving approval of the project budget from MSBA and 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 Deerfield and the MSBA.

The vote carried in excess of 2/3rds, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 2

Voted that the Town appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Sewer Reserve Funds, for the purpose of conducting a sewer rate study.

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 3

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to section 89 of the amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule Amendment, to request its legislators to petition the General Court, requesting the enactment of a special act of the state legislature to exempt Mr. Gary Sibilgia and Mr. David Gendron, two Deerfield Police Officers, from mandatory retirement age of sixty-five (65) and extend their ability to serve in the capacity of police officers for an additional five (5) years.

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

ARTICLE 4

Voted that the Board of Selectmen take all steps necessary and appropriate to keep the primary location of the regional ambulance service (South County Emergency Medical Service) in the Town of Deerfield

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

Voted to dissolve the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The vote carried, so declared the Moderator

A true record,

Attest:

Barbara J. Hancock, Town Clerk