

## SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.  
VALLEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM  
14 HUNTER ROAD  
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met at the Valley Chapel Auditorium, in Precinct 1, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on June 17, 2020:

Moderator Charles "Ed" Maharay called the Spring Town Meeting to order at 7:00pm, declaring the presence of a quorum (50 required, 86 voters present). Rules for conducting business and taking votes of the meeting were announced. The Town has purchased an electronic voting system and all Town Meeting votes will be taken by electronic vote.

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A motion was made by the BOS to place a time limit on the Spring Annual Town Meeting due to Health concerns caused by Covid-19 or Coronavirus.

Move that when the meeting concludes the business which is pending at 8:30pm, we adjourn and reconvene June 22, 2020 at 7pm at Valley Chapel, 4 Hunter Rd, Uxbridge, MA.

**The motion was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple Majority vote, motion carries, Yes-70, No-7**

### **ARTICLE 1: BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal year(s), or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** This article seeks authorization to pay unpaid bills from the previous fiscal year; which is required pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,659.65 to pay the following unpaid bills from the previous fiscal year and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sums as follows:*

Line #	Funding Source	Use of Funding	Department	New Appropriation Amount
1	General Fund	Pay last year's Mass Municipal Association (Advertising cost)	Accounting	\$ 200.00

2.	General Fund	Pay for 2018 electrical bill for services completed on Town Common		\$2,459.65
	<b>Total Reallocated Appropriations</b>			<b>\$ 2,659.65</b>

*Vote required for passage: 4/5<sup>th</sup> majority vote (M.G.L. c.44, §64)*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Unanimous vote, motion carries, Yes-76, No-0

## **ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum or sums, including Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** This article serves to transfer FY2019 Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. If this article is approved, the opening balance in the Stabilization Fund before any other activity will be \$2,250,474.96.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,748,772.00 in Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority vote per M.G.L. c.4, §5B to transfer to the stabilization fund*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries, Yes-71, No-4

## **ARTICLE 3: INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to balance certain line items within the FY20 budget, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** *PASS OVER*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over (5-0-0)**

No Motion

No Action

#### **ARTICLE 4: FY 2020 SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Stabilization Fund a sum of money to balance the snow and ice account for 2020 deficits incurred pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §31 D, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER - due to the mild winter, there was no overrun.

#### ***MOTION: PASS OVER***

*Vote required for passage: requires a 2/3rds vote per M.G.L. c.4, §5B to transfer from the stabilization fund*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over (5-0-0)**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

#### **ARTICLE 5: TOWN BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all officials of the Town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for fiscal year 2021 (FY21) – approve the budget, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** Please see the revenue and expenditure details in the FY2021 Budget document on the table below. Expanded budget broken down by salaries and expense are listed for reference in a separate handout. Budgeted FY2021 salaries and expenses total \$45,257,569.00 a change of \$856,316.00 or 1.93% from FY 2020.

**MOTION:** *Move that \$45,257,569.00 be appropriated, as set forth in individual budget appropriations listed under the column “FY2021 TM Budget”, as described in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant in the budget prepared by the Town Manager, and as funding therefore; to transfer from local revenue, funds raised via taxation, and any other available funds; to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$45,257,569.00 at the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, each item considered a separate appropriation.*

<u>Departments</u>	<b>FY2020 Final Budget</b>	<b>Final TM Rec. FY2021</b>	<b>Change: FY20 to FY21 TM</b>
Selectmen	\$ 26,733.00	\$ 26,404.00	\$ -329.00
Town Manager	\$ 433,881.00	\$ 210,218.00	\$ -223,663.00
Financial Operations	\$ 680,298.00	\$ 655,083.00	\$ -25,215.00
Finance Committee	\$ 780.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 1,300.00
Legal	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 0.00
Technology	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 0.00
Town Clerk	\$ 156,215.00	\$ 164,985.00	\$ 8,770.00
Land Use	\$ 73,398.00	\$ 72,188.00	\$ -1,210.00

Conservation	\$ 42,075.00	\$ 54,100.00	\$ 12,025.00
Town Facilities	\$ 552,833.00	\$ 566,654.00	\$ 13,821.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 0.00
Economic Development	\$ 85,500.00	\$ 77,350.00	\$ -8,150.00
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,462,714.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,240,062.00</b>	<b>\$ -222,652.00</b>
Police	\$2,344,744.00	\$2,618,176.00	\$ 273,432.00
Fire	\$ 1,455,266.00	\$ 1,534,087.00	\$ 78,821.00
Inspectional Services	\$ 163,350.00	\$ 171,842.00	\$ 8,492.00
Animal Control	\$ 49,133.00	\$ 48,555.00	\$ -578.00
<b>Public Safety Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,012,523.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,372,661.00</b>	<b>\$ 360,138.00</b>
Uxbridge Schools	\$20,988,874.00	\$ 21,188,109.00	\$ 199,235.00
Student Transportation	\$ 1,529,595.00	\$ 1,682,142.00	\$ 152,547.00
Blackstone Valley Tech	\$ 1,783,971.00	\$ 1,693,641.00	\$ -90,330.00
Norfolk Agricultural	\$ 517,707.00	\$ 514,314.00	\$ -3,393.00
Tri-County Regional	\$ 15,960.00	\$ 34,065.00	\$ 18,105.00
<b>Education Total</b>	<b>\$24,836,107.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,112,271.00</b>	<b>\$ 276,164.00</b>
Public Works Administration	\$ 115,792.00	\$ 123,144.00	\$ 7,352.00
Highway	\$ 726,741.00	\$ 865,956.00	\$ 139,215.00
Snow/Ice	\$ 405,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 275,154.00	\$ 273,121.00	\$ -2,033.00
Street Lighting	\$ 72,800.00	\$ 72,800.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Public Works Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,595,487.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,795,021.00</b>	<b>\$ 199,534.00</b>
Board of Health	\$ 122,030.00	\$ 135,904.00	\$ 13,874.00
Council on Aging	\$ 197,895.00	\$ 193,439.00	\$ -4,456.00
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 266,936.00	\$ 266,736.00	\$ -200.00
<b>Health &amp; Human Services Total</b>	<b>\$ 586,861.00</b>	<b>\$ 596,079.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,218.00</b>
Library	\$ 408,727.00	\$ 416,266.00	\$ 7,539.00
Recreation			
Historical Comm	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 540.00	\$ -760.00
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Total</b>	<b>\$ 410,027.00</b>	<b>\$ 416,806.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,779.00</b>
Existing, Excluded & SRV Debt	\$ 2,585,169.00	\$ 2,204,657.00	\$ -380,512.00
New Municipal Debt			
Employee Sick/Leave Buyback	\$ 36,272.00	\$ 36,722.00	\$ 450.00
County Retirement	\$ 1,771,609.00	\$ 1,911,212.00	\$ 139,603.00
Health Insurance	\$ 5,437,134.00	\$ 5,738,370.00	\$ 301,236.00
Medicare Expense	\$ 328,693.00	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 6,307.00

Prop & Liability	\$ 231,314.00	\$ 227,849.00	\$ -3,465.00
Workers Comp	\$ 107,343.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 2,657.00
Wage Adjustment	\$	\$ 160,859.00	\$ 160,859.00
Transfers			
<b>Other Unclassified Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,912,365.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,520,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 607,647.00</b>

*Vote required for passage: simple majority vote provided if none of the funds are coming from the stabilization fund. A 2/3rds vote per M.G.L. c.44, §33bA to transfer from the stabilization fund*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-1)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0) with the provision that Line 10-510-5110, Professional Salaries of \$75,000 be verified that the person holding said position has all certifications required or is in process of obtaining certifications required by the Board of Health's definition of the job.**

A separate vote will be taken for each major category in the budget.

The motion for General Government section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-74, No-6

The motion for Public Safety section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-64, No-10

The motion for Education section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-64, No-13

The motion for Public Works section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-57, No-9

A motion was made to amend the Health & Human Services line:

I move to amend the Board of Health line item by \$6,487.50, from \$135,904.00 to \$129,415.89.

Motion to Amend was seconded

Motion to move the question.

Moderator declares motion to move the questions passes, Yes-59, No-18

Moderator declare the motion to Amend fails, Yes-25, No-55

The Original motion for Health & Human Services section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-61, No-13

The motion for Culture & Recreation section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-76, No-4

The motion for Debt Service section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-60, No-4

The motion for Other Unclassified section was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-73, No-5

## **ARTICLE 6 : WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses, and debt service of the Wastewater Enterprise

Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Wastewater Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** The Wastewater Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of sewer charges to billing units and is entirely self-supporting. Debt, fuel, and benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a charge against wastewater departmental revenue. The FY2020 Wastewater Enterprise budget shows an increase of \$160,398.00 or 4.1% from FY2020 (Excluding special purpose articles).

**MOTION:** *Move that the sum of \$3,995,302.00 be appropriated to the FY2021 Wastewater Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-64 No-9

#### **ARTICLE 7: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses, and debt service of the Water Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** The Water Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of water charges to billing units and is entirely self-supporting. Debt, fuel, and benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a charge against water departmental revenue. The FY2021 Water Enterprise Budget shows a decrease of \$181,379.00 or 7.5% over FY2020 operating budget (excluding special articles).

**MOTION:** *Move that the sum of \$2,240,540.00 as set forth be appropriated to the FY2020 Water Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-60 No-7

#### **ARTICLE 8: CABLE PEG ACCESS TELEVISION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Community Access Television budget for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset revenues received during FY 2021 by the Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** The Community Access Television budget is funded by charges unrelated to the tax levy. Benefit charges for departmental employees are paid from the general fund, and reimbursed by a

charge against departmental revenue. The FY2021 Cable PEG access operating budget shows a of \$2,170.00 or 1.15% over FY2020.

**MOTION:** *Move that the sum of \$185,643.00 as set forth in the column ("FY2021 Budget Town Manager Recommendation"), up to and including the line entitled "Total Budget Appropriation" be appropriated to Community Access Television Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-71 No-4

**ARTICLE 9: TRANSFER TO CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND: PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the remaining sum or sums of monies above \$2.5 million from the general stabilization fund to the capital stabilization fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** PASS OVER

*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds vote per M.G.L c.40, §5B*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

No Motion

No Action

**ARTICLE 10: ACCEPTANCE OF STABILIZATION FUND PROVISIONS PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of G.L. c. 40, Section 5B, which allows dedication without further appropriation, of all or a percentage of particular fees, charges or receipts to a Stabilization Fund established under said Section 5B, such acceptance to be effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** PASS OVER

*Vote required for passage: majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

No Motion

No Action



**ARTICLE 11: REVENUE DEDICATION TO CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND: PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will dedicate, without further appropriation, 50% of the annual Cannabis Tax Revenue to the Capital Stabilization Fund established under M.G.L. 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

<b>COMMENTARY: PASS OVER</b>
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**MOTION: PASS OVER**

*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL PURCHASES: PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for capital purchases and/or projects as recommended by the Town Manager in conjunction with the Capital Planning Committee, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

<b>COMMENTARY: PASS OVER</b>
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**MOTION: PASS OVER**

*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds majority vote per M.G.L. c.4, §5B if a transfer from the stabilization fund is required – otherwise simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize GLc.44, §53E ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$15,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health; operational and restoration costs associated with the Uxbridge Community Garden, not to exceed \$20,000, to be derived from user fees and donations, under the Community Garden Committee; first aid/CPR training, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from course tuition and fees, under the Fire Chief; securing and/or demolition of buildings deemed unsafe and associated site cleanup, not to exceed \$30,000, derived from fees charged for those activities and 2.5% of permit revenue generated by the Inspectional Services Department, under the said department; Operation and restoration costs associated with Pout Pond; under the Pout Pond Recreation Committee, not to exceed \$25,000, derived from user and activity fees and concession sales; Uxbridge Dog Park Activities, for construction related and operational costs associated with the Uxbridge Dog Park; under the Dog Park Committee, not to exceed \$25,000, derived from user fees, donations, sponsorships, and/or purchases of memorial bricks; Board of Health, not to exceed \$50,000,



derived from fund for use by the Board of Health in connection with Title V (Septic) and food related permits, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** This is the annual expenditure authorization article for the Town's revolving funds.

**MOTION:** *Move that the article be voted as written.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (5-0-0)

### **Article 13 was taken up within a Consent Agenda**

In order to expedite the consideration of routine items, Articles 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 23 will be considered for approval in a single vote, without debate. I will read each article's number and title and if seven members of the Meeting rise to say "hold", the item will be removed so that it may be debated in the normal course. The remaining articles will be moved as printed in the warrant.

#### **ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS**

#### **ARTICLE 15: CMRPC PER CAPITA RATE/APPROPRIATION**

#### **ARTICLE 16: RENEWAL OF CLAUSE 56 FOR MILITARY SERVICES ABATEMENT**

#### **ARTICLE 17: GOLD STAR PARENT FULL TAX EXEMPTION**

#### **ARTICLE 18: SENIORS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT**

#### **ARTICLE 23: MOU TRANSPORTING FOSTER CHILDREN**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the articles in the consent agenda, as printed in the warrant

**The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6**

#### **ARTICLE 14: CARE AND CONDITION OF TOWN ROADS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for capital projects as recommended by the Town Manager in conjunction with the Capital Committee, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** DPW Director

**COMMENTARY:** This request is a continuation of the proposal which began at the Fall 2017 Town Meeting. This proposal will continue to utilize a large portion of that capacity to spend funds annually via a warrant article, for the care and condition of town roads.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$440,000 at the Spring Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of care and conditioning of Town roads, to be carried until said appropriation is moved via Town Meeting action and/or exhausted.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-74 No-3

**ARTICLE 15: CMRPC PER CAPITA RATE/APPROPRIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a **0.29353 cents per capita**, as assessed upon the population of 13,457 persons in the Town of Uxbridge, as listed on the 2010 national census, and in doing so, vote to confirm the amount of \$3,950.03 appropriated for this purpose in this article to pay the Town's portion of the FY 2021 operating expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Section 7, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** This article seeks funding for the FY2021 assessment by CMRPC, as approved by the Regional Planning Commission pursuant to c.40B, §7 of M.G.L. This assessment was previously raised within the general fund budget, but this year it was noted that Town Meeting must also approve the per capita rate upon which the assessment is based, which necessitates a special article.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to approve \$0.29353 dollars per capita, as assessed upon the population of 13,457 persons in the Town of Uxbridge, as listed on the 2010 national census, and in doing so, vote to confirm the amount of \$3,950.03 appropriated for this purpose in Article 5 to pay the Town's portion of the FY2021 operating expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) pursuant to M.G.L c.40B, §7.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

Article 15 was taken up within a Consent Agenda

The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded

Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6

**ARTICLE 16: RENEWAL OF CLAUSE 56 FOR MILITARY SERVICES ABATEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56, which will allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard, or military Reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction for all or part of their real personal property taxes for any fiscal year that they are serving in a foreign country, to be effective July 1, 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** This local option statute allows for a partial to complete exemption of property taxes to members of the National Guard or other military Reservists who are on active duty and serving in a foreign country for a portion of the fiscal year. It is the Town's responsibility to set funding and abatement limit. It will be funded through the Assessor's overlay. This local option statute must be renewed every two years by Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.59, §5, Clause 56, which will allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard, or military Reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction for all or part of their real and personal taxes for any fiscal year that they are serving*

*in a foreign country, said exemption amount and funding to be determined by the Assessor, to be effective July 1, 2020.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

**Article 16 was taken up within a Consent Agenda**

**The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6**

#### **ARTICLE 17: GOLD STAR PARENT FULL TAX EXEMPTION**

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second H (inserted by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an Act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act"), signed into law August 28, 2018, which provides for a property tax exemption for real estate to the full amount of the taxable valuation of the real property of the surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and veterans who: (i) during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death; or (ii) are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the Armed Forces of the United States; provided, however, that the real estate shall be occupied by the surviving parents or guardians as the surviving parents' or guardians' domicile; and provided further, that the surviving parents or guardians shall have been domiciled in the commonwealth for the 5 consecutive years immediately before the date of filing for an exemption pursuant to this clause or the soldier or sailor, member of the National Guard or veteran was domiciled in the commonwealth for not less than 6 months before entering service.

Surviving parents or guardians eligible for an exemption pursuant to this clause shall be eligible regardless of when the soldier, sailor, member of the National Guard or veteran died or became missing in action with a presumptive finding of death; provided, however, that the exemption shall only apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Such exemption shall be available until such time as the surviving parents or guardians are deceased. No real estate shall be so exempt which has been conveyed to the surviving parents or guardians to evade taxation, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** Currently, Gold Star parents receive an exemption of \$400 under Clause 22H. The intended purpose of this article is to grant a full exemption for property tax to Gold Star parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard, and Veterans who have died or are missing in action/presumed dead. There will be no reimbursement from the state.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 22H (inserted by c.218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an Act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act").*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

**Article 17 was taken up within a Consent Agenda**

**The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6**

### **ARTICLE 18: SENIORS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 57, which will allow senior citizens who receive “circuit breaker” tax credits on their Massachusetts state income taxes to obtain a reduction of their real estate taxes up to the amount of their credits, to be effective July 1, 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** Taxpayers who are age 65 and older and meet certain income conditions may claim a credit against their state income taxes for a portion of the real estate taxes that they paid during the tax year. Passage of this article, first approved in 2011, is necessary to allow senior citizens who take advantage of the state’s circuit breaker tax credit to receive a reduction in their real estate tax. This local option statute must be renewed every two years.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.59, §5, Clause 57, to allow senior citizens who receive “circuit breaker” tax credits on their Massachusetts state income taxes to obtain a reduction of their real estate taxes, said reimbursement amount and funding to be determined by the Assessor, to be effective July 1, 2020.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

**Article 18 was taken up within a Consent Agenda**

**The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6**

### **ARTICLE 19: MCCLOSKEY BUILDING AND SITE REPURPOSING STUDY: PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$63,200 for the purpose of completing the McCloskey Building and Site Repurposing Study, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** PASS OVER

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

### **ARTICLE 20: CORNET JOHN FARNUM HOUSE BUILDING SURVEY & DEVELOPMENT OF RESTORATION/RENOVATION STRATEGY PASS OVER**

To see if the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a building survey and the development of a restoration/renovation strategy for the Cornet John Farnum House (Farnum House), or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY: PASS OVER**

**MOTION: PASS OVER**

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 21: SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – MILLVILLE ROAD**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of surplus property described as Town of Uxbridge Assessors Map 30 Lot 4543, Millville Road for an amount of \$80,000.00 and other considerations, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** Effectively provide for additional commercial industrial growth by including an unused and inaccessible parcel in the development strategy for a new industrial sub-division while securing easements for the proposed Bike Trail/Greenway.

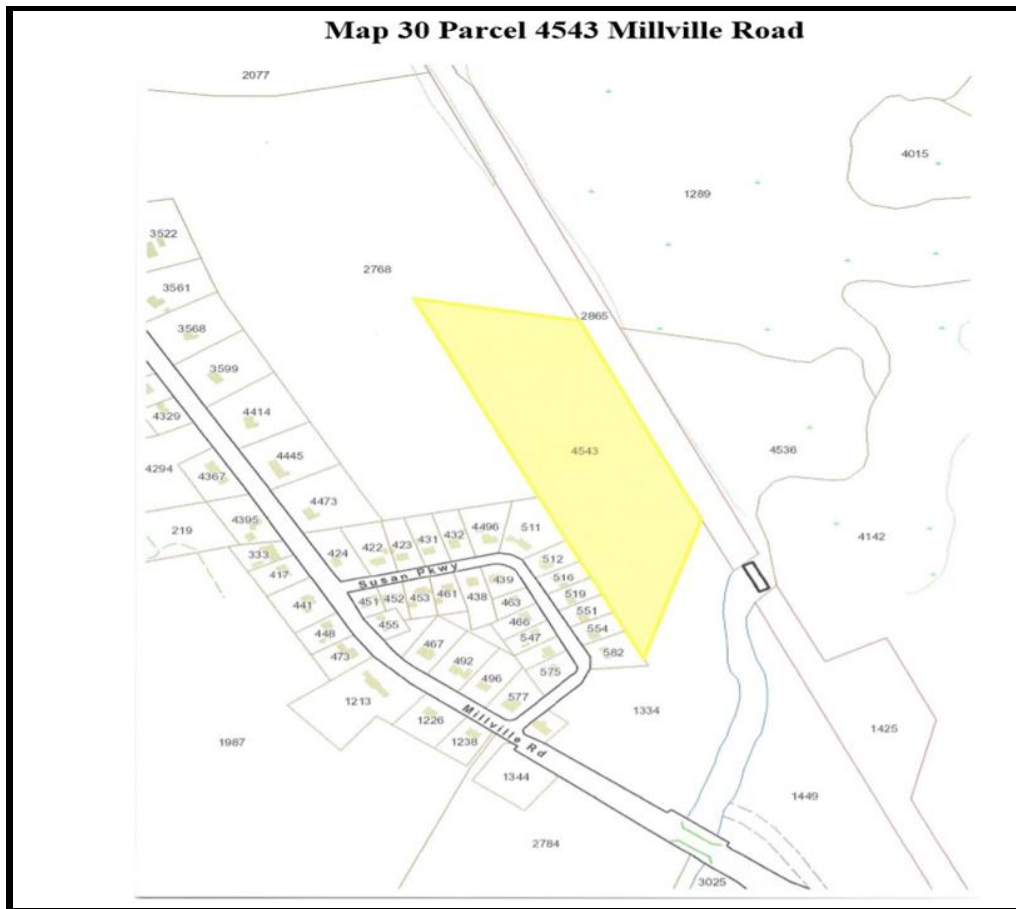
The Town-Owned property in question is a 9.95 landlocked parcel situated on Millville Road abutting other Town owned property (to be retained for easement purposes) and a large privately-owned parcel that is zoned Industrial-B. There is a sewer easement that runs across the rear edge of the property.

The owner of the large abutting parcel offered the lone response to an RFP issued earlier this year. He is currently developing plans for the development of his site as an industrial sub-division.

The subject property was offered through the Request for Proposal process with a minimum bid stipulation. The minimum bid was based on a professional real estate appraisal and the Town of Uxbridge assessed value.

**ATTACHMENT:** *See Article 21 Attachment 1*

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to authorize the sale of surplus property described as Town of Uxbridge Assessors Map 30 Lot 4543, Millville Road, for an amount of \$80,000.00 and other considerations.*



*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Unfavorable Action (4-2-0)**  
**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

**The motion was seconded**

**Moderator declares motion fails, Yes-38, No-39**

**I move to rescind the earlier motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, and add an additional 15 minutes.**

**Motion was seconded**

**Moderator declares motion passes, Yes-51, No-12**

## **ARTICLE 22: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES - SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 59, §38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into a "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" Agreement with:

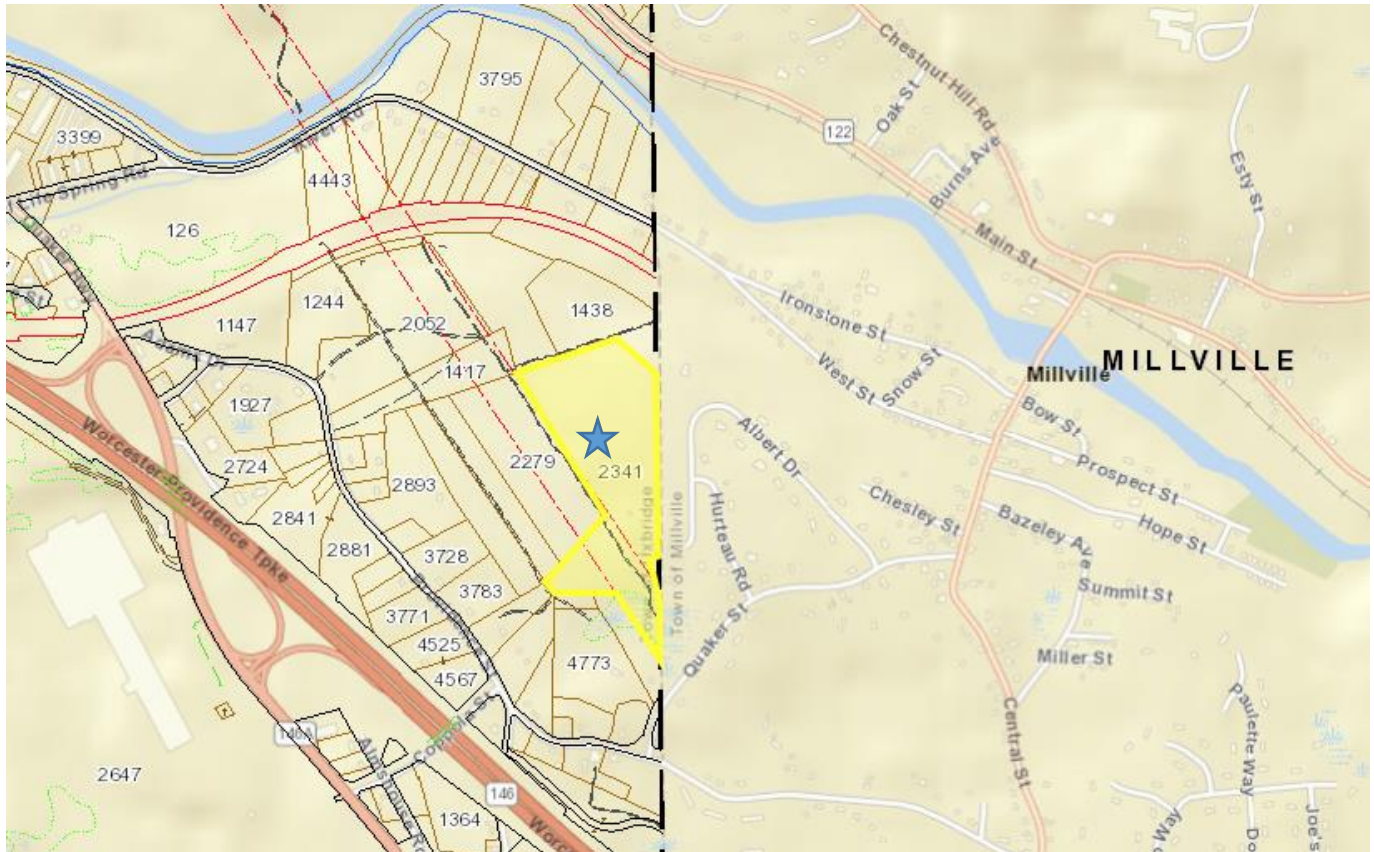
ZPD-T Solar or its assign, for a period of up to twenty (20) years, under which ZPD-PT Solar or its assign, will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to the construction and operation of a large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2 MW AC, on 10.7334 acres +/- portion of land located on 8 Ronden Road, Assessor's Map 51, Parcel 2341, Millville, MA, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to negotiate any amendments as necessary to said PILOT Agreement, or take any actions related thereto.

**SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**



**COMMENTARY:** Passage of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with solar energy developers regarding parcels of privately-owned land on 8 Rondan Road, Millville. **There are currently no PILOT agreements in place on these parcels.** M.G.L. requires PILOT agreements to collect essentially the same amount of revenue that would be generated if the subject property and equipment was subject to full and fair taxation. M.G.L. c.59, §38H requires a vote by Town Meeting in order to authorize negotiating and entering into agreements for this project.

**MOTION:** *Move the article be accepted as written.*



*Vote required for passage: simple majority per M.G.L. c.59, §38H*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (6-0-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

**The motion was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-67, No-7**

### **ARTICLE 23: MOU TRANSPORTING FOSTER CHILDREN**

To see if the Town vote to authorize the Superintendent of Uxbridge Public Schools, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding ("MOU") with the Department of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) for foster care transportation and to provide that payments for such foster care transportation under such MOU(S) may be made from such reimbursement(s) as a result of the foster care transportation being performed without appropriation of said reimbursement(s), pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 70, or take any actions related thereto.



**SPONSOR:** Uxbridge School Committee

**COMMENTARY:** This article would allow for Uxbridge Public Schools to enter into agreements with the cited State agencies in order to seek Federal reimbursement for costs for transporting children in foster care to their school of origin (which is mandated by Federal law) and allow for such reimbursement to be applied to the costs of such transportation without further appropriation.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to authorize the Superintendent of Uxbridge Public Schools, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding ("MOU") with the Department of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) for foster care transportation and to provide that payments for such foster care transportation under such MOU(S) may be made from such reimbursement(s) as a result of the foster care transportation being performed without appropriation of said reimbursement(s), pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §70.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (5-0-0)

**THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**Article 23 was taken up within a Consent Agenda**

**The Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Simple majority vote, motion carries, Yes-72, No-6**

#### **ARTICLE 24: ESTABLISH DRUG AWARENESS TASK FORCE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sum of \$5000, funded by proceeds from cannabis host agreement to establish a Drug Awareness Task Force, that will support current efforts in the Uxbridge Schools and community to make students and residents aware of the growing problems associated with drug abuse, through education and events in the community, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** The establishment of this task force will support current efforts in the Uxbridge Schools and community to make students and residents aware of the growing problems associated with drug abuse, through education and events in the community. Funds for this purpose are derived from Host Community Agreements with Marijuana establishments in Town.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$5,000 to establish a Drug Awareness Fund.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Favorable Action (6-0-0)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 25: KEMPTON RD/EAST ST. FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

**PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum or sums of money from the Water Enterprise retained earnings to Water Capital as recommended by the Town Manager; or take any other action relating thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Town Manager

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** PASS OVER

*Vote required for passage:*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 26: AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS BY AMENDING ZONING TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS** PASS OVER

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by Amending the Zoning Table of Use Regulations, as printed in the warrant, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** The Planning Board

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER

**MOTION:** PASS OVER

*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds majority per M.G.L. c.40A, §5*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over

**THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Pass over (5-0-0)

**No Motion**

**No Action**

**ARTICLE 27: AMEND THE SECTIONS OF THE ZONING BYLAWS WHICH ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITIES, RESEARCH FACILITIES, MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURER OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF LICENSED MARIJUANA-RELATED BUSINESS (EXCLUSIVE OF MARIJUANA RETAILERS OR MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to increase the number of marijuana facilities (excluding growers and medical treatment centers) by amending the zoning bylaw §400-23, subsection B, Number of Marijuana Establishments, and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers as follows:

B. Number of Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

2. ~~The~~ There shall be no maximum on the number of marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, research facilities, marijuana product manufacturer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business (exclusive of marijuana retailers or marijuana treatment centers) ~~shall be no more than twelve in total.~~

, or take any other action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Board of Selectmen

**COMMENTARY:** This article would eliminate the limit on the permitted number of marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, research facilities, marijuana product manufacturer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business (exclusive of marijuana retailers or marijuana treatment centers). All other requirements under zoning, and Host Community Agreements (HCA's) would remain in place.

Currently, the Zoning Bylaw allows 12 such marijuana facilities in Uxbridge. The Board of Selectmen have approved 12 HCA's thus far with one additional pending. In conversation with developers and operators in the business, there is a large demand for supplying marijuana and marijuana products in Massachusetts, and it appears that the market is not close to saturation. Developers and operators in Uxbridge have found this to be a good community to develop and operate in.

**MOTION:** *Move that the article be updated and approved as printed in the warrant provided that the word "growers" in the first sentence of the article should be replaced with "retailers".*

*Vote required for passage: 2/3rds majority per M.G.L. c.40A, §5*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-1-0)**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (5-0-0)**

**THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

The motion was seconded

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority vote, motion carries, Yes-51, No-22

**ARTICLE 28: CITIZEN'S PETITION: ACCEPT TUCKER HILL ROAD AS A PUBLIC WAY –**

**PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a public way the street known as Tucker Hill Rd. as laid out by the Board of Selectmen in the name and behalf of the Town to acquire by gift, easements, and appurtenant rights in and for said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town; or take any actions relating thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Citizen's Petition

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER. Citizen's petition articles are voted upon as written.

**MOTION:** *PASS OVER. Motion, if any, to be made by the petitioner.*

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Favorable Action (4-0-0)**

No Motion

No Action

**ARTICLE 29: CITIZEN'S PETITION: ACCEPT RIFLEMAN WAY & BRADY COURT AS PUBLIC WAYS PASS OVER**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the streets known as Rifleman Way and Brady Court as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements, and appurtenant rights in and for said ways for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town, or any action related thereto.

**SPONSOR:** Citizen's Petition

**COMMENTARY:** PASS OVER - request to pass over received from applicant by Town on 6/2/20.

**MOTION: PASS OVER**

*Vote required for passage: simple majority*

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: Pass over**

**THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: No action/vote**

**No Motion**

**No Action**

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**All Articles having been acted upon a motion was made to dissolve the meeting.**

**The motion was seconded**

**Moderator declares a Unanimous vote, motion carries.**

**The Meeting dissolved at 8:45pm.**

A true copy attest,



Kelly J. Cote, CMC  
Uxbridge Town Clerk