



MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
62 CAPRON STREET, 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 High School Auditorium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on May 8, 2012:

Moderator Charles E. Maharay called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:10pm. Declaring the presence of a quorum (50 required, 511 voters present). Rules for conducting business and taking votes of the meeting were announced.

ARTICLE 1: APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ATHLETIC FIELDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of constructing and equipping athletic fields and related improvements on the site of the new Uxbridge High School on Town-owned land on Quaker Highway and that, to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for this purpose;

Or take any other action relating thereto

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: *This article seeks funding to construct a multi-purpose artificial turf field and track at the site of the new high school. Also included is perimeter fencing, concrete pads for a future press box and bleacher seating, and conduits for future field lighting and scoreboard. It is forecast that a 20 year borrowing at 4.00% will cost approximately \$130,000 annually, which will be apportioned equally against receipts to the school and municipal budgets via the revenue share agreement.*

Motion: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of constructing and equipping athletic fields and related improvements on the site of the new Uxbridge High School on Town-owned land on Quaker Highway and that, to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for this purpose.*

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Unfavorable Action (6-0-0): The

Finance Committee voted UNFAVORABLE Action 6-0-0 on Article 1. The Committee felt that it was

too great a burden on the town's operating budget to pay for this article within the tax levy. Secondly, this article only provides a single field and does not address the complete needs for athletic fields of the new high school.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires 2/3rds majority.

The motion is seconded.

Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority, motion carries.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the 2012 Special Town meeting. The motion carried unanimously and town meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

A true copy attest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly J. Bickford", is written over a faint, circular official seal.

Kelly J. Bickford
Uxbridge Town Clerk