

**2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room  
Wilson Middle School  
November 12, 2019, Eighth Session**

The Eighth Session of the 2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting Members and interested parties to the Eighth Session of 2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office; there were none. The Moderator asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving on our behalf throughout the world.

The Moderator introduced the officials present for the meeting: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen. John Townsend will operate the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies, will operate the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting which had been accepted at a previous session of 2019 Fall ATM. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by *Town Meeting Time*, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No person shall speak upon any question more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon.

Moved by Mr. Forshner, seconded by Mr. Linehan to postpone consideration of Article 33 until the first order of business on November 14 and that the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Commissioner be present for that article. *The motion passed by majority vote (86-4-4).*

The Meeting began with consideration of Article 6 then move to Articles 21-24, 27, 28 etc.

**ARTICLE 6: Collective Bargaining (Town Administrator)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, to implement any Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town Natick and any recognized bargaining units of the Town; or otherwise act thereon.

The following Motion A was already on the floor (October 29) when the article had been postponed.

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$402,767 from the Selectmen's Contract Settlement line item, as approved by vote of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8, for the implementation of the Terms of the Agreements reached between the Town and the following collective bargaining units:

- a) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – Clerical Employees;
- b) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – Public Works' Department;
- c) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – AFL CIO Library Employees;
- d) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union AFL CIO – Facility Management Employees;
- e) Supervisors and Administrators Association (DPW);

- f) The Natick Patrol Officers’ Association; g) New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Local 182, Dispatchers; for payment of wages effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The total sum of \$402,767 shall be transferred to the following departmental line items as indicated below to supplement appropriations that were previously appropriated at the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8:

• Morse Institute Library – Salaries	\$82,052
• Police Department – Salaries	\$190,262
• Department of Public Works – Salaries	\$54,601
• Health & Community Services – Board of Health Salaries	\$3,671
• Health & Community Services – Community Services – Salaries	\$2,474
• Administrative Support Services – Town Clerk Salaries	\$3,187
• Administrative Support Services – Community Development Salaries	\$3,138
• Shared Expenses – Facilities Management Salaries	\$63,382

Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett that the Town vote to amend Motion A by deleting in its entirety paragraph g) and adding after the words “for payment of wages effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019” the following “and for the Local Union 1116 – Library Employees and The Natick Patrol Officers’ Association, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.” So that the amended motion will read as follows:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$402,767 from the Board of Selectmen Expenses, Contract Settlement line item, as approved by vote of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8, for the implementation of the Terms of the Agreements reached between the Town and the following collective bargaining units:

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- d) Massachusetts Laborers’ District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union AFL CIO – Facility Management Employees;
- e) Supervisors and Administrators Association (DPW); and,
- f) The Natick Patrol Officers’ Association;

for payment of wages effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and for the Local Union 1116 – Library Employees and The Natick Patrol Officers’ Association, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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Mr. Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator and Finance Director spoke to the amendment and the article. *The amendment passed by majority vote (96-0-1) and amended Motion A under Article 6 passed by unanimous vote (98-0-0).*

**Motion B (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum \$34,954 from Water/Sewer Fund Retained Earnings, for the implementation of the terms of the agreement reached between the Town and Massachusetts Laborers’ District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – Clerical Employees for payment of wages effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The total sum of \$34,954 shall be transferred to the following departmental line items as indicated below to

supplement appropriations that were previously appropriated at the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 Motion H1:

Water/Sewer – Salaries \$34,954

Mr. Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator and Finance Director spoke to this motion. ***Motion B under Article 6 passed by majority vote (95-1-0).***

**ARTICLE 21: West Natick Fire Station Signal Controls (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote, subject and pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3, Section 4, and Section 15, and any other enabling law, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release and convey all right, title and interest held by the Town, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, on such terms and conditions, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, of a portion of certain Town property located at 268 Speen Street for a shared use walkway for pedestrian travel to be located within the state highway layout , or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 12-0-0 on September 17, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** on the subject matter of Article 21.

**Motion (requires a two-thirds vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote, subject and pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3, Section 4, and Section 15, and any other enabling law, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release and convey all right, title and interest held by the Town, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, on such terms and conditions, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, of a portion of certain Town property located at 268 Speen Street for a shared use walkway for pedestrian travel to be located within the state highway layout; the portion to be discharged will not exceed 0.35 acre and is to be located one (1) foot from the innermost side of the shared use walkway that travels along the Route 9 off-ramp; and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Mr. Hayes, Chair of the West Natick Fire Station (WFNS) Building Committee spoke to this article. ***The main motion under Article 22 passed unanimously (98-0-0).***

**ARTICLE 22: Amend Article 20 of the Natick Town Bylaws (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the chart entitled “MULTIPLE MEMBER BODY APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR” set forth in Article 20, section 5, of the Natick Town Bylaws, to be consistent with the Massachusetts General Laws, by striking the phrase “Commission on Disability”, or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 10-0-0 on September 10, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** on the subject matter of Article 22.

**Motion (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to amend the chart entitled “MULTIPLE MEMBER BODY APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR” set forth in Article 20, section 5, of the Natick Town Bylaws, to be consistent with the Massachusetts General Laws, by striking the entry “Commission on Disability” such that the entire line is removed from the chart; and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Mr. Hickey, Chair of the Board of Selectmen spoke to this article. Moved by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Lista, that Mr. Connolly be allowed to speak five (5) minutes on this article. That motion failed (51-36-9) as is it did not garner a two-thirds vote. ***The main motion under Article 22 passed by majority vote (79-13-3).***

**ARTICLE 23: Alteration of Layout of North Main Street (Route 27) and Adjacent Streets (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the altered layout of North Main Street (Route 27) and adjacent streets thereto, to include within the layout of North Main Street and adjacent streets certain fee interests and permanent easements as shown on a plan entitled “Layout

Alteration Route 27 Roadway Improvements North Main Street Natick, Massachusetts,” dated April 2, 2019, prepared by Lighthouse Land Surveying, LLC, as said plan may be amended, said plan on file with the Town Clerk; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 10-0-0 on September 10, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** on the subject matter of Article 23.

**Motion (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to accept as a public way the altered layout of North Main Street (Route 27) and adjacent streets thereto, to include within the layout of North Main Street and adjacent streets certain fee interests and permanent easements as shown on a plan entitled “Layout Alteration Route 27 Roadway Improvements North Main Street Natick, Massachusetts,” dated April 2, 2019, prepared by Lighthouse Land Surveying, LLC, as said plan may be amended, said plan on file with the Town Clerk; and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Ms. Malone, Town Administrator spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 23 passed by majority vote (89-4-1).*

**ARTICLE 24: Transfer of Land and Grant of Easement to Natick Affordable Housing Trust: 299-301 Bacon Street (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust, the care, custody, management, and control of land identified as 0.28 acres, Assessor’s Parcel No. 26-0000164A, located at 299-301 Bacon Street, as shown on a Plan entitled “Subdivision Plan on Land in Natick, Midwest Engineering, Inc., Surveyors, dated June 23, 2003,” recorded as Plan Number 18326B with the Land Court Registration Office, deed into the Town of Natick recorded in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 1470, Page 1; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust, an easement over the Town right-of-way, for the purposes of installation and maintenance of a sewer main, as show in the Plan entitled “Plan and Profile, Sewer Force Main, Plan of Land in Natick, Mass.,” prepared by Sullivan Surveying Company, LLC, Sheet C2, revision date 7/2/19, on file in the Board of Selectmen’s office; or to take any other necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this Article; or to act otherwise thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 10-0-0 on September 10, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** on the subject matter of Article 24.

**Motion (requires a two-thirds vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust, the care, custody, management, and control of land identified as 0.28 acres, Assessor’s Parcel No. 26- 0000164A, located at 299-301 Bacon Street, as shown on a Plan entitled “Subdivision Plan on Land in Natick, Midwest Engineering, Inc., Surveyors, dated June 23, 2003,” recorded as Plan Number 18326B with the Land Court Registration Office, deed into the Town of Natick recorded in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 1470, Page 1; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust, an easement over the Town right-of-way, for the purposes of installation and maintenance of water and sewer connections, including but not limited to a sewer main, as shown in the Plan entitled “Plan and Profile, Sewer Force Main, Plan of Land in Natick, Mass.,” prepared by Sullivan Surveying Company, LLC, Sheet C2, revision date 7/2/19, on file in the Board of Selectmen’s office; and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Mr. Hickey, Chair of the Board of Selectmen spoke to this Article. *The main motion under Article 24 passed by a two-thirds vote (98-0-1).*

**ARTICLE 27: Real Estate Transfer Surcharge In Support of Affordable Housing (Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund)**

To determine whether the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation that would impose a real estate transfer fee to be used by the Natick Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of acquiring, creating, preserving, rehabilitating, restoring and supporting affordable housing in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 13-0-0 on October 1, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **referral to the Board of Selectmen** on the subject matter of Article 27.

**Motion (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Krentzman that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation substantially in the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, to impose a real estate transfer fee to be used by the Town for the purposes of acquiring, creating, preserving, rehabilitating, restoring and supporting affordable housing in the Town:

“An act establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of residential real property in the Town of Natick”

SECTION 1.

- a) There is hereby imposed a real estate transfer fee, hereafter “the fee,” upon the transfer of any real property interest in any residential real property consisting of one to three units situated in the Town of Natick.
- b) The fee shall be equal to 0.5 per cent of the portion of the purchase price exceeding a “fee threshold”. Said fee threshold is defined as 125% of the average assessed value of all residential real property consisting of one to three units in the Town of Natick, with said fee threshold rounded to the nearest \$10,000.
- c) The Town may recalculate the fee threshold from time to time, but no more frequently than biennially following the acceptance of this act. Upon such recalculation, the Town shall publish a notice of the new fee threshold value in four successive issues of *Banker and Tradesman* or an equivalent publication of the Massachusetts real estate industry.
- d) Fees of less than \$50 shall not be imposed.

SECTION 2. The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee established in Section 1:

- i) transfers to or from the federal government, the Commonwealth, the Town, and any of their instrumentalities, agencies or subdivisions, including the Natick Housing Authority and the Natick Affordable Housing Trust;
- ii) transfers of the portion of a real property subject to an affordable housing restriction;
- iii) transfers made without additional consideration to confirm, correct, modify or supplement a transfer previously made;
- iv) transfers to a charitable organization, as defined in clause Third of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or a religious organization, provided, however, that the real property interests so transferred will be held solely for public charitable or religious purposes

SECTION 3. The fee shall be the liability of the purchaser of such property interest, and any agreement between the purchaser and the seller or any other person with reference to the allocation of the liability for the fee shall not affect such liability of the purchaser to the Town. The Town may define by bylaw what constitutes a real property interest and the calculation of the fee.

SECTION 4. The fee shall be paid to the Town. The Town shall have such remedies to collect the fee as provided by law with respect to the collection of real property taxes. The Town may, by bylaw, adopt additional requirements, exemptions, and regulations to implement or enforce said fee, consistent with this act.

SECTION 5. All fees received pursuant to this act shall be deposited in the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 55C of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SECTION 6. When a transfer subject to the transfer fee occurs, the following shall be provided to the Town:

- i) an affidavit signed by the purchaser and seller attesting to the address of the property, the date of transfer and the purchase price, and
- ii) the applicable fee owed, marked as payable to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund, or
- iii) an affidavit signed by the purchaser and seller attesting to the basis, if any, upon which the transfer is claimed, under the provisions of Section 2, to be exempt in whole or in part from said fee.

SECTION 7. Acceptance of this act by the Town of Natick shall be by vote of approval at an annual Town Meeting. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, shall take effect 30 days after such acceptance by the Town.

and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Without objection Mr. Ball was granted up to ten (10) minutes to make a presentation on this article. Moved by Ms. Sciarra, seconded by Mr. Lista that the two minute limit of time for speaker during debate under Article 27 be increased to four (4) minutes. ***This motion passed by a two-thirds vote (66-25-3).*** Discussion ensued on this article. Moved by Mr. Coburn, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager to refer the subject matter of Article 27 to the Board of Selectmen. The Moderator announced that the body would discuss the referral motion and the main motion at the same time.

Moved by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Linehan to add a Section 8 after Section 7as follows:

Section 8. All transfers by inheritance or probate shall be exempt from such real estate transfer fee. ***The amendment passed by majority vote (65-29-3).*** Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Yang moved to amend Section 7 to add the words “and Section 8” after the words “Sections 1 to 6”. ***The amendment passed by majority vote (by hand count).*** Moved by Mr. Grady, seconded by Mr. Jennett to move the question and close debate on the subject matter of Article 27. ***The motion to close debate passed by a two-thirds vote (87-9-2).*** The Moderator announced that the referral motion would be voted first. ***The referral motion passed by majority vote (73-26-0).***

#### **ARTICLE 28: Land Area of the Town and its Makeup (Julian Munnich et al)**

To see whether the Town will vote to establish a study committee of Town Meeting, appointed by the Moderator, to address, research, study, analyze, and recommend action regarding: The true gross land area of the Town and its makeup by statutory, regulatory, and ownership components; including but not limited to the total land area zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use as pertains to MGL c.40B §§ 20-23, 760 CMR 56 and/or related guidelines issued by DHCD or any office of the Commonwealth or established in any legal proceeding; and, without limitation:

- 1) To establish the number and/or qualifications of committee members to be appointed;
- 2) To establish the charge of said committee including, but not limited to:
  - Identify any and all components of the calculation and all individual parcels or acreage owned by the United States; the Commonwealth; or any political subdivision thereof; the Department of Conservation and Recreation or any state public authority; or where all residential, commercial, and industrial development has been prohibited by deed, decree, zoning or restrictive order of the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A; or is dedicated to conservation or open space whether under control or ownership by trusts, corporations, partnerships, private parties, or otherwise; or is contained in the Subsidized Housing Inventory; and the size of all bodies of water located within Natick;
  - Gather any other information necessary to analyze, evaluate, and calculate the Town’s position relative to sites potentially comprising one and one half per cent or more of the total land area zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use.
  - Identify and recommend any zoning changes or other actions that might strengthen or improve the Town’s position relative to meeting or exceeding any statutory or regulatory tests and criteria;
  - Report its findings and recommendations to 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish provided, however, that this shall not preclude any preliminary or earlier report(s) to Town boards, committees, commissions, or to Town Meeting;

- 3) To authorize said committee to develop a database of properties to be included in and/or excluded from either the numerator or the denominator of any statutory calculation;
  - 4) To provide that said committee shall have access to Town Counsel and to Town staff, including but not limited to the Community and Economic Development, DPW (GIS), and Finance (Assessors) divisions and may utilize the services of outside consultants;
  - 5) To provide for a method to engage any such outside consultant or other vendor including, without limitation, a reserve fund transfer by the Finance Committee;
  - 6) To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate to accomplish the purpose of said committee;
  - 7) To set the term of said study committee to expire upon the dissolution of 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish unless otherwise extended by Town Meeting;
  - 8) Said committee, being a multiple member body under the Town Charter, is authorized to sponsor warrant articles for any Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrant;
- or otherwise act thereon.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 13-0-0 on September 3,, 2019 the Finance Committee recommended **favorable action** on the subject matter of Article 28.

#### **Motion (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes Move to establish a study committee of Town Meeting, appointed by the Moderator, to address, research, study, analyze, and recommend action regarding: The true gross land area of the Town and its makeup by statutory, regulatory, and ownership components; including but not limited to the total land area zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use as pertains to MGL c.40B §§ 20-23, 760 CMR 56 and/or related guidelines issued by DHCD or any office of the Commonwealth or established in any legal proceeding; and, without limitation:

To establish the number of committee members as five (5);

To establish the charge of said committee including, but not limited to:

- Identify any and all components of the calculation and all individual parcels or acreage owned by the United States; the Commonwealth; or any political subdivision thereof; the Department of Conservation and Recreation or any state public authority; or where all residential, commercial, and industrial development has been prohibited by deed, decree, zoning or restrictive order of the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A; or is dedicated to conservation or open space whether under control or ownership by trusts, corporations, partnerships, private parties, or otherwise; or is contained in the Subsidized Housing Inventory; and the size of all bodies of water located within Natick;
- Gather any other information necessary to analyze, evaluate, and calculate the Town's position relative to sites potentially comprising one and one half per cent or more of the total land area zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use.
- Identify and recommend any zoning changes or other actions that might strengthen or improve the Town's position relative to meeting or exceeding any statutory or regulatory tests and criteria;
- Report its findings and recommendations to 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish provided, however, that this shall not preclude any preliminary or earlier report(s) to Town boards, committees, commissions, or to Town Meeting;

To authorize said committee to develop a database of properties to be included in and/or excluded from either the numerator or the denominator of any statutory calculation;

To provide that said committee shall have access to Town Counsel and to Town staff, including but not limited to the Community and Economic Development, DPW (GIS), and

Finance (Assessors) divisions and may utilize the services of outside consultants; To provide for a method to engage any such outside consultant or other vendor;

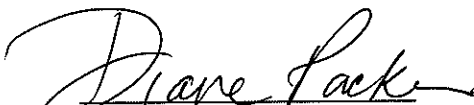
To appropriate the sum of \$5,000, from Free Cash, to accomplish the purpose of said committee;

To set the term of said study committee to expire upon the dissolution of 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting, unless otherwise extended by Town Meeting;  
Said committee, being a multiple member body under the Town Charter, is authorized to sponsor warrant articles for any Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Munnich spoke to this article. Moved by Ms. Adelman-Foster seconded by Ms. Salamoff to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 28. Discussion ensued on this article. Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett to amend the main motion by deleting the word "Moderator" in the first line and replace them with the words "Board of Selectmen". The Moderator explained to Town Meeting that changing the appointing authority to the Board of Selectmen changes the quantum of vote for the article to a two-thirds vote. ***The amendment failed (29-57-3).*** Mr. Sidney moved, seconded by Mr. Yang to move the question and close debate on the article. ***The motion to close debate on the subject matter of Article 28 passed by a two-thirds vote (85-7-1).*** The Moderator announced that Town Meeting will vote the motion for indefinite postponement first. ***The motion for indefinite postponement failed (35-56-1).*** ***The main motion passed by majority vote (55-35-1).***

Mr. Sidney moved seconded by Mr. Gath to adjourn. ***The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM until Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM.***

A record of the Eighth Session of  
2019 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
November 12, 2019

  
Diane Packer, Town Clerk