

Results of the Special Town Meeting

January 28, 2008

The special town meeting was called to order by Joseph Kearns, Town moderator. He led us in the pledge of allegiance, then read the warrant. There were about 55 people present.

Article 1. A motion was made seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$27,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to reduce the Tax Levy for fiscal year 2008. There was much discussion surrounding this Article and a lot of questions were asked. "Why take the money out of Stabilization? Why not reduce the budget?" How much money is in the Stabilization Fund? Answer: \$110,000.00. Question was also asked "If we don't transfer this money, what will happen?" Answer: We won't be able to set the tax rate and we can't have a budget. We have to pass this Article as it is absolutely necessary. The Article was voted on by a show of hands. Yes – 39; No – 9. The article passed by a 2/3 vote which was required.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to an Outside Appraisal Account. This Article also generated much discussion. Will the appraisal be for just the outside, or will it include the inside as well? The price will differ for the different types of appraisal such as inside and outside versus just the outside. There were two appraisal companies mentioned; Roy Bishop was one and the other one was Mayflower. The Assessors are to make the decision as to which one will be hired. It was also mentioned that we have a full appraisal so that everything will be complete and correct. Also, could the DOR bear some of the burden of cost, as they require the appraisal? Will there be notification for the appraisers to get in the homes to do a cull appraisal? Finally the question was called and seconded. A voice vote was taken. Yes – 21; No – 6. The Article passed.

Article 3. Under this article, there was a straw poll taken to have a full evaluation by an outside firm. Yes – 39; No – 2. The article passed.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve this meeting. It was a unanimous vote. The meeting was dissolved at 9:50 p.m.

Marjorie Batorski

Town Clerk