

Town Council Special Session Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023



Met immediately following the Deliberative Session in the All-Purpose Room of the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School

Chairman Finlay Rothhaus called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Present at tonight's meeting were Vice Chair Nancy Harrington, Councilor Nancy Murphy, Councilor Andy Hunter, Councilor Tom Koenig, Councilor Lon Woods and Councilor Barbara Healey.

Chairman Rothhaus called for a vote for recommendation by the Council on the following Articles:

Article 1 is to elect Town officers for the ensuing year and, therefore, no recommendation from the Council is required.

Article 2

MOTION was made by Chairman Rothhaus and seconded by Councilor Healey to recommend Article 2 – To raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$38,801,878? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$35,300,821.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

Article 3

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Harrington and seconded by Councilor Koenig to recommend Article 3 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,947,250 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds: Liability Trust Fund, Ambulance, Communications Equipment, Computer Equipment, Daniel Webster Highway, Fire Equipment, Highway Equipment, Library Building Maintenance Fund, Property Revaluation, Solid Waste Disposal, Traffic Signal Pre-emption, GIS, Road Infrastructure CRF, Athletic Fields CRF and Milfoil.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

Article 4

MOTION was made by Councilor Woods and seconded by Councilor Hunter to recommend Article 4 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 to be added to the Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said amount to come from sewer fees and not amount to come from taxation.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

Article 5

MOTION was made by Councilor Hunter and seconded by Councilor Murphy to recommend Article 5 – To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and the IAFF, Local 2904, totaling \$154,367 for the current fiscal year. This collective bargaining agreement covers the Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

Article 6

MOTION was made by Councilor Healey and seconded by Councilor Murphy to recommend Article 6 - To see if the Town vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 93, Local 3657, totaling \$153,941 for the current fiscal year. This collective bargaining agreement covers the supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

Article 7

MOTION was made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Murphy to recommend Article 7 - To vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 93, Local 2986, totaling \$162,748 for the current fiscal year. This collective bargaining agreement covers laborers of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.

MOTION was made by Councilor Healey and seconded by Councilor Woods to adjourn the special session. **MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0.**

The session adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted by Becky Thompson