



Office of the Town Clerk  
2 School Street, Town Hall  
Merrimac, MA 01860

Minutes Special Town Meeting  
October 16, 2023 *23 RPB*

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac met at the Fredrick N. Sweetsir School in the Town of Merrimac October 16, 2023. A quorum of 56 registered voters gathered at 7:33 pm. Moderator W. Earl Baumgardner welcomed the assembled citizens to the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm and Moderator Baumgardner led the assembled citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Baumgardner held a moment of silence for former resident and long-time Town of Merrimac Moderator, H. Parker McLaren who recently passed away.

Moderator Baumgardner stated that having inspected the Warrant for the meeting, he deemed it proper and correct as posted by Constable David Vance. Motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion carried so declared the Moderator.

Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to extend the floor to Town Management, staff and non-voters to speak at the meeting when recognized by the Moderator. Motion carried so declared the Moderator.

Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu, to allow the Moderator, pursuant to G.L. c. 39 sec 39 & 15 to declare a two-thirds vote rather than taking a standing count, duly seconded, motion carried, so declared the moderator.

**Article 1:** Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to make the following FY2024 budget adjustments:

Reduce the PRSD Assessment	\$140,129
Reduce the Essex Tech North Assessment	\$ 30,000
Reduce Health Insurance by	\$ 35,000
Increase Medicare	\$ 5,000
Increase Cemetery Wages	\$ 2,000
Increase Cable TV Expenses	\$ 12,000
Increase Maintenance of Town Buildings	\$ 12,000

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**



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**Article 2.** Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to raise and appropriate **\$30,000**, for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

**Article 3:** Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded to, accordance with G.L. c. 30B sec. 12(b) to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for a term of Five-Year (5) years with Toshiba for the lease of the copier machines in town for a sum of **\$5,568.00** for FY2024.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

**Article 4:** Motion by Irina Gorzynski and duly seconded to amend the Town's General By-Laws, Article XVIII, Water Use, by deleting Appendix C and inserting the body of Appendix C in a new section 18.9, as amended as printed in the warrant.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

At 7:45 pm, motion to adjourn by Chris Manni and duly seconded to adjourn.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwendolyn Lay Sabbagh, CMIMC, MMC  
Town Clerk  
Town of Merrimac